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Howard Abegesah

Running Back

- Junior-2L
- 6-0 • 220
- Beltsville, Md.
- High Point

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - A returning all-conference performer who thrived in his first season in the "B" back role in the spread option offense...a physically tough player who is developing into a punishing runner...continued his improvement in the spring where he improved his blocking technique and ball security...will be counted on for another 1,000-yard rushing season...should contend again for all-conference honors.

2007 - Named **Second Team All-Big South Conference** at running back...his 1,121 rushing yards earned him the eighth-best season in school history...became second-straight VMI player to lead the Big South in rushing yards...led the Big South led VMI in rushing in 10 of 11 games...became the seventh VMI back and seventh running back in Big South history, to rush for over 1,000 yards in a season...produced five 100-yard rushing games, the second-most by a Big South back during the season...posted three 100-yard performances against conference foes, including a career-high 180 yards vs. Gardner-Webb, 120 yards vs. Liberty, and 116 yards vs. Coastal Carolina...other 100-yard games included 157 vs. Robert Morris and 132 yards vs. Lock Haven...had five rushing TD's, tied for the team lead...averaged 122.5 yards rushing in BSC games.

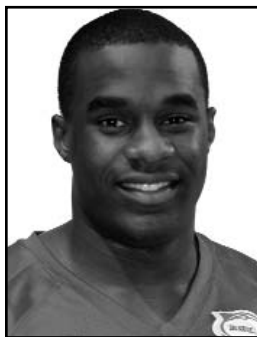
2006 - Played mostly special teams but saw considerable action and earned his first varsity letter...credited with tackles against Norfolk State and Liberty.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of High Point High School in Beltsville, Md...served as team captain...All-League Prince George's County-LB...All-League Prince George's County-Track (Thrower)...723 yards rushing from fullback position...three rushing TDs...three interceptions as linebacker...track state qualifier in shot put (Indoor)...Honor Roll Student...coached by Greg Hill.

PERSONAL - Full name is Howard Akonji Abegesah...Biology major.

Abegesah's Career Stats

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	223	1121	5.0	30	4	101.9
Totals	11	223	1121	5.0	30	4	101.9
Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	4	31	7.8	14	0	2.8
Totals	10	14	244	17.4	74	2	24.4



Damiso Alexander

Defensive End

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 6-3 • 245
- Richmond, Va.
- Hermitage

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - A returning letterman on the defensive line who has starting experience...expected to contribute as a starter at right end...has the talent, size and speed to be an outstanding defensive end who could contend for all-conference honors...had an excellent spring and posted tackles for loss in both scrimmages.



Howard Abegesah ran for 1,121 yards as a sophomore and earned Second Team All-Big South honors last season.

2007 - Played in all 11 games with five starts...started the first five games of the season at defensive end...had 29 total tackles with 14 solos and 15 assists...posted a season-high six tackles with an eight-yard sack in the season finale against The Citadel...recorded five tackles against Gardner-Webb...had three sacks for -20 yards on the year...forced fumbles in the James Madison, Robert Morris, and Charleston Southern games...recovered a fumble against William & Mary...lettered for the first time.

2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Hermitage High School in Richmond, Va...Second Team All-District DE...Second Team All-District TE...42 tackles - six for loss...seven sacks...discus qualifier for outdoor track...Honor Roll Student...coached by Patrick Kane.

PERSONAL - Full name is Damiso M. Alexander...Economics and Business major.

Alexander's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2007	11	14/15	29	3.0	3.5-21	1	3	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	14/15	29	3.0	3.5-21	1	3	0	0	0	0



Byron Allen

Defensive Back

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-10 • 185
- Massaponax, Va.
- Massaponax/FUMA

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Projected as a starter this fall in the secondary...worked out at left cornerback in the spring and emerged at the no.1 spot...has excellent skills and athletic ability and the tools to become a complete player...will be playing his first year of college ball this fall.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Va...Four-year letterwinner...named All-District as a safety...coached by Eric Ludden...also a four-year letterwinner in basketball and won Defensive Player Award...also lettered in track...prepped at Fork Union Military Academy...coached by John Shuman.

PERSONAL - Full name is Byron Christopher Allen...Economics and Business major.



Bryan Barnson

Wide Receiver

- Sophomore-1L
- 5-11 • 175
- Chesapeake, Va.
- Western Branch

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Was one of the offense's biggest surprises and best stories of 2007...developed as a deep threat and helped stretch defenses that keyed on the run...runs good routes and has sure hands...will be counted on this season and is projected as a starter at wideout.

2007 - Finished second on the team in receptions with 13 and was also second in receiving yardage with 292 yards...made six starts at wide-out...caught two TD passes, the second-most on the squad...averaged 22.5 yards per catch...named Big South Freshman of the Week for his play against Robert Morris when he caught touchdown passes of 49 and 32 yards, becoming the first VMI receiver in two years to pull in two TD's in one game...was one of two players to haul in two TD strikes in a game... caught at least one pass in eight of nine consecutive games including a season-high three catches for 111 yards, including a 40-yarder, against Presbyterian...was nominated for Big South Freshman of the Year honors... lettered for the first time in his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Western Branch High School in Chesapeake, Va...coached by Lew Johnston...three-year letterwinner in football...First Team All-District as a Senior...Second Team All-Tidewater...as a senior had 16 receptions, four touchdowns and seven field goals...two-year letterwinner in indoor/outdoor track...national qualifier for indoor 4 x 200 relay & outdoor 4 x 100 relay...All-Chesapeake scholar-athlete & SCA officer...named to Honor Roll all four years at Western Branch.

PERSONAL - Full name is Bryan Scott Barnson...Civil Engineering major.

Barnson's Career Stats

Receiving							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	13	292	22.5	49	2	26.5
Totals	11	13	292	22.5	49	2	26.5
Rushing							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	3	37	12.3	29	0	3.4
Totals	11	3	37	12.3	29	0	3.4
Kickoff Returns							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
2007	11	2	29	14.5	20	0	
Totals	11	2	29	14.5	20	0	



Aaron Blue

Defensive End

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-3 • 250
- Suwanee, Ga.
- Peachtree Ridge

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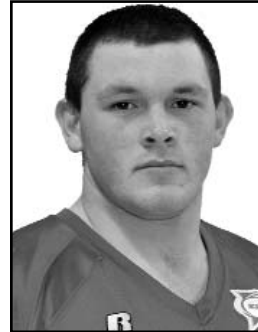
Missed '08 spring practice because of shoulder surgery but made the most of his time observing practice and absorbing the defensive scheme... expected to continue his rehab and be ready for fall camp where he will look to maintain his position on the two-deep...a big player who will give the defensive line considerable size and physical presence.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Peachtree Ridge High School in Suwanee, Ga...member of 2006 Georgia High School 5A Football State

Championship Team...First Team All-Region by Area Coaches...Gwinnett County Touchdown Club Player of the Month...three-time Peachtree Ridge High School Defensive Player of the Week...Trenchman Award Winner given to Best Overall Lineman of the Week...Special Teams Player of the Week... recorded 85 tackles and 15 sacks as a senior...responsible for six caused fumbles, and two fumble recoveries as a senior...hauled in a TD pass as a TE in 2006...started in the 2006 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North/South Football All-Star Game...four-year letterwinner in football and three-year letterwinner in track and field...school recordholder in shot put and discus...coached by Blair Armstrong.

PERSONAL - Full name is Michael Aaron Blue...Economics and Business major.



James Boatright

Center

- Sophomore-1L
- 6-0 • 270
- Grayson, Ga.
- Grayson

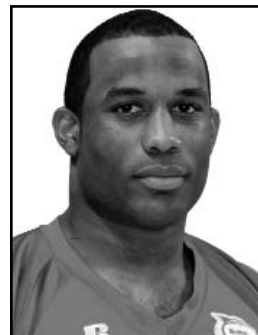
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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Did an excellent job last year as a true freshman on the offensive line and returns with a year's worth of starting experience...projected to start once again on the line at center...has great foot-work and is expected to continue to be a key member of the "O" line.

2007 - Started the season in the two-deep picture and moved into the starting line-up in week three when he made his first start at center against James Madison...remained in the starting line-up for the rest of the season, making nine starts...logged double-digit knockdowns over five consecutive games including a season-high 18 against Gardner-Webb...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Grayson High School in Grayson, Ga... three-year varsity letterwinner...captain of the football team...received 2005 Ironman Spring Practice Award for Toughness & Durability...named to 2006 Pre-Season and Post-Season All-Gwinnett County Team...awarded 2006 Ram Motivator Spring Practice Award...inaugural recipient of the Rocky Award, given for toughness and determination...named Offensive Lineman of the Year for Gwinnett County as a senior...coached by Mickey Conn.

PERSONAL - Full name is James Thomas Boatright, III...Civil Engineering major.



Julian Bowers

Linebacker

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-10 • 225
- Richmond, Va.
- Clover Hill

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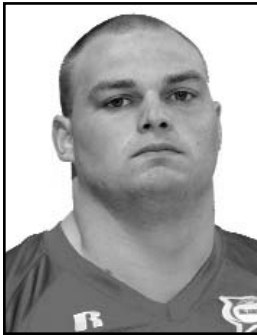
Moved to defense in the spring after working out in the offensive backfield last year...is listed at "Sam" linebacker on the depth chart...has great enthusiasm and works hard to make a contribution...had two solo tackles and one assist in the final spring scrimmage.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Clover Hill High School in Midlothian, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Julian James Bowers...Civil Engineering major.

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Ben Brandt

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 6-2 • 260
- Forest, Va.
- Jefferson Forest

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Will start on the offensive line after playing on the defensive line last season...regarded as the most intense player on the team...brings to the offensive line a great physical and emotional presence....a strong athlete with a physical "headhunter" mentality...should contend for all-conference honors as he develops with game experience...was nominated for preseason all-conference honors on the offensive line.

2007 - Played in all 11 games as a redshirt freshman...started all 11 contests at nose tackle, and led defensive interior linemen in tackles with 39 including 6.5 tackles-for-loss for -25 yards...also had 2.5 sacks for 15 yards...had 12 solo tackles and 27 assists...made a season-high six tackles against Presbyterian and Lock Haven and had two tackles-for-loss against Gardner-Webb...also had tackles for loss against Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern...earned his first varsity letter.

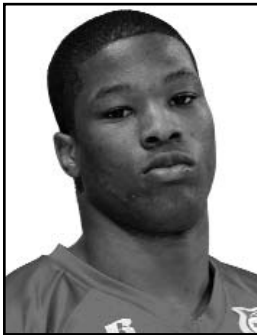
2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Jefferson Forest High School in Forest, Va...First Team All-District...First Team All-Area...Second Team All-Region...team Defensive Player of the Year...three-year team captain...lettered four years playing DE/FB...60 tackles, 19 TFL's, seven sacks as a senior...coached by Don Rice.

PERSONAL - Full name is Benjamin Grey Brandt...brother Ryan played football at Richmond...Economics and Business major.

Brandt's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2007	11	12/27	39	2.5	6.5-25	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	12/27	39	2.5	6.5-25	1	0	0	0	0	0



Emilio Calvin

Defensive End

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-3 • 240
- Woodbridge, Va.
- Freedom

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Eager to get on the field and show what he can do...made as much improvement in spring practice as anyone on the squad...currently in the two-deep at right defensive end and will push for playing time...has the versatility to play either end position...will give the defensive end slot quality depth...had three tackles with a nine-yard sack and a quarterback pressure in the first spring scrimmage.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Freedom High School in Woodbridge, Va...two-year captain of the football team...team MVP as a senior...All-Region Honorable Mention (2006)...All-District First Team Linebacker (2006)...All-District Second Team Defensive End (2005)...coached by John Brown.

PERSONAL - Full name is Emilio Calvin...Economics and Business major.



Eric Church

Linebacker

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-3 • 240
- Louisa, Va.
- Louisa County

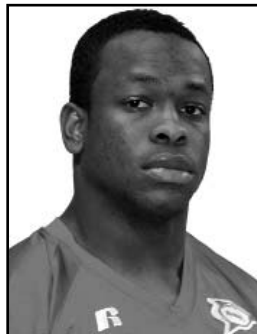
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Had a productive spring practice and should make a contribution in the linebacker corps...is listed on the two-deep at "Sam" linebacker and should give the Keydets depth at that position...had a nine-yard sack and a fumble recovery in VMI's first scrimmage.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Louisa County High School in Mineral, Va...team captain...First Team VHSCA All-State (LB & K)...All-Central Virginia Defensive Player of the Year...two-time Jefferson District Defensive Player of the Year...Region II Defensive Player of the Year...two-time First Team All-Central Virginia (LB)...two-time First Team All-Region II at linebacker and one-time First Team All-Region II at kicker...First Team All-State (Util)...First Team All-Jefferson District (TE, LB, K)...Honorable Mention All-Central Virginia Team (TE)...at linebacker, totaled 136 tackles, including 23 for loss, made eight sacks while causing five fumbles and making one INT; also blocked two punts and two kicks...at tight end, made 16 receptions for 393 yards, scoring three TD...on special teams, averaged 33 yards per punt while making six-of-eight field goals, including a long of 45 yards; also made 58 of 63 extra points...coached by Mark Fischer.

PERSONAL - Full name is Eric Brittan Church...Civil Engineering major.



Zach Collins

Slotback

- Junior-2L
- 5-10 • 200
- Universal City, Texas
- Randolph

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Moved back to the slotback position in the spring after playing B-back (fullback) last year...has played both slotback and B-back throughout his career and played slot his freshman year...posted one of the fastest 40 times in the off-season work-outs...will be counted on along with Tim Maypray to lead a group of young slotbacks...could be one of the two starting slotbacks this fall...had a good spring practice and scored two touchdowns on runs of 19 and 39 yards in the first scrimmage.

2007 - Saw action in all 11 games and made one start (JMU) when VMI employed a full house backfield...rushed for 171 yards on 35 carries



Zach Collins will compete for a starting spot at slotback in '08.

with three touchdowns... rushed three times for 25 yards and a touchdown in the opener against Lock Haven...gained a season-high 72 yards on eight carries with two touchdowns including a 59-yard touchdown run against The Citadel...also played special teams and lettered for the second time.

2006 - Saw substantial playing time at reserve slotback and on special teams, lettering as a true freshman...carried the ball for the first time against JMU, when he rushed four times for 19 yards (long 10-yarder) and caught a pass for 19 yards...rushed for a season-high 33 yards on five carries against The Citadel and had a 23-yard run...reeled off an 18-yard run against Liberty in the season finale...also served as a kick returner and returned four kickoffs for 43 yards against Coastal Carolina including a 29-yarder which was his longest of the season.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Randolph High School in Universal City, Texas...District MVP- 2005...Second Team All-City...Offensive MVP - 2004...Newcomer of the Year- 2003...First Team Defensive Back...First Team All-City RB...First Team All-State RB...holds school record for most rushing yards season (1735)...holds school records for most touchdowns in a game (8)...lettered four years in track as a sprinter-district champ 100...coached by Pete Wesp.

PERSONAL - Full name is Zachary Tremayne Collins...Psychology major.

Collins' Career Stats

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2006	7	23	126	5.5	23	0	18.0
2007	11	35	171	4.9	59	3	15.5
Totals	18	58	297	5.1	59	3	16.5

Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2006	7	1	19	19.0	19	0	2.7
2007	11	1	11	11.0	11	0	1.0
Totals	18	2	30	15.0	19	0	1.7

Kickoff Returns							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
2006	7	5	76	15.2	29	0	
2007	11	11	191	17.4	27	0	
Totals	18	16	267	16.7	29	0	



Chris Conte

Wide Receiver

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-9 • 170
- Tampa, Fla.
- Plant

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Worked out at wide receiver and could be in the mix at the "Z" position...made two catches for 29 yards in the first scrimmage held in spring practice...looking to make a contribution any way he can this fall.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Plant High School in Tampa, Fla.

PERSONAL - Full name is Christopher William Conte...International Studies major.



Edwin Cruz

Wide Receiver

- Freshman
- 5-10 • 165
- Chester, Va.
- Thomas Dale

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An enthusiastic contributor to the team who came to the program as a walk-on...was a member of the "New Market" squad which was recruited

out of Barracks to help run passing routes on the scout squad against the starting defense in practice...was added to the active roster and worked out in Spring '08 drills.

2007 - Came to the team as a walk-on mid-season and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Va.



Jack Curtis

Linebacker

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 6-0 • 215
- Fairfax, Va.
- Robinson

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has contributed on special teams and is looking to expand his role in his second year on the field...a very intelligent player who understands the defensive philosophy...expected to vie with A.J. Gross and Mike Hutchings for playing time at inside linebacker.

2007 - Played in all 11 games and finished with 12 tackles including four solos and eight assists...saw action mostly on special teams...had a season-high four tackles against James Madison...recorded two tackles each against Lock Haven, Coastal Carolina and Liberty.

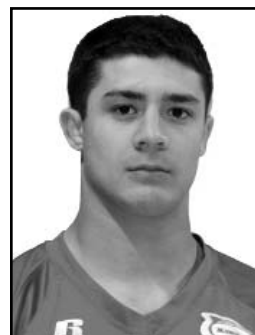
2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Robinson High School in Fairfax, Va...team captain...First Team All-Concorde District...District Defensive Player of the Year...First Team All-Northern Region...Northern Region Defensive Player of the Year...First Team All-Washington Examiner newspaper Defensive Player of the Year...Community Times (Northern Virginia newspapers) Defensive Player of the Year...Washington Post All-Met - Second Team...Associated Press (AP) Virginia Group AAA All-State - First Team...Virginia Coaches Group AAA All-State - First Team...Three-year letterwinner...coached by Mark Bendorf.

PERSONAL - Full name is John McNamara Curtis, Jr...History major.

Curtis' Career Stats

Defensive												
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD	
2007	11	4/8	12	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	4/8	12	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0



Geoff Dinneen

Defensive Back

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-10 • 185
- Boulder Creek, Calif.
- San Lorenzo Valley

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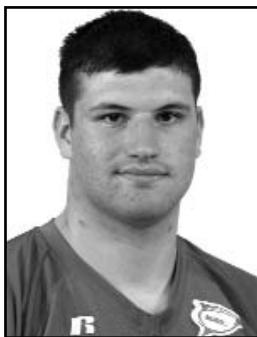
Came to the team as a walk-on at running back and moved to the defensive side of the ball in the spring...worked out at cornerback and has put himself into the two-deep picture at right cornerback...could make a contribution and give the secondary some needed depth...had two tackles in the first scrimmage of spring drills.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of San Lorenzo Valley High School in Boulder Creek, Calif.

PERSONAL - Full name is Geoffrey Michael Dinneen...Civil Engineering major.

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Frank Ellis

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Junior-1L
- 6-7 • 260
- Reva, Va.
- Madison County

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Comes into fall camp off a productive spring...looks to continue his improvement as he adapts to the offensive scheme...looks to have a healthy season after dealing with injury issues early in his career...will get his first full year of play on the offensive line...listed on the post-spring depth chart as the starting right tackle...has starting experience.

2007 - Worked his way into the two-deep picture after overcoming injuries and started the last four games of the year...helped the depth situation last year and earned his first varsity letter...had six knockdowns against Gardner-Webb.

2006 - Did not see game action.

2005 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Madison County High School in Madison, Va...lettered four years at Madison County and played defensive end, offensive tackle, and defensive tackle...named All-State at defensive end...Madison County bench/squat and dead lift champion...also lettered two years in basketball at Madison County...honor roll student.

PERSONAL - Full name is Frank Lane Ellis...Mechanical Engineering major.



Josh Favaro

Tight End

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 6-3 • 230
- Suwanee, Ga.
- North Gwinnett

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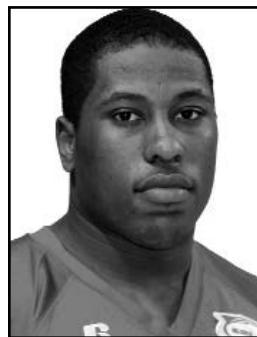
ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - A returning letterman who will be in the two-deep picture at tight end...will vie with Travis Ludden for playing time..also a big contributor on special teams...should be able to again help the team in a number of ways.

2007 - Played in ten games seeing action mostly on special teams...lettered for the first time...caught a two-point conversion pass against Liberty.

2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga...lettered three years at tight end...team captain...had 19 catches for 272 yards as a senior...received Coaches Award...County Player of the Week...played on 5A State Playoffs two straight years...coached by Matt Moore.

PERSONAL - Full name is Joshua Lawrence Favaro...Mechanical Engineering major.



AJ. Gross

Linebacker

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-10 • 220
- Waldorf, Md.
- Westlake

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Got a taste of action his true freshman season and is looking to build upon that experience this year...has an excellent grasp of the defensive packages...should see considerable playing time because of his quickness and play-making ability...listed as a possible starter at one inside linebacker position on the spring depth chart...had a forced fumble in the final spring scrimmage.

2007 - Played in two early season games (William & Mary and James Madison) and started at linebacker against James Madison in week three before being sidelined the rest of the year...made eight tackles with seven assists and a tackle-for-loss against James Madison...made two assisted tackles in his first collegiate game against William & Mary

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md...two-year captain...team Defensive Player of the Year (2006)...First Team All-Academic (2005, 2006)...First Team All-Conference (2005, 2006)...First Team All-Southern Maryland (2005, 2006)...two-time Recipient of the State of Maryland Minds in Motion award for academic excellence...coached by Dominic Zaccarelli.

PERSONAL - Full name is Arthur Spencer Gross, Jr...Biology major.

Gross' Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2007	2	1/9	10	0	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	1/9	10	0	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0	0



TJ. Guthrie

Defensive Tackle

- Redshirt Sophomore
- 6-2 • 245
- Pittsburgh, Pa.
- North Allegheny

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Listed at right defensive end on the spring depth chart...will compete for a spot in the two-deep as he continues to gain experience as well as strength and technique...should be able to contribute and be an asset to the defense and special teams...had a fumble recovery in the final spring scrimmage.

2007 - Saw limited action in four games...played in his first game at Robert Morris (Sept. 29), which was a homecoming to his native Pittsburgh...also saw action on special teams.

2006- Came to the team as a recruited walk-on...did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of North Allegheny High School in Wexford, Pa.

PERSONAL - Full name is Troy Jacob Guthrie...International Studies major.



Tracy Hairston

Defensive Back

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-1 • 185
- Martinsville, Va.
- Martinsville

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Hard-working individual who has adapted well to the defensive secondary after moving from offense in fall camp as a true freshman...had a strong spring and is projected in the two-deep at free safety...possesses great skill and athletic ability that will be refined with playing time...had three tackles and a sack for -10 yards before leaving the first spring scrimmage with a shoulder injury...a versatile athlete.

2007 - Moved from quarterback/wide receiver to defense in fall camp and worked out in the secondary...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Martinsville High School in Martinsville, Va...captain of both football and basketball teams...All-Piedmont District First Team as a Quarterback and Defensive Back...Second Team All-Region Quarterback...All-Timesland Defensive Back...Honorable Mention All-State...2006 Piedmont District and Regional Champion Track & Field...leading rebounder for 2005-2006 State Championship Basketball Team...as a senior, completed 60 of 95 pass attempts for 854 yards, throwing seven TD; also rushed for 800 yards on 95 attempts, while making 40 tackles and two INT on defense...mentor at Martinsville Middle School...Honor Roll Student...coached by Taylor Edwards.

PERSONAL - Full name is Tracy Michael Hairston...Psychology major.



George Handler

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Junior-2L
- 6-3 • 255
- Quinton, Va.
- New Kent

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - A hard worker and former walk-on who has lifted the offensive line play with his grit and determination...a returning starter who is listed on the spring depth chart at starting left guard...a versatile player who played every position on the offensive line except right tackle last year...was a big part of the unit that set a new Big South



George Handler (55) was a key component to last year's record-setting rushing attack, playing four different positions along the offensive line.

Conference rushing mark with 283.2 yards per game, leading the league in rushing for the second straight year and ranking as high as third in FCS... had six knockdowns each against Robert Morris and Coastal Carolina... moved from tackle to guard late in the season...played a role in four 500+ total offense games...missed spring practice rehabbing from injury but continued to enhance his understanding of the offense...has worked hard to get himself ready for August camp...will be counted on for leadership and solid play on the offensive line.

2007 - Started all 11 games, playing four different positions on the offensive line...started the first two games at center where he lettered as a freshman before moving to left tackle for six straight starts...started the final three games at left guard and played the final two games with a broken wrist...had a season-high 14 knockdowns against Charleston Southern...lettered for the second time.

2006 - Began the season in the two-deep picture and moved into the starting role at center at the end of fall camp...held down the starting center position all season...lettered for the first time.

2005 - Joined the team prior to the season but did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of New Kent High School in New Kent, Va.
PERSONAL - Full name is George Leslie Handler, IV...Mechanical Engineering major.



James Handler

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-4 • 300
- Quinton, Va.
- New Kent

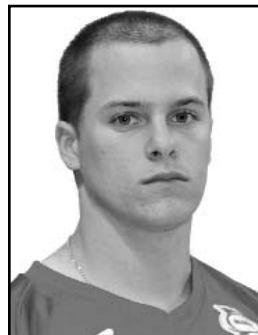
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Should compete for playing time this fall on the offensive line...is in the two-deep picture at right tackle...worked hard in the off-season in the weight room and is one of bigger offensive linemen on the squad...will give the Keydets depth at guard...could become part of the first brother combination in school history to see action on the offensive line simultaneously as older brother George is starting at left guard.

2007 - Did not game action...joined the team as a recruited walk-on.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of New Kent High School in New Kent, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is James Harold Handler...Mechanical Engineering major.



Justin Hickman

Quarterback

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-0 • 185
- Brandon, Fla.
- Armwood

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A physically tough football player who has the knack for reading the option well, has good instincts and decision making ability...an accurate passer with a quick release and continues to improve arm strength as he rehabs from a shoulder separation...ran the option in high school...will compete for a spot on the two-deep at quarterback...completed five of seven passes for 56 yards in the first spring scrimmage.

2007 - Worked out at quarterback and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Armwood High School in Brandon, Fla...captain of football team...named MVP of the All-County Game... Second Team All-County...Second Team Sun Coast...All-State Honorable Mention...member of the two-time State Champions and one-time State Runners-Up...as a senior, passed for 1,300 yards and 13 TD, while rushing for 900 yards and 25 TD...coached by Sean Callahan.

PERSONAL - Full name is Justin Eugene Hickman...Economics and Business major.



Steven Hite

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-4 ● 250
- Smyrna, Ga.
- Campbell

77

Was having a productive spring practice before an injury affected his work-outs...looks to continue improvement in August camp...listed at no.2 right tackle on the post-spring depth chart and could challenge for playing time.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Campbell High School in Smyrna, Ga...graded out at 96% over his career as a two-year starter at Offensive Tackle...logged 68 pancake blocks in his career...selected to Cobb County TD Club All-County First Team...selected as Marietta Daily Journal All-County First Team Offensive Lineman...selected Atlanta Journal Constitution All-County First Team Offensive Lineman...Campbell High School Offensive Lineman of the Year 2006...twice selected as the Cobb County Player of the Week...led team to second-ever State 5A playoff berth...Four-year starter on Varsity Baseball Team...coached by Kyle Hockman.

PERSONAL - Full name is Steven Wayne Hite...Mechanical Engineering major.



Kyle Hughes

Quarterback

- Junior-2L
- 6-3 ● 190
- Williamsburg, Va.
- Lafayette

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has shown great poise and presence in his first two years at quarterback and has put up some impressive numbers...was having a solid spring until a thumb injury sustained in the first spring scrimmage sidelined him for the remainder of drills...continues to improve his execution of the option game and has developed as a potent passer with good decision-making ability...should vie for all-conference honors.

2007 - Named **Second Team All-Big South** at quarterback...rushed for 444 yards and five touchdowns and completed 51.3% of his passes for 1,097 yards and 11 TD's...named Big South Offensive Player of the Week when he became the second player in VMI history to both rush and pass for over 100 yards in a game vs. Robert Morris (136 rush, 108 pass)...recorded back-to-back 300-yard total offense games against Coastal Carolina (317) and Charleston Southern (308)...tossed a touchdown pass in seven straight games...completed 10-of-17 passes for 229 yards passing and two TD's vs. Coastal Carolina and 11-of-19 passes for career-high 261 yards and three TD's including an Big South record 87-yarder...handled the punting chores and averaged 33.5 yards for 40 punts with a long of 54 yards.

2006 - Did not play the first three games but was thrust into action in week four against William & Mary in his hometown of Williamsburg when starting QB Jonathan Wilson went down with a shoulder injury in the second quarter...completed four of nine passes for 72 yards including a 28-yarder... made three consecutive starts the next three games against James Madison, Army, and Coastal Carolina...engineered the offense to a near win against league champ Coastal Carolina and rushed 13 times for 67 yards and completed eight of 13 passes for 108 yards and a touchdown...completed ten of 13 passes against James Madison for 113 yards and a touchdown...came in for Wilson midway in the first quarter in the season-finale against Liberty and completed three of six passes for 57 yards including a 34-yarder and tossed a TD strike before halftime as the offense garnered a season-high 32 points against the Flames...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, Va...Four-year starter at QB...three years 1st team Virginia Gazette...Virginia Gazette Offensive Player of the Year...2nd Team Daily

Press, 2004, 2005...2nd team Bay Rivers District, 2004, 2005...holds school season passing mark (1,452) and career passing (4,153)...completed 92/148 passes for 1,423 yards, 11 TD's, 2005...rushed for 512 yards, 15 TD's, 2005...threw for 1,452 yards, 20 TD's, 2004...36-10 as a starter...won a regional championship and was a state runner-up...coached by Paul Wheeler.

PERSONAL - Full name is Kyle Robert Hughes...Economics and Business major.

Hughes' Career Stats

Passing								
YR	G	Comp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LP
2006	8	28	51	54.9	371	3	3	34
2007	11	58	113	51.3	1097	11	6	87
Totals	19	86	164	52.4	1468	14	9	87

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2006	8	62	90	1.5	25	0	11.2
2007	11	131	444	3.4	71	5	40.4
Totals	19	193	531	2.8	71	5	27.9

Punting								
YR	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TB	FC	I20	Blkd
2007	40	1340	33.5	54	1	4	7	0
Totals	40	1340	33.5	54	1	4	7	0



Kyle Hughes was named **Second Team All-Big South** a season ago while accounting for over 1,500 yards in total offense.



James Hummer

Linebacker

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-11 ● 230
- Bluemont, Va.
- Clarke County

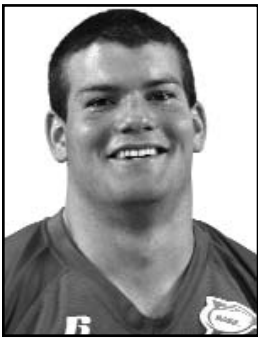
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Worked out at inside linebacker in spring drills...came to the team as a walk-on in 2007...coaches like his hustle and willingness to make a contribution.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Clarke County High School in Berryville, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is James Roger Hummer, III...Biology major.



Mike Hutchings

Linebacker

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 6-0 • 230
- Lexington, Va.
- Randolph-Macon Acad.

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has seen action at defensive end and linebacker and will now be slotted in the inside linebacker position in the new 3-4 alignment...a tough, hard-nosed competitor who is looking to get back on the field after having last season shortened by injury...is also a key contributor to special teams...listed at "Mike" linebacker on the depth chart.

2007 - Did not see game action and was sidelined by a shoulder injury sustained in Spring 2007 drills.

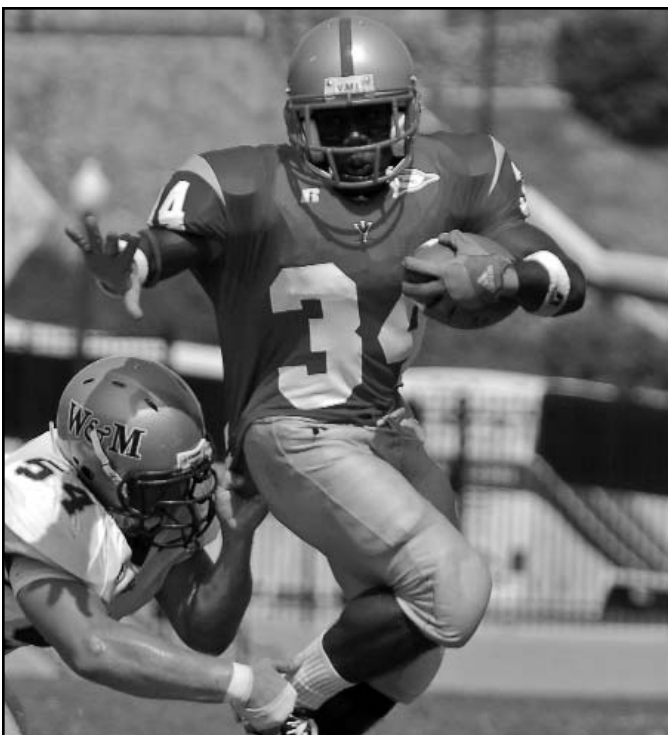
2006 - Saw action throughout the season and saw playing time increase as the year progressed...lettered as a true freshman...finished the year with 33 tackles including 17 solos and 16 assists...saw considerable action against Richmond and posted a season-high ten tackles with six solos...started in the nationally televised game against Army and had six tackles and a half tackle for loss...logged five tackles against Liberty and four tackles against JMU.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va....lettered three years at linebacker and also played wide receiver...posted a school record 144 tackles in 2005...First Team All-State (VISFA)...second-leading tackler in Northern Virginia in '05...had 17 tackles and 1 interception vs. Collegiate in state playoff game...served as team captain...lettered in track and threw the shot and discus...National Honor Society...coached by Dick Allanson.

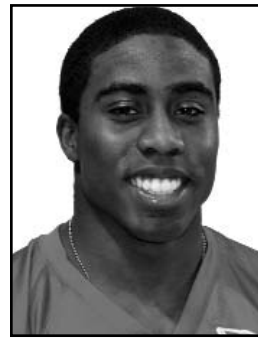
PERSONAL - Full name is Michael Ballinger Hutchings...father is Col. Eric Hutchings, VMI '77 - a former lineman for the Keydets who captained the 1976 team and serves as Chief of Staff in the Athletic Department... International Studies major.

Hutchings' Career Stats

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	10	17/16	33	0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	17/16	33	0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0



Gabe Itoka broke a 44-yard run against Charleston Southern last season as a freshman.



Gabe Itoka

Slotback

- Sophomore-1L
- 5-6 • 180
- Reston, Va.
- South Lakes

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Contributed greatly as a true freshman and made the most of his playing time...hard-working player who also made great strides in the weight room during the off-season, which showed in spring drills as he demonstrated improved speed and strength...will be competing for one of two starting slotback positions...rushed five times for 33 yards in the first scrimmage of spring practice.

2007 - Saw significant playing time as a true freshman and lettered...played in all 11 games and averaged 7.5 yards per carry as he gained 172 yards on 44 carries...ran for a season-high 60 yards against Charleston Southern including a 44-yarder, which was his longest run of the year...also played on special teams...lettered for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL - Graduate of South Lakes High School...captained football team as a senior...First Team All-District Running Back and Kick Returner as a senior...First Team All-Region Kick Returner (2006)... Second Team All-Region Running Back (2006)...Honorable Mention All-State Kick Returner (2006)...All-Metro (2006)...coached by John Ellenberger.

PERSONAL - Full name is Gabriel Kodjo Itoka...Economics and Business major.

Itoka's Career Stats

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	10	23	172	7.5	44	0	17.2
Totals	10	23	172	7.5	44	0	17.2

Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	10	1	3	3.0	3	0	0.3
Totals	10	1	3	3.0	3	0	0.3



Kyle Johnson

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Junior-2L
- 6-4 • 285
- Purcellville, Va.
- Loudoun Valley

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Could be in the mix for playing time this fall and has helped the depth on the offensive line...has a great understanding of the offensive scheme and is looking to have a big off-season in the weight room to get onto the field and make a contribution...worked in the off-season to rehab from injuries that limited him last year...listed at no.2 left guard on the preseason depth chart.

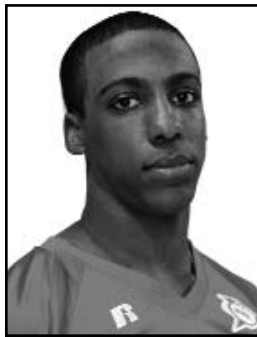
2007 - Started the first two games at left tackle before injury shortened his season...had seven knockdowns against William & Mary and six against Lock Haven...earned his second varsity letter.

2006 - Started the year at scout defensive line in preseason camp and worked himself into the offensive line two-deep after a productive fall camp...moved into the starting lineup at offensive tackle five weeks into the season...improved blocking grades as the year progressed...was a key to VMI's improved rushing numbers and eventual league-leading spot in the Big South Conference during the year...lettered for the first time.

2005 - Joined the team in the fall...did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Loudoun Valley High School in Purcellville, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Kyle Aaron Johnson...International Studies major.



Cameron Jones

Quarterback

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-0 • 200
- Austin, Texas
- Stephen F. Austin

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Has all the tools to become an outstanding QB in the spread option system...continues to improve with each repetition he takes and took a large number of snaps in spring practice...quickly gained an understanding of the offense in his first year working with it...has shown he has the potential to be a serious running threat...has shown great leadership skills and will push for playing time...threw a 53-yard touchdown pass in the final scrimmage of spring practice.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - Graduate of Stephen F. Austin High School...team captain...First Team All-District...Academic All-District...Austin American Statesman Athlete of the Week...selected to play in the First Annual Lone Star Arena Classic...completed 118 of 209 passing attempts for 1,484 yards and 12 TD...gained 622 yards on 104 rushing attempts, scoring seven TD...Honor Roll Student...coached by Rodney Vincent.

PERSONAL - Full name is Cameron Davis Jones...Economics and Business major.



Chaz Jones

Running Back

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-11 • 220
- Cleveland, Ohio
- Glenville

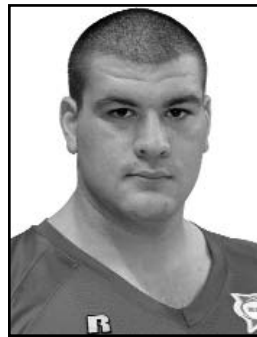
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Has the size, agility and footwork to be a very good "B" back in the option...made definite improvements in the spring in this demanding position...will be counted on to play and make a significant contribution this season...preparing himself to handle the physical demands of the position.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Glenville High School in Cleveland, Ohio...Honorable Mention All-Northeast Ohio Lake Erie District...All-LEL Conference Honorable Mention...All-Cuyahoga County Honorable Mention...team Offensive MVP...Cleveland Plain Dealer Player of the Week...Adelphia Player of the Game...2006 WEWS Player of the Week...2006 All-Senate Honorable Mention...as a junior, totaled 1,658 yards in total offense (871 passing, 787 rushing) while scoring 17 TD...as a senior, rushed for 705 yards and 8 TD and made ten catches for 117 yards and 2 TD...All-League Running Back...Channel 5 All-Star...coached by Ted Ginn, Sr.

PERSONAL - Full name is Chaz Deandre Jones...Economics and Business major.



Jeff Kulat

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Sophomore
- 6-3 • 311
- Shrewsbury, N.J.
- Red Bank

67

Has provided depth on the offensive line and will do so again this year...listed as no. 3 at right guard in in the preseason depth chart...has good size and is willing to help the team any way he can.

2007 - Did not see game action

2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Red Bank High School in Little Silver, N.J.

PERSONAL - Full name is Jeffrey Robert Kulat...Mechanical Engineering major.



Chris Leach

Center

- Redshirt Junior
- 6-3 • 273
- Raphine, Va.
- Rockbridge County

62

Showed the most improvement of any player on the offensive line over the past season and spring practice and has positioned himself in the two-deep picture...listed at reserve center on the preseason depth chart...has worked very hard in off-season conditioning and looks forward to the chance to contribute...a local product out of Rockbridge County High School and one of two Rockbridge County residents on the team.

2007 - Did not see game action.

2006 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Rockbridge County High School in Lexington, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Christopher M. P. Leach...Mechanical Engineering major.



Mike Louthan

Linebacker

- Redshirt Sophomore
- 6-0 • 210
- Richmond, Va.
- Douglas Freeman

36

Has made contributions on special teams and is working out at outside linebacker in the new 3-4 defensive alignment...will provide depth at that position...a hard worker who is looking to break into the two-deep...will be counted on again for special teams play.

2007 - Got onto the field for the first time and saw action in special teams mostly on kick units...returned a kick 11 yards in the season finale against The Citadel.

2006 - Came to the team as a recruited walk-on...did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Douglas Freeman High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Michael Reaves Louthan...Civil Engineering major.



Travis Ludden

Tight End

- Redshirt Senior-3L
- 6-3 ● 240
- Fredericksburg, Va.
- Massaponax

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THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has been there to help the team any way he can on the offensive line...listed at starting tight end on the preseason depth chart...has excellent size and strength and also possesses good hands...excellent blocking ability...has also served as deep snapper and has been nominated for all-conference honors there...brings 19 career starts spanning three seasons to the offense.

2007 - Started three games (William & Mary, Presbyterian, Coastal Carolina) at tight end early in the season and also saw action once again on the offensive line starting the last three games at left tackle...lettered for the third time...caught passes against James Madison (11 yards) and Coastal Carolina (21 yards)...finished the season with three catches for 32 yards...also logged five tackles on special teams...Handled long snapping duties for 10 of 11 games in addition to his tight end and offensive tackle duties...performed the task with efficiency and helped VMI avoid a blocked kick for the entire year.

2006 - Entered preseason camp at tight end but moved to the interior line two weeks into the season and made seven starts at right tackle before moving back to tight end for the season finale against Liberty...was a key reason why VMI was able to lead the Big South in rushing as he brought his blocking skills to two positions...lettered for the second time.

2005 - Played in all 11 games and made five starts...caught four passes for 59 yards...caught two passes for 30 yards in the opener against Davidson and hauled in an 18-yard touchdown pass against William & Mary...handled the long snapping duties and recovered two fumbles



Travis Ludden saw time at tight end and along the offensive line last season and is slated for duty at tight end as a senior.

against Lehigh...lettered for the first time.

2004 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Va...had 10.5 sacks and 28 hurries with 63 tackles and four pass breakups as a senior...also caught 24 passes for 302 yards and one TD in 2003...named first team All-Commonwealth District and second team All-Northwest Region as a TE/DE...three-time Offensive Lineman of the Week...Adelphia Channel 3 State Championship Defensive Player of the Game, State Championship Offensive Lineman of the Week...selected to the 2004 VHSCA Virginia East/West All-Star Game...Derrick Sears Award 2003...played on the 2003 Commonwealth and Northwest Region Champions and Virginia AAA Division 5 State-Runner Up...served as team captain...was First Team All-Battlefield district as a junior...also lettered two years in basketball and was a team captain for one year.

PERSONAL - Full name is Travis Rowland Ludden...Economics and Business major.

Ludden's Career Stats

Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2005	11	4	59	14.8	18	1	5.4
2007	10	3	32	10.7	21	0	3.2
Totals	31	7	91	13.0	21	1	2.9



Drew Luxhoj

Slotback

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-9 ● 170
- Glen Allen, Va.
- Deep Run

27

Performed well in a redshirt season last year and was a key contributor to the scout team...showed good improvement in the spring and also has good knowledge of the offense...will add depth to the slotback position...a hard worker and great team player.

2007 - Came to the team as a recruited walk-on...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Deep Run High School in Glen Allen, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Andrew Christian Luxhoj...older brother, Barrett, plays on the VMI soccer team...Biology major.



Grant Martin

Defensive Tackle

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-0 ● 250
- Martinsville, Va.
- Martinsville

97

Contributed greatly to the team in spring practice and made great strides in putting himself in position to make a contribution on the defensive line...a recruited walk-on who was a high school teammate of Keydet defensive back Tracy Hairston...listed on the two-deep at reserve nose tackle...converted over from the offensive line...looking to make more improvement in the fall.

2007 - Worked out on the offensive line initially before being moved to the defensive line...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Martinsville High School in Martinsville, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Grant O'Bryan Martin...Psychology major.

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Tim Maypray

Slotback

- Junior-2L
- 5-8 • 165
- Madisonville, Ky.
- Randolph-Macon Acad.

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has developed into one of the most dynamic performers to ever wear a VMI football uniform...named **Lindy's Magazine 2008 Big South Conference Preseason Offensive Player of the Year**...can hurt defenses a number of ways with his versatility...greatly improved his blocking ability last year and in the recent spring practice... will be counted on to spark the offense again this season with his big-play ability.

2007 - Named **First Team All-Big South** at kick returner and **Second Team All-Big South** at wide receiver...led the team in touchdown receptions (7)-the most by a VMI receiver since 2002...set a Big South single-season record for all-purpose yards with 1,975, the fifth-most in VMI history...produced five games of 200+ all-purpose yards including a Big South and school-record 346 yards against Charleston Southern...named Big South Offensive Player of the Week for Oct. 15 (Presbyterian) and Nov. 5 (Charleston Southern)...scored a TD in six straight games...caught five passes for 209 yards vs. CSU-second most receiving yards in BSC history... 87-yard TD reception vs. CSU tied for the longest in BSC history... returned two kickoffs for touchdowns (86 vs. JMU, 99 vs. Citadel) and was the first in BSC history to return two kicks for scores in the same season... set a school mark for kick return yards with 889 yards (25.4 ypr)...returned 11 punts for 80 yards and a 7.3 average with a long of 21 yards against Lehigh...played a team-high 560 snaps last season...lettered for the second time.

2006 - Named **2006 Big South Freshman of the Year**...A big-play performer on the offense...was second on the team in receptions with 14 catches for 244 yards and two touchdowns and was third on the team in rushing with 280 yards on 41 carries (6.8 ypc)...named Big South Freshman of the Week two consecutive weeks for his play against Army (Oct. 7) and CCU (Oct. 14)...had 132 all-purpose yards vs. CCU by rushing for a team-high 89 yards on eight attempts (11.1 average), and scoring on a 37-yard TD run...had 62 all-purpose yards vs. Army...caught a season-long 74 yard touchdown pass against CSU and scored again for the third straight week when he caught a 23-yard pass at GWU...sixth in the league in all-purpose yards (87.0) and was second in kick return average (18.8).

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va...two-year letterwinner in football as RB/DB...two-time All-State performer at RB/DB...Career: 1,702 yds. rushing, 673 yds. receiving and 32 TD's...two-year letterwinner in basketball - averaging 17 ppg...All-State Track performer...coached by Dick Allanson.

PERSONAL- Full name is Timothy Wayne Maypray, II...Psychology major.

Maypray's Career Stats

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2006	10	41	280	6.8	37	1	28.0
2007	11	67	391	5.8	38	3	35.5
Totals	21	108	671	6.2	38	4	32.0
Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2006	10	14	244	17.4	74	2	24.4
2007	11	31	615	19.8	87	7	55.9
Totals	21	45	859	19.1	87	9	40.9
Kickoff Returns							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
2006	10	17	320	18.8	36	0	
2007	11	35	889	25.4	99	2	
Totals	21	52	1209	23.3	99	2	
Punt Returns							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
2006	10	2	26	13.0	16	0	
2007	11	11	80	7.3	21	0	
Totals	21	13	106	8.2	21	0	



Patrick McKinney

Linebacker

- Redshirt Junior-2L
- 6-3 • 245
- Big Stone Gap, Va.
- Powell Valley

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - A proven performer and hard worker with all-conference potential...has emerged as a leader on the team and in the Corps over the first three years of his cadetship...moved from inside linebacker to outside linebacker in the spring and will be the starting "Sam" linebacker...awarded the Iron-Keydet award which is presented to the top performer in lifting and agility...has made 22 consecutive starts and has topped the defensive tackle charts the past two years.

2007 - Started all 11 games at linebacker and led the team in tackles for the second straight year with 78 tackles (32 solos, 46 assists)...had six tackles-for-loss for -25 yards...posted double-digit tackle games against James Madison with a season-high 11 stops (five solos and six assists) and also had ten tackles (five solos and five assists) against The Citadel...had eight tackles with a TFL (-6) against Coastal Carolina and seven tackles and two TFL (-3) against Gardner-Webb...ranked seventh in the Big South in tackles per game (6.8).

2006 - Made 11 consecutive starts as a redshirt freshman and led the team with 82 total tackles (37 solo and 45 assists)...credited with 2.5 tackles for loss for -7 yards...made the game-saving tackle by stopping a two-point conversion rush attempt at the goal line with time expired to defeat Davidson, capping his collegiate debut with 14 tackles...posted 10 tackles against Norfolk State and FCS playoff team James Madison...credited with a pass break-up at Gardner-Webb...became the eligible freshman to lead VMI in tackles since Robert Mason (80) in 2002...lettered for the first time.

2005 - Was injured and did not see game action...was redshirted.
HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Powell Valley High School near Big Stone Gap, Va...twice named First Team All-District, All-Region and Honorable Mention at fullback during his junior and senior years...also named Second Team All-District at linebacker in 2003...rushed for over 1,000 yards as a junior...was named Lonesome Pine District Defensive Lineman of the Year and honorable mention all-state at defensive end in 2004...two-way starter for state A runner-up Powell Valley that posted a 12-2 record in 2004...lettered three years in basketball and four years in track where he competed in seven events including the shot put, long jump, triple jump, and hurdles...Academic All-State athlete for four years.

PERSONAL - Full name is Patrick Brown McKinney...Civil Engineering major.

McKinney's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	11	37/45	82	0	2.5-7	0	0	1	0	0	0
2007	11	32/46	78	0.5	6.0-25	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	69/91	160	0.5	8.5-32	0	1	1	0	0	0



Derek McKnight

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-4 • 265
- Richlands, Va.
- Richlands

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Has good size and showed noteworthy promise in spring practice...will continue to work out hard in the weight room and could challenge for playing time in the fall...will give depth to the offensive line...worked out at left guard.

2007 - Came to the team as a recruited walk-on and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Richlands High School in Richlands, Va...Four-year letterwinner in football...Member of the 2006 VHSL A State Champions...as a senior, named First Team All-State, All-Region, All-Southwest Va...All-Four Seasons Country and All-District at OT...Second Team All-District - Defensive End...Junior Year - 1st Team All-SWD OT, Second Team All-Region...Three-year letterwinner in basketball...coached by Greg Mance.

PERSONAL - Full name is Derek Ray McKnight...Economics and Business major.



Nick Mims

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Junior-2L
- 6-3 • 250
- Newport News, Va.
- Tallwood

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Was moved to the offensive line late last season and continued in that role in spring practice...one of the most athletic linemen on the team and will be a welcomed asset on the offensive line...worked out at left tackle and will join converted D-lineman Ben Brandt in that spot to give the Keydets a solid left side of the offensive line...worked hard in off-season conditioning.

2007 - Started the year at defensive end and moved to the offensive line late in the year to give depth as the O-Line encountered a rash of injuries...also played special teams and earned his second varsity letter.

2006 - Logged stats in nine games and finished with 16 tackles on the season including nine solo stops...started the last five games of the season at defensive tackle...had a season-high four tackles at Gardner-Webb including a tackle for loss and a quarterback hurry...broke up passes against Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern...had three-tackle games against William & Mary and Coastal Carolina and also a tackle for loss against Liberty...lettered for the first time.

2005 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Tallwood High School in Virginia Beach, Va...Served as team captain and played both tight end and defensive end...also lettered in basketball one year playing both center and power forward.

PERSONAL - Full name is Nicholas Ross Mims...Psychology major.

Mims' Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	9	9/7	16	0	1.5-3	0	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	9	9/7	16	0	1.5-3	0	0	2	0	0	0



Kyle Nikmard

Linebacker

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 5-10 • 215
- Katy, Texas
- Taylor

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Had a tremendous spring practice and worked his way into a starter's role at rush end in the 3-4 alignment...strong, fast, and explosive with great football knowledge...came to the team as a recruited walk-on and overcame injury with hard work to earn a scholarship.

2007 - Started to see considerable action at mid-season and worked himself into some mid-season starts...started three consecutive games (Presbyterian, Gardner-Webb, and Coastal Carolina)...finished with 23 tackles...had four solos and two assists for six stops against Coastal Carolina...made six tackles including five assists and a pass break-up against The Citadel...made two tackles-for-loss for -4 yards.

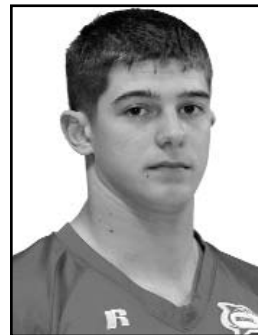
2006 - Sustained an ankle injury and was sidelined the entire year.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Taylor High School in Katy, Texas.

PERSONAL - Full name is Mikyle Amir Nikmard...Mechanical Engineering major.

Nikmard's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2007	9	10/13	23	0	2.0-4	0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	9	10/13	23	0	2.0-4	0	0	1	0	0	0



Chris Otersen

Wide Receiver

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-3 • 200
- Springfield, Va.
- Robert E. Lee

15

A good athlete who is recovering from a leg injury and hopes to bolster the receiving corps when he gets healthy...converted quarterback who was moved to receiver in the off-season...has good size and strength and brings a physical presence to his new role...could be in the two-deep picture.

2007 - Came to the team as a quarterback and worked out on the scout team...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Robert E. Lee High School in Springfield, Va...football team captain (2005, 2006)...team MVP (2006)...Honorable Mention All-Northern Region selection (2006)...Second Team All-Patriot District QB (2006)...as a senior, threw for 650 yards and six TD while rushing for 686 yards and seven TD...Player of the Week DC Examiner...Second Team Patriot District WR (2005)...As a junior, made 19 catches for 234 yards and one touchdown...also averaged 16 yards per punt return and scored a touchdown and threw for 79 yards as a quarterback...Student Government Vice President...coached by Rob Everett.

PERSONAL - Full name is Christopher Eugene Otersen...Economics and Business major.

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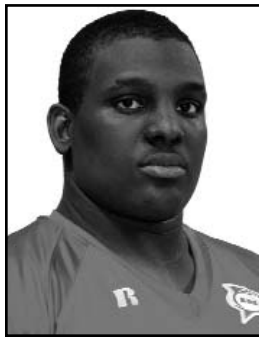
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Sam Palmer

Defensive Tackle

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-0 ● 300
- Smyrna, Ga.
- Campbell

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Has improved in all phases of the game since his arrival on post...made great improvement in spring practice and hopes to use that to springboard into fall camp with a productive off-season of workouts...has worked himself into the two-deep scenario at nose tackle and will give the interior line some depth...had one solo and three assisted tackles with a forced fumble in the first spring scrimmage.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Campbell High School in Smyrna, Ga...selected to play in the 2006 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North/South Football All-Star Game...Two-time selection as Cobb County Defensive Player of the Week in 2006...selected as Campbell High School 2006 Defensive Player of the Year...named Second-Team Atlanta Journal Constitution All-Cobb County Team as defensive lineman in 2006...logged 85 tackles and 28 assists in his senior season...14 tackles for loss and six sacks as a senior...helped lead team to playoffs for second time in school history and a first round win...coached by Kyle Hockman.

PERSONAL - Full name is Samuel Cortez Palmer...Economics and Business major.



Michael Rainey-Wiles

Slotback

- Sophomore-1L
- 5-9 ● 170
- Pittsburgh, Pa.
- North Hills

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Showed plenty of promise and was playing well before a leg injury sustained early in the season cut his season short...worked very hard in the off-season to come back from the injury...has the ability to be very explosive with the football with every touch...will compete for playing time for one of the two slotback positions.

2007 - Rushed 32 times for 153 yards and averaged nearly five yards a carry...gained 91 yards on seven attempts in his first college game against Lock Haven and turned in an 83-yard TD run, VMI's longest run from scrimmage last season...his 83-yard touchdown run tied him for the fourth-longest run from scrimmage in VMI football history, and set a Big South record for longest run at the time...returned ten kicks for 159 yards with a long of 23 against Presbyterian...lettered as a true freshman.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of North Hills High School in Pittsburgh, Pa...team captain - Football & Track...Three-year varsity letterwinner...All-State Track...Honorable Mention All-State (2006)...Pittsburgh Post Gazette 1st Team All-Conference (2006)...Journal News 1st Team All Conference (2006)...Special Teams Player of The Year (2006)...as a senior, rushed for 454 yards and three TD - totaled 310 yards receiving and one TD...totaled 363 yards on 12 kick returns and 331 yards on 15 punt returns...collected 1,348 All-Purpose yards...on defense, made 39 tackles and two INT...Second Team All-Conference- All-Purpose Back (2005)...as a junior, rushed for 551 yards and two TD, while making 14 catches for 215 yards and two TD...on defense, made 20 tackles and had four pass breakups...coached by Jack McCurry.

PERSONAL - Full name is Michael Anthony Rainey-Wiles...Civil Engineering major.

Rainey-Wiles' Career Stats

Rushing							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	7	32	153	4.8	83	1	21.9
Totals	7	32	153	4.8	83	1	21.9

Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	7	1	18	18.0	18	0	2.6
Totals	7	1	18	18.0	18	0	2.6

Kickoff Returns							
YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	
2007	7	10	159	15.9	23	0	
Totals	7	10	159	15.9	23	0	



Alex Ray

Linebacker

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-11 ● 225
- Roanoke, Va.
- Hidden Valley

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Will give depth to the inside linebacker position...comes to VMI from near-by Roanoke and is the only Keydet player from the Roanoke Valley on the 2008 roster...will contend for playing time at the "Ted" inside linebacker position...had four solos and three assists with a forced fumble over both VMI spring football scrimmages.

2007 - Came to the team as a recruited walk-on...did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Hidden Valley High School in Roanoke, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Alexander T. S. Ray...Civil Engineering major.



Tyler Reedy

Defensive Back

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-10 ● 175
- Canton, Ga.
- Sequoyah

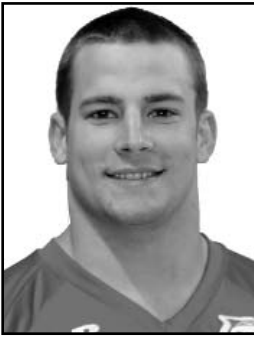
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One of the fastest members on the squad and used a productive spring practice to work himself into a projected starting role at free safety...brings impressive football credentials to VMI...worked hard last year as a redshirt freshman and augmented his development with solid conditioning in the weight room...could be a difference maker in the secondary...played well in both VMI spring scrimmages

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Sequoyah High School in Canton, Ga...captain of the football team (2006)...Atlanta Journal Constitution Second Team All-State (2006)...Region 5 AAAA Defensive Player of the Year (2006)...Cherokee Tribune County Defensive Player of the Year (2006)...Atlanta Journal Constitution Cherokee County Defensive Player of the Year (2006)...All-Region DB (2005)...Cherokee Tribune All-County Team (2005)...Atlanta Journal Constitution All-County Team (2005)...in final two seasons at Sequoyah, totaled 301 tackles, 20 tackles for loss, six INT, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries, eight passes broken up and five blocked kicks...also collected 630 yards of total offense, scoring nine touchdowns and three safeties while averaging 34.8 yards per kick return and 22.0 yards per punt return...three-year track letterwinner...coached by Sid Maxwell.

PERSONAL - Full name is Tyler Scott Reedy...Economics and Business major.



Jacob Rochester

Linebacker

- Senior-3L
- 5-10 • 213
- Dallas, Texas
- Bishop Lynch

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THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN – One of only four seniors on the squad...a returning starter to the linebacker corps...wants to wrap up his career with an outstanding senior season...again named to the Academic All-District 3 team last year and was selected to the FCS Academic All-Star team for the second time...a smart, instinctive player who studies every facet of the game and prepares well...has shown leadership on the field as well as the weight room...should see plenty of playing time again and is projected in a starting role at "Mike" linebacker...a three-time honoree to the Big South Presidential Honor Roll and twice named to the All-Academic team.

2007 - Made seven starts on the season at inside linebacker...posted 41 tackles with 21 solo stops...racked up a season-high nine tackles with six solos and three assists against Lehigh...followed up with seven tackles at Robert Morris, including 2.5 tackles-for-loss for five yards and posted a sack in that game...named to the CoSIDA Academic All-District 3 squad and FCS Academic All-Star squad for the second straight year.

2006 - Made seven starts in nine games on the season and placed fifth on the team in tackles...had 31 solo tackles and 23 assists...posted a season-high 14 tackles at Norfolk State and also had ten tackles against Davidson and nine tackles against Coastal Carolina...credited with a sack for four yards against Davidson... forced a fumble and recovered a fumble against Coastal Carolina and intercepted a pass one week later against Charleston Southern...lettered for the second time.

2005 - Played in all 11 games and finished with 17 tackles including 11 solo stops...logged a season-high seven tackles against Richmond... forced a fumble against The Citadel and had a tackle for loss against Duke...awarded his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Bishop Lynch High School in Dallas, Texas...captained the team for two years...lettered three years playing running back, fullback, and linebacker...rushed for 850 yards on 120 carries as a senior...also lettered three years in wrestling and was 25-5 as a junior...academically distinguished student and was awarded the school's top GPA award for two years.

PERSONAL - Full name is Jacob Nathaniel Rochester...Economics and Business major.

Rochester's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2005	11	11/6	17	0	0.5-1	0	1	0	0	0	0
2006	9	31/23	54	1	3.0-6	1	1	0	1	0	0
2007	11	21/20	41	1.5	7.5-18	0	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	31	63/49	112	2.5	11.0-25	1	2	2	1	0	0

Punt Returns

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2006	10	4	8	2.0	5	0
Totals	10	4	8	2.0	5	0

Kickoff Returns

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2007	11	1	16	16.0	16	0
Totals	11	1	16	16.0	16	0



Eric Scott

Wide Receiver

- Redshirt Freshman
- 5-9 • 160
- Richmond, Va.
- Mills Godwin

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A recruited walk-on who has worked hard in the spring and showed improvement...will add depth to the receiving corps...caught an eight yard-pass in the first spring scrimmage...could also play special teams...joined Bryan Barnson to lead the team with two catches for 25 yards in the first spring scrimmage.

2007 - Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Mills Godwin High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Eric Brian Scott...Economics and Business major.



Mario Scott

Wide Receiver

- Sophomore-1L
- 5-11 • 170
- Staunton, Va.
- Randolph-Macon Acad.

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN – Showed what he could do last season and was one of the few true freshman to see time on the playing field last year...demonstrated poise and big-play explosiveness...should give the Keydets another deep threat this fall...is slated to start at one of the wide-out positions.

2007 - Played in all 11 games and lettered...had a breakout game against Coastal Carolina catching four passes for 84 yards including a 36-yard touchdown snag - the only time he reached the end zone...caught two passes in the season finale against The Citadel...finished the year with ten catches for 134 yards.

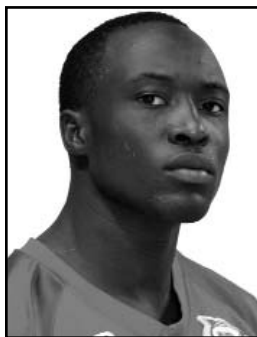
HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Randolph-Macon Academy in Front Royal, Va...team captain in football, basketball, & track...four-year letterwinner in football as QB/WR/DB...1,970 yards passing, 1,100 yards rushing in his final two seasons....Two-year letterwinner in basketball, averaging 11 points, six assists and six steals...member of 4 x 100 state champ and 4 x 400 state runner-up team in track...on the President's List, Dean's List and a member of the National Honor Society...former high school teammate of current Keydet Tim Maypray...coached by Sylvio Brutus.

PERSONAL - Full name is Mario N. Scott...Civil Engineering major.

Mario Scott's Career Stats

Receiving							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	10	134	13.4	36	1	12.2
Totals	11	10	134	13.4	36	1	12.2

Rushing							
YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2007	11	1	5	5.0	5	0	0.5
Totals	11	1	5	5.0	5	0	0.5



Daud Semalulu

Wide Receiver

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-3 • 190
- Aylmer, Quebec
- Champlain Lennoxville

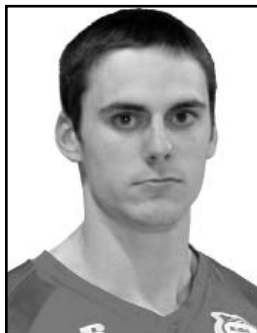
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Has remarkable speed and is one of the fastest players on the team... showed progress in the spring and observers are eager to see what he can do on the field...listed as a back-up wideout at the "Z" position...gives the Keydets another deep threat with an ability to stretch defenses.

2007 - Came to VMI as a late signee in the spring season and did not see game action as he worked with the scout squad.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Champlain College Lennoxville in Lennoxville, Quebec...caught 15 passes for 392 yards at Champlain Lennoxville College Prep...standout for the Ottawa Sooners Football Club, topped the league with a 26.1 yards per catch average and scored seven touchdowns...returned a punt 100 yards for a touchdown in club football and also hauled in a 97-yard touchdown reception...graduated D'Arry McGee High School in before attending prep school...played in the Quebec Junior Football League.

PERSONAL - Full name is Daud Amoor Semalulu...Economics and Business major.



Patrick Sweeney

Punter

- Sophomore-1L
- 6-3 • 190
- Richmond, Va.
- Mills Godwin

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Will focus his efforts on the punting game this year after handling placekicking chores last year...stepped up and performed in a difficult situation when the kicking personnel situation changed abruptly before fall camp...should improve with increased leg strength and experience.

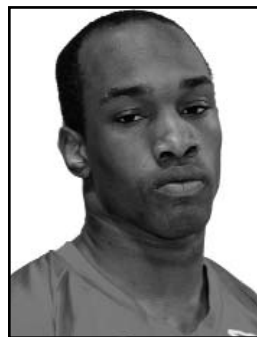
2007 - Played in all 11 games and handled the placekicking duties as well as reserve punting chores...hit three-of-eight field goals with a long of 46 yards against James Madison...converted 28 of 34 extra-point tries...punted three times in three different games...also handled kickoff duties and averaged 51.4 yards per kickoff with the highest average of 62 yards against Gardner-Webb...lettered in his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Mills Godwin High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Patrick Sean Sweeney...Mechanical Engineering major.

Sweeney's Career Stats

Kicking							
YR	G	XPM-A	PCT	FGM-A	Pct.	LG	Pts.
2007	11	28-34	82.3	3-8	37.5	46	37
Totals	11	28-34	82.3	3-8	37.5	46	37
Punting							
YR	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TB	FC	I20
2007	3	89	29.7	34	0	1	1
Totals	3	89	29.7	34	0	1	1



Levi Swindell

Strong Safety

- Junior-2L
- 6-0 • 190
- Elk Grove, Calif.
- Franklin/FUMA

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - A returning veteran performer with 16 career starts over his first two years...will be counted on to lead the secondary and gives the secondary an experienced presence as well as versatility...projected as a starting cornerback but has played strong safety as well.

2007 - Started the first four games at strong safety before moving to make two starts when the Keydets employed a five defensive back scheme later in the year...again ranked highly on the depth charts ranking fifth with 59 tackles including 27 solos and 32 assisted stops...led the team in tackles with 15 against William & Mary in week two...broke up passes in the Lock Haven, Presbyterian and Gardner-Webb games...lettered for the second time.

2006 - Started ten games as a true freshman in the defensive backfield...finished second on the team in tackles with 70 including 35 solos...led the team in pass break-ups with six...had a season-high 11 tackles with nine solos against The Citadel had four more games with at least seven stops including nine tackles against Norfolk State and eight each consecutive games against Coastal Carolina and Charleston Southern...credited with a tackle for loss against Army...lettered for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Franklin High School in Elk Grove, Calif...prepped at Fork Union Military Academy...Three-year starter at Franklin HS as a DB/WR...also played varsity basketball and ran track...2004-Honorable Mention All Delta League-California...2005-Starting CB on Post Graduate Football Team at FUMA...AVID (Advancement via Individual Determination) Program...Black Youth Leadership Project...Student Assemblyman-California...Honor Roll Student...coached by John Shuman.

PERSONAL - Full name is Levi Alexander Swindell, Jr...International Studies major.

Swindell's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	11	35/35	70	0	0.5-1	0	0	6	0	0	0
2007	10	27/32	59	0	0.0-0	0	0	3	0	0	0
Totals	21	62/67	129	0	0.5-1	0	0	9	0	0	0



Levi Swindell has missed only one game in the defensive backfield since stepping on post.



Joe Taylor

Linebacker

- Redshirt Junior-2L
- 5-11 • 200
- Richmond, Va.
- Benedictine

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Has transitioned well to outside linebacker from defensive back over the past year...switched positions in mid-spring and will be competing for playing time at rush end and outside linebacker...a fast player who uses speed to his advantage...has worked hard in the weight room, adding 25 pounds to his frame over the last year and a half...will also be a key player on special teams.

2007 - Played in all 11 games and made nine starts at SLB...had a great start to the season when he was named Big South Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in week 1 against Lock Haven totaling 12 tackles, including one for loss, helping VMI to a 20-0 shutout... also had nine tackles against William & Mary and seven against James Madison...recovered a fumble at Robert Morris.

2006 - Saw action in all 11 games primarily on special teams and lettered for the first time.

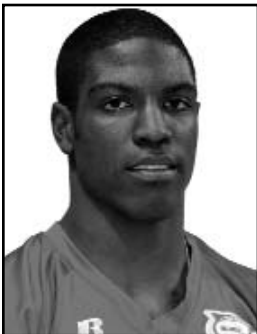
2005 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Benedictine High School in Richmond, Va...second team All-VISFA at running back...lettered four years in football...co-captained the team his senior season...named most outstanding offensive player award and earned elite cadet awards status his senior year...won super cadet award his junior year...also lettered in indoor and outdoor track.

PERSONAL - Full name is Joseph Jerod Taylor...Economics and Business major.

Joe Taylor's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	11	4/1	5	0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	14/36	50	0.5	1.5-5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	18/37	55	0.5	1.5-5	2	0	0	0	0	0



Keith Taylor

Safety

- Senior-3L
- 6-2 • 190
- Mechanicsville, Va.
- Lee-Davis

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THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN - One of the most experienced players on the team...can play both safety positions...one of the most physical players in the secondary...listed on the post-spring depth chart at backup strong safety but has the experience and ability to step into a starting role.

2007 - Started all 11 games...ranked second on the team in tackles with 70 stops including 27 first hits...started the first four games at free safety before moving to strong safety...posted a season-high ten tackles with six solos against Charleston Southern...also racked up nine-tackle games against William & Mary and Robert Morris...picked off a pass against CSU, his lone interception of the year...was second on the team in pass breakups with six...lettered for the third time.

2006 - Started 10 of 11 games with the first five games at free safety before moving to strong safety the last five games of the year...Finished third on the team tackle charts with 61 tackles...had six games with six tackles or more...posted a season-high ten tackles in the season opener against Davidson...had six solos and three assists against Gardner-Webb...logged seven tackles each against James Madison, Richmond, and Norfolk State...recovered fumbles in consecutive weeks against Army and



Keith Taylor ranked second on the team with 70 tackles as a junior a season ago.

Coastal Carolina...pulled in an interception against James Madison...lettered for the second time.

2005 - Saw action mostly on special teams including punt and kick coverage...had tackles in both the Gardner-Webb and Coastal Carolina games...lettered for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Lee-Davis High School in Mechanicsville, Va...an All-District second team selection for both 2003 and 2004...served as varsity football team captain and lettered four years...compiled 33 career receptions for 458 yards and two touchdowns and also had 208 career tackles with 12 interceptions, 12 tackles-for-loss, and 17 pass break-ups...won first place in the Virginia Power Lifting Association 2004 AAU RAW National Championship (16-18 year olds)...awarded academic All-District accolades in both 2003 and 2004.

PERSONAL - Full name is Keith Lamont Taylor, II...Civil Engineering major.

Keith Taylor's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2005	5	0/2	2	0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
2006	10	31/30	61	0	1-4	2	1	1	1	0	0
2007	11	27/43	70	0	0.5-0	1	1	6	1	1	0
Totals	26	58/75	133	0	1.5-4	4	2	7	2	1	0



Justin Tench

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Sophomore
- 6-3 • 295
- West Point, Va.
- West Point

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Earns respect for his positive "can do" attitude...works hard to get the most out of his ability...worked out at left guard in spring practice...will give the offensive line depth...has good size...came to the team as a recruited walk-on.

2007 - Did not see game action.

2006 - Joined the team in Fall 2006, during preseason practice but did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of West Point High School in West Point, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Justin Ryland Tench...Economics and Business major.

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Mark Tomlin

Offensive Line

- Redshirt Freshman
- 6-4 ● 258
- Madison Heights, Va.
- Amherst County

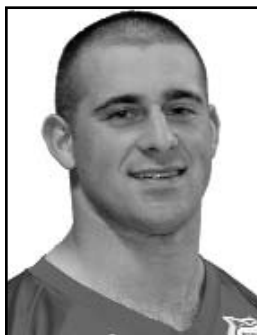
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Moved from the defensive line during the first week of spring drills to offensive line...has a strong familiarity with the option offense after playing in a similar style scheme in high school at Amherst (Va.) County...works hard at practice to get better and gives great effort...will give the Keydets depth on the right side of the line, particularly at tackle.

2007 - Came to VMI as a recruited walk-on and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Amherst County High School in Madison Heights, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Mark Dakota Tomlin...Economics and Business major.



Andy Viola

Defensive End

- Redshirt Senior-3L
- 6-0 ● 230
- Broadway, Va.
- Moorefield (W. Va.)

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THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN - A respected veteran redshirt senior who will serve as captain of the squad this fall...started his final year of college football with a great spring and had a good influence on the younger players with his hard work and good technique...will start at defensive end and will anchor a defensive front that has starting experience at each position...has developed into a dependable defender after starting his college career on offense.



Andy Viola is one of two fifth-year seniors for the Keydets and will serve as a Team Captain.

2007 - Played in all 11 games and began the season as a reserve before moving into the starting lineup in week six and made six straight starts at defensive end...had 23 total tackles including 3.5 tackles-for-loss for -14 yards...recovered a fumble in the Lehigh game.

2006 - Was switched from fullback to defensive end at the start of fall practice and quickly established himself in the two-deep rotation at end...started the first nine games at defensive end...had a season-high four tackles against both Davidson and James Madison and also had a tackle-for-loss against the Dukes...lettered for the second time.

2005 - Was the backup fullback for most of the season and saw most of his action on special teams...carried twice for four yards on the season...lettered for the first time.

2004 - Did not see game action and was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Moorefield High School in Moorefield, W.Va...All-State Honorable Mention as a senior at Moorefield where he played both fullback and linebacker on the state championship team...rushed for over 1,000 yards and had 70+ tackles as a senior...also played high school football at Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va. and Broadway (Va.) High School...named Second Team All-State at Stonewall Jackson...also lettered in baseball and wrestling...National Honor Society.

PERSONAL - Full name is Mark Andrew Viola...brother Tony played football at William & Mary...father Mark A. Viola was a defensive tackle at Fairmont (W.Va.) State from 1977-80...Civil Engineering major.

Viola's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	9	6/9	15	0	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	8/15	23	0.5	3.5-14	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	14/24	38	0.5	4.0-15	1	0	0	0	0	0



Kris Ware

Strong Safety

- Redshirt Sophomore-1L
- 5-11 ● 211
- Chesapeake, Va.
- Deep Creek

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Could be a difference maker on the defensive unit this year as he returns to the field after a year's absence...has added 15 solid pounds to his frame...slated to start at strong safety which along with Keith Taylor could be the deepest and most experienced position in the defensive backfield...had tackles-for-loss in both spring football scrimmages.

2007 - Practiced with the squad but did not see game action.

2006 - Made two starts (JMU and Army) at outside linebacker...also played special teams and lettered...finished the year with 22 tackles...had a season-high four solo tackles, two assists, and recovered a fumble against William & Mary.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Deep Creek High School in Chesapeake, Va...As a senior, totaled 60 tackles, 250 rushing yards, five pass deflections, averaged about 7.5 yards per carry...Honor Roll...First Team District (MLB)... Second Team All-Tidewater (MLB)...lettered three years in football, two years in basketball and one year in track...game captain several times.

PERSONAL - Full name is Kristophor Sean Ware...Psychology major.

Ware's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	9	9/13	22	0	0.5-1	1	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	9	9/13	22	0	0.5-1	1	0	1	0	0	0



Josh Wine

Defensive Tackle

- Sophomore-1L
- 6-0 • 265
- Fredericksburg, Va.
- Massaponax

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN – Plays with great leverage and emotional intensity...has all the tools to become an all-conference performer...made an impact as a true freshman and quickly established himself at nose tackle where he is slated to start again this fall at nose guard in the new 3-4 defensive set...also an outstanding wrestler who was voted the top freshman heavyweight wrestler in the country after winning the 2008 Southern Conference title and advancing to the NCAA Championships tournament, where he won a match.

2007 - Played and started all 11 games at nose tackle and was the only true freshman to start every game on defense...had 30 tackles which led all down linemen 6.0 tackles for loss...posted a season-high seven tackles at Lehigh with two TFL's and one sack...led the team with three fumble recoveries getting loose balls against Robert Morris, Presbyterian and Charleston Southern...was tied for second on the team in sacks with three...lettered in his true freshman season.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Massaponax High School in Fredericksburg, Va...two-time captain of the football team...three-time All-Commonwealth District Linebacker...two-time All-Northwest Region LB...three-time All-Area Team LB...team Offensive Player of the Year (2006)...Commonwealth District Defensive Player of the Year (2005)...Pat Tillman Award (Team Defensive Player of the Year) (2004, 2005)...member of the National Honor Society (2005, 2006)...coached by Eric Ludden.

PERSONAL - Full name is Joshua Allen Wine...Psychology major.



Josh Wine led VMI in fumble recoveries as a true freshman.



Bryant Youngblood

Cornerback

- Junior-2L
- 5-10 • 180
- Youngstown, Ohio
- Youngstown Ursuline

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TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN – A capable and experienced defender in the secondary with both starting and reserve experience...will continue to see significant playing time and will work out at left cornerback where he will vie for playing time...continues to develop and realize gains from his work in the weight room...will give the secondary a veteran presence.

2007 - Played in all 11 games and lettered for the second time...moved into the starting line-up at free safety in week five and remained there for the rest of the year, starting seven games total...piled up 60 tackles - the fourth-most on the team...made a team-high tying 39 solo tackles...had a season-high ten tackles in back-to-back games against Robert Morris and Presbyterian...logged nine tackles against Liberty and forced two fumbles returning one 87 yards for a score...intercepted a pass against Gardner-Webb and returned it 26 yards.

2006 - Played in ten games seeing action mostly on special teams and lettered...racked up 27 tackles including 14 solos...made his only start of the season and had a season-high nine tackles in the season finale against Liberty...posted five-tackle games against James Madison and Gardner-Webb...was a big part of special teams unit...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Ursuline High School in Youngstown, Ohio...Team Captain...First Team All-SVC...Honorable Mention All-Ohio...member of Mahoning County All-Star team...2005 MVP...lettered two years in track...300 hurdles meter hurdles district qualifier...lettered in basketball...Honor Roll student...member of NHS...President of Student Council.

PERSONAL - Full name is Bryant Lamont Youngblood, Jr...Biology major.

Wine's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2007	11	12/18	30	3.0	6.0-19	3	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	12/18	30	3.0	6.0-19	3	0	0	0	0	0



Bo Wren

Offensive Line

- Sophomore-1L
- 6-0 • 260
- Gainesville, Ga.
- Gainesville

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ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN – Another true freshman last year who immediately stepped into a starting role on the offensive line and produced...has worked hard in the off-season to restore weight to his optimum playing level...slated to start at right guard again this year and should have a better second year to follow his noteworthy first year of college ball.

2007 - Started all 11 games at right guard and lettered - was the only true freshman to start all 11 games on offense...was a big part of the unit that set a new Big South Conference rushing mark with 283.2 yards per game to lead the league in rushing for the second straight year and rank as high as third in FCS...posted double-digit knockdown games against Lock Haven (15) and Charleston Southern (13).

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Gainesville High School in Gainesville, Ga...three-year letterman on offensive and defensive line...team captain...named All-Area...Honor Roll Student...lettered four years in wrestling at heavyweight and was a two-time state champion and held the school record for wins (193)...USA Wrestling Off-Season State Champion.

PERSONAL - Full name is Robert Lewis-Nixon Wren...Economics and Business major.

Youngblood's Career Stats

Defensive											
YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	TFL-Y	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2006	10	14/13	27	0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	11	39/21	60	0.5	1.5-1	1	2	2	1	26	1
Totals	21	53/34	87	0.5	1.5-1	1	2	2	1	26	1

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Rob Bailey - OL, 6'4, 330, Bonaire, Ga./Warner Robins HS

- * Two-year starter at offensive tackle
- * As a junior, helped lead his team to the semi-finals of the Georgia 5A football playoffs
- * Selected by the Georgia Football Magazine Academic All-State First Team and Preseason 5A All-State First-Team
- * As a senior, selected to the First-Team All-Houston Co., Second-Team Region 1-5A, and Third-Team All-Middle GA football teams
- * As a junior, chosen to the Second-Team Region 1-5A; Second Team All-Houston Co.; and Honorable Mention All-Middle GA football teams
- * Voted Most Valuable Offensive Lineman for the 2007 season
- * Three-year football letterman, two year basketball letterman and three year baseball letterman
- * Son of Rob Bailey Sr. and Linda Bailey
- * Coached by Bryan Way
- * Plans to major in Engineering

Bobby Epps - B-Back, 6-1, 210, Gainesville, Ga./North Hall HS

- * Selected to play in the Georgia North/South All-Star Game
- * First-Team All-Area (Hall County GA) Running Back Selection
- * Leading scorer on his team with 22 TD's in 2007, and leading receiver, averaging 35.4 YPC
- * Second-leading rusher on his team - 131 carries for 1,083 yards (7.7 YPC) and 18 TD
- * Accounted for 470 yards and seven TD's during injury-plagued junior year
- * Averaged 8.9 yards per touch over his career
- * Selected as Team Captain for senior season
- * Two-year winner of the North Hall HS Academic award (2006, 2007)
- * Ranked ninth in a class of 201 students at North Hall H.S.
- * Graduated early from high school with a 4.3 GPA, currently enrolled at Gainesville State College
- * Son of Tom and Kadi Epps
- * Coached by Bob Christmas
- * Plans to major in Biology (Pre-Med)

Luke Holloran - WR, 6-4, 195, Broadway, Va./Broadway HS

- * Massanutten District Leading Receiver (2007)
- * First-Team All-Massanutten District, and First-Team All-Region (2007)
- * 78th in Virginia Top 100 according to The Roanoke Times (2007)
- * Upperclass football statistics included 74 receptions and 12 TD's
- * Standout basketball player, including pre-season Massanutten District Player of the Year (2007)
- * Son of John & Annette Holloran
- * Coached by Frank Sorrells
- * Plans to major in Civil Engineering

Rajah Jenkins - RB/DB, 5-8, 165 Staunton, Va./Robert E. Lee HS

- * Three-year letterwinner in football, baseball & track at Fishburne Military Academy from 2005-2007, started at running back, defensive back and return specialist at Fishburne from 2004-2006
- * All-conference baseball player from 2004-2007, and all-conference track
- * Honor Roll Student from 2005-2007 and a member of the Honor Guard from 2004-2006
- * Winner of the Top Cadet Physical Challenge Award in 2006-2007
- * National Junior Honor Society Inductee in 2006
- * Letterwinner in football, baseball and track at Robert E. Lee HS as a senior
- * Started at running back and defensive back at in 2007
- * Had 130 carries for 1313 yards and 23 touchdowns while averaging 10.1 yards/carry as a senior
- * Also had 60 solo tackles, 3 interceptions and 1 defensive TD as a defensive back
- * Earned First-Team All-District, All-Region and Honorable Mention All-State in 2007
- * Son of Roger Jenkins and Lashuan Jones-Jenkins
- * Coached by Alec Dunn at Fishburne and Davis Tibbs at R.E. Lee
- * Plans to major in Engineering

Butch Kaczmarzewski - LB, 6-2, 200, Winchester, Va./Millbrook HS

- * Captain of football team (2007)
- * First-Team VHSCA All-State - Linebacker (2007)
- * First-Team All-Northwest Region II - Linebacker (2007)

- * Second-Team All-Northwest Region II (2006)
- * First-Team All-Northwestern District - Linebacker (2006, 2007)
- * Top Tackler in district with 130 Tackles (2007)
- * Team MVP (2007), Lettered in basketball (2007)
- * Son of Kevin and Janet Kaczmarzewski
- * Coached by Reid Prosser
- * Plans to major in Engineering

Aaron Lewis - WR 6-3, 195, Richmond, Va./Meadowbrook HS

- * Captain of football team (2007), three-year letterman
- * Second-Team All-Central District - Wide Receiver (2007)
- * Helped lead team to 9-3 Record/Central District Championship (2007)
- * Son of Lester and Corliss Lewis
- * Sister runs track at Hampton University
- * Coached by Randy Bowles
- * Plans to major in Economics & Business

Richard Luck - LB, 5-10, 195, Maidens, Va./St. Christopher's School

- * Captain of both football and lacrosse teams in HS
- * Garnered All-Prep, All-State, and All-Metro Honors
- * Senior season stats through 7 games include: 85 tackles, including 10 tackles for loss, seven sacks, two safeties, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries
- * Recipient of the Randolph Macon Book Award for Excellence in Academics, Athletics, & Leadership
- * Interfaith Council of Greater Richmond - Brotherhood Youth Award
- * Student Council Member
- * Son of Charlie Luck IV (VMI '83) and Lisa Luck, and grandson of Charles Luck III (VMI '55) and True Luck
- * Coached by Paul Padalino
- * Plans to major in Economics & Business

Terrell Lynch - DE, 6-2, 230, Richmond, Va./Hermitage HS

- * First-Team All-Colonial District - Defensive Line (2007)
- * First-Team All-Central Region - Defensive Line (2007)
- * First-Team All-Metro - Defensive Line (2007)
- * First-Team All-Group AAA State - Defensive Line
- * 2007 Stats: 8 sacks, 47 tackles, nine tackles for loss, four fumble recoveries, one TD
- * Son of Sabrina Lynch
- * Coached by Patrick Kane
- * Plans to major in Engineering

Kyle Marston - WR, 6-1, 190, Bagdad, Ky./Shelby County HS

- * Three-year varsity football letterman and starter
- * Team Captain
- * Career stats include: 75 career receptions, 1409 yards receiving, 11 touchdowns and 70 tackles
- * Currently holds the school record for receptions in a season
- * Voted Most Outstanding Special Teams Player 2007
- * Four-year varsity letterman in track
- * Team captain in track for sophomore, junior and senior years
- * State qualifier in 4x800 meter relay as freshman/junior, also qualified in 800-meter run as a junior
- * Currently ranked among the top five 800-meter runners in the state
- * 2007 recipient - United States Naval Academy Alumni Association Award
- * 2008 Marine Corp JROTC officer
- * Kentucky Governor's Scholar Program Nominee 2007
- * President - Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- * Son of Mike & Sherri Marston
- * Coached by Todd Shipley
- * Plans to major in Civil Engineering

Alex Miller - DT / C / FB, 5-11 265, Dunedin, Fla./Countryside HS

- * Pinellas County 2007 All-Star Team
- * First-Team All-District
- * Varsity wrestling letterwinner, heavyweight
- * Team Captain
- * 2007 Stats: 42 tackles, four QB sacks, 12 Tackles for loss, two fumble recoveries
- * Community service volunteer for Special Olympics in Florida

- * Student Council – Countryside High School
- * Son of Mike & Linda Miller
- * Coached by John Davis
- * Plans to major in Economics & Business

Corey Reuzenaar- LB, 6-1, 232, Radford, Va./Fork Union Military Academy

- * Two-year letterman in football and also lettered in baseball and track at Radford HS
- * Served as captain at Radford High School
- * All-District at Radford with 110 tackles, 2 sacks, and 2 fumble recoveries his senior year
- * A regional qualifier in the discus
- * Played at FUMA under Coach John Shuman with 77 tackles, 44 solo, 11 tackles-for-loss, five sacks and one interception

D'Angelo Smith - OL, 6-1, 255, Ellenwood, Ga./Stockbridge HS

- * Two-year starter on offensive line
- * 2007 Team Captain
- * Selected Second Team All-Region
- * Two-year football letterman
- * Stockbridge H.S. Academic Award Winner 2007 Football
- * Son of Cyd Smith & Johnnie Smith
- * Coached by Steve Collins
- * Plans to major in Computer Science

Josh Sneed - LB, 6-2, 230, Lawrenceville, Ga./Collins Hill HS

- * Selected First-Team Region 7-5A in 2007
- * Selected Second-Team All-County (Gwinnett) as offensive guard
- * Is the fifth all-time leading tackler in Collins Hill HS history
- * Awarded 2007 Collins Hill HS Iron Eagle Award for being the most outstanding player who played both offense and defense
- * Selected to play in the inaugural Rivals of Gwinnett County All-Star Game
- * Was the September 2007 Gwinnett County Touchdown Club football "Player of the Month"
- * Attended and completed 2007 IDEALS Leadership School
- * Two-year letter winner in Track
- * Son of Randy and Colleen Sneed
- * Coached by Larry Sherrill
- * Plans to major in Economics & Business

Greg Stevens - K, 5-11, 175, Duluth, Ga./Peachtree Ridge HS

- * Completed first year of football this year after playing soccer since age four
- * Tutored by NFL great Kevin Butler in making the transition to football
- * Scored a total of 56 points in 2007
- * Converted 41 of 45 PAT attempts
- * Converted 5 of 10 FG's with a long of 43 yards
- * Possesses a 50+ yard leg
- * Outstanding on kickoffs with 58 of 61 going for touchbacks, and none traveling out of bounds
- * Has unlimited potential as a kicker and will improve each day
- * Responsible for 13 points in his team's two playoff games
- * Named to Gwinnett County Coaches' Honor Roll for his efforts in team's final playoff game
- * Four-year letterwinner in soccer
- * Avid power lifter possessing 280 pound bench press
- * Received Community Service Award for his HS soccer team
- * Selected by soccer coach to attend Gwinnett Co. HS leadership training
- * Son of Dale and Kris Johnson
- * Coached by Bill Ballard

Dave Stradford - OL/DL, 5-10, 270, Fort Washington, Md./Friendly HS

- * Lettered three years at center and defensive tackle
- * Played on state championship squad that went 14-0 and was 3A champions in 2007
- * Offense averaged 44.3 points per game
- * Named All-County
- * Lettered one year in track and competed in the shot put
- * Coached by George Earley

T.J. Talley - SB/DB/KR, 5'10 190, South Hill, Va./Parkview HS

- * Three-year letterwinner while playing football at Parkview
- * Two-year letterwinner playing basketball
- * Plans to major in Economics & Business

Juan Thrasher - CB/FS/KR, 5-10, 170, Carrollton, Texas/Creekview HS

- * Captain of football team (2007)
- * First-Team All-District - Free Safety (2007)
- * Defensive Team MVP (2007), Defensive Back MVP (2007)
- * Second-Team All-District - Free Safety (2006)
- * Honorable Mention All-State - Free Safety (2005)
- * Who's Who in Sports Among High School Students (2005)
- * Lettered in baseball, track, and bowling
- * Team leader in stolen bases (2006, 2007)
- * Parents: Gregory Thrasher and Monica Thrasher
- * Coached by Greg Childress
- * Plans to major in Psychology

Aaron Trent - LB, 6-4, 240, Johnson City, Tenn./Science Hill HS

- * Team Captain
- * Senior Statistics include: 77 tackles, nine tackles for loss, five sacks and two interceptions
- * First-Team All-Conference (LB), All-Region (LB), All-Northeast Tennessee (LB and P)
- * Ranked among Tennessee's "Super 44" and "Top 100" Football Players
- * Johnson City Press "Elite 11" Team
- * Honorable Mention All-Conference (Junior)
- * Holds school record for most interceptions in a game (3)
- * Selected to play in Tennessee vs. Kentucky All Star "Border Bowl" Game
- * Two-time "Extreme Player of the Week" Award winner (JC Press)
- * Two-time "Character Award" winner (SHHS)
- * "Plowboy" Award winner (SHHS)
- * Son of Mark and Kim Trent
- * Coached by Scott Smith
- * Plans to major in Civil Engineering

Greg Walker - CB/SB, 5-9, 165, Waldorf, Md./Westlake HS

- * Captain of football team (2007)
- * Recipient of the State of Maryland Minds in Motion Award for Academic Excellence (2005, 2006, 2007)
- * Honor Roll Student
- * First-Team All-Conference Cornerback (2007)
- * First-Team All-County Cornerback (2007)
- * First-Team Washington Post All-Southern Maryland Cornerback (2007)
- * 2007 Offensive Statistics: 88 rushing attempts; 836 yards; 13 TD's, five receptions, and 110 yards receiving
- * First in Conference Scoring
- * Fourth in Conference Rushing
- * 2007 Statistics Defense: 18 solo tackles, five interceptions and 76 return yards
- * Tied for first in interceptions among conference players
- * On the track, ranked 37th in the nation in the 300 meters
- * Member of the 4x200 meter relay team, ranked first in the nation
- * Son of Greg and Valerie Walker
- * Coached by Dominic Zaccarelli
- * Plans to major in Psychology

Trae Watkins - DB, 5-11, 180, Lynchburg, Va./Virginia Episcopal School

- * Led team to VISAA Championship game as a senior
- * Three-time All-VISAA Running back
- * Two-year selection as All-VISAA Defensive Back First Team
- * Two-year selection to the Lynchburg News & Advance All-Area First-Team as Defensive Back
- * Virginia Episcopal School Most Valuable Player as Junior and Senior
- * Son of Angela Garland and James Watkins
- * Coached by Bruce Stell

Zach Webb - A-Back, 5-9, 175, Bedford, Va./Fork Union Military Academy/ Liberty HS

- * Posted 586 rushing yards in a 2-game stretch as a junior
- * Was second-team all-district Running Back
- * Averaged 119 yards rushing per game as a senior
- * Grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis J. Chryssikow
- * Coached by VMI Alumnus John Shuman at Fork Union Military Academy and Chris Watts at Liberty HS

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The Academic Advising staff mentors the cadet-athlete throughout the cadetship, and devotes all resources to continued progress toward degree completion and successful employment upon graduation.



The Academic Advising Office is currently staffed by **Sherry E. Baucom**, who also serves as the VMI Senior Woman Administrator, **Stephen T. Ross**, former VMI head men's soccer coach, and **Col. Donald K. Jamison**, professor emeritus of Civil Engineering and former VMI head tennis coach.

