

the demon deacons returning players



**#50
Mike
Hamlar**

junior
outside linebacker
6-2/212/2VL
roanoke, va
cave spring

Pronounced *HAM-larr* ... a talented player who has been slowed by injury the last two years ... has provided depth at both outside linebacker slots ... a very athletic player who makes plays in the open field ... possesses good footwork ... a good competitor who fits well into the Deacon defensive system ... could play his way back into the rotation with impressive workouts during two-a-days.

2002

Saw action in seven games while battling various injuries ... had two tackles and a fumble recovery during the season ... posted one stop against both Northern Illinois and NC State while also recovering a Wolfpack fumble.

2001

Saw action in nine games as a redshirt freshman ... started the first four games at outside linebacker ... finished the year with 21 tackles (12 solo) ... had his best all-around game against Appalachian State with six total tackles and two quarterback hurries ... also grabbed his first career interception against the Mountaineers ... recorded a season-high five solo tackles in the season opener at East Carolina ... tallied three stops against Maryland and NC State ... recorded two tackles and a pass break-up versus Georgia Tech ... also participated on special teams.

2000

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

A *USA Today* first-team all-state selection out of Cave Spring HS ... played for coach Steve Spangler his first three years and coached by Ben Fouts during his senior season ... recorded 14 quarterback sacks for the Knights ... was equally impressive on offense as a running back where he carried 200 times for 1,561 yards and 25 touchdowns as a senior ... broke the school's single-game rushing record previously held by former ACC Player of the Year Tiki Barber ... made the *All-Roanoke Times* and team as a return specialist ... named all-district in addition to the all-region and all-state second teams ... rushed for 333 yards on 14 carries against Halifax County on "Senior Night" ... also played basketball at Cave Spring.

Personal

Majoring in Communication with a minor in Computer Science ... born January 5, 1982 in Roanoke, Va. ... son of Michael and Betty Hamlar ... has a younger brother, Byron (14).

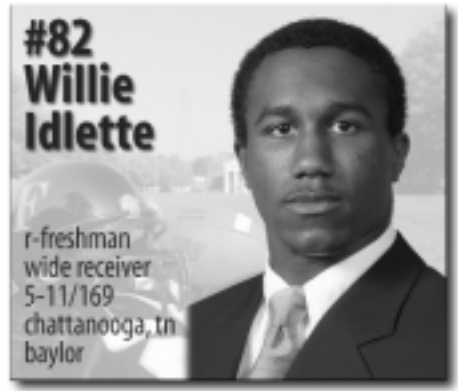
Hamlar's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	INT	PBU	FR
2001	9-4	12	9	21	1	1	0
2002	7-0	2	0	2	0	0	1
Career	16-4	14	9	23	1	1	1

Most Tackles: 6 vs. Appalachian State, 9/8/01
Most Solo Tackles: 5 at East Carolina, 9/1/01

hamlar up close

Nicknames ... 49 Cent, Spike
Favorite place on campus ... my room
My pre-game rituals include ... wrap wrists and put Mom, Dad and Byron's names on them
In my spare time, I like to ... sleep
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without ... my computer



**#82
Willie
Idlette**

r-freshman
wide receiver
5-11/169
chattanooga, tn
baylor

Pronounced *eye-dul-ETTE* ... gave the defense plenty of problems as a member of the scout team last season ... played lots of positions and should push Chris Davis for the job at slot ... has good speed and good hands ... possesses great talent, but in need of experience.

2002

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

An outstanding all-around athlete who played defensive back and quarterback in football, point guard in basketball and was a standout performer on the track team at Baylor HS ... rushed for 2,846 yards, passed for 667 yards and was responsible for 39 touchdowns in two seasons at quarterback ... a two-time all-state selection and finalist for Mr. Football in Tennessee ... coached by David Bibee ... clocked with 4.5 speed in the 40-yard dash ... was the Tennessee state champion in the 100 meters, 200 meters, 400 meters and was runner-up in the triple jump, long jump and decathlon ... set school records in both the long jump and triple jump ... a three-year starter in basketball, leading the team in assists and steals ... earned all-region and all-state honors in hoops as a senior.

Personal

Plans to major in Education ... born March 3, 1984 in Chattanooga, Tenn. ... son of Willie and Angela Idlette ... has a younger brother, Wesley (12).

idlette up close

Nicknames ... III, Superman
I wear No. 82 because ... No. 3 (my favorite number) was taken, No. 8 (my high school number) was taken and No. 83 (the combo of my favorite numbers) was taken
First memory of playing football ... running the wrong way on a handoff in the third grade
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach ... run orbit motion all practice
Favorite Coach Grobe saying ... "On the line"
Best part of WFU football ... playing in the ACC
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... no curfew
My dream job ... a teacher
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without ... CD players and CDs
Favorite all-time Christmas gift ... my first bike

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**#61
Arby
Jones**
r-freshman
offensive tackle
6-4/270
somerset, ky
pulaski
southwestern

Likely a year away from being able to contribute significantly on Saturdays ... will increasingly improve as he continues to learn the offense ... needs to continue to get bigger and stronger.

2002

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

A three-time all-state selection on both the offensive and defensive line at Pulaski Southwestern HS ... an all-region and all-district honoree three straight years as well ... named the district offensive lineman of the year ... named to the Kentucky All-Star Team as a defensive lineman ... a three-year starter on both lines for Pulaski Southwestern ... possesses outstanding footwork and quickness ... set a single season record with 13 sacks as a senior ... also recorded 98 tackles, nine for loss and two forced fumbles ... coached by Dale Anderson ... also earned three letters on the Warriors' track team ... earned Academic All-State honors during his entire prep career.

Personal

Plans to major in Health and Exercise Science ... born July 23, 1983 in Louisville, Ky. ... son of Buddy and Karen Jones ... has two older sisters, Sharon Cox and Laura-Lee ... father, Buddy, played football at Eastern Kentucky ... chose WFU because "the name Wake Forest will take me far, both academically and athletically."

jones up close

Nickname ... Sauce
Favorite place on campus ... my room
First memory of playing football ... getting my finger broken
Most embarrassing moment on the football field ... falling down running onto the field
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach ... speed sleds
Best part of WFU football ... brotherhood
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... finding awesome places to eat
Funniest incident on a road trip ... watching "Barber Shop"
If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose ... Golf Digest
An event in history I would have liked to witness ... Doug Flutie's pass

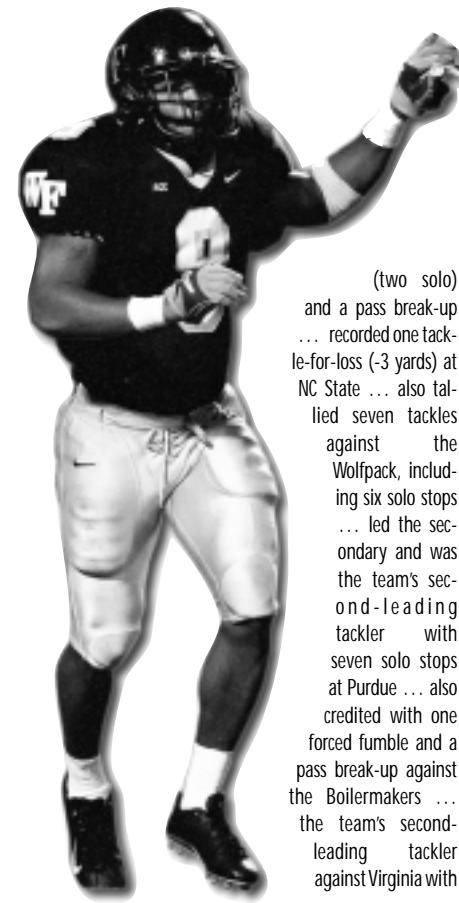


**#9
Eric
King**
junior
cornerback
5-9/185/2VL
woodstock, md
mcdonogh

Enters the fall as starting cornerback ... a candidate for all-conference honors ... will be counted on for leadership both on and off the field ... a hard worker who coaches expect great things from ... has all the tools and intangibles to be a special player ... knows the game well ... gets involved in the defense in a variety of ways ... has a passion for the game.

2002

An honorable mention All-ACC selection ... one of seven Deacon defenders to start every game in 2002 ... finished fifth on the team with 63 tackles ... recorded a team-best seven pass break-ups ... also had two tackles for loss and two forced fumbles ... tied a team-high with three interceptions ... played a role in five opponent turnovers ... named ACC Defensive Back of the Week for his performance against East Carolina, recording two interceptions and forcing a Pirate fumble ... also had three tackles



(two solo) and a pass break-up ... recorded one tackle-for-loss (-3 yards) at NC State ... also tallied seven tackles against the Wolfpack, including six solo stops ... led the secondary and was the team's second-leading tackler with seven solo stops at Purdue ... also credited with one forced fumble and a pass break-up against the Boilermakers ... the team's second-leading tackler against Virginia with

five stops (four solo) and a PBU ... recorded his third interception of the season, returning the ball for 16 yards at Georgia Tech ... also totaled five solo stops in the win over the Yellow Jackets ... credited with five tackles in the win over Duke, including four solos ... caught the ball on a blocked field goal attempt and returned it 90 yards for a TD against Duke -- WFU's longest play of the season which also tied as the eighth-longest scoring play in school history ... recorded four tackles, including three solo stops, at Clemson ... had five tackles, including three solo efforts, and two pass break-ups versus North Carolina ... recorded a career-high 12 tackles, including eight solo stops, and a PBU against Florida State ... contributed four tackles and a pass break-up at Maryland ... had three tackles, including a TFL (-2 yards) versus Oregon in the Seattle Bowl.

2001

Saw action in all 11 games ... earned a starting role by midseason and started the final seven contests of the year at cornerback ... totaled 55 tackles, which ranked seventh on the team ... named to *The Sporting News* ACC All-Freshman team ... had 46 solo stops ... also had two tackles-for-loss, six pass break-ups and recovered two fumbles ... had one solo tackle and deflected a pass in the season opener at ECU ... had one assisted tackle versus Appalachian State ... totaled four stops against Maryland ... had five tackles, all solo, and a pass breakup at Florida State ... broke out for 10 tackles (eight solo), two tackles-for-loss (-2 yards) and a PBU against NC State ... posted four solo tackles against Duke ... had two tackles and two pass breakups against Clemson ... also recovered a fumble against the Tigers ... totaled six solo tackles at Virginia ... matched that number the next week at UNC ... also had a tackle for loss against the Tar Heels ... had a career-best day against Georgia Tech ... totaled 11 tackles (nine solo), forced and recovered a fumble on a Yellow Jacket punt return, and recorded a PBU ... had five tackles (four solo) against Northern Illinois.

Background

A multi-sport standout at the McDonogh School ... played defensive back for the Eagles, earning first-team all-state, all-metro and all-county honors ... tallied over 1,200 all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns ... also had five interceptions and 45 tackles ... was a part of six conference championship teams -- three in football and three in basketball ... also competed in track and field ... was the private school champion in both the 100 meters and long jump ... excelled in the classroom as well, appearing on the Honor Roll.

Personal

Majoring in Communication ... born May 10, 1982 in Baltimore, Md. ... son of Eric King, Sr. and Deborah Murray ... has one brother, Damon Robinson (29) ... father, Eric, played professional basketball in Venezuela ... first got into sports by playing soccer ... chose Wake Forest because of its "great education and athletic program -- the best of both worlds."

King's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	INT	TFL	PBU	FF	FR
2001	11-7	46	9	55	0	2/-3	6	1	2
2002	13-13	51	12	63	3/16	2/-5	7	2	0
Career	24-20	97	21	118	3/16	4/-8	13	3	2

Most Tackles: 12 vs. Florida State, 11/2/02
Most Solo Tackles: 9 vs. Georgia Tech, 11/17/01



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king up close

Nicknames... E, EKing
I wear No. 9 because... I have worn it since high school, and single digits are where it's at
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... run DB drills in the cold
Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "You really don't know me."
My dream job... professional athlete
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... there are too many
My teammates would describe me as... confident, but laidback
In my spare time, I like to... go to the movies
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... the telephone
Favorite all-time Christmas gift... a pinball machine when I was a kid

**#18
Anders
Larson**



sophomore
quarterback
6-3/175
winston-salem, nc
mount tabor

larson up close

Favorite place on campus... my bed
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Joe Montana
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... do speed sleds
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... watching Steve Vallos compete in the rib-eating contest, and then eat an entire meal on top of it
I'd like to see this team added to the schedule... Prairie View A&M
My dream job... broadcaster
My teammates would describe me as... goofy
In my spare time, I like to... write for my website
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... my computer
In 10 years, I plan to be... an announcer on ESPN

An intelligent, valuable member of the Deacon squad... a walk-on who serves a crucial role running the scout team offense... loves the game and does everything asked of him at full speed... will be given every opportunity to compete with the other quarterbacks and potentially see action on Saturdays... has earned the highest respect of the coaching staff with his work ethic... ran the third-team offense during spring drills.

2002
Did not see any game action.

Background
 Joins the team as a walk-on in the fall... helped lead Mount Tabor HS to an undefeated conference record in 2001 and the second round of the playoffs... named to the Metro 4A All-Conference squad as a senior... started 17 games at quarterback for the Spartans' varsity squad... missed just one play due to injury during entire prep career... received Mount Tabor's Athletic Leadership Award... awarded the National Football Foundation scholarship for athletics and academics... received the National Merit Letter of Commendation.

Personal
 Named to the WFU Dean's List both semesters last year... born June 24, 1984 in Winston-Salem, N.C.... son of Randy and Clark Larson... has two younger siblings -- Henry (16) and Nancy (9)... father, Randy, played offensive guard for Harvard from 1967-69... grandfather, William Walton Kitchin, played quarterback for Wake Forest in the 1930s.



the deacs speak out

who has the best nickname on the team?

This category received a wide range of responses. The overwhelming favorite was "Blankman", belonging to **Daniel Orlebar**. "Shrek" a.k.a. **Jamil Smith**, was another popular choice. Others picking up multiple votes include "Toolberger" (**Dan Callahan**), "Semi-Automatic" (**Obi Chukwumah**), "Mullet" (**Scott Marino**), "Rocko" (**Dion Williams**) and "Bogey" (**Matt Wisnosky**).

Some other nicknames worth mentioning are "CEO" (**Wesley Bryant**), "Real Deal" (**R.D. Montgomery**), and "Honky-Tonk Man" (**Greg Adkins**). Assistant coach **Kevin Sherman** apparently has a nickname as well, as one voter referred to him as "Phony Dungy."

		
"Blankman"	"Shrek"	"Toolberger"
		
"Rocko"	"Bogey"	"CEO"

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**#76
Blake
Lingruen**

junior
center
6-4/276/2VL
liberty center, oh
liberty center

Pronounced *LIN-grin* ... A very solid, consistent player ... will be asked to play the majority of snaps at center this fall.

2002

Developed into a starter at center ... saw action in every game, earning his first career start at Purdue and getting the nod in the remaining nine games of the season ... helped the Deacon ground game lead the ACC in rushing for the second straight year ... also helped WFU average an ACC-best and school-record 408.1 yards of total offense per game ... the Wake Forest offensive line also tied an ACC-low by giving up just 12 sacks in 2002 ... played 67 snaps at NC State while tallying 14.5 knockdowns ... recorded a season-high 15 knockdowns at Purdue ... graded out at 92 percent against Virginia with 13 knockdowns ... part of an offensive effort against Clemson that recorded the most total yards (523) in two years, including a 365-rushing yard performance, the eighth best in school history ... graded out at 90 percent in the 31-0 shutout over North Carolina ... graded out at a season-high 94 percent against Florida State ... helped WFU record a season-high 241 passing yards and a Seattle Bowl-record 497 yards of total offense against Oregon.

2001

Saw action in all but two games as a reserve center ... played a season-high 22 snaps in the win at Virginia and 21 snaps the next week in the victory at North Carolina ... gained valuable knowledge playing behind four-year starter Vince Azzolina ... helped hold opponents to an ACC-low 13 quarterback sacks ...

helped pave the way for Deacon rushers to average an ACC-best 221.6 yards an outing on the ground.

2000

Redshirted as a true freshman.

Background

A 10-time varsity letterwinner at Liberty Center HS, including three years in football, four in wrestling and three in track ... three-year starter for the Tigers at both center and nose guard ... a two-time all-state selection ... earned all-league and all-district honors ... selected as the region's player of the year ... played for the North team in the North-South game ... nominated for the "Big 33" game ... won the state wrestling title in his weight class.

Personal

Majoring in Communication ... will turn 22 during preseason camp -- born August 19, 1981 in Napoleon, Ohio ... son of Rex and Kaye Lingruen ... has two sisters, Brooke and Brandi ... father, Rex, played football at Ohio Northern University and was also his high school coach at Liberty Center ... chose Wake Forest because of "the prestige of the school and the strength of the ACC."

lingruen up close

Nickname... Lenny

First memory of playing football... breaking my friend's arm

When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Jim Grobe

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... wear a tutu and walk like a ballerina

Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "How are you doing today, sweetheart?"

I'd like to see this team added to the schedule... Notre Dame

My dream job... professional wrestler

If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose... Seventeen

My teammates would describe me as... different

Greatest moment outside of sports... winning the Burger King eating contest



**#63
Matt
Lopatka**

sophomore
place kicker
6-1/177
wilmington, nc
new hanover

Pronounced *lo-POT-kah* ... a walk-on who joined the squad in the middle of the 2002 campaign ... has not had any collegiate playing experience at this point of his career ... a hard worker who is starting to show in practice what he is capable of doing ... with improvement, should be able to compete for playing time ... will wear No. 63 this fall after previously wearing No. 35.

2002

Joined the squad in the middle of the season ... did not see any game action.

Background

A four-sport athlete at New Hanover HS, earning three letters in football, two in basketball, one in track and one in tennis ... earned all-conference honors as a junior and senior ... also an all-area selection his final season ... also a great student, ranking No. 4 in his graduating class ... a member of the National Honor Society ... received the prestigious Poteat Scholarship.

Personal

Named to the WFU Dean's List both semesters last year ... will turn 20 the week the Deacs are preparing for Duke -- born October 13, 1983 in Wilmington, N.C. ... son of Tony and Margaret Lopatka ... has two brothers, Russ (24) and Brian (19) ... father, Tony, played baseball and his uncle, Mike Lopatka, played football at the University of Georgia ... one of three players on the Deacon squad from Wilmington, joining R.D. Montgomery and Cori Stukes.

lopatka up close

Favorite place on campus... the Quad

First memory of playing football... missing a game-winning field goal

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... kick field goals

Best part of WFU football... everything

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... beating Oregon by 21 points

My dream job... a doctor

If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose... Time

In my spare time, I like to... play PS2, study

Greatest moment outside of sports... earning the Poteat Scholarship

Two things I wish I were better at... field goals, chemistry

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An impressive walk-on player with a great work ethic ... a valuable asset on the scout teams ... a solid player who works hard on the field, in the meeting room and does everything that is asked of him ... has switched to jersey No. 40 this fall after previously wearing No. 35.

2002

Did not see any game action.

2001

Joined the Deacon squad in the fall ... did not see any game action.

Background

Lettered in football and track at the Marist School in Atlanta, Ga. ... a member of the National Honor Society at Marist.

Personal

Majoring in Biology ... born April 23, 1982 in Atlanta, Ga. ... son of Rich and JoAnne Marino ... chose Wake Forest because of "the size of the school and its academics" ... uncle, Robert Marino, played football at South Carolina.

marino up close

Nickname ... Mullet
Favorite place on campus ... the football field
First memory of playing football ... school-yard ball in second grade
Most embarrassing moment on the football field ... falling down after catching the opening kickoff on the two-yard line
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... the whole trip, I had a great time
Best part of WFU football ... just having fun
My teammates would describe me as ... quiet yet determined
In my spare time, I like to ... play guitar, hike, camp
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without ... TV
Favorite all-time Christmas gift ... ski vacation



Pronounced *mc-GROO-der* ... an experienced player who could get 20 to 40 reps per game ... had a solid spring, recording four tackles, a pass break-up and a fumble recovery in the spring scrimmage ... a hard worker who coaches will count on ... has a knack for making the big play ... gives everything he has to the game ... a competitor who plays to win ... a solid all-around player.

2002

A returning starter whose role decreased over the course the season due to more competition in the Deacon secondary ... saw action in all 13 games ... a key contributor on special teams ... finished the season with 31 tackles and two pass break-ups ... started and tallied five tackles at Northern Illinois, including three solo stops ... had his streak of 12 consecutive starts snapped against ECU in the second game of the season ... totaled six tackles and a PBU against ECU in a reserve role ... recorded one solo stop on the road against Purdue ... credited with four tackles, including three solo stops, at Georgia Tech ... recorded one solo tackle against Duke ... collected four tackles against Clemson ... credited with two tackles and a pass break-up against Florida State ... credited with three tackles in the win over Navy ... credited with four tackles at Maryland ... tallied one tackle versus Oregon in the Seattle Bowl.

2001

One of two redshirt freshman to start all 11 games for the Deacons ... named to *The Sporting News* Freshman All-America third team ... also an All-ACC selection by the same publication ... finished tied for ninth with 52 total tackles, including 39 solo stops ... owned a team-high three interceptions ... recorded three tackles-for-loss, two sacks and nine pass breakups ... led the squad with nine special teams tackles ... made an immediate impact in his first career start at ECU ... recorded two sacks (-12 yards) and also grabbed his first career interception ... was named ACC Rookie of the Week for that performance ... posted six solo tackles and one pass deflection versus Appalachian State ... recorded two tackles against Maryland ... also picked off his second interception against the Terps ... totaled two solo tackles and his third pass breakup of the season at FSU ... had three solo tackles and one PBU versus NC State ... recorded

his third INT of the season at Duke ... also recorded 12 tackles against the Blue Devils ... recorded three tackles versus Clemson ... totaled six tackles (four solo) and three PBU at Virginia ... recorded six solo tackles and his ninth pass breakup at North Carolina ... had seven total tackles, including one for loss, against Georgia Tech ... had three solo tackles versus Northern Illinois.

2000

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

Came to Wake Forest after a standout prep career at North Atlanta HS ... was a late signee to the Deacon program ... coached at North Atlanta by Mike Walker ... played both running back and defensive back for the Warriors in his career ... was the team MVP ... also ran on the track team as a sprinter ... twice helped relay teams make it to the state championships ... earned the Coach's Award in both football and track and field ... attended Manchester (GA) HS as a freshman ... chose Wake Forest for its "positive, classy atmosphere."

Personal

Majoring in History with a minor in Education ... born February 26, 1982 in Atlanta, Ga. ... son of Jimmy and Amelia Parks ... has two brothers, Richard (23) and Terrance (13) ... cousin, Derek Grier, played football at Marshall and spent eight years on the professional level in the NFL and CFL.

McGruder's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	INT	TFL	Sks	PBU
2001	11-11	39	13	52	3/0	3/-13	2/-12	9
2002	13-1	20	11	31	0/0	0/0	0/0	2
Career	24-12	59	24	83	3/0	3/-13	2/-12	1

Most Tackles: 12 vs. Duke, 10/13/01
Most Solo Tackles: 7 vs. Duke, 10/13/01



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mcgruder up close

Nicknames... Gruder, "The Devil"

First memory of playing football... proving to my mom that I could play

When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Derek Grier (cousin)

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... do the cross-over run with weave

Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "Get up in the morning and go to church." (He says it after every game.)

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... the homeless piano player we met

Best part of WFU football... the coaches love their players

My pre-game rituals include... looking up to the sky, double-tapping my chest and thinking about giving it all I've got

In my spare time, I like to... do anything competitive with my suitmates

Greatest moment outside of sports... going on vacation to Bermuda with my mother

N.J. ... son of Kimberly Scott ... has two younger siblings -- Briana (9) and Cory (7) ... chose Wake Forest simply because "I liked the coaches."

mcwhite up close

Favorite place on campus... the Miller Center -- I love study hall

First memory of playing football... playing in the street with older kids trying to push me on the concrete

Most embarrassing moment on the football field... fumbling the ball after a nice spin move

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... when the Oregon fans stopped blowing their duckcalls

My pre-game rituals include... listening to Jay-Z

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... push the dummy from his knees on the dry grass

Best part of WFU football... waking up for team meetings

If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose... XXL or The Source

An event in history I would have liked to witness... the birth of Jesus

Favorite all-time Christmas gift... a guitar and microphone, I broke it the next day

a hard worker who never complains ... always asking questions and looking to improve ... has worked hard in the weight room ... continues to improve in blocking and in running routes ... has the ability to make a catch over the middle -- a great target for quarterbacks with his size ... will wear jersey No. 87 this fall after previously wearing No. 97.

2002

Listed as a reserve tight end but saw most of his action on special teams, mainly as a kick-blocker.

2001

Saw action in eight games as a redshirt freshman -- three as a backup linebacker and five playing special teams only ... accounted for two tackles on the season, both solo ... joined the basketball team Dec. 6 as a walk-on and greatly aided the development of the Deacon post players' toughness on a daily basis at practice ... saw limited action in five games during the season, grabbing two rebounds, blocking a shot and making a dunk and a free throw.

2000

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

A *SuperPrep* All-American ... selected to play in the 1999 Shrine Bowl ... considered one of the top prep prospects in North Carolina ... recorded 22 sacks over the last two years of his high school career ... garnered 15 tackles for loss and 14 sacks as a senior ... caught 10 passes on offense for 230 yards last season ... coached at Laney HS by Gordon Walters ... a standout basketball player from Michael Jordan's prep alma mater ... earned all-state honors in basketball as a junior and All-Eastern Region as a senior ... a good student who made the honor roll every semester since sophomore year of high school ... also served on the student council at Laney.

Personal

Majoring in History with a minor in Education ... born March 3, 1982 in Weisbaden, West Germany ... son of Ronald and Shelly Montgomery ... has three siblings -- Justine (23), Tismella (19) and Shawn (11) ... hails from the same high school as teammate Cori Stukes.



A big, physical back, similar in stature to Ovie Mughelli ... a big blocker ... finished the spring as the third-team fullback behind Nick Burney and Fred Staton ... carried the ball once for nine yards in the final spring scrimmage ... a smart player who handles his assignments well ... has soft hands ... could add a new dimension to the Deacon offense as a tight end as well ... just needs more exposure and reps in an actual game.

2002

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

A three-year letterwinner and two-year starter in both football and basketball at West Deptford HS ... rushed for a school record 1,304 yards and scored 13 touchdowns during his senior year as fullback ... also played defensive end junior year and led the team in sacks ... tallied 42 tackles and returned a fumble for a touchdown ... helped lead the Eagles to the Colonial Conference Liberty Division Championship and a combined record of 25-6 over three seasons ... an all-state selection by *Gannett News* ... earned first-team All-Colonial Conference honors as both a running back and defensive end ... also named All-Gloucester County and All-South Jersey ... listed among New Jersey's Top 100 high school prospects as a senior ... coached by Clyde Folsom.

Personal

Plans to major in Business ... born April 17, 1984 in Camden,



Saw his first significant action at tight end during spring drills ... is the projected starter at the position going into the preseason ... continues to learn the position ... a big, strong, fast, physical player with great size ... loaded with natural ability ...





montgomery up close

Nickname... RDigital
First memory of playing football... playing in Aloha Stadium when I was five
Most embarrassing moment on the football field... getting run over by a quarterback
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... push the crawler sled
Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "I'm just trying to have a football program that our field hockey team can be proud of."
Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... meeting Gary Payton
Funniest incident on a road trip... Greg Adkins moaning in the movie theater
My pre-game rituals include... praying for PT (playing time)
My dream job... pro golfer
Greatest moment outside of sports... volunteer service trip to Arizona



#78
Mark
Moroz

senior
offensive tackle
6-4/285/3VL
welland, ontario
notre dame
college

Pronounced *muh-ROSE* ... a returning starter at tackle ... missed the spring to recover from injury but is expected to be at full-strength in August ... has been described as the most complete player on the line ... very aggressive, tough and smart ... a former tight end who is very fast for a tackle ... willing to learn and is very coachable ... owns 19 career starts, the second-highest on offense behind Tyson Clabo's 25 ... named a preseason second-team All-ACC selection by *Lindy's*.

2002

An All-ACC honorable mention selection ... saw action in every game ... helped the Deacon ground game lead the ACC in rushing for the second straight year ... also helped WFU average an ACC-best and school-record 408.1 yards of total offense per game ... the Wake Forest offensive line also tied an ACC-low by giving up just 12 sacks in 2002 ... helped the Deacon offense collect 495 total yards and 349 rushing yards -- both the highest single-game totals in two seasons -- against Virginia ... graded out at 92 percent with a team-high 18 knockdowns against the Cavaliers ... part of offensive effort at Georgia Tech that tallied 447 total yards, including 238 passing yards and no sacks on the quarterbacks ... part of an offensive effort against Clemson that tallied the most total yards (523) in two years, including a 365-rushing yard performance, the eighth best in school history ... helped the Deacon offense record 458 yards, including 245 rushing yards in the shutout victory over North Carolina ... registered 15 knockdowns against the Tar Heels ... part of an offensive effort that tallied 383 yards, including 237 rushing yards in

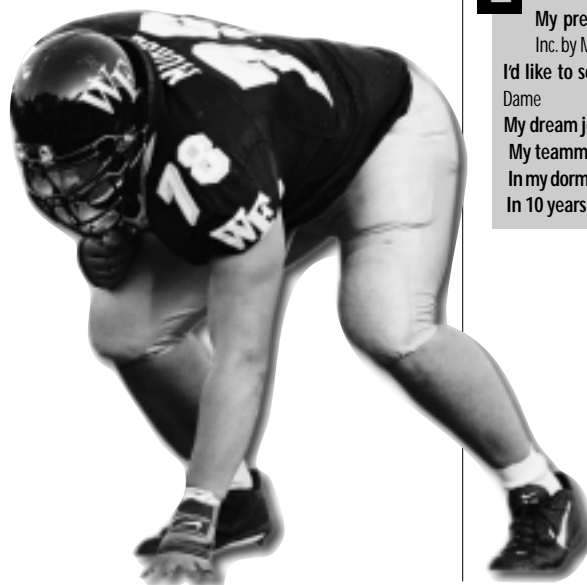
the loss to Florida State ... graded out at a game-high and season best 96 percent against the Seminoles with 12 knockdowns ... overcame a knee injury to play in the Seattle Bowl, seeing action as a reserve against Oregon ... helped WFU record a season-high 241 passing yards and a Seattle Bowl-record 497 yards of total offense against the Ducks.

2001

Saw action in every game at right tackle and started the last five contests of the season ... played a season-high 51 snaps at Georgia Tech ... helped hold opponents to an ACC-low 13 quarterback sacks in 11 games ... played a major role in opening the holes needed for the Demon Deacon running game that led the conference with 221.6 rushing yards per game.

2000

Listed as the number two tight end on the depth chart as a freshman ... made three starts, against Clemson, Virginia and Duke, when the Deacons opened up in offensive formations featuring two tight ends ... did not catch a pass ... a solid contributor on special teams who earned a varsity letter.



Background

One of the top prep performers in Canada as a high school senior ... a four year starter and team captain for Notre Dame College as a junior and senior ... led Fighting Irish to undefeated championship season senior year ... earned first-team All-Canadian honors for his performances both on the field and in the classroom ... named the Notre Dame Male Athlete of the Year his senior season ... played for coach Rick Oreskavich.

Personal

Majoring in Sociology ... born June 6, 1981 in Welland, Ontario, Canada ... son of Walt and Susan Moroz ... has an older sister, Marisa (24) ... is musically talented, as he plays both the piano and saxophone.

moroz up close

Favorite place on campus... the Pit
First memory of playing football... in the yard with my dad
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Bruce Smith of the Buffalo Bills
Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "That's how to play ACC football" after beating Purdue
My pre-game rituals include... listening to Damage, Inc. by Metallica
I'd like to see this team added to the schedule... Notre Dame
My dream job... pro football player
My teammates would describe me as... a tough player
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... my laptop
In 10 years, I plan to be... great at whatever I do

the demon deacons returning players



**#83
Nate
Morton**

freshman
wide receiver
6-3/200
harlingen, tx
harlingen

Coming off a good spring ... made positive strides in his transition from quarterback ... tied a team-high with three catches for 31 yards in the final scrimmage, playing with the second and third-team offenses ... possesses quick feet and good hands ... needs to work on spacing and added strength in the weight room ... has unquestionable athletic ability ... could factor into the mix for playing time this fall, depending upon his progress in the preseason ... changed jerseys from No. 18 to No. 83 this fall.

2002

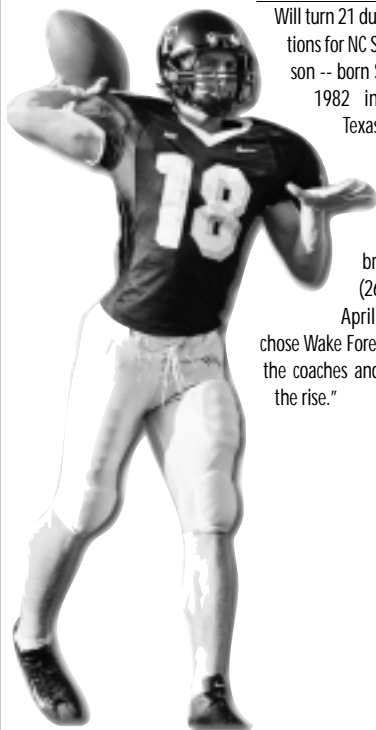
Joined the Demon Deacon squad in January 2002 and participated in spring drills ... then redshirted the fall season as a true freshman.

Background

Played quarterback during his junior season at Harlingen HS ... earned honorable mention All-District honors ... did not play his senior season ... an excellent student who earned a 4.0 GPA and was a member of the National Honor Society.

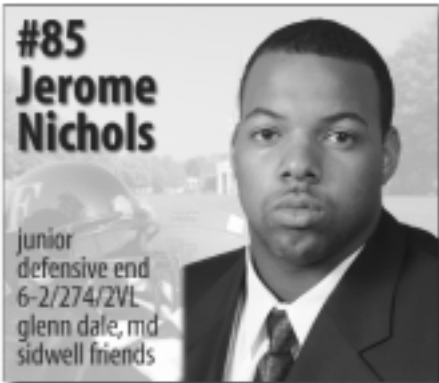
Personal

Will turn 21 during preparations for NC State this season -- born September 2, 1982 in Harlingen, Texas ... son of Tom and Stephanie Morton ... has an older brother, Jake (26), and sister, April (30) ... chose Wake Forest because of the coaches and a "team on the rise."



morton up close

Nicknames ... Jurevicius, Nasty
Favorite place on campus ... the Pit
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be...
Terry Tate
I'd like to see this team added to the schedule...
Notre Dame (away)
My dream job ... a wedding singer
In my spare time, I like to ... play other sports and play guitar
If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose...
GQ
An event in history I would have liked to witness... the Last Supper
In 10 years, I plan to be... 30 years old
Two things I wish I were better at... surfing and playing the guitar



**#85
Jerome
Nichols**

junior
defensive end
6-2/274/2VL
glenn dale, md
sidwell friends

A veteran player who is ready to step up and contribute significantly ... will get the opportunity to prove himself at this level in the fall ... the heir apparent to replace All-America Calvin Pace at left defensive end ... a tremendous athlete with explosive talent ... recorded three tackles and an assisted sack in the spring scrimmage.

2002

Saw action in just seven games while battling a knee injury midway through the year ... totaled five tackles on the season ... had two stops at Northern Illinois ... recorded two assisted tackles versus ECU ... collected one solo stop at NC State.

2001

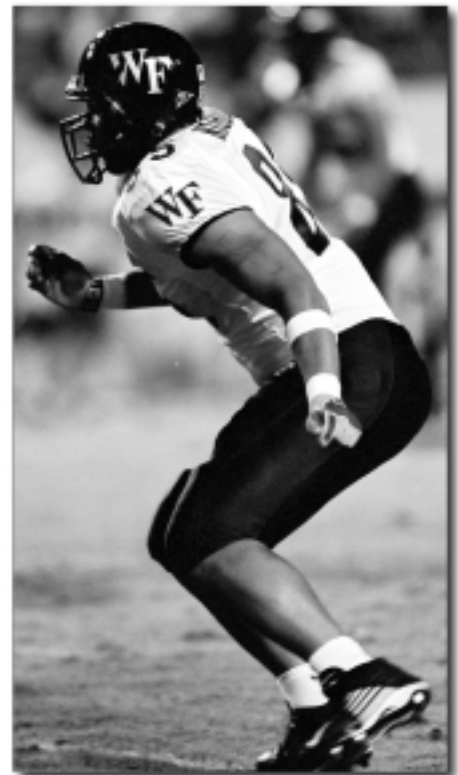
Saw action in 10 games ... played on special teams and as a reserve defensive lineman ... recorded one tackle, a TFL (-1 yard) at Florida State ... also tallied four quarterback hurries.

2000

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

Selected as an honorable mention *USA Today* All-American in 1999 out of Sidwell Friends ... a first-team all-state selection in Maryland ... also earned first-team honors on both offense and defense ... a first-team All-Washington, DC selection by the Pigskin Club ... named second team all-metro ... also lettered four seasons on the Quakers' track and field team ... high school coach was John Simon.



Personal

Majoring in Business ... born April 4, 1982 in Takoma Park, Md. ... son of Alvin and Denise Nichols ... has two siblings, Jason and Jordan.

Nichols' Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	TFL
2001	10-0	1	0	1	1/-1
2002	7-0	2	3	5	0/0
Career	17-0	3	3	6	1/-1

nichols up close

Nickname ... "D"
Favorite place on campus ... Club 102
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... run five-bag drill
Funniest incident on a road trip... singing in the bus
I'd like to see this team added to the schedule...
South Carolina
My dream job ... the NFL
If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose... Sports Illustrated
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... my computer
In 10 years, I plan to be... retired
I wish I were better at... organization



#98 Arthur Orlebar

sophomore
defensive end
6-4/246/1VL
sterling, va
dematha catholic

Pronounced *OR-luh-bar* ... a very athletic player ... a play-maker who can create opportunities on defense ... has tremendous work habits and a passion for the game ... very intelligent and an outstanding student of the game ... called a "coach on the field" ... worked with the second-team defense at the right end spot ... had two assisted tackles in the spring scrimmage.

2002

Saw brief action in three games -- Duke, Clemson and North Carolina ... recorded one solo stop against the Blue Devils.

2001

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

One of three current Demon Deacons to hail from DeMatha Catholic, where he was coached by Bill McGregor ... an All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC) selection ... also named to the All-Gazette team (Prince George County) and was an All-Private School team selection ... a gifted athlete who played just two years of prep football as he originally went to DeMatha as a basketball player ... helped lead team to an 11-1 record and the WCAC Championship as a senior ... totaled 95 tackles, 12 sacks and 79 first hits during his senior campaign.

Personal

Majoring in Communication ... born February 27, 1983 in Boston, Mass. ... son of Arthur and Beverley Orlebar ... younger brother, Daniel (19), is a fellow Wake Forest teammate.

a. orlebar up close

Nickname... O-Leazy
Favorite place on campus... the Pit
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Bruce Smith
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... run till he fell out
My pre-game rituals include... eating gummy bears and listening to music
I'd like to see this team added to the schedule... Virginia Tech
If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose... ESPN
My teammates would describe me as... laid back
In my spare time, I like to... play video games, listen to music
In 10 years, I plan to be... in the NFL or Sports Marketing

#99 Daniel Orlebar

r-freshman
nose tackle
6-4/257
sterling, va
dematha catholic

Pronounced *OR-luh-bar* ... a very intelligent player who overcame an injury-plagued redshirt-freshman season ... owns great work habits ... had a very promising spring ... showed great improvement ... took reps behind projected starter Goryal Scales at nose tackle ... had one solo tackle in the spring scrimmage.

2002

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background
Led DeMatha Catholic to an 11-0 season, a conference championship and a No. 1 area ranking ... played over 90 snaps per game, seeing action at both nose tackle and offensive tackle ... tallied 85 tackles, five sacks and a fumble recovery as a senior ... an All-Metro selection on the offensive side by *The Washington Post* and *The Journal* ... named to the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference first team defense ... named to the 2001 all-county defensive first team by the *Star/Gazette* newspaper ... earned AP first team all-state honors for his defensive play ... consensus all-state first team selection on defense ... NBC Channel 4/George Michael's "Golden 11" defensive team ... selected to play in the "Super 44" all-star game between Maryland and Virginia ... the strongest weightlifter in DeMatha history with total weight of 1,965 pounds in five lifts ... rated the No. 16 defensive player in Maryland by *SuperPrep* ... earned academic honors all four years of his prep career.

Personal

Born January 20, 1984 in Boston, Mass. ... son of Arthur, Sr. and Beverly Orlebar ... older brother, Arthur (20), is a fellow Wake Forest teammate.

d. orlebar up close

I wear No. 99 because... I wanted to wear it in high school but they needed me to play offense
First memory of playing football... wearing my father's t-shirts over my pads
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... set up all the field equipment and then run him through every drill
Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "You all have potential but all that means is you haven't done anything yet. You have to go out and prove it."
Funniest incident on a road trip... the fish toss in Seattle
My teammates would describe me as... quiet
Greatest moment outside of sports... getting high grades in hard classes
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... TV
An event in history I would have liked to witness... Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech
Favorite all-time Christmas gift... radio-controlled Night Crusher truck



the deacs speak out

which teammate is most likely to be the "surprise" of the season?

Redshirt freshman wide receiver **Willie Idlette** captured this close race, edging out second-place finishers **Dominic Anderson** and **Cory Randolph** by one vote. A pair of receivers, **Nate Morton** and **Chris Davis**, tied for third. **Riley Swanson**, **Pierre Easley** and **Dion Williams** also picked up multiple votes.

Idlette

Anderson

Randolph

the demon deacons returning players



#41 Chris Owen
sophomore
linebacker
6-2/215
forest, va
jefferson forest

2002
Appeared in just one game, at Georgia Tech ... recorded two tackles while seeing most of his action on special teams.

2001
Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background
A three-time All-Seminole District selection at defensive back and two-time selection at running back while playing for Ed Landis at Jefferson Forest HS ... named to the *Lynchburg News and Advance* All-Area first team ... listed among Virginia's Top 35 college prospects by the *Roanoke Times* ... carried the ball 100 times for 698 yards, averaging 7.0 yards per carry and scoring eight touchdowns ... also had five receptions for 135 yards ... recorded 93 total tackles and collected two interceptions on the defensive side of the ball ... also lettered three seasons in basketball.

Personal
Majoring in Communication ... born December 13, 1982 in Lynchburg, Va. ... son of Vince and Vicki Owen ... has one brother, Mike (23) ... came to Wake Forest because of the "excellence in academics and great coaching staff."

owen up close
Nickname... Owen/Flowin'
I wear No. 41 because... I wore No. 4 in high school so it was the closest I could get
Favorite place on campus... the Quad at night
First memory of playing football... playing in the PeeWee League Shrine Bowl championship and winning
Most embarrassing moment on the football field... when I head-butted my assistant coach with my helmet off and split his eyebrow open
If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... dress up like cheerleaders and do all the workouts
My dream job... having my own architecture firm
My teammates would describe me as... jubilant
Greatest moment outside of sports... becoming an uncle to Andrew and Emory
In 10 years, I plan to be... driving my 10 kids to their swim meet



#24 Ricky Perez
senior
wide receiver
6-1/178/3VL
bedford heights, oh
bedford

2002
Saw action in nine games, mainly as a special teams contributor ... recorded two tackles and had his first career fumble recovery during the year ... had an assisted tackle at Northern Illinois ... credited with a solo stop at NC State ... recovered a fumble against Duke.

2001
Participated in all 11 games, primarily on special teams ... saw action as a reserve defensive back in seven games ... made two solo tackles at Florida State ... recorded three tackles, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry on the season.

2000
Saw action in seven games as a cornerback after playing mainly at the quarterback slot in spring drills ... was performing well at



cornerback in the spring when James MacPherson went down with a knee injury ... Perez was thrust into the back-up role at QB behind C.J. Leak ... performed admirably in the spring under tough conditions ... moved back to the corner in the fall, totaling 13 tackles on the season ... had 10 solo tackles ... gave his best performance against Georgia Tech with five stops, including four solo tackles, along with a pass breakup ... tallied three tackles, all unassisted, versus Duke.

1999
Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background
An outstanding all-around athlete at Bedford HS under coach Jim Hodakievic ... started on both sides of the ball three straight seasons ... led the Bearcats to their first conference title in 72 years in 1999 ... threw for nine touchdowns and scored once as a rusher ... recorded 36 tackles, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries on defense ... also worked as a return specialist on kickoffs ... earned all-conference honors as a senior ... starter three consecutive years ... selected to participate in the East-West All-Star Game ... qualified for the state championships as a sprinter on relay teams all four years ... was a member of the state champion 4x100 relay team ... also played on a league championship basketball team ... earned all-conference basketball honors ... served as team captain in all three sports ... succeeded in the classroom, too, earning National Honor Society honors and being named to his conference all-academic team in three sports during his entire prep career.

Personal
Majoring in Education ... born December 29, 1980 in Cleveland, Ohio ... son of Rick and Kathie Perez ... uncle, Frank Perez, ran track at Purdue.

Perez's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	PBU	FR
2000	7-1	11	3	14	1	0
2001	11-0	2	1	3	1	0
2002	9-0	1	1	2	0	1
Career	27-1	13	5	18	2	1

Most Tackles: 5 at Georgia Tech, 10/14/00
Most Solo Tackles: 4 at Georgia Tech, 10/14/00

perez up close
Nicknames... P-Rez, Ricky P, Chin-Chin
I wear No. 24 because... it's my mother's birthday, my cousin and uncle both wore it, and my favorite pro player wears it
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be... Bo Jackson
Most embarrassing moment on the football field... fumbling the kickoff in my first career high school game
Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "We couldn't beat Jerusalem Teachers College if we didn't practice."
My dream job... music producer
Greatest moment outside of sports... every time I am with my parents
An event in history I would have liked to witness... Muhammed Ali vs. George Foreman in Africa
In 10 years, I plan to be... coaching college football

the demon deacons returning players



Pronounced *PLACK-uh-my-er*... a first-team preseason All-ACC selection by *Lindys*... has loads of talent... made vast improvements throughout the past year in practice and in the weight room... his consistency has improved... practiced both placekicking and punting during spring drills... will continue to get better at both... ended the 2002 season as the starting punter and is expected to return as the starter this fall.

2002

The third true freshman to see action for the Deacs... the intention was to redshirt, but coaches felt his talents were needed... made his collegiate debut in the third game of the season at NC State... split some duties with placekicker Matt Wisnosky, handling PATs and mid-range field goals... then handled just punting duties in the second half of the season... attempted 32 punts on the year, averaging 43.2 yards per boot... that average would have ranked first among ACC punters if he had owned a few more attempts per game... put two punts inside the 20... made one PAT and had a 36-yard field goal attempt blocked against the Wolfpack... was 3-of-3 on extra-points at Purdue, but missed a 26-yard field goal attempt... did not handle any placekicking duties versus Virginia, but took his first collegiate punt for 33 yards... recorded four punts for 180 yards, averaging 45.0 yards per punt at Georgia Tech... boomed a long punt of 62 yards in Atlanta... had five punts, averaging 45.2 yards per kick versus Duke... recorded three punts for an average of 41.7 yards per kick at Clemson... averaged 32 yards on two punts against North Carolina... punted five times, averaging 42.4 yards a kick against Florida State... averaged 41.3 yards on three boots against Navy... had four punts for 177 yards, averaging 44.3 yards per punt at Maryland... had a long boot of 54 yards against the Terps... averaged an impressive 48.4 yards over five punts in the Seattle Bowl... put one inside the 20 and



had a long punt of 57 yards versus Oregon.

Background

A three-year starter as a placekicker and punter at Fallbrook HS, earning first-team All-Avocado League honors as a senior... named the *North County Times* Kicker of the Year... a first-team All-CIF as well as All-San Diego County selection... was a perfect 32-of-32 in extra points during senior year... set a school-record with a 47-yard field goal... also a four-year starter in soccer, earning the team MVP award as a junior and senior... earned first-team all-league, All-CIF, and all-county honors... was a Scholar-Athlete all four years of prep career... named to the *San Diego Union-Tribune* All-Academic team.

Personal

Plans to major in Mathematical Business... born March 5, 1984 in Colorado Springs, Colo.... son of Steven and Cindy Plackemeier... has an older brother, Ben (20) and younger sister, Kendra (14)... hails from an athletic family, as father, Steve, was a swimmer and played water polo at Southeast Missouri State and uncle, Jim Israel, played basketball and baseball at Wake Forest.

Plackemeier's Career Statistics

Punting	G-GS	No	Yds	Avg	Long	Ins 20	Blk
2002	10-8	32	1,383	43.2	62	2	-
Kicking	G-GS	FG-A	Pct	Long	Blk	PAT	Pts
2002	10-0	0-2	.000	--	1	4-4	4

plackemeier up close

Favorite place on campus... the Quad

First memory of playing football... missing the first extra point I attempted my sophomore year of high school

Most embarrassing moment on the football field... flopping like a fish trying to tackle the Oregon punt returner

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... run four gassers, punt for three periods, then run a gasser for every bad punt

Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "Pin your ears back, blow some snot bubbles and get after it."

Best part of WFU football... the coaches

Funniest incident on a road trip... Coach Mitch yelling at us at Purdue

My pre-game rituals include... riding the second bus, putting the left shoe on first

My dream job... accountant

In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... calling card



the demon deacons returning players



**#44
Jason
Pratt**

sophomore
linebacker
6-0/221/1VL
hixson, tn
hixson

A good young player who will have an opportunity to contribute in the kicking game ... could get into the rotation with a good showing during two-a-days ... has improved dramatically since arriving to campus ... a natural athlete who has only participated in organized football for three years ... saw action behind Dion Williams at the outside slot during spring drills ... had two assisted tackles and an interception in the final spring scrimmage ... lifted a team-best 352 lbs. in the power clean this past spring.

2002

Saw action in 11 games as a reserve linebacker ... contributed mainly on special teams ... totaled four tackles on the year ... had one tackle versus ECU, two solo stops at NC State and one tackle in the Seattle Bowl.

2001

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

Played under coach
Dan Duff at
Hixson HS ...



recorded 52 tackles as a defensive end for the Wildcats ... tallied 10 tackles for loss and four sacks during his senior season ... also blocked a punt ... served as a kick returner for Hixson as well.

Personal

Majoring in Economics ... born February 23, 1983 in Cocoa Beach, Fla. ... son of Donald and Trudy Pratt ... has one brother, DJ (21) ... chose to attend Wake Forest because of "the coaches, campus and laptop computers."

Pratt's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total
2002	11-0	3	1	4

pratt up close

Nicknames ... JP, JPras

Favorite place on campus ... the weight room

First memory of playing football ... tripping up because I wasn't used to the pads

When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be ... Deion Sanders

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach ... run w-drills, w-drills, number tackling, then more w-drills

Favorite Coach Grobe saying ... "Call your family and go to church in the morning."

Best part of WFU football ... the free weightlifting

My dream job ... working for the Tennessee Titans

In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without ... DVD player

In 10 years, I plan to be ... a father, businessman, minister



**#17
Cory
Randolph**

sophomore
quarterback
6-1/188/1VL
lake city, fl
columbia

Clearly the player to beat at the starting quarterback spot ... a young player who gained some good experience backing up James MacPherson last season ... a mentally strong player -- when the lights come on, he's ready to play, according to position coach Jeff Mullen ... has tons of physical ability ... quite possibly the second-best running back on the squad ... does a nice job of throwing the ball, especially on the move ... a strong leader whom the other players rally around ... has a long, bright career ahead of him ... had a solid performance in the spring ... coaches were pleased with his work ethic and abilities ... completed 8-of-20 passes in the final spring scrimmage for 68 yards ... had a long pass of 17 yards ... also rushed four times for 21 yards, including a one-yard TD run.



2002

Named the ACC's "Best Option Quarterback" by a preseason publication though he had yet to take a snap in college ... saw action in nine games in his first season ... finished the year 24-of-48 for 333 yards and two interceptions ... made his collegiate debut at NC State, completing 6-of-14 passes for 48 yards and one interception ... played a few snaps at Purdue but did not pass ... completed 4-of-7 passes at Georgia Tech for 42 yards ... went 1-of-2 versus Duke for eight yards ... was 2-of-2 for 36 yards against North Carolina ... completed 4-of-6 attempts for 57 yards versus Florida State ... played over three and a half quarters at Maryland, completing 7-of-16 passes for 142 yards and one INT ... threw an 78-yard bomb to Jax Landfried against the Terps, the third-longest pass and longest non-scoring pass in school history ... saw brief action in the Seattle Bowl, but did not attempt any passes.

2001

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

Rated the nation's 100th-best quarterback prospect coming out of Columbia HS ... coached by Danny Green ... helped lead the Tigers to four consecutive district titles ... a two-time second-team All-Florida selection ... also earned all-district and all-area honors three straight years ... completed 75 of 132 pass attempts for 1,570 yards and 18 touchdowns as a senior ... compiled 1,300 yards and eight touchdowns as a junior ... also earned two varsity letters in baseball.

Personal

Majoring in History ... will turn 21 the day after the Purdue game this season -- born September 14, 1982 in Madison, Wisc. ... son of Tommy and Athena Randolph ... has two younger siblings, A.D. (13) and Avona (1).

the demon deacons returning players



Randolph's Career Statistics

	G-GS	A-C-I	Pct	Yds	TD	Long
2002	9-0	48-24-2	.500	333	0	78

Most Completions: 7 (of 16) at Maryland, 11/30/02

Most Yards Passing: 142 at Maryland, 11/30/02

randolph up close

I wear No. 17 because... it was the number of my favorite college QB - Charlie Ward

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach... do up downs every five yards for the length of the football field

Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "Call home - tell your parents you love them."

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... meeting Gary Payton at the Supersonics game

Funniest incident on a road trip... Chris Davis acting as Coach Sherm

Best part of WFU football... playing against ACC opponents

My dream job... owner of an NFL team

Greatest moment outside of sports... having my artistic skills displayed

In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... a stocked refrigerator

Events in history I would have liked to witness... my dad playing college ball and the birth of my baby sister, Avona



#64 Chad Rebar

senior
offensive guard
6-3/314/2VL
throop, pa
mid valley



Pronounced *REE-bar* ... saw time in the spring on the first team and performed well ... will figure heavily into the mix for a starting role if he can stay healthy ... a reliable, hard working competitor ... possesses a good blend of size and athletic ability ... has good quickness ... a dedicated worker.

2002

Moved from offensive tackle to guard in the spring ... saw limited action as a reserve offensive lineman in the first half of the season ... played a season-high 16 snaps at Georgia Tech ... sidelined after the Duke game with a leg injury and did not play the rest of the year.

2001

Sat out the season with a shoulder injury ... moved from defensive line to offensive tackle during 2001 spring drills.

2000

Earned his first varsity letter as the Deacons' long snapper.

1999

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

Enjoyed an outstanding prep career at Mid Valley HS, earning 10 varsity letters, including three in football, three in basketball and four in track & field ... led football team to back-to-back state

playoff appearances in 1997 and 1998 ... played both offensive and defensive tackle under coach George Pachucy ... earned all-conference honors at both positions ... selected to the all-region squad by the *Scranton Times* ... led the team in tackles and assisted tackles in 1998 ... a standout in track and field as a shot put and discus competitor ... went undefeated in both events throughout conference competition in 1999 ... extremely active in school and extracurricular activities ... was voted "Mr. Spartan" in 1999 ... represented his school district as a member of Tomorrow's Leaders, sponsored by the Scranton Chamber of Commerce ... worked for the school newspaper and was a member of SADD and the Drama Club.

Personal

Majoring in Communications ... born December 22, 1980 in Scranton, Pa. ... son of David and Anna Rebar ... the youngest of five children with one sister and three brothers ... brother, David, was a four-year letterman and two-year starter for the Syracuse football team from 1991-95 ... his twin brothers, John and William, both played football at Kutztown University ... chose Wake Forest for its "great, homelike setting, the football program and the academic prestige."

rebar up close

Nickname... The Reebz

I wear No. 64 because... it was my first jersey number in football

Favorite place on campus... the courtyard of Student Apartments A during cookouts

Favorite Coach Grobe saying... "Let's go out there and play like our hair is on fire."

My dream job... anything that helps me help other people and be a positive influence

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip... chillin' with the guys at the Cheesecake Factory and our nights on the town

Greatest moment outside of sports... being Santa Claus for the "Santa's Helpers" program and helping underprivileged children by being a positive role model

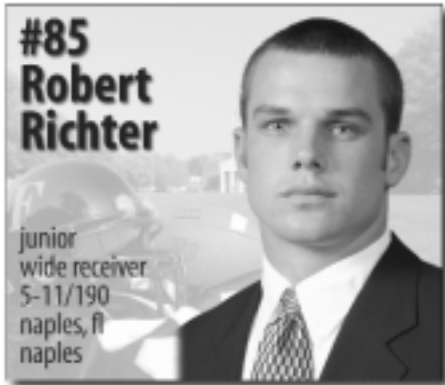
In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without... my guitar

An event in history I would have liked to witness... Coach Steed Lobotzke in college

I wish I were better at... my Coach Grobe impersonation



the demon deacons returning players



**#85
Robert
Richter**

junior
wide receiver
5-11/190
naples, fl
naples

Pronounced *RICK-ter* ... a walk-on who joined the squad in the middle of last season following a transfer from Elon ... a tough player with a great work ethic ... very coachable.

2002

Did not see any game action after joining the squad in mid-season.

Background

A three-year letterwinner and two-year captain at Naples HS ... a member of Golden Key and the National Honor Society ... earned a spot on the Honor Roll.

Personal

Majoring in Communication ... turns 22 during the preseason - born August 25, 1981 in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... son of Garrett and Diana Richter ... has two older sisters, Melissa (27) and Elizabeth (24) ... chose to come to Wake Forest because of "Coach Grobe, the offensive system and the high standards of academics."

richter up close

First memory of playing football ... starting organized football when I was nine and scoring touchdowns
When I played football as a kid, I'd pretend to be ... Terry Bradshaw

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach ... up downs

Best part of WFU football ... the coaching staff and players

My dream job ... making millions coaching high school football in Florida

I'd like to see this team added to the schedule ... Pittsburgh

In my spare time, I like to ... play the guitar

In my dorm/apartment, I cannot live without ... music

In 10 years, I plan to be ... 31 years old and financially stable

Favorite all-time Christmas gift ... go-cart



**#67
Kreg
Rotthoff**

sophomore
center
6-3/292
massillon, oh
washington

Pronounced *ROTH-off* ... has improved immensely since coming to campus as a freshman ... worked as the back-up center in the spring and should be able to contribute in that role this fall ... a strong athlete who is also a very smart player ... was heavily recruited by coach Grobe and his staff while they were still with Ohio University.

2002

Did not dress for most of the season ... saw brief action in the win over North Carolina.

2001

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.

Background

A first-team All-Northeast Ohio selection out of Washington HS ... coached by Rick Shepas ... also was a second-team Division I All-Ohio selection ... named to the All-Stark County team ... first team All-Northeast Inland District ... participated in the North-South and "Big 33" All-Star games ... served as a team captain and was a three-year starter for the Tigers ... received the team's top offensive lineman award the past two seasons ... also lettered in swimming and track and field ... was a state qualifier in swimming as well as in the shot put and discus events.

Personal

Majoring in Information Systems ... will turn 21 the day after the Connecticut game this season -- born November 16, 1982 in New Castle, Pa. ... son of David and Linda Rotthoff ... has two older brothers, Kyle (24) and Kurt (22).

rotthoff up close

Favorite place on campus ... the Pit

First memory of playing football ... midget league

Best part of WFU football ... winning

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... the city

I'd like to see this team added to the schedule ...

Kentucky

My dream job ... vacation spot reviewer

An event in history I would have liked to witness ...

the rise and fall of the Roman Empire

My teammates would describe me as ... hard-working

In 10 years, I plan to be ... happy

Two things I wish I were better at ... football and school



**#70
Joe
Salsich**

junior
offensive guard
6-4/280/2VL
annapolis, md
severn school

Pronounced *SAUL-sick* ... will compete with Chad Rebar for a starting position ... should see plenty of snaps during the season ... a strong, physical player ... has a great deal of mobility for a player his size.

2002

Moved from defensive line to the offensive line prior to the season ... saw limited action while learning the offensive system ... contributed mainly on special teams while playing a few snaps in Duke and North Carolina games.

2001

Played on the defensive line, seeing action in all but two games behind Montique Sharpe at nose tackle ... tallied five tackles during the season, one solo and four assisted ... tallied three tackles at Florida State ... played a season-high 12 snaps against NC State ... played 10 snaps against Clemson and 10 more the next week at Virginia.

2000

Redshirted the season as a true freshman.





Background

Named first team all-state in Maryland his senior year, playing at the Severn School ... also earned All-Metro (Baltimore County) and all-county honors ... named Annapolis' defensive player of the year by the Annapolis Touchdown Club ... captained the Maryland Super-44 All-Star Team ... accounted for 81 tackles and 4 1/2 sacks as a senior ... played on both sides of the ball for the Admirals ... played for coach John Beckman ... played on his high school lacrosse team ... also earned a varsity letter in basketball.

Personal

Majoring in Communication with a minor in English ... born December 1, 1981 in Annapolis, Md. ... son of Joe and Mary Salsich ... has two younger sisters, Julia (20) and Annie (18) ... uncle, Pete Salsich, played football at Notre Dame in 1950s.

Salsich's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total
2001	9-0	1	4	5

salsich up close

First memory of playing football ... breaking my leg in my first eighth-grade scrimmage

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make Coach Loboztke ... do the cut drill

Favorite Coach Grobe saying ... "Only the Lord knows ..."

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... the great weather and sandy beaches

My dream job ... running a Fortune 500 company

If I could be on the cover of any magazine, I'd choose ... Forbes

In my spare time, I like to ... play golf and fish

An event in history I would have liked to witness ... the fall of the Berlin Wall

In 10 years, I plan to be ... making a lot of money

Favorite all-time Christmas gift ... golf clubs

**#57
Goryal
Scales**

sophomore
nose tackle
6-0/283/1VL
winston-salem, nc
carver



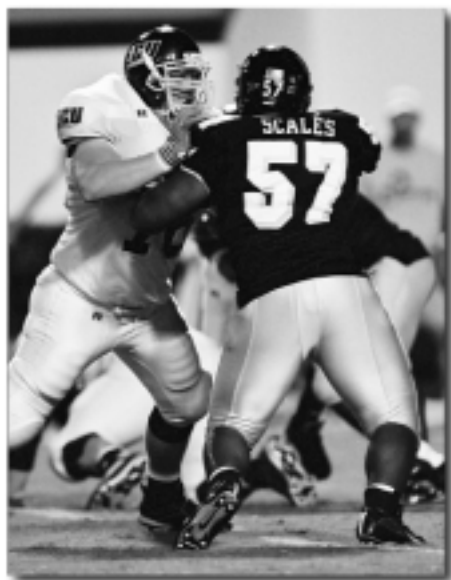
Pronounced *JOEL* ... has emerged as the leader of a young defensive line ... a savvy veteran though just a sophomore ... will be the "bell cow" of a brand new line this season, according to position coach Ray McCartney ... took over the starting nose tackle job in the spring ... a local product from Carver HS ... a hard worker who has great leadership qualities ... possesses tremendous work habits ... an intelligent player and outstanding student ... very well respected by his peers ... one of the strongest players on the team ... set a team-best in the weight room with 286 lbs. in the standing press.

2002

Served as a backup to veteran starter Montique Sharpe ... saw action in all 13 games ... started the NC State, Purdue and Maryland games when Sharpe was injured ... entered in the first quarter versus ECU and played the rest of the night, totaling five tackles (two solo), including a tackle for loss (-8 yards) ... credited with three tackles at Purdue, including one solo stop ... also recorded a TFL for -2 yards against the Boilermakers ... had one solo stop against Virginia ... credited with a tackle-for-loss for a yard at Clemson ... credited with two solo tackles against North Carolina ... recorded one tackle versus Florida State ... tallied a career-best six tackles, including a TFL of -3 yards, at Maryland ... had one solo stop in the Seattle Bowl.

2001

Played in the first two games of the season at East Carolina and



versus Appalachian State ... recorded one tackle versus the Mountaineers ... suffered a knee injury in practice in mid-September and ended up taking a redshirt year.

Background

Earned first-team All-North Carolina honors as a senior at Carver HS ... coached by Keith Wilkes ... a two-time conference defensive player of the year ... a three-time all-conference selection ... also a two-time All-Northwest pick ... selected for the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star game in 2000 ... recorded 97 tackles, 12 sacks and five fumble recoveries during his final season ... earned three letters in football and three in track & field ... was the MVP for field events two straight seasons ... also named to the Academic Team.

Personal

Majoring in Communication ... turns 20 the day before Wake Forest hosts East Carolina this season -- born September 19, 1983 in Winston-Salem, N.C. ... chose WFU because of "an overall feeling that Wake Forest was the right school for me" ... son of Calvin Lewis and Norma Scales ... has two sisters, Celine Hawkins and Delacey Marnen ... uncle, Greg Scales, played at Wake Forest in the 1980s and was a fifth-round draft pick of New Orleans, playing with the Saints from 1988-91.

Scales' Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	TFL
2001	2-0	0	1	1	0/0
2002	13-3	11	11	22	4/-13
Career	15-3	11	12	23	4/-13

Most Tackles: 6 at Maryland, 11/30/02

Most Solo Tackles: 4 at Maryland, 12/30/02

scales up close

Favorite place on campus ... Benson Center

Most embarrassing moment on the football field ... getting blindsided after the whistle in high school

If the players ran practice one day, I'd make my position coach ... do the indian run

Favorite Coach Grobe saying ... "Let's get after it."

Best memory of the Seattle Bowl trip ... Gameworks arcade

Best part of WFU football ... the competition in the ACC

My dream job ... club/restaurant owner

In my spare time, I like to ... play pool

An event in history I would have liked to witness ... Million Man March

In 10 years, I plan to be ... having a great NFL career

the demon deacons returning players



A former walk-on who earned a scholarship prior to the start of last season ... really came on in the latter part of 2002 ... will push Eric King for a starting nod ... needs to develop more consistency ... has worked hard over summer ... a great competitor who likes to make contact ... possesses great speed and quickness for a defensive back ... very physical for his size.

2002

One of seven Deacon defenders who started all 13 games ... finished with 57 total tackles, including a tackle for loss and two pass break-ups ... tied for a team-high three interceptions ...



also forced a fumble and recovered two others ... played a role in six opponent turnovers ... earned his first career start at the bandit position at Northern Illinois, recording three tackles ... made the permanent move to corner versus ECU ... totaled eight stops, including four solo tackles, and also had an interception, a fumble recovery and a PBU against the Pirates ... tallied three solo tackles at NC State ... recorded three tackles at Purdue, including two solo efforts ... also recorded his second career interception against the Boilermakers ... credited with three tackles against Virginia, including two solo stops ... recorded two tackles at Georgia Tech ... recorded six tackles against Duke, including three solo stops and a TFL (-1 yard) ... credited with four tackles (three solo) at Clemson ... recorded five tackles and a pass break-up in the win over North Carolina ... credited with five tackles against Florida State ... also intercepted FSU quarterback Adrian McPherson on his first pass of the game ... tallied five tackles and recovered a fumble against Maryland ... posted a team-high nine tackles against Oregon in the Seattle Bowl ... also forced a Duck fumble.

2001

Saw action in 10 games as a reserve and on special teams ... tallied three tackles -- all solo stops -- and one pass breakup during the season.

2000

Saw his first collegiate action ... played in four games, mainly on special teams.

Shaw's Career Statistics

	G-GS	UT	AT	Total	INT	TFL	PBU	FF	FR
2000	4-0	0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0	0
2001	10-0	3	0	3	0/0	0/0	1	0	0
2002	13-13	34	23	57	3/0	1/-1	2	1	2
Career	27-13	37	23	60	3/0	1/-1	3	1	2

Most Tackles: 9 vs. Oregon, 12/30/02

Most Solo Tackles: 7 vs. Oregon, 12/30/02

Background

A multi-sport athlete at Bladenboro HS ... was coached in football by Jake Smith ... played on both sides of the ball, seeing action at running back and defensive back ... also earned three letters each in baseball and basketball ... helped lead the Bulldogs' baseball squad to a state championship appearance, hitting a grand slam in the title game ... earned recognition in Who's Who.

Personal

Majoring in Economics ... will turn 22 during preseason camp - born August 19, 1981 in Fayetteville, N.C. ... son of Mary Shaw ... has two older siblings, Shavon (25) and Jimmy (24).

shaw up close

Nicknames ... D. Fresh, D. Boog, D. Nice, D.
 I wear No. 20 because ... it's the closest to my birthday
 First memory of playing football ... seeing the overweight guys with green stripes on their helmets
 Most embarrassing moment on the football field ... falling without being tackled
 Favorite Coach Grobe saying ... "Don't do anything that will embarrass the team or the University."
 Best part of WFU football ... having close friends
 I'd like to see this team added to the schedule ... Virginia Tech
 In my spare time, I like to ... study
 My teammates would describe me as ... silly
 Favorite all-time Christmas gift ... Transformers

the deacs speak out

who is the best singer/dancer on the team?

Balloting for the team's Best Dancer and Best Singer both resulted in landslides. Senior **Anthony Young** picked up nearly two-thirds of the vote in the dance category. "He's by far the best dancer in Winston-Salem," says Cornelius Birgs.

Including his own vote, **Napoleon Sykes** finished second. Guard/tackle **Steve Vallos** placed third with three votes in a category usually not considered a strength of offensive lineman.

Also in the dance category, **Fred Staton** voted for himself, but received no mention from anyone else. Ricky Perez cited a specific move, giving **Kellen Brantley's** "celebration dance" some props.

Sophomore **Goryal Scales** ran away with the Best Singer title, garnering nearly 75 percent of the vote.

Chad Rebar finished a distant second, although neither Blake Lingruen nor Chris Owen gave him a ringing endorsement when they both wrote in, "Rebar thinks he is." on their ballot.

Cory Randolph, Cori Stukes and **Anthony Young** all received mention for best singer honors as well.



Napoleon Sykes and Anthony Young show off their moves at a dance contest during the Seattle Bowl trip.