



**At Florida State:** True sophomore pushing for the starting job at middle linebacker...joined Geno Hayes as the only true freshman to appear in all 13 games in 2005 and led the freshman class in tackles (21)...could earn the starting nod at middle linebacker if Buster Davis moves outside or back up Davis in the middle...named the Most Dependable linebacker by coaches following the spring.

**Freshman Year (2005):** Led all first-year players in tackles with 21, and also registered 1.5 tackles for loss and half a sack, spending most of his time on special teams...actually led all defenders in tackles against The Citadel with his career-high nine...had three tackles vs. Duke and Syracuse...credited with a tackle for loss and a half sack vs. the Orange.

**High School:** Regarded as one of the top prep linebackers in the country...a four-star player by Rivals.com and the No. 30 overall player in the country...ranked the No. 2 inside linebacker in the country by Rivals.com...ranked the No. 7 player in North Carolina...member of the North Carolina Shrine Bowl team and was named MVP in that game...played for the East squad in the Army All-American game in which he led the East team in tackles...was a *USA Today* All-American second team member...finished his career with over 600 tackles which broke his brother A.J.'s school record...father played football at North Carolina...chose Florida State over North Carolina and Texas.

**Personal:** Born December 30, 1988...a sport management major.

**NICHOLSON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

Year	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QS	PBU	FC	FR	INT	TD
2005	5	15	21	1.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	5	15	21	1.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0

**NICHOLSON'S CAREER HIGHS**

Starts ..... 0  
 Tackles ..... 9 vs. The Citadel, 2005  
 Tackles for loss ..... 1 vs. Syracuse, 2005



**At Florida State:** Penciled in as the back-up to Darrell Burstson at right end to start fall practice...should receive plenty of playing time

as FSU rotates defensive ends throughout the game...enjoyed his first season of consistent playing time in 2005, appearing in all 13 games and earning his first career start at Clemson...came to Florida State as a tight end prospect but moved to the defensive end position during the fall of 2003.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Backed up starter and NFL first round draft pick Kamerion Wimbley at defensive end...more than doubled his tackle total from the 2004 season (7) with 20, including a career-high 3.5 tackles for loss...notched his season-best five tackles against The Citadel...only sack of the season was the half sack he came up with in the FSU's 35-27 win over Maryland...played in all 13 games and got his first-ever start against Clemson.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in nine of Florida State's 12 games...totaled seven tackles in his first season...first career appearance came against UAB as he recorded a season-high two tackles (one unassisted and one assisted) in the victory over the Blazers...both tackles were recorded as quarterback sacks...also recorded tackles in victories over Virginia, Wake Forest, Duke, Maryland and Florida...had at least one tackle in six of the nine games he played in...also recorded a quarterback hurry against Wake Forest.

**2003:** A redshirt season.

**High School:** Graduated from Pace High School in 2003...a three-star player and the No. 18 rated tight end in the nation by *Rivals.com*...rated one of Florida's Top 100 players by the *Orlando Times Sentinel*...named to Super 75 in the state of Florida by the *Florida Times Union*...also named one of the top 100 players in the state of Florida by *Rivals.com*...named the Player of the Year in Northwest Florida as a senior...recorded 70 tackles and eight sacks as a senior defensive end...earned all-area honors as a junior tight end after catching 12 passes for 250 yards...selected Florida State over Florida.

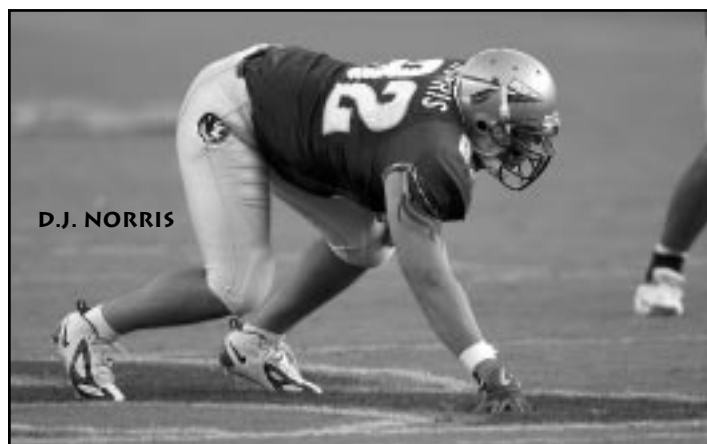
**Personal:** Born May 4, 1985...major is social science...has aspirations of being a coach once his playing days are complete.

**NORRIS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QS	PBU	FC	FR	INT	TD
2003										
2004	5	2	7	1.5	1.5	0	0	0	0	0
2005	10	10	20	3.5	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
CAREER	18	12	27	5.0	2.0	0	0	0	0	0

**NORRIS' CAREER HIGHS**

Starts ..... 1  
 Tackles ..... 5 vs. The Citadel, 2005  
 Tackles for loss ..... 1, twice, last vs. Duke, 2005  
 Sacks ..... 1.5 vs. UAB, 2004

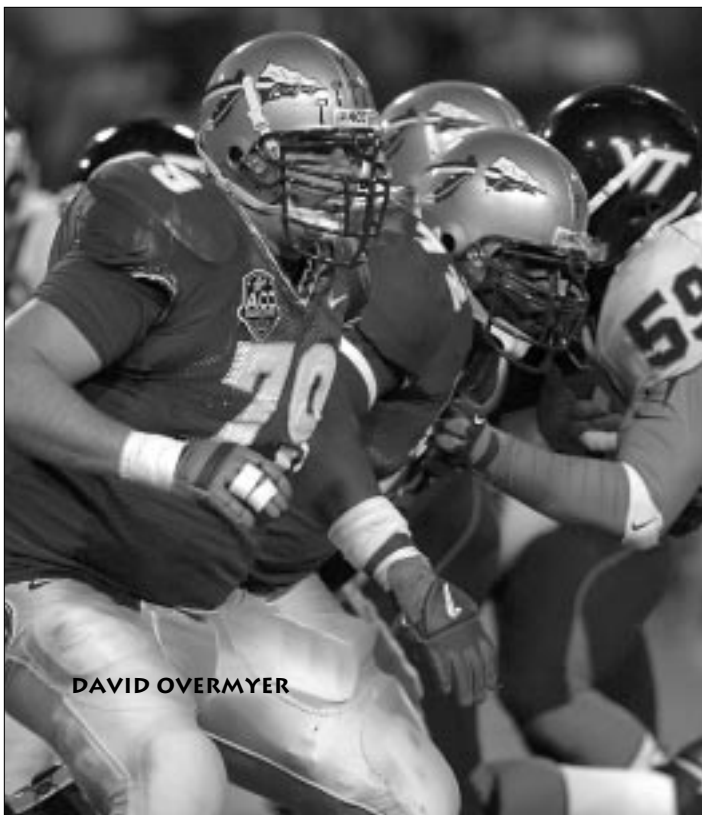




**At Florida State:** Started all 13 games at the right tackle spot in 2005...will enter fall practice as the co-starter at right guard with Cory Niblock...will also be available to play tackle if called upon...has started 14 consecutive games dating back to the 2005 Gator Bowl against West Virginia...given credit for keeping a talented Virginia Tech defensive line in check during the 2005 ACC Championship game...has played both tackle spots in his career...given the Iron 'Nole Award by the coaches in the spring for his durability and willingness to play several positions across the offensive line.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Joined quarterback Drew Weatherford and guard Jacky Claude as one of three players to start all 13 games...took over as the regular starter at right tackle for all 13 games...named the most dependable offensive linemen during spring practice in 2005 by the coaching staff.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in all 12 games including as a starter in the Gator Bowl against West Virginia...earned valuable playing experience as the back-up to Ray Willis — the fourth round draft choice of the Seattle Seahawks in the 2005 NFL Draft...also saw playing time on special teams on field goal and extra point teams...helped



DAVID OVERMYER

Florida State convert six of 14 third down plays into first downs during the Gator Bowl...increased playing time came during the Florida game when Willis was initially injured...a great block sprung running back Leon Washington on his 69-yard touchdown run in the first quarter that set the Seminoles' on the path to the 30-18 victory in the Gator Bowl... named to the 2004 ACC Academic Honor Roll.

**2003:** A redshirt season.

**High School:** Graduated from Parkview High School in 2003...a three star player and rated as the No. 27 offensive tackle in the country by *Rivals.com*...led Parkview to its third straight state title in 2002 and helped establish a Georgia record with 45 straight wins...chose Florida State over Clemson and South Carolina.

**Personal:** Born June 8, 1984...major is risk management/insurance.



**At Florida State:** Missed the Orange Bowl with a knee injury and was sidelined this spring...working hard to get back on the field this fall...one of four true freshman receivers to see the field in 2005...listed third on the depth chart at one of the wide receiver positions behind juniors De'Cody Fagg and Joslin Shaw.

**Freshman Year (2005):** Contributed at wide receiver as a true freshman...saw playing time in 11 games, which was second only to Greg Carr for the most appearances by a true freshman on the offense...totaled nine catches for 113 yards and a touchdown, ranking second among first-year receivers in each category...his first career touchdown, a five-yard catch from Drew Weatherford was Florida State's first passing touchdown...had a season-high three catches for 32 yards against NC State...missed the Orange Bowl after suffering a knee injury in practice after the ACC Championship game.

**High School:** A three-star player by *Rivals.com*...rated the No. 42 player in the state of Florida according to *Rivals.com*...a member of the 3A All-State team at Wolfson...netted 53 catches for 1,073 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior...totaled 13 touchdowns as a senior...chose Florida State over Maryland, Clemson and South Carolina.

**Personal:** Born January 28, 1987...an exercise science major...nickname is "Old School" for numerous reasons including his wardrobe and dance skills.

**OWENS' CAREER STATS**

YEAR	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2005	9	113	12.6	1	26
CAREER	9	113	12.6	1	26

**OWENS' CAREER HIGHS**

Starts	0
Receptions	3 vs. NC State, 2005
Yards	32 vs. NC State, 2005
Touchdowns	1 vs. The Citadel, 2005
Long	26 vs. Duke, 2005



**At Florida State:** Redshirt freshman who will open as the second team boundary corner behind junior J.R. Bryant...worked hard in the weight room during his first year and added muscle mass to his 6-2 frame...named the player Most Committed to Physical Development by the strength coaches when spring award winners were announced.

**2005:** Redshirted.

**High School:** Regarded as one of the top prep defensive backs in the country...a four-star player by Rivals.com...ranked the No. 66 player overall in the country and No. 6 corner in the country by Rivals.com...ranked the No. 1 player in South Carolina...was a member of the South Carolina team in the Shrine Bowl...had a pair of pass break-ups and an interception in the Shrine Bowl...recorded 10 interceptions as a senior...recorded 50 tackles and had nine interceptions as a junior...chose Florida State over Virginia Tech.

**Personal:** Born June 28, 1987...major is psychology.

**At Florida State:** Junior who will battle De'Cody Fagg for a starting job at wide receiver...named the Most Improved wide receiver by the coaching staff after an impressive spring...has seen an increase in playing time each year at Florida State...coaches have impressed not only by his improved receiving skills, but also with his fearless downfield blocking...has adjusted well to wide receiver position after spending most of his high school career as a running back.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Backed up Willie Reid and De'Cody Fagg for most of the season and saw increased playing time when Fagg was sidelined with a shoulder injury...caught a career-high eight passes for 93 yards in 2005...recorded at least one reception in seven games that he played, including a career-high two against Maryland...first career reception came against The Citadel...caught two passes for 12 yards in the spring game.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in two games with action coming in victories over North Carolina and Duke...did not catch a pass...despite earning limited playing time, gained valuable experience behind a veteran group of receivers...with his running back background, has the ability to fill in at that position as he did leading up to the Seminoles' game against Florida.

**2003:** A redshirt season.

**High School:** Graduated from Plant City High School in 2003...a three-star player and one of the top 50 athletes in the nation by *Rivals.com*...played running back and defensive back for Plant City...rushed for 1,396 yards his senior season...an all-state third-team selection in class 5A as a senior...picked Florida State over Iowa State.

**Personal:** Born March 9, 1985...major is social science.



**At Florida State:** Scheduled to take over as the deep snapper for Myles Hodish, who started the last two seasons at the position...has seen limited action over the last two seasons at the position.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Snapped for all punts vs. Florida with Myles Hodish slowed by an injury...also saw action as a deep snapper vs. Clemson, Duke, Wake Forest and The Citadel...was the snapper for Gary Cismesia's career-long 49-yard attempt vs. Duke.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Got on the field as the deep snapper for punts against Virginia and Duke...served as the back-up to Myles Hodish.

**2003:** Redshirted.

**High School:** Graduated from Tampa Jesuit in 2003...lettered three years in football as a long snapper, linebacker (junior year) and center (senior year)...won the district championship in all three years...advanced to the state semifinals as a senior...also lettered for four years as a wrestler...team won wrestling district titles in all four years...won the regional title and placed sixth in the state meet as a senior in the 189-pound class.

**Personal:** Born July 31, 1985...major is finance/real estate/management.

**SHAW'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2004	0	0	0.0	0	0
2005	8	93	11.6	0	21
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>

**SHAW'S CAREER HIGHS**

Starts .....	0
Receptions .....	2 vs. Maryland, 2005
Yards .....	21 vs. Duke, 2005
Long .....	21 vs. Duke, 2005



**At Florida State:** True sophomore who will see significant time at tailback with senior Lorenzo Booker...won the Hinesman Award along with linebacker Lawrence Timmons as the most dominant players in 2006 spring practices...third-leading rusher in 2005 as a true freshman...combination of strength and speed make him equally tough to stop running inside or hitting the corners...a member of the 2005 ACC All-Academic Team.

**Freshman Year (2005):** Saw action in nine games behind Lorenzo Booker and Leon Washington...carried the ball 36 times for 188 yards and three touchdowns...was third behind Booker and Washington in carries, rushing yards and yards per game...ranked first among backs with more than 10 carries in yards per rush (5.2) and was tied for second on the team in rushing touchdowns...rushed seven times for a season-high 76 yards and two touchdowns in FSU's 55-24 win



ANTONE SMITH

over Duke...recorded his season-long 45-yard run, escaping the grasp of several Duke defenders, for his second score of the game...one of the team's fastest players, he spent a part of the spring with Florida State's track program.

**High School:** The top running back recruit in the country...a five-star prospect by Rivals.com...rated the No. 1 running back in the country and No. 25 overall player in the nation by Rivals.com as well as the No. 3 overall player in the state of Florida...rated the No. 12 player overall by *Tom Lemming of ESPN.com*...rated the No. 1 overall running back by *Superprep*...rated the No. 2 overall player in Florida by *Superprep*...led his Pahokee team to the state title and ran for 276 yards and three touchdowns in the championship game...finished the season rushing for 2,814 yards and 44 touchdowns...rushed for over 6,000 yards in his prep career...chose Florida State over Miami and Auburn.

**Personal:** Born September 17, 1985...still goes by the nickname "Deuce" after wearing No. 2 in high school...a sport management major.

**SMITH'S CAREER STATISTICS**

RUSHING						
YEAR	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
2005	36	188	5.2	3	45	
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>45</b>	

RECEIVING						
YEAR	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	
2005	5	25	5.0	0	9	
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	

**SMITH'S CAREER HIGHS**

Yards .....	76 vs. Duke, 2005
Carries .....	8 vs. The Citadel, 2005
Touchdowns .....	2 vs. Duke, 2005
Long .....	45 vs. Duke, 2005



**At Florida State:** Redshirt freshman pushing for playing time on the interior defensive line...will open preseason practice second on the depth chart behind Paul Griffin at noseguard...outstanding athlete who can do a backflip...had two tackles for loss in the 2006 spring game.

**2005:** Redshirted.

**High School:** A four-star player by Rivals.com and the No. 13 rated defensive tackle in the country...recorded 56 tackles and seven sacks as a junior...was a member of the 5A all-state team...played in the CaliFlorida game where he recorded five tackles, four of which were for loss and had two sacks...extremely athletic defensive tackle...after a sack in the CaliFlorida game, he did a backflip...chose Florida State over Iowa, Pittsburgh and Florida.

**Personal:** Born February 28, 1987...major is sport management.




**JOE SURRETT**  
#32  
FULLBACK  
6-1 · 254 · JUNIOR  
PACE, FL (PACE)



**JAE THAXTON**  
#51  
LINEBACKER  
6-3 · 233 · SOPHOMORE  
HARTWELL, GA (HART CO.)

**At Florida State:** Junior slated to take over as the starter at fullback...participated in all 13 games in 2005, backing up James Coleman and B.J. Dean at fullback...impressed coaching staff with his work ethic during off-season conditioning...a big, bruising fullback with good speed...tied a game-high with four catches for 26 yards in the spring game...named the Most Improved running back by the coaches following spring drills.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Saw limited playing time behind seniors B.J. Dean and James Coleman...contributed on special teams as a member of the field goal unit that was successful on 17-of-24 tries...did not have a carry or a reception on the season.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in five games including the Seminoles' Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia...one of nine true freshman to earn playing time during the season and one of six true freshmen to earn playing time in the Gator Bowl for the Seminoles during the 2005 season...earned two carries for six yards in the Seminoles' victory over North Carolina...career-long carry of four yards against the Tar Heels...both carries came on the Seminoles' final drive of their 38-16 victory at home...also earned playing time against UAB, North Carolina, Virginia and Duke...first career appearance came against UAB in Doak Campbell Stadium.

**High School:** Graduated from Pace High School in 2004...earned All-Northwest Florida honorable mention honors as a senior in 2003...a two-star player by *Rivals.com*...rushed for 958 yards on 176 attempts (5.4 yards per carry) and scored 13 touchdowns in just nine games as a senior...picked Florida State over Auburn, Clemson, Southern Mississippi and South Florida.

**Personal:** Born Feb. 21, 1986...an education major...has been timed at 4.70 in the 40.

**SURRETT'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2004	2	6	3.0	0	4
2005	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>

**At Florida State:** Redshirt sophomore who will see action at middle linebacker behind senior Buster Davis...played as a true freshman in 2004, but took a medical redshirt last year...also a force on special teams, he led Florida State with two blocked kicks...also led the Seminoles' freshmen class with 19 tackles in 2004...one of the team's hardest workers with the size and ability to be an outstanding linebacker.

**2005:** Took a medical redshirt after playing in just three games.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in all 12 of the Seminoles' games including the Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia...was one of 10 true freshmen to earn playing time during the season...the Seminoles' top freshman tackler with 19 and led the team with two blocked kicks...recorded a career-high five tackles against Duke and three against North Carolina...at least two tackles in six of his 12 games...credited with assisted tackles for lost yardage against UAB and Virginia...blocked punts in Seminole victories over both UAB and North Carolina...his blocked punt against UAB was the first by a Florida State true freshman since Marcello Church blocked a punt against Virginia Tech in the 2002 Gator Bowl...also became the first Seminole to block multiple punts in a season since Tommy Polley during the 1999 season...played well on special teams both defensively and offensively as he returned two punts for 30 yards during the season...one return for 18 yards game in the Seminole's victory over UAB and one for 12 yards came against North Carolina.

**High School:** Graduated from Hart County High School in 2004...a four-star player and the No. 9 rated inside linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com*...named as the No. 75<sup>th</sup> best player on the list of top 100 players and the No. 8 ranked player in the state of Georgia by *Rivals.com*...the school record-holder for tackles in a career with more than 500 as he averaged more than 20 tackles per game for his entire varsity career...amassed over 160 tackles as a senior linebacker which included four sacks and two fumble recoveries...earned all-state and all-area honors as a junior as he totaled more than 150 tackles...had an amazing total of 201 tackles his sophomore season...quick for his size as a linebacker and has been timed at 4.60 in the 40...selected Florida State over Georgia, LSU and Florida.

**Personal:** Born Sept. 9, 1985...major is sport management.

**THAXTON'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	SOLO	AT	TT	TFL	QS	PBU	FC	FR	INT	TD
2004	6	13	19	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	<i>Redshirted</i>									
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**THAXTON'S CAREER HIGHS**

Starts	0
Tackles	5 vs. Duke, 2004
Tackles for loss	0.5, twice, last vs. Virginia, 2004
Blocked kicks	2 in 2004



**At Florida State:** Junior who takes over for first round pick Ernie Sims as the starter at strongside linebacker...rated the No. 9 overall linebacker in the country by ESPN's Todd McShay...a preseason *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-American...named the Hinesman Award winner as the most dominant overall player this spring along with tailback Antone Smith...also named the defensive MVP and the defense's "big hitter" of the spring...defensive coordinator Mickey Andrews brought out the "hit stick" usually reserved for games in the fall and presented it to Timmons midway through the spring for his physical play...saw action in all 13 games in 2005 and ranked second on the team for tackles among players not in the starting lineup (35)...blocked two punts, forced two fumbles, recovered a fumble, recorded three sacks and has six quarterback hurries last season...totaled a career-high eight tackles with two sacks in the 2005 ACC Championship game.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Spent most of the season as the No. 2 strongside linebacker behind Ernie Sims...also played some defensive end in third down situations and was a very effective pass rusher...played in all 13 games, both at linebacker and on special teams...size and speed made him almost unblockable as a gunner on the punt team...had a career game in helping FSU win the ACC Championship when he recorded eight tackles, six solo, two quarterback sacks and two QB hurries against Virginia Tech...totaled two tackles and a sack in the Orange Bowl against Penn State...gained even more valuable experience during spring drills in 2005 when he was moved to the first-team linebacker spot when Sims went down with an injury...earned the top newcomer award on defense as voted on by the coaching staff following spring practice in 2005.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in all 12 games including the Seminoles' Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia...was one of only 10 true freshmen to earn playing time for Florida State during the season...recorded 12 tackles with at least one tackle coming in eight of



the 12 games in which he played...quickly finds the ball carrier with 11 of his 12 tackles coming as unassisted stops...second among the Seminole freshmen with his 12 tackles...had a season-high three tackles against UAB and two tackles against both Syracuse and Virginia...recorded his first career tackle for loss in the Seminoles' victory over Virginia.

**High School:** Graduated from Wilson High School in 2004...a three-star player and the No. 4 rated outside linebacker in the nation as a senior by *Rivals.com*...named to the *SuperPrep* Elite 50 team...a member of the *PrepStar* Top 100 Dream Team...named the Defensive Player of the Year and the top prep prospect in the state of South Carolina his senior season...earned all-state first-team honors as a senior after amassing over 150 tackles and two sacks...also caught 47 passes for over 800 yards and five touchdowns as a senior tight end...earned all-state honors as a junior tight end with 42 catches for 680 yards and 14 touchdowns...recorded 95 tackles and four sacks as a senior linebacker...played in the 2003 Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas that pitted the high school all-stars from North Carolina and the all-stars from South Carolina...timed at 4.60 in the 40...selected Florida State over Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina and Georgia.

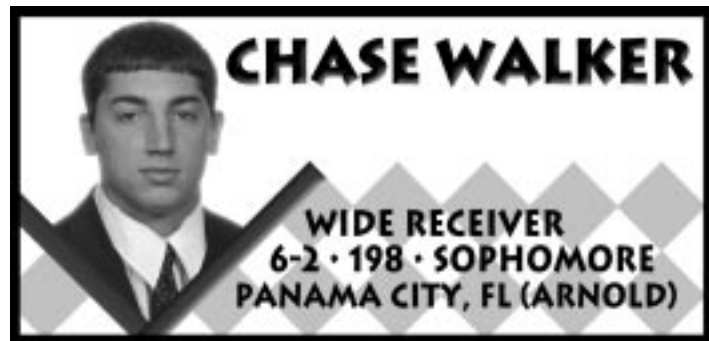
**Personal:** Born May 14, 1986...a social science major.

**TIMMONS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	SOLO	AT	TT	TFL	QS	PBU	FC	FR	INT	TD
2004	11	1	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	17	18	36	3.5	3	1	2	1	0	0
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**TIMMONS' CAREER HIGHS**

Starts	0
Tackles	8, vs. Virginia Tech, 2005
Sacks	2, vs. Virginia Tech, 2005



**At Florida State:** Redshirt sophomore competing for playing time at wideout...coaching staff likes his size and receiving skills...could see playing additional playing time this season as offensive coaches substitute at wideout and use several three and four-wide receiver sets.

**Freshman Year (2005):** Played in two games at wide receiver in his first year of action (Syracuse and Duke)...recorded his first career reception against the Orange, a gain of 11 yards...had two catches for 35 yards in FSU's 2005 spring game.

**2004:** Redshirted.

**High School:** Graduated from Arnold High School in 2004...earned Class 2A all-state first team honors as a senior...named the Bay County Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2003...earned all-district first-team honors as a senior...all-North Florida first team also as a senior.

**Personal:** Born Sept. 16, 1985...major is business-finance...his brother, Ivan Brannan, is a member of the men's golf team at FSU.



**At Florida State:** Returns as the starter at quarterback after leading all freshmen nationally in passing yardage (3,208) and passing touchdowns (18) last year...started all 13 games for the Seminoles at quarterback in 2005...passed NC State's Philip Rivers as the top freshmen passer in ACC history with his 258-yard performance in the Orange Bowl vs. Penn State...a preseason first team All-ACC selection according to *Athlon Sports*...listed as the No. 10 quarterback nationally by ESPN Insider...a preseason *Street & Smith's* honorable mention All-American...named to the Maxwell Award watch list...his 3,208 yards ranked as the third best passing yardage season at FSU...has three career 300-yard passing games...also ran for three scores as a freshman...named CollegeFootballNews.com second team freshman All-American...named to *The Sporting News* freshman All-American second team as well as first team freshman All-ACC...was named ACC Freshman of the Year by *TSN*...led the ACC in total offense (244.6) and passing yards per game (246.8)...became the first freshman in ACC history to lead the league in total offense...won the Leadership Award for the offense at the conclusion of spring practice and was also named the Most Dependable quarterback by the coaching staff...a 2005 ACC All-Academic Team selection.

**Freshman Year (2005):** Started all 13 games for the Seminoles and set a new ACC record for passing yards by a freshman (3,208)...completed a career-high 35 passes in the Virginia game which ranks sixth on the FSU all-time single game completion list...his season passing yardage ranked as the third-best season performance at FSU...threw for 300 yards three different times in his rookie season (The Citadel, Wake Forest & Virginia) and led the ACC with 10 games of 200 or more



DREW WEATHERFORD

yards...had at least one TD pass in 11 of 13 games...accounted for 21 Seminole touchdowns (18 passing and three rushing)...named CollegeFootballNews.com second team freshman All-American... named to *The Sporting News* freshman All-American second team as well as first team freshman All-ACC...was named ACC Freshman of the Year by *TSN*...named ACC Rookie of the Week twice...led the ACC in total offense (244.6) and passing yards per game (246.8)...went 26-of-37 for 342 yards with two TDs vs. The Citadel...threw for a career-high 377 yards at Virginia...completed 20-of-31 passes for 351 yards with three touchdowns in the win over Wake Forest...named Rivals.com National Freshman of the Week after going 21-of-35 for 225 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions in the ACC Championship game against Virginia Tech...shared the most improved quarterback award with Xavier Lee following spring practice in 2005 as voted on by the Seminole coaching staff.

**2004:** A medical redshirt season after playing in one game and injuring his ankle against North Carolina...sprained his right ankle on a bootleg run to his left on his first collegiate play on the final play of the third quarter against the Tar Heels and did not play for the remainder of the year.

**High School:** Graduated from Land O' Lakes High School in 2003...a four-star player and the No. 6 rated pro-style quarterback in the country by *Rivals.com*...No. 2 quarterback on the *Tallahassee Democrat* Sunshine 75...as a junior he earned all-state first-team honors after completing 151 of 215 passes (.702 percent) for 2,494 yards, 37 touchdowns and only two interceptions...was the Pasco County Player of the Year by the *Tampa Tribune*...completed 172 of 341 passes (.504 percent) for 2,639 yards and 20 touchdowns as a senior...led his team to a 12-1 record as a senior...also rushed for 470 yards and 10 touchdowns...played safety as well and had 120 tackles and eight interceptions as his team finished 8-5...was named Florida's 4A Player of the Year as well as the 2003 All-Suncoast Player of the Year by the *St. Petersburg Times*...was one of the QBs for Team Florida in the California-Florida Bowl played on Jan. 2, 2004.

**Personal:** Born June 22, 1985...major is business...grandfather, Bill Weatherford, played football at SMU in the same backfield with the legendary Doak Walker...dad, Bill, also played football at SMU as a quarterback...is one of nine children in his family...father is a descendent of famous Scottish leader William Wallace's clan and also is a direct descendent of William Weatherford (also know as Red Eagle, chief of the Creek Indians)...another relative on his father's side is Lew Wallace, who wrote the famous novel Ben Hur.

**WEATHERFORD'S CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	ATT	COMP	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LONG
2005	469	276	18	.588	3208	18	71
CAREER	469	276	18	.588	3208	18	71

**WEATHERFORD'S CAREER HIGHS**

Starts ..... 13, all in 2005

**PASSING**

Yards ..... 377 at Virginia, 2005  
 Attempts ..... 59 at Virginia, 2005  
 Completions ..... 35 at Virginia, 2005  
 Long ..... 71 vs. Syracuse, 2005  
 Touchdowns ..... 3, twice, last vs. Wake Forest, 2005  
 Interceptions ..... 3, twice, last vs. NC State, 2005

**RUSHING**

Yards ..... 25 vs. Maryland, 2005  
 Carries ..... 8, 4 times, last vs. Penn State, 2006  
 Touchdowns ..... 1, 3 times, last vs. Maryland, 2005



**At Florida State:** Senior walk-on who will work behind scholarship players Drew Weatherford, Xavier Lee and Christian Ponder at quarterback...saw a good deal of playing time this spring with Lee sidelined and Ponder learning on the go in his first semester at FSU...named the Most Dependable Quarterback by the coaching staff at the conclusion of spring drills...has not seen any game action in his previous three years with the team...has served as the scout team quarterback in many of his practices over the years at Florida State...has been named to the ACC Honor Roll in each of his four years at FSU.

**High School:** Started at quarterback at Robinson High School for four years...graduated from Robinson High in 2002...holds the school record for passing yards in a career (3,382) and in a season (1,251)...led team to state playoffs in his junior and senior seasons.

**Personal:** Born March 31, 1984...received his bachelor's degree in actuarial science in December 2005...currently pursuing his master's degree in business administration...mom, Debra, lettered in four sports (field hockey, volleyball, basketball and softball) at Eastern Illinois.



**At Florida State:** Junior who will open spring drills as the starter at free safety...can play both safety positions and is Florida State's most experienced defensive back...second on the team in career tackles behind only Buster Davis...started the 2005 season as the No. 2 safety behind Pat Watkins but earned starting honors against Maryland, Florida and Virginia Tech late in the year...forced a pair of fumbles in FSU's ACC Championship game victory over Virginia Tech...named the most dependable defensive back in the spring of 2006 by the coaches for the second straight year...a hard-hitter who has made his mark both on special teams and in the defensive backfield.

**Sophomore Year (2005):** Split time with Pat Watkins at free safety and earned three starts...recorded a career-high in tackles with eight against Maryland, which also was his first career start...ranked ninth on the team in tackles with 39...forced two fumbles, which tied a school record, in the ACC championship game against Virginia Tech...had three solo tackles in the Orange Bowl vs. Penn State...earned the award as the most dependable defensive back as voted on by the coaching staff in spring practice in 2005.

**Freshman Year (2004):** Played in all 12 games for the Seminoles including the Seminoles' Gator Bowl victory over West Virginia...totaled 24 tackles on the season...was thrust into increased action on special teams and at the free safety position after an early injury to senior B.J. Ward...one of six defensive backs to have played in all 12 games during the season...season-high seven tackles in the Seminoles' victory over North Carolina with four coming against Duke, Florida and West Virginia in the Gator Bowl...totaled 13 tackles in the last four games of the season...first career interception to go along with four tackles against Duke...interception against the Blue Devils came in the fourth quarter and helped the Seminoles close out a 29-7 victory...named the top newcomer on the defense by the coaching staff during spring practice in 2004.

**2003:** A redshirt season...enrolled at FSU during the spring of 2003 and participated in spring drills.

**High School:** Graduated from Northside High School in 2002...was a middle Georgia regional first-team selection...had three interceptions and returned one of those for touchdowns as a senior...record a team-high 125 tackles including a team-high 85 unassisted stops...also earned playing time at tight end his senior season...suffered a broken left ankle as a junior and missed all of that season...selected Florida State over Mississippi State, Mississippi and Louisiana State.

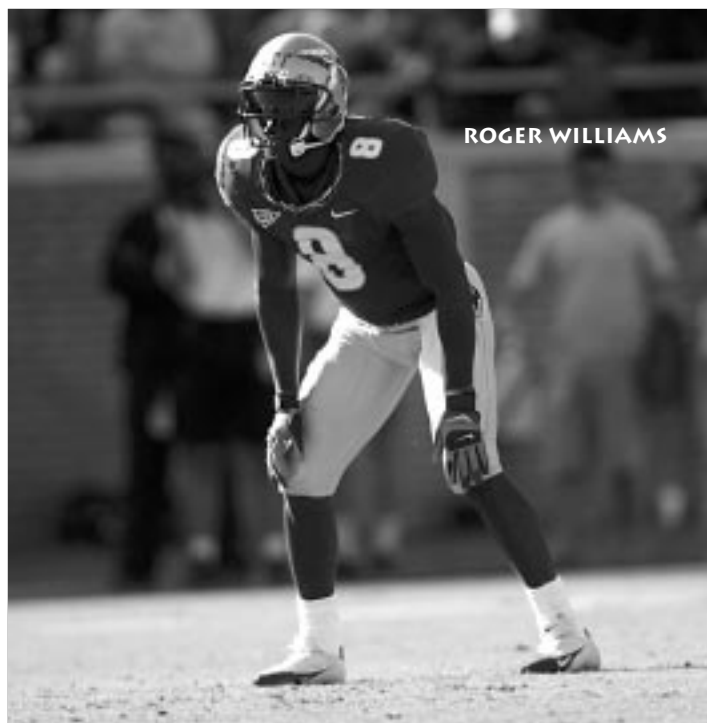
**Personal:** Born Nov. 13, 1983...major is social science.

**WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS**

YEAR	UT	AT	TT	TFL	QS	PBU	FC	FR	INT	TD
2004	10	14	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
2005	22	17	39	2	0	3	2	1	0	0
<b>CAREER</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**WILLIAMS' CAREER HIGHS**

Starts ..... 3, all in 2005  
 Tackles ..... 8 vs. Maryland, 2005  
 Interceptions ..... 1 vs. Duke, 2004



ROGER WILLIAMS



# 2005 FLORIDA STATE SIGNEES

## #47 MISTER ALEXANDER

6-2, 183, ATHLETE  
ALDINE, TX (EISENHOWER HS)

The No. 38-ranked safety in the nation according to Rivals.com... a three-star player and No. 43 overall recruit in the Rivals.com Postseason Texas Top 100 for 2006... despite missing time with an injury in 2005, he amassed 137 tackles (65 solo) over the course of two seasons for Eisenhower... regarded as a three-star prospect and the No. 43-ranked safety nationally by Scout.com... a pre-season all-region selection by *PrepStar* magazine prior to the 2005 season... chose Florida State over Arizona State, Arkansas and Washington State.

## #44 MARCUS BALL

6-0, 204, ATHLETE  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GA (STEPHENSON HS)

A four-star player and the No. 3 outside linebacker in the nation overall according to Rivals.com... the No. 37 overall prospect in the Rivals100 for 2006 and ranked as the No. 3 player in the state on the Postseason Georgia Top 50 list... rated by Rivals.com as the No. 1 player in the state of Georgia prior to the 2005 season after recording 136 tackles and eight sacks as a junior in 2004... named a second-team EA Sports All-American... chosen as a *Parade* All-American and participated in the 2006 U.S. Army All-American game... the No. 18 overall recruit on The ESPN 150... rated as the No. 4 linebacker in the nation in the *PrepStar100* and was listed as the No. 11 overall prospect on *PrepStar Magazine's* Top 100 Dream Team... a first team all-state selection by the Georgia Sports Writers Association who also named him Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year after he recorded 150 tackles and three interceptions as a senior for Stephenson... a remarkable athlete, he ran a 4.49 in the 40-yard dash and notched a vertical leap of 33 inches in the Atlanta Nike Camp last May... chose Florida State over Florida, Miami and Virginia Tech.

## #71 EVAN BELLAMY

6-4, 315, OFFENSIVE LINE  
MIAMI, FL (GULLIVER PREP)

A three-star player by Rivals.com... ranked as the No. 53 guard in the nation by Rivals.com despite only playing football since the ninth grade... a three-star player according to Scout.com... named first-team All-Dade County by the *Miami Herald* after his senior season... credited with 25 pancake blocks from the right tackle position in 2005... earned second-team All-State honors from the Florida Sports Writers Association as a senior... part of a Gulliver team that had an 8-2 record in 2005... a high school teammate of fellow Florida State signee Anthony Leon and Patrick Robinson... chose Florida State over Miami and Iowa.

## #73 SHANNON BOATMAN

6-7, 309, OFFENSIVE LINE  
BEAUMONT, TX (WEST BROOK HS/TYLER JC)

**At Florida State:** Junior college transfer who looks to make an immediate impact on the Florida State offensive line in 2006... named to the All-ACC preseason third team by *Athlon Sports*... possesses impressive size and tremendous athleticism... an early enrollment in January of 2006, he impressed the coaching staff during his first spring, earning the offense's Top Newcomer award... can play either tackle position and will open preseason practice as the starter at right tackle.

**Junior College:** Massive tackle who earned first-team All-American honors as a sophomore at Tyler Junior College... a four-star player by Rivals.com... the No. 17 junior college prospect in the nation and No. 4 ranked offensive lineman according to Rivals.com... named first-team All-Conference both seasons in junior college... part of an offense that averaged close to 24 points a game in 2005... Florida State over LSU, Nebraska, South Carolina and Texas Tech.

**Personal:** Major is social science... born November 24, 1984.

## BRENT BREWER

6-2, 187, WIDE RECEIVER  
TYRONE, GA (SANDY CREEK HS)

Impressive athlete who will play football and baseball at Florida State... rated as a three-star prospect and the No. 36 overall wide receiver in the nation by Rivals.com... also ranked as the No. 23 player on Rivals.com's Postseason Georgia Top 50 for 2006... named to the 2005 Georgia Coaches Association South All-Star Team... earned honorable mention All-State honors for Class 4A after recording 35 catches and eight touchdowns as a junior... a shortstop and outfielder in baseball, he is also listed as the No. 57 overall prospect on the 2006 Team One Baseball Top-100 HS preseason list among seniors... ran a 4.4 in the 40-yard dash at the Athens Nike Camp, the fourth best time among all prospects in attendance... attended the same high school as current Georgia Tech wide receiver Calvin Johnson... chose Florida State over Georgia, Louisville and Mississippi State.

## #57 BRANDON DAVIS

6-2, 290, OFFENSIVE LINE  
MIAMI, FL (SOUTH MIAMI HS)

A three-star prospect according to Rivals.com... listed as the No. 83 overall prospect on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100 for 2006... member of the *Miami Herald's* All-Dade County first-team for Class 4A-6A... led the way for the top-ranked rush offense in Dade County... named first team all-state for Class 6A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after his senior season... represented Team Florida in the CaliFlorida Bowl in Anaheim, CA... named to Rivals.com's Florida Hot 11 list after an impressive performance in the CaliFlorida Bowl game and practices... chose Florida State over Auburn and Kentucky.

## #40 MATT DUNHAM

6-2, 257, ATHLETE  
COLUMBUS, GA (PACELLI HS)

**At Florida State:** True freshman who could see playing time at either fullback or tight end this fall... will open preseason practice No. 2 on the depth chart at tight end behind Charlie Graham... enrolled at FSU in January but did not participate in spring practices.

**High School:** Originally a member of Florida State's 2005 signing class... a four-star player and No. 1 ranked athlete on Rivals.com's Georgia Postseason Top 40 for 2005... finished his senior season rated as the No. 14 athlete in the country according to Rivals.com... named to the annual Georgia Super 11 by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*, which ranks the top 11 high school prospects in the state... also regarded as a four-star player and 17th best linebacker in the nation by Scout.com... rushed for over 1,800 yards and scored 29 touchdowns on offense and recorded 111 tackles on defense as a senior at Pacelli... career mark of 111 touchdowns broke a Georgia state record previously held by Herschel Walker... chose Florida State over Auburn, Florida and Georgia Tech.

**Personal:** Born June 6, 1985... enrolled in FSU's undergraduate studies program.

## #61 TYLER GRAVES

6-6, 272, OFFENSIVE LINE  
SUMRALL, MS (SUMRALL HS)

A three-star player and No. 1-ranked guard prospect in the state of Mississippi... rated as a two-star recruit by Scout.com... a *PrepStar Magazine* preseason All-Region selection in 2005 after an outstanding junior season that saw him win his district's Most Valuable Player award... racked up an impressive 103 pancakes as a senior for Sumrall and never graded out below 85 percent in any of the team's nine games... named to the *Clarion-Ledger's* Top 40, a list of the top 40 recruits in Mississippi for 2006... chose Florida State over Mississippi State and Southern Mississippi.

**#54 PAUL GRIFFIN****6-1, 278, DEFENSIVE LINE  
PENSACOLA, FL (PENSACOLA HS/BUTLER CO. CC)**

**At Florida State:** Came out of spring drills atop the depth chart at noseguard...named the King of the Boards in the spring by the defensive coaches...one of six players to enroll in January.

**Community College:** One of three junior college players in the 2006 signing class for the Seminoles...a four-star player by Rivals.com, ranked as the No. 2 defensive tackle in the nation among junior college players...ranked 13th on the Rivals.com Junior College Top 100 for 2006...finished his sophomore season at Butler County with 45 tackles, four sacks, three forced fumbles, and two fumble recoveries...was a member of NJCAA's 2005 All-Region first-team and was also named first team all-conference by the Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference...named a 2005 NJCAA preseason All-American after posting 53 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, two sacks, and three fumble recoveries as a freshman...a teammate of fellow Florida State signee Toddrick Verdell on a Butler team that finished with a record of 9-2, ranked No. 10 in the nation...chose Florida State over USC and Auburn.

**Personal:** Born October 12, 1985...majoring in sociology.

**#78 MATT HARDRICK****6-5, 340, OFFENSIVE LINE  
WINTER PARK, FL (EDGEWATER HS/HARGRAVE  
MILITARY ACADEMY)**

Originally part of Florida State's 2005 signing class, he will officially join the team for the 2006 season after a year at Hargrave Military Academy...a four-star prospect by Rivals.com, rated as the No. 9 overall prospect on Rivals.com's Prep School Top 50 for 2006...the No. 5 offensive tackle in the nation as a high school senior in 2005 according to Rivals.com...listed as a four-star prospect by Scout.com...played high school football at Edgewater HS in Orlando and is a former teammate of current Seminole Aaron Jones...part of a 2004 Edgewater team that finished with a 12-2 record and a trip to the state championship game...chose Florida State over Florida, Miami and Oklahoma.

**#41 SEDDRICK HOLLOWAY****5-10, 245, FULLBACK  
TALLAHASSEE, FL (LINCOLN HS)**

A three-star prospect and 14<sup>th</sup> ranked fullback in the nation by Rivals.com...named to Rivals.com's Florida Postseason Top 100 list after representing Team Florida in the annual CaliFlorida Bowl...a four-year starter and first-team All-Big Bend selection who gained 1,786 yards and scored 17 touchdowns during his career despite splitting time between fullback, linebacker and defensive tackle...his signing will mark the sixth consecutive year that Florida State has signed a player from Lincoln...runs a reported 4.7 in the 40-yard dash...chose Florida State over Kansas State, Kentucky and Michigan State.

**#39 OCHUKO JENIJE****5-10, 177, CORNERBACK  
TALLAHASSEE, FL (NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN)**

Local speedster who brings coverage skills and playmaking ability to the defensive backfield...rated as a four-star player and the No. 11 cornerback in the nation by Rivals.com...the 3<sup>rd</sup> rated cornerback in the state and the No. 15 overall prospect in the state on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100 for 2006...received three out of a possible three stars from *PrepStar Magazine* and was named the No. 12 overall defensive back in the magazine's annual *PrepStar 100*...named first team all-state for Class 1A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after his senior campaign...recorded 40 tackles, three interceptions and nine pass break-ups on defense and had 25 catches for 375 yards and seven touchdowns on offense as a junior for NFC earning All-Little Big Bend honors...clocked a 4.39 in the 40-yard dash at last May's Tallahassee Nike Camp, third best among more than 300 participants...chose Florida State over Alabama, Arkansas, Clemson and NC State.

**#26 ANTHONY LEON****6-4, 215, SAFETY  
MIAMI, FL (GULLIVER PREP)**

A four-star player by Rivals.com and the No. 10 ranked safety in the nation...rated as the No. 2 safety in the state of Florida by Rivals.com...a four-star player by Scout.com and the No. 11 safety in the country...received first-team all-state honors for Class 2A in 2005 as voted on by the Florida Sports Writers Association...voted the No. 1 recruit in the Miami-Dade area by the *Miami Herald*...joined Gulliver teammate and fellow Florida State signee Evan Bellamy when he was named first-team All-Dade County by the *Miami Herald*...named the No. 10 overall recruit in the state of Florida by the *Miami Herald* in their state Top 25...finished his senior season with 64 tackles and four interceptions on defense while scoring four touchdowns on offense from the wide receiver position...chose Florida State over Miami, Florida and Georgia.

**#12 DAMON McDANIEL****6-0, 192, WIDE RECEIVER  
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA (LANDSTOWN HS)**

One of the top prep receivers in the country, regarded by Rivals.com as a four-star player and No. 2 overall high school prospect in the state of Virginia...rated as the No. 6 wide receiver in the nation and the No. 69-ranked overall player in the Rivals100 for 2006...named to the 2006 *PrepStar 100* and ranked as the No. 6 wide receiver prospect...a four-star player according to Scout.com...finished his senior season with 80 catches for 1,700 yards and 24 touchdowns and was named to the VirginiaPreps.com All-Eastern Region Offense...ranked as the 35<sup>th</sup> overall prospect and the No. 3 wide receiver on The ESPN 150 for 2006...a preseason All-American selection by *PrepStar Magazine* prior to his senior campaign after catching 68 passes for 1,106 yards and 15 touchdowns and carrying 26 times for 238 yards and five touchdowns as a junior in 2004...chose Florida State over Florida, LSU, Miami, Ohio State and Virginia Tech.

**#60 RYAN McMAHON****6-3, 280, DEFENSIVE LINE  
ROME, GA (DARLINGTON PREP)**

A three-star prospect by Rivals.com...rated as the No. 30 defensive tackle in nation according to Rivals.com...ranked 29<sup>th</sup> on Rivals.com's Preseason Georgia Top 75 list for 2006...recorded 40 tackles, 12 tackles for loss and five sacks as a senior...ranked as the No. 42 defensive tackle in the nation by Scout.com...also played offensive guard for Darlington, leading them to an 8-2 record and a playoff birth in 2005...named a *PrepStar* magazine all-region player prior to the 2005 season after an impressive junior campaign that saw him compile 48 tackles, 12 tackles for loss, five sacks, three forced fumbles and two blocked punts...chose Florida State over Florida, Auburn and Kentucky.

**#95 KEVIN McNEIL****6-3, 240, DEFENSIVE END  
KINGSLAND, GA (CAMDEN CO. HS)**

A four-star recruit and No. 20 strong-side defensive end in the country according to Rivals.com...member of a Camden County team that has won 56 consecutive regular season games, a Georgia state record...a three-star prospect and No. 48 defensive end in the country as rated by Scout.com...named the Region 3-5A Defensive Player of the Year as a senior...received all-state honors from the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* in 2005 after recording 88 tackles and seven sacks...runs a reported 4.59 in the 40-yard dash and earned Camden's 'Super Cat' Award for a power clean of 325 lbs...chose Florida State over Georgia and Louisville.

**#94 JUSTIN MINCEY****6-5, 275, DEFENSIVE END  
FOLKSTON, GA (CHARLTON CO. HS/HARGRAVE  
MILITARY ACADEMY)**

A four-star prospect and the No. 7 ranked overall recruit on Rivals.com's Prep School Top 50...rated a four-star player and No. 10 defensive end in the nation by Scout.com...originally a member of Florida State's 2005 signing



class that ranked No. 2 in the nation according to Rivals.com... was the No. 65 ranked player in the country in 2005 and was named all-area, all-region and all-state after racking up 86 tackles and nine sacks as a senior for Charlton County... ran an impressive 4.7 in the 40-yard dash at this year's Hargrave Combine... chose Florida State over Florida and Georgia.

**#13 PRESTON PARKER**  
**6-0, 175, WIDE RECEIVER**  
**DELRAY BEACH, FL (ATLANTIC HS)**

A first team all-state selection for Class 5A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after catching 45 passes for 1,150 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior for Atlantic... a four-star prospect and the No. 12 wide receiver in the country according to Rivals.com... listed as the No. 2 wide receiver and No. 18 overall recruit in the state on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100 for 2006... rated a three-star prospect by Scout.com... a postseason All-American selection by *PrepStar* magazine after finishing his varsity career with 90 catches for 1,960 yards and 30 touchdowns... a versatile athlete, he was named second team all-state for Class 5A as a defensive back after his junior season... chose Florida State over Miami, Minnesota and NC State.

**#19 CAZ PIUROWSKI**  
**6-7, 234, TIGHT END**  
**LAND O'LAKES, FL (LAND O'LAKES HS)**

An athletic down field target that ranks as the No. 5 tight end in the nation according to Rivals.com... a four-star player and Rivals 250 member, he is the No. 1 ranked tight end in the state of Florida for 2006 according to Rivals.com... named first team all-state for Class 5A as a senior after hauling in 34 catches for 589 yards and five touchdowns... a member of the ESPN 150, voted as one of the top 150 prep players in the nation for the 2006 signing class... received two out of three stars from *PrepStar* magazine and was named an all-region player prior to the 2005 season after catching 29 passes for 410 yards and scoring six touchdowns as a junior... ranked as the No. 5 tight end in the nation and was named to the *PrepStar 100*... represented Team Florida in the annual CaliFlorida Bowl all-star game... a former high school teammate of current Florida State quarterback Drew Weatherford, he had 37 catches for 350 yards and five touchdowns when the duo played together in 2003... father, Paul, was an All-American linebacker at FSU from 1977-80... chose Florida State over LSU, Louisville and South Carolina.

**#14 CHRISTIAN PONDER**  
**6-2, 206, QUARTERBACK**  
**COLLEYVILLE, TX (COLLEYVILLE HERITAGE HS)**

**At Florida State:** True freshman who came to Tallahassee in January and got a head start in learning the system during spring drills... slated to back up Drew Weatherford and Xavier Lee at quarterback this fall... father, David, played linebacker at Florida State from 1980-83.

**High School:** A three-star player by Rivals.com... ranked 14th in the nation among pro-style passers by Rivals.com and stands as the No. 50 overall prospect in the website's postseason Texas Top 100 list... listed as 20th overall quarterback in the nation by Scout.com... rated as the No. 19 quarterback in the country on the postseason *PrepStar 200*... threw for 2,214 yards and 20 touchdowns during his senior season at Heritage, while also rushing for 911 yards and 12 scores... named first team all-district 5-5A by the *Dallas Morning News*... threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns in a loss to eventual state champion Southlake Carroll... gained 438 yards of total offense (252 passing, 186 rushing) and accounted for six touchdowns (5 pass, 1 rush) in a game against Richland... chose Florida State over Oklahoma State and Georgia Tech.

**Personal:** Born February 25, 1988... a business major.

**TIM RAWLINSON**  
**6-1, 215, LINEBACKER**  
**PRATTVILLE, AL (PRATTVILLE HS)**

A three-star player and No. 23 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals.com... the No. 19 overall player on Rivals.com's preseason Alabama Top 40 list after recording an impressive 159 tackles and 12 sacks as a junior for Prattville... a three-star recruit and No. 1 linebacker in the state of Alabama according to Scout.com... named MVP of the Alabama Junior All-Star game

after registering a game-high 12 tackles as a member of the South team... earned first-team All-State honors for Class 6A from the Alabama Sports Writers Association after a senior season where he tallied 90 tackles and six sacks... runs a reported 4.6 in the 40-yard dash... chose Florida State over Auburn and Alabama.

**#16 D'VONTREY RICHARDSON**  
**6-1, 200, QUARTERBACK**  
**LEESBURG, GA (LEE CO. HS)**

A tremendous athlete and four-star prospect according to Rivals.com who is ranked as the No. 1 athlete in the state of Georgia... the No. 11 athlete in the nation according to Rivals.com who ranked 10<sup>th</sup> among all prospects in the Postseason Georgia Top 50 for 2006... a five-star prospect according to Scout.com... an All-American selection by *PrepStar* magazine... named the Class 4A Offensive Player of the Year and first team all-state in 2005 by the Georgia Sports Writers Association... threw for over 2,200 yards and 27 touchdowns and rushed for 1,050 yards and 17 more scores, leading Lee County to a 10-2 record in his final season in 2005... earned honorable mention all-state honors as a junior after passing for 1,758 yards and running for 1,130 yards, scoring a total of 29 touchdowns... named the quarterback on GaSports.com's preseason all-state offense for Georgia seniors... ran a 4.58 in the 40-yard dash and recorded a 32-inch vertical leap at the Tallahassee Nike Camp last May, both ranked as the second best numbers among quarterbacks in attendance... also an outstanding baseball player and is the No. 82 high school player nationally according to *Baseball America*... chose Florida State over Alabama, Georgia and Oklahoma.

**#38 PATRICK ROBINSON**  
**5-11, 169, CORNERBACK**  
**MIAMI, FL (GULLIVER PREP)**

A four-star player and No. 16 cornerback in the nation according to Rivals.com... listed as the No. 37 overall prospect and No. 5 cornerback in the state on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100 for 2006... also regarded as a four-star recruit and No. 16 cornerback in the country by Scout.com... named first team all-state for Class 2A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after his senior season... represented Team Florida in the annual CaliFlorida Bowl and was named to Rivals.com's Florida Hot 11 list after his performance the event's practices and ensuing game... an all-region selection by *PrepStar* magazine prior to his senior season after recording 32 catches for 491 yards and six touchdowns on offense and intercepting eight passes on defense as a junior at Gulliver... clocked at 4.45 in the 40-yard dash at last April's Miami Nike Camp... chose Florida State over Florida, Minnesota and Tennessee.

**#3 MYRON ROLLE**  
**6-2, 218, SAFETY**  
**GALLOWAY, NJ (THE HUN SCHOOL)**

**At Florida State:** Early enrollee who made an immediate impact this spring... named the top newcomer on defense by the coaches at the conclusion of spring drills... moved up to No. 2 on the depth chart at rover and will push Anthony Houllis for starting honors in August... picked off two passes in the spring game and returned one for a touchdown... named the winner of the Watkins Award this spring by the National Alliance of African American Athletes... the award is presented on the basis of academic achievement, community involvement, and athletics... spoke on a Knight Commission panel in Washington, D.C. on January 30, 2006 to discuss early graduation and recruiting... will already be a sophomore academically when fall classes begin.

**High School:** Named the ACC's preseason defensive newcomer of the year by *The Sporting News*... listed as the conference's No. 1 impact newcomer by *Athlon Sports*... the No. 1 ranked player nationally on ESPN's 150 for 2006 after a senior season where he totaled 112 tackles including 14 tackles for loss... listed as the No. 1 athlete in the nation and No. 1 prospect in the state of New Jersey according to Rivals.com... rated as a five-star player and 11th overall prospect in the nation by Rivals.com... rated as the seventh overall recruit in the nation and No. 1 defensive back by Scout.com... recently named to the 2006 EA Sports All-American first-team defense... a *Parade* All-American and one of 16 finalists for the 2006 *Parade* All-America High School Football Player of the Year Award... received three out of a possible three stars from *PrepStar Magazine* and was named the No. 3 overall prospect

on the magazine's Top 100 Dream Team...named the New Jersey Prep Defensive Player of the Year by the *Newark Star Ledger* as a junior after registering 83 tackles (19 for loss), six sacks, and four interceptions...represented the East team in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl...named the National Defensive Player of the Year by the Touchdown Club of Columbus, Ohio...a versatile athlete, he lined up at safety, cornerback, wide receiver and running back during his high school career...chose Florida State over Florida, Oklahoma, Michigan, Penn State, Miami and Texas.

**Personal:** Born October 30, 1986...majoring in biological sciences and plans to attend medical school.

**#76 DARON ROSE**  
**6-5, 310, OFFENSIVE LINE**  
**TAMPA, FL (JEFFERSON HS)**

A four-star prospect regarded as the No. 2 offensive tackle in the nation by Rivals.com...listed as the No. 30 overall player on the Rivals100 for 2006 and ranks as the No. 4 recruit on Rivals.com's Florida Postseason Top 100...is reported to have not surrendered a sack during his final two years of high school football...named first team all-state for Class 4A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after his senior season...the No. 6 offensive line prospect in the nation on the postseason *PrepStar100*...represented Team Florida in the annual CaliFlorida Bowl and was named the No. 1 player on the Rivals Florida Hot 11 list based on a week's worth of practices and his performance in the game...named to The ESPN 150 for 2006...a preseason All-American selection by *PrepStar* magazine after helping lead his Jefferson team to the state championship game as a junior in 2004...chose Florida State over Florida, Michigan and South Carolina.

**#35 MARCUS SIMS**  
**6-0, 211, RUNNING BACK**  
**TALLAHASSEE, FL (NORTH FLORIDA CHRISTIAN)**

One of the top prospects in the state, looking to continue a long line of family tradition at Florida State...a four-star player and No. 4 inside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals.com...named the No. 8 overall prospect on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100 and is a member of the Rivals100 for 2006...ranked as the No. 54 overall player nationally in The ESPN 150 for 2006...a four-star player by Scout.com...rated the 11<sup>th</sup> best linebacker in the PrepStar100...a member of *PrepStar*'s Preseason Top 100 Dream Team after running for 1,154 yards and 17 touchdowns on offense and making 84 stops on defense as a junior...a first team all-state selection for Class 1A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after finishing his senior season with 175 carries for 1,626 yards and 23 touchdowns from the running back position...also starred on defense for NFC, recording 130 tackles, five sacks, four fumble recoveries and three forced fumbles at linebacker...represented Team Florida in the annual CaliFlorida Bowl and was named to Rivals' Florida Hot 11 list based on his performance during the weeks' practices and ensuing game...older brother, Ernie, was an All-ACC linebacker for FSU from 2003-05...father, Ernie Jr., also played for Bobby Bowden from 1977-78, 1980-81 and mother Alice ran track for the Lady Seminoles from 1980-83...chose Florida State over Clemson and USC.

**#72 DOUG "BUD" THACKER**  
**6-2, 275, DEFENSIVE LINE**  
**SANFORD, FL (SEMINOLE HS)**

A powerful interior defensive lineman and four-star prospect by Rivals.com...ranks as the No. 11 strong-side defensive end in the country...ranks as the 17<sup>th</sup> overall player on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100...a preseason all-region selection by *PrepStar* magazine...named second team all-state for Class 6A by the Florida Sports Writers Association after a senior season that saw him rack up 120 tackles and six sacks...represented Team Florida in the CaliFlorida Bowl and was named the No. 8 player on Rivals.com's Florida Hot 11 list following the week of practices and game...received high praise for a dominating performance in the CaliFlorida Bowl where he registered seven tackles, two tackles for loss and two sacks against the California all-stars...appeared at the Miami Nike Camp last April and placed second among more than 250 participants with a reported 45 reps on the bench press...chose Florida State over Virginia Tech, Maryland and West Virginia.

**#31 TODDRICK VERDELL**  
**6-3, 215, LINEBACKER**  
**HARTWELL, GA (HART CO./BUTLER CO. CC)**

**At Florida State:** One of six early enrollees for the Seminoles this January...sophomore who could see time at linebacker and on special teams...finished spring practice No. 2 on the depth chart at strongside linebacker behind Lawrence Timmons.

**Community College:** A four-star player by Rivals.com...an instinctive athlete who played safety in junior college...rated the No. 23 overall player in the Junior College Top 100 for 2006 by Rivals.com...totaled 73 tackles, three interceptions, two forced fumbles, and two tackles for loss in 10 games this season...was named a second-team All-American and first team all-region by the NJCAA...one of three Butler defenders to be named first team all-conference in 2005...redshirted his first season at Butler and has three full years of eligibility remaining...chose Florida State over Nebraska and Tennessee.

**Personal:** Born November 21, 1985...a social science major.

**#1 BRANDON WARREN**  
**6-2, 230, TIGHT END**  
**ALCOA, TN (ALCOA HS)**

A versatile and athletic playmaker who will begin his Florida State career at tight end...rated as a five-star player and the No. 1 overall prospect in the state of Tennessee by Rivals.com...also played defense in high school and ranks as Rivals.com's No. 2 weak-side defensive end in the class of 2006...a four-star player and No. 7 tight end in the nation according to Scout.com...given a three-star (out of a possible three) rating from *PrepStar* magazine and was named to the publication's annual Top 100 Dream Team...a member of the 2006 *PrepStar100*...named the 20<sup>th</sup> overall prospect and No. 1 tight end on The ESPN 150 for 2006...named the *Knoxville News Sentinel PrepXtra* Defensive Player of the Year in 2005 after tallying 83 tackles and 14 sacks from his defensive end position...a two-time first team all-state selection by the Tennessee Sports Writers Association after helping lead his Alcoa team to back-to-back state championships...enjoyed an outstanding senior season that saw him record 614 receiving yards and 11 touchdowns...chose Florida State over Tennessee, Miami, Ohio State and Oklahoma.

**#36 DEKODA WATSON**  
**6-2, 225, LINEBACKER**  
**AIKEN, SC (SOUTH AIKEN HS)**

A three-star player and No. 25 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals.com...named the No. 1 linebacker and No. 10 overall prospect on the Rivals.com postseason South Carolina Top 25 for 2006...a preseason all-region selection by *PrepStar* magazine after a junior season that saw him rack up 102 tackles, 29 tackles for loss and 18 sacks from the defensive end position...named first team all-state by SCVarsity.com as a senior after recording 123 tackles, 32 tackles for loss and 11 sacks for South Aiken...named Defensive MVP after recording nine tackles and a sack for the South Carolina team in the annual North Carolina-South Carolina Shrine Bowl...runs a reported 4.6 in the 40-yard dash and boasts a 35-inch vertical leap...chose Florida State over South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia Tech.

**#48 RECARDO WRIGHT**  
**6-2, 215, LINEBACKER**  
**ORLANDO, FL (DR. PHILLIPS HS)**

The No. 2 outside linebacker in the nation according to Rivals.com...a four-star player and the No. 32-ranked prospect on Rivals.com's Postseason Florida Top 100...the No. 16 ranked outside linebacker in the nation despite only having played football for two full years...recorded 148 tackles, nine sacks and seven fumble recoveries as a senior at Dr. Phillips...named a preseason All-American by *PrepStar* magazine in 2005 after making a team-leading 134 tackles as a junior in 2004...runs a reported 4.5 in the 40-yard dash...chose Florida State over Alabama, Iowa, Maryland and West Virginia.