

KENTUCKY WILDCATS



VS. IOWA | 1 PM | ABC
ORLANDO



J.J. WEAVER
 • 2021 MAYO CLINIC COMEBACK
 PLAYER OF THE YEAR



JACQUEZ JONES
 • LEADS TEAM
 WITH 86 TACKLES



DARIAN KINNARD
 • CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN
 • SEC JACOBS BLOCKING TROPHY
 • FIRST-TEAM ALL-SEC



THE KENTUCKY OFFENSIVE LINE, KNOWN AS THE "BIG BLUE WALL," IS A FINALIST FOR THE JOE MOORE AWARD, GIVEN TO THE MOST OUTSTANDING OFFENSIVE LINE UNIT IN THE NATION.



BEAT LOUISVILLE TO WIN THE ANNUAL GOVERNOR'S CUP
 THIRD STRAIGHT SEASON



THE BIG 3

WILL LEVIS
 2,593 Passing yards

WAN'DALE ROBINSON
 1,164 Receiving yards

CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR.
 1,272 Rushing yards



JOSH PASCHAL

- 15.5 Tackles for Loss, **second in the SEC**
- **Eight straight games** with a tackle for a loss
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year Finalist

THE MAN IN CHARGE

MARK STOOPS

- 6 Straight bowl appearances
- 3 Straight bowl wins
- Opportunity for a second **10-win season** in the **last four years**



**FOR THE
 TEAM**





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GOOD WORKS TEAM AWARD
RECIPIENT

KENNETH HORSEY

KENNETH HORSEY WAS THE 17TH PLAYER OVERALL, THE FIFTH PLAYER UNDER HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS AND THE THIRD STRAIGHT OFFENSIVE LINEMAN AT UK TO BE NAMED TO THE ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM. AFTER HAVING OPEN-HEART SURGERY IN 2018, HORSEY HAS BECOME AN ADVOCATE FOR HEART HEALTH WITH THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION.

CoSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

LUKE FORTNER SECOND TEAM
COLIN GOODFELLOW SECOND TEAM
JOSH PASCHAL SECOND TEAM

FOR THE TEAM
UK

3 PLAYERS (LUKE FORTNER, COLIN GOODFELLOW, JOSH PASCHAL) WERE NAMED TO THE 2021 ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICA® FOOTBALL TEAM, SELECTED BY THE COLLEGE SPORTS INFORMATION DIRECTORS OF AMERICA (CoSIDA). UK'S THREE HONOREES TIED FOR THE SECOND-MOST NATIONALLY. IT MARKS THE THIRD TIME IN THE PAST FOUR SEASONS KENTUCKY HAS HAD AT LEAST ONE STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN AND FIVE TIMES IN COACH MARK STOOPS' NINE YEARS AT THE HELM.

ALL-SEC FRESHMAN TEAM

TREVIN WALLACE

UK ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

25 KENTUCKY HAS 25 PLAYERS ON ITS ROSTER WHO HAVE ALREADY EARNED THEIR UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE:
ABULE ABADI-FITZGERALD, TYRELL AJIAN, JOSH ALI, MARQUEZ BEMBRY, ZAC BEREZOWITZ, YUSUF CORKER, CEDRICK DORT JR., AUSTIN DOTSON, ISAIAH EPPS, LUKE FORTNER, COLIN GOODFELLOW, KENNETH HORSEY, ZACH JOHNSON, WILL LEVIS, TYLER MARKRAY, QUANDRE MOSELY, WILL NALTY, JOSH PASCHAL, JUSTIN RIGG, DAVONTE ROBINSON, MATT RUFFOLO, CLEVAN THOMAS JR., NAASIR WATKINS, QUINTIN WILSON, JORDAN WRIGHT

7 PLAYERS (ISAIAH EPPS, LUKE FORTNER, WILL LEVIS, TYLER MARKRAY, MATT RUFFOLO, CLEVAN THOMAS JR., QUINTIN WILSON) ARE ALL WORKING ON MASTER'S DEGREES AT UK.



KENTUCKY

FOOTBALL



2021 RESULTS



W, 45 - 10



W, 35 - 28



W, 28 - 23



W, 16 - 10



W, 20 - 13



W, 42 - 21



L, 13 - 30



L, 17 - 31



L, 42 - 45



W, 34 - 17



W, 56 - 16



W, 52 - 21



KENTUCKY MEDIA ITINERARY

(Note that practice times are TBA; all times Eastern; these events are open to the media unless noted otherwise)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 26

Team departs for Orlando

MONDAY, DECEMBER 27

Time is 1 p.m. ET

Practice at Celebration High School 1809 Celebration Blvd. Kissimmee, FL 34747

First 15 minutes of practice open to media, interviews after practice

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Time is 12:30 p.m. ET

Practice at Celebration High School 1809 Celebration Blvd. Kissimmee, FL 34747

First 15 minutes of practice open to media, interviews after practice

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 29

8:30 a.m.

Media Event in the Rosen Plaza Hotel 9700 International Drive – Salons 3 & 4 Two players, OC Liam Coen, DC Brad White

10:30 a.m.

Orlando Citrus Parade Downtown Orlando

Time is 11:45 a.m. ET

Practice at Celebration High School; first 15 minutes open to media, interviews after practice

8-10 p.m. ET

* Player Outing Top Golf Orlando 9295 Universal Blvd. Orlando, FL 32819

*This event will be a b-roll opportunity for the media

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 30

9-11 a.m. ET

*Day for Kids pairs children from the Bowl's MVP families, Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida and the West Lakes neighborhoods near Camping World Stadium for a few hours of roller coasters, go-karts and more at Fun Spot America.

Fun Spot America Theme Park 5700 Fun Spot Way

*This event will be a b-roll opportunity for the media

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:30 a.m. ET

News conference with Coach Mark Stoops and Coach Kirk Ferentz Rosen Plaza Hotel - Salons 9 & 10

4:45 p.m. ET

Kentucky Pep Rally, Pointe Orlando 9109 International Drive

SATURDAY, JAN 1

7 a.m. ET

Stadium parking lots open

9 a.m. ET

Citrus Bowl FanFest, Tinker Field at Camping World Stadium, One Citrus Bowl Place

10 a.m. ET

Media will-call and media entrance opens, Camping World Stadium, near Gates C and D

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. ET hour after kickoff

Media Meal – Media dining area A halftime snack will also be served in the press box and photo workroom

1 p.m. ET

75th Annual Citrus Bowl Kentucky vs. Iowa Camping World Stadium ABC - TV ESPN - Radio UK Sports Network - Radio

MEDIA NOTES

- Media members who have been approved may pick up their credentials at Camping World Stadium during bowl week. No credentials will be mailed.
Credentials will also be available on the day of the game at the credential distribution center at Camping World Stadium.
The media hotel is the Rosen Plaza Hotel. The room rate for media staying at the hotel is \$105 per night plus applicable taxes. Reservation information will be provided during the credential application process.
A limited number of parking passes are available for credentialed media. Parking passes may be requested during the credential application process. Approved passes are typically issued at a ratio of one for every two media members from an outlet.
Media are also encouraged to use the free media shuttle from the media hotel to the stadium on game day. The media shuttle schedule will be posted at the media hotel during bowl week as well as in the daily e-mail updates from the Bowl media relations staff.
A hospitality suite at the Rosen Plaza hotel will be open for credentialed daily beginning Sunday, December 26, and features beverages, snacks and nightly meal service.

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QUICK FACTS

Location: Lexington, Ky. Founded: 1865 Enrollment: 31,800 Nickname: Wildcats Colors: Blue (PMS 286) and White Conference: Southeastern (Eastern Division) Stadium: Kroger Field (61,000) President: Dr. Eli Capilouto Athletics Director: Mitch Barnhart Faculty Representative: Joseph L. Fink III

2021 COACHING STAFF

Frank Buffano, safeties/co-special teams coord.

Liam Coen, offensive coord./quarterbacks

Chris Collins, defensive backs

Anwar Stewart, defensive line

Vince Marrow, associate head coach/tight ends, recruiting coord.

John Settle, running backs/co-special teams coord.

Jon Sumrall, co-defensive coord./inside linebackers

Brad White, defensive coordinator/outside linebackers

Eric Wolford, offensive line

Scott Woodward, wide receivers

Quality Control:

Jovon Bouknight

Josh Estes-Waugh

Greg Manusky

Louie Matsakis

Mark Perry

Joe Scola

Graduate Assistants:

Brayden Berezowitz (defense)

Bryan Berezowitz (student assistant)

C.J. Conrad (special teams)

Ryan Finck (offense)

Connor Langfels (defense)

Cam Garner (offense)

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KENTUCKY

FOOTBALL

KENTUCKY (9-3, 5-3)

9/4	ULM [SECN]	W, 45-10
9/11	MISSOURI* [SECN]	W, 35-28
9/18	CHATTANOOGA [ESPN+]	W, 28-23
9/25	at South Carolina* [ESPN2]	W, 16-10
10/2	#10/9 FLORIDA* [ESPN]	W, 20-13
10/9	LSU* [SECN]	W, 42-21
10/16	at No. 1/1 Georgia* [CBS]	L, 30-13
10/23	Open	
10/30	at Mississippi State* [SECN]	L, 31-17
11/6	TENNESSEE* [ESPN2]	L, 45-42
11/13	at Vanderbilt* [ESPN2]	W, 34-17
11/20	NEW MEXICO ST. [SECN]	W, 56-16
11/27	at Louisville [ESPN2]	W, 52-21

Vrbo Citrus Bowl (Orlando)

1/1/22 vs. #15 Iowa [ABC] 1 p.m.

* SEC game; Home games in bold

GAME 13



#22 KENTUCKY VS #15 IOWA

SATURDAY, JAN. 1, 2022

1 PM ET • ABC

ORLANDO, FLA.

CAMPING WORLD STADIUM



VRBO CITRUS BOWL

KENTUCKY WILDCATS

Record: 9-3 (5-3 SEC)
 Ranking: AP - 25; Coaches - 20
 Coach: Mark Stoops (Iowa, '89)
 Record: 58-53 (9th season)
 at UK: same
 vs. Iowa: 0-0
 Last Game: W, 52-21, at Louisville (11/27)
 Series: First Meeting

IOWA HAWKEYES

Record: 10-3 (7-2 Big Ten)
 Ranking: AP - 17; Coaches - 16
 Coach: Kirk Ferentz (Connecticut, '78)
 Record: 190-130 (26th season)
 at Iowa: 178-109 (23rd season)
 vs. UK: 0-0
 Last Game: L, 42-3, vs. Michigan, Big Ten Championship Game (12/4)
 Last Meeting: First Meeting

STORYLINES AROUND AS KENTUCKY FACES IOWA IN VRBO CITRUS BOWL

Kentucky is returning to the Vrbo Citrus Bowl and this time it will take on Iowa, the alma mater of head coach Mark Stoops, on New Year's Day in Orlando. Game time is 1 p.m. ET and it will air on ABC and the UK Sports Network. The Wildcats defeated Penn State in the 2019 edition of the game following the 2018 season.

The Cats will be looking to extend their non-conference winning streak to 16 games, which is tied with Iowa for the longest active streak in the country. Both programs have won three straight bowl games, tied for the third-longest active streak in FBS.

Offensively, the Wildcats have been guided by quarterback Will Levis, who is completing 66.5 percent of his passes for 2,593 yards and 23 touchdowns. Levis' top target has been Wan'Dale Robinson, who has 94 catches for 1,164 yards and six TDs. The ground game has been paced by Christopher Rodriguez Jr., who has rushed for 1,272 yards and eight scores. The trio is just the second in school history to reach 2,000 yards passing, 1,000 rushing and 1,000 receiving in the same season.

The Kentucky defense has been exceptional at times in 2021, with linebackers Jacquez Jones and DeAndre Square leading the team in tackles, while safety Yusuf Corker and defensive end Josh Paschal are among the SEC leaders in pass breakups and tackles for loss, respectively.

ABOUT THE GAME

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 Analyst Ben Hartsock
 Sideline Taylor Davis

RADIO • UK SPORTS NETWORK

Play-by-Play Tom Leach
 Analyst Jeff Piecoro
 Sideline Dick Gabriel

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Sirius - 138; XM - 190; SXM APP - 961

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BY THE NUMBERS

- 3** STRAIGHT BOWL WINS
- 6** STRAIGHT BOWL APPEARANCES
- 15** STRAIGHT WINS OVER NON-CONFERENCE OPPONENTS
- 32** WINS SINCE START OF 2018
- 58** COACH STOOPS CAREER WINS

QUICK NOTES

- Kentucky is returning to the Vrbo Citrus Bowl for the second time in the past four seasons, having defeated Penn State, 27-24, on Jan. 1, 2019 to cap a 10-win season.
- UK is ranked No. 20 in the USA Today Coaches Poll and No. 25 in the Associated Press Poll. The Wildcats finished No. 22 in the final CFP rankings.
- Coach Mark Stoops is his ninth season in Lexington. He is 58-53 overall, ranking second in school history in victories behind Paul "Bear" Bryant (60).
- He recently inked a contract extension that will keep him in Lexington through June 2028 with amended financial terms.
- Stoops started his tenure 12-26 but has gone an impressive 46-27 (.630) since that time, moving over .500 for the first time in his term as head coach.
- UK is 11-9 all-time in bowl games. The Cats are appearing in a school-record sixth straight bowl.



- UK has won 15 straight non-conference games, dating back to the 2017 Music City Bowl loss to Northwestern. It is tied for the longest such streak in FBS with Vrbo Citrus Bowl opponent Iowa (see page 12).
- UK's 32 victories since the start of the 2018 season rank sixth-most in the SEC.
- Those 32 wins rank 16th among Power Five programs.
- Kentucky is 9-3 for the first time since 2018 and just the third time in the past 44 seasons (1984, 2018, 2021).
- It's the first time since 1949-52 the Cats have had at least eight total victories three times in a four-year span.
- Kentucky finished 5-3 in the SEC for second place in the SEC Eastern Division. It marks the first time since the league split into divisions in 1992 that UK ends the season in sole possession of second place of the East. UK also has finished in a tie for second in the division on two other occasions, 2016 and 2018.
- All three second-place East finishes have been in the last six seasons under Mark Stoops.
- This is the second time since 1977 that UK has posted a winning record in league play, 5-3 this season and also in 2018.
- For just the second time in school history, UK has a 2,000-yard passer (Will Levis), 1,000-yard rusher (Chris Rodriguez Jr.) and 1,000-yard receiver (Wan'Dale Robinson) in a season - 2007 was the only other season (Andre' Woodson, Rafael Little, Steve Johnson).
- In the regular season finale, Kentucky routed rival Louisville, 52-21, on the road. The Cats scored 31 unanswered points before the Cardinals scored a pair of touchdowns in the fourth quarter against the reserves ... It was the fourth straight win for UK in the regular season finale, the first time it has done that since 1898-1901.
- The UK offense has scored a touchdown on its opening possession seven times in 12 games.
- Before falling at No. 1 Georgia on Oct. 16, Kentucky had won its previous eight games, marking the fifth-longest win streak in school history.
- Kentucky opened the season 6-0. UK's previous 6-0 starts include 1950 (10-0), 1910 (7-0), 1903 (7-0) and 1898 (7-0).
- Kentucky started 4-0 in the SEC for the fourth time in school history (also 1949, 1950, 1977).
- The win over Florida was Kentucky's first win over a AP top-10 team since a 31-28 win over South Carolina in 2010.
- The Wildcats have the third-most wins among SEC East schools from 2016-21 (46). Only Georgia (64) and Florida (48) have more.
- Kentucky has 11 players in school history who have rushed for at least 1,900 career yards. Four of those have come during Stoops' tenure: Benny Snell Jr. (3,873), Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2,633), Stanley "Boom" Williams (2,511) and A.J. Rose (1,971).
- RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. is second in the SEC and 12th nationally with 106.0 rushing yards per game.
- WR Wan'Dale Robinson is second in the SEC and sixth nationally in receptions per game (7.8) and second in the conference, 15th nationally in receiving yards per game (97.0).
- Guided by defensive coordinator Brad White, UK is 10th in the FBS in fourth down defense (38.7%), 36th in tackles for loss (6.4 per game) and 25th in total defense (336.4).
- Kentucky is 17th nationally in rushing defense (117.2 per game).
- Senior defensive end Josh Paschal ranks second in the SEC and 16th nationally with 1.3 tackles for loss per game. He has 15.5 total TFL this season. His 37.0 tackles for loss in his career, ranks third in UK history. He has charted a TFL in 10 of 12 games, and eight in a row, tied for the second-longest such streak in school history.
- UK has allowed 30 or fewer points in 43 of the past 50 games.
- After entering the lineup in the third game of the season, senior Colin Goodfellow has emerged as one of the nation's best punters, averaging 46.0 yards per kick.
- Jon Sumrall, UK co-defensive coordinator and inside linebackers coach, was named head coach at Troy on Dec. 2. Sumrall will rejoin the Wildcats to coach the Vrbo Citrus Bowl.
- During Stoops' tenure, the Wildcats have had nine different starting quarterbacks win a game in Jalen Whitlow, Maxwell Smith, Patrick Towles, Drew Barker, Stephen Johnson, Luke Wright, Lynn Bowden Jr., Terry Wilson and now Will Levis.
- Since 2016, UK is 19-8 (.704) in games decided by seven points or less.
- The Wildcats signed their highest-rated recruiting class in school history in 2022.

ALL-TIME BOWL RESULTS

Great Lakes Bowl (Dec. 6, 1947) UK 24, Villanova 14
Orange Bowl (Jan. 2, 1950) Santa Clara 21, UK 13
Sugar Bowl (Jan. 1, 1951) UK 13, Oklahoma 7
Cotton Bowl (Jan. 1, 1952) UK 20, TCU 7
Peach Bowl (Dec. 31, 1976) UK 21, North Carolina 0
Hall of Fame Bowl (Dec. 22, 1983) West Virginia 20, UK 16
Hall of Fame Bowl (Dec. 29, 1984) UK 20, Wisconsin 19
Peach Bowl (Dec. 31, 1993) Clemson 14, UK 13
Outback Bowl (Jan. 1, 1999) Penn State 26, UK 14
HomePoint.com Music City Bowl (Dec. 29, 1999) Syracuse 20, UK 13
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 29, 2006) UK 28, Clemson 20
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 31, 2007) UK 35, Florida State 28
AutoZone Liberty Bowl (Jan. 2, 2009) UK 25, East Carolina 19
Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl (Dec. 27, 2009) Clemson 21, UK 13
BBVA Compass Bowl (Jan. 8, 2011) Pittsburgh 27, UK 10
TaxSlayer Bowl (Dec. 31, 2016) Georgia Tech 33, UK 18
Franklin Mortgage Music City Bowl (Dec. 29, 2017) Northwestern 24, UK 23
VRBO Citrus Bowl (Jan. 1, 2019) UK 27, Penn State 24
Belk Bowl (Dec. 31, 2019) UK 37, Virginia Tech 30
TaxSlayer Gator Bowl (Jan. 2, 2021) UK 23, NC State 21

CATS CONTINUE TO CLIMB THE SEC LADDER

- Kentucky is 9-3 for the first time since 2018 and has clinched a winning record for the 2021 season.
- Kentucky is 5-3 in the SEC and finished in second place in the SEC Eastern Division.
- It is the first time since the league split into divisions in 1992 that UK ended the season in sole possession of second place of the East.
- UK also has finished in a tie for second in the division on two other occasions, 2016 and 2018.



BY THE NUMBERS

	2021	Stoops
Record.....	9-3	58-53
SEC.....	5-3	29-45
West.....	1-1	5-15
East.....	4-2	24-30
Non-Conference.....	4-0	29-8
Home.....	6-1	41-22
Road.....	3-2	14-28
Neutral site.....	0-0	3-3
Night.....	6-2	28-24
Day.....	3-1	30-29
TV Games.....	8-3	54-53
ABC.....	0-0	1-0
CBS.....	0-1	0-5
ESPN.....	1-0	4-11
ESPNU.....	0-0	3-5
ESPN2.....	3-1	5-3
ESPNNews.....	0-0	0-1
SEC Network.....	4-1	42-27
Fox Sports South.....	0-0	1-1
CBS Sports Network.....	0-0	1-0
August/September.....	4-0	24-12
October.....	2-2	16-16
November.....	3-1	14-22
December/January.....	0-0	4-2
Coming off an open date.....	0-1	5-7
UK scores on 1st possession.....	6-1	27-15
Opp scores on 1st possession.....	3-1	16-23
UK scores first.....	6-1	37-18
Opponent scores first.....	3-2	21-35
UK leads after 1st quarter.....	7-1	35-9
Opponent leads after 1stQ.....	0-1	11-34
Teams are tied after 1stQ.....	2-1	12-10
UK leads at halftime.....	8-0	42-7
Opponent leads at halftime.....	1-3	9-42
Teams are tied at halftime.....	0-0	7-4
UK leads after 3rd quarter.....	9-0	49-4
Opponent leads after 3rdQ.....	0-3	5-46
Teams are tied after 3rdQ.....	0-0	5-3
Game goes to overtime.....	0-0	1-3
Scoring less than 20 pts.....	1-2	5-34
Scoring 20+ points.....	8-1	48-19
Scoring 30+ points.....	6-1	34-9
Allowing less than 20 pts.....	5-0	33-4
Allowing 20+ points.....	4-2	19-40
Allowing 30+ points.....	0-3	7-32
UK has more total yards.....	8-1	46-8
Opp. has more total yds.....	1-2	12-45
UK has more rushing yards.....	7-1	48-12
Opp. has more rushing yards.....	2-2	10-41
UK has more passing yards.....	4-1	25-15
Opp. has more passing yards.....	5-2	33-36
Rushing for < 100 yds.....	0-2	5-19
Rushing for over 100 yards.....	9-1	50-33
Rushing for 200+ yards.....	7-1	41-10
Passing for 200+ yards.....	3-1	21-15
Passing for 300+ yards.....	2-1	8-5
UK has 100-yard rusher.....	7-1	40-15
Opp. has 100-yard rusher.....	2-0	17-32
No turnovers.....	2-1	15-9
One or two turnovers.....	3-1	35-33
3 or more turnovers.....	4-1	8-10
No takeaways.....	2-2	13-14
3 or more takeaways.....	0-0	14-4
UK has more penalties.....	4-1	21-21
Opp. has more penalties.....	5-2	31-28
Teams have equal penalties.....	0-0	6-4
UK has more TOP.....	6-2	39-20
Opp. has more TOP.....	3-1	18-33
UK defense scores.....	3-0	14-5
Opponent defense scores.....	1-1	7-10
UK returns KO/Punt for TD.....	0-1	3-1
Opp. returns KO/Punt for TD.....	0-0	0-5
Playing on natural grass.....	1-2	15-32
Playing on artificial surface.....	8-1	43-20
In blue uniforms.....	3-1	15-5
In white uniforms.....	3-1	9-11
In white jerseys/blue pants.....	0-1	5-18
In blue jerseys/white pants.....	2-0	17-5
In black uniforms.....	0-0	1-3
In blue jerseys/grey pants.....	0-0	2-3
In grey uniforms.....	1-0	6-3
In grey jerseys/blue pants.....	0-0	3-5

MILESTONES TO LOOK FOR...

- Head coach **Mark Stoops** has 58 career victories at Kentucky, No. 2 on the school's all-time list. Paul "Bear" Bryant is first with 60.
- Coach Stoops now holds the record for most total home wins in school history (41).
- Junior **RB Chris Rodriguez Jr.** has 2,633 career rushing yards for seventh place on the school's all-time list and is the 10th player in school history to reach 2,000. He needs 15 more yards to tie George Adams (2,648 from 1981-84) at No. 6.
- Rodriguez has 25 career rushing touchdowns and needs one to tie for second in UK history with Moe Williams and Sonny Collins.
- Rodriguez has 14 career 100-yard rushing games, third-most in school history.
- Rodriguez has 1,272 rushing yards this season, seventh-most in school history. He is the 10th Wildcat to reach 1,000 in a season and the 14th time it has been accomplished.
- Junior **WR Wan'Dale Robinson** has 94 receptions, setting a new school single-season record James Whalen (90, 1999).
- Robinson has 1,164 receiving yards this season, giving him the sixth 1,000-yard receiving season in school history and second-most yards in school history. He needs 147 to tie the record of 1,311 set by Craig Yeast in 1998.
- Robinson (1,164 receiving) and Rodriguez (1,272 rushing) are only the second duo in school history to give UK a 1,000-yard rusher and receiver in same season. Steve Johnson (1,041 receiving) and Rafael Little (1,013 rushing) did it in 2007.
- Senior **WR Josh Ali** is No. 12 on the all-time receiving yards list with 1,447. He needs 36 more to move up to No. 11 with Tom Hutchinson (1,483 from 1960-62). He also has 131 career receptions, the 18th Wildcat to reach the century mark in catches.
- Junior **RB Kavosiey Smoke** has 1,306 career rushing yards. He currently sits at No. 30 and needs seven more to move up to No. 29.
- Senior **DE Josh Paschal** has 37.0 tackles for loss in his career, tied for third with Bud Dupree, Vincent Burns and Marlon McCree.
- Senior **TE Justin Rigg** has played in 62 career games and with an appearance in the bowl game will set a new school record for most career games played.

- All three second-place East finishes have been in the last six seasons under Mark Stoops.
- This is the second time since 1977 that UK has posted a winning record in league play, 5-3 this season and also in 2018.

KENTUCKY IN BOWL GAMES

- The Wildcats own an 11-9 all-time record in bowl games, including a 4-1 record under head coach Mark Stoops.
- UK is appearing in its school-record sixth straight bowl game.
- Kentucky has won three straight bowl games which is tied with Iowa for the third-longest active streak in FBS. The Cats defeated Penn State, Virginia Tech and N.C. State.
- This is UK's second appearance in the Citrus Bowl during the six-year bowl run. The Cats ended their 10-win 2018 season in the VRBO Citrus Bowl in Orlando on Jan. 1, 2019, defeating Penn State, 27-24.

KENTUCKY VS. IOWA/BIG TEN

- This marks UK's first meeting in school history against Big Ten member Iowa.
- Kentucky is 29-37-4 all-time against current Big Ten members.
- UK last faced a Big Ten opponent in 2018 in the Citrus Bowl, defeating Penn State, 27-24.

A UK WIN WOULD...

- Be Kentucky's fourth consecutive bowl victory.
- Be Kentucky's 16th consecutive non-conference victory, extending the nation's longest active streak in FBS, dating to the beginning of the 2018 season.
- Boost UK to 21-3 in last 24 non-conference games dating to 2016.





2021 GAME NOTES

- Give Coach Mark Stoops 59 career victories at UK, putting him just one win shy of tying Paul "Bear" Bryant for the school's all-time winning coach.
- Give UK 10 wins for the second time in Stoops' tenure as head coach (2018, 2021).
- Be just the fourth time in school history the Cats have won 10 games (1950, 1977, 2018, 2021).
- Give Kentucky six wins in 2021 vs. opponents who played in a bowl game.
- Improve UK to 30-35-5 all-time vs. current members of the Big Ten.

KENTUCKY-IOWA CONNECTIONS

- Kentucky coach Mark Stoops lettered at Iowa from 1987-89, playing for legendary coach Hayden Fry.
- Stoops also served as a graduate assistant at his alma mater in 1990 and 1991. In 1990, the Hawkeyes won the Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl.
- Stoops' brothers, Bob (1979-82), and Mike (1981-84) each played at Iowa as well.
- Stoops said his late father, Ron, was buried in 1988 with one of his Iowa game jerseys in his casket.
- Iowa coach Kirk Ferentz was on the Iowa staff when Stoops was recruited to play for the Hawkeyes and knows the family well.

SUNSHINE STATE CATS

- Kentucky has 11 players on its roster who will be returning to their home state for the Citrus Bowl: DT Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald (Lakeland), OLB Sam Anaele, WR Josh Ali (Hollywood), DB Cedrick Dort Jr. (Palm Beach Gardens), WR DeMarcus Harris (Vero Beach), OL Kenneth Horsey (Sanford), WR Rahsaan Lewis (Orlando), OT Jake Pope (Fort Lauderdale), QB Nik Scalzo (Fort Lauderdale), WR Clevan Thomas Jr. (Miami) and LB Jordan Wright (Fort Lauderdale).

"SUPER SENIOR" SALUTE

- Due to COVID-19, every student-athlete was granted an extra year of eligibility and nine seniors took advantage of the extra year and are listed as "super seniors." These nine seniors will play their final game as a Wildcat in the Citrus Bowl:

Wide receiver **Josh Ali**

Offensive lineman **Luke Fortner**

Defensive back **Zach Johnson**

Defensive back **Quandre Mosely**

Defensive back **Davonte Robinson**

Tight end **Justin Rigg**

Kicker **Matt Ruffolo**

Punter **Colin Goodfellow**

Inside linebacker **William Nalty**

CATS IN THE NATIONAL POLLS

- Kentucky enters bowl season ranked No. 20 in the USA Today Coaches poll and No. 25 in the Associated Press poll.
- UK is No. 22 in the final CFP rankings.
- The Cats have spent eight weeks in the Coaches Poll and six in the AP Poll this season.
- Kentucky entered the AP Top 25 on Oct. 3, coming in at No. 16, advancing to No. 11 after the win over LSU ... It marked the highest AP ranking for UK since Oct. 28, 2018, when the Cats were No. 11 after a 7-1 start. The Cats also have been as high as No. 11 in the USA Today Coaches Poll, their highest ranking since ending the 2018 season at No. 11.

CATS BOAST 25 GRADUATES ON THE FIELD IN CITRUS BOWL

- When UK takes the field in the Citrus Bowl, 25 Wildcats will be graduates and don the SEC Graduate patch on their uniforms. They are:

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald

Tyrell Ajian

Josh Ali

100-YARD RUSHERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	8	14	ULM Missouri South Carolina LSU Tennessee Vanderbilt New Mexico St. Louisville
Will Levis	1	1	Louisville
Kavosiey Smoke	1	1	LSU

100-YARD RECEIVERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Wan'Dale Robinson	5	7	ULM Missouri Chattanooga Tennessee New Mexico St.
Josh Ali	2	2	ULM New Mexico St.

300-YARD PASSERS

Player	2021	Career	'21 Opponent
Will Levis	3	3	ULM Tennessee New Mexico St.

INTERCEPTIONS

Player	2021	Career
J.J. Weaver	2	2
Tyrell Ajian	1	4
Quandre Mosley	1	2
Jacquez Jones	1	1
Jalen Geiger	1	1
Yusuf Corker	0	3
D'Eryk Jackson	0	1
Josh Paschal	0	1
Jordan Wright	0	1
DeAndre Square	0	1

TRACKING SACK LEADERS

Player	2021	Career
J.J. Weaver	6.0	6.5
Josh Paschal	5.5	13.5
DeAndre Square	3.0	5.5
A. Abadi-Fitzgerald	2.5	2.5
Octavious Oxendine	2.0	2.0
Trevin Wallace	2.0	2.0
Justin Rogers	1.5	2.5
Jordan Wright	1.0	7.5
Yusuf Corker	1.0	1.0
Josaih Hayes	1.0	1.0
Davonte Robinson	1.0	1.0
Vito Tisdale	1.0	1.0
Carrington Valentine	1.0	1.0
Jacquez Jones	0.5	3.0
Marquan McCall	0	1.5
Quandre Mosely	0	1.0



STAT SUPERLATIVES

Most Games Played (min. 30): Justin Rigg (62), Zach Johnson (56), Josh Ali (55), Luke Fortner (54), Josh Paschal (52), Yusuf Corker (49), Davonte Robinson (49), DeAndre Square (48), Tyrell Ajian (47), Jacquez Jones (45), Darian Kinnard (45), Cedrick Dort Jr. (43), Isaiah Epps (43), Jordan Wright (41), Marquan McCall (39), Austin Dotson (39), Chris Rodriguez Jr. (37), Quandre Mosely (35), Chance Poore (35), Kavosiey Smoke (34), Brendan Bates (33)

Most Games Started (min. 20): Darian Kinnard (38), Josh Paschal (37), Yusuf Corker (36), Luke Fortner (35), Josh Ali (34), Justin Rigg (34), DeAndre Square (34), Jacquez Jones (31), Cedrick Dort (25), Tyrell Ajian (22)

Consecutive Games Started (min. 12): Darian Kinnard (38), Yusuf Corker (36), Josh Ali (34), Jacquez Jones (25), Josh Paschal (17), Justin Rigg (16), DeAndre Square (16), Kenneth Horsey (13), Will Levis (12), Wan'Dale Robinson (12), Dare Rosenthal (12)

Consecutive Games with a Tackle (min. 12): Yusuf Corker (38), Jacquez Jones (26), Josh Paschal (23), J.J. Weaver (20), Carrington Valentine (17)

Consecutive Games with a Reception (min. 5): Josh Ali (22), Wan'Dale Robinson (20), Keaton Upshaw (9), Justin Rigg (7)

#LAFAMILIA

Kentucky football has several set of sons playing for former Wildcats or who are currently working for UK Football:

- Sophomore Beau Allen is the son of former Wildcat Bill Allen (1985-88).
- Junior TE Brendan Bates is the grandson of former UK basketball player Gene Neff (1951-52)
- Senior DB Zac Berezowitz is the younger brother of identical twins Brayden and Bryan who serve as a graduate assistant and student assistant in the football office, respectively.
- Sophomore DB Moses Douglass is the son of former Wildcat Maurice Douglass (1984-85).
- Senior WR Darren Edmond is the son of UK Football's director of performance Corey Edmond.
- Redshirt freshman Dru Phillips is the son of former Wildcat Carlos Phillips (1986-90).
- Freshman WR Trey Dennis is the son of former Wildcat Harold Dennis (1994-96).
- Freshman offensive lineman Lucas Padgett is the son of Scott Padgett who played basketball at Kentucky (1995-99), helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia (Dozier), was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team (1994-97).
- We have brothers, too. Junior OLB Justice Dingle is the older brother of freshman TE Jordan Dingle. They are from Bowling Green, Ky. Walk-on defensive ends Richard and Alex Brascom of Louisville, Ky., are fraternal twins.



Marquez Bemby

Zac Berezowitz

Yusuf Corker

Cedrick Dort Jr.

Austin Dotson

Isaiah Epps

Luke Fortner (graduated with master's in mechanical engineering)

Colin Goodfellow

Kenneth Horsey

Zach Johnson (graduated with master's in sport leadership)

Will Levis

Tyler Markray

Quandre Mosely

Will Nalty

Josh Paschal

Justin Rigg

Davonte Robinson

Matt Ruffolo

Clevan Thomas Jr. (graduated with master's in sport leadership)

Naasir Watkins

Quintin Wilson

Jordan Wright

- Six Wildcats are currently working on master's degrees, including four in Kentucky's school of business:

Isaiah Epps - master's in sport leadership

Luke Fortner - MBA (second master's degree)

Will Levis - master's in finance

Tyler Markray - master's in sport leadership

Matt Ruffolo - MBA

Quintin Wilson - MBA

OFFENSE REACHING NEW HEIGHTS

- Kentucky's offensive philosophy under new coordinator Liam Coen has been on full display this season as the Wildcats morphed from a heavy run attack to a more balanced, aggressive style.
- The shift has led to remarkable success in year one with Coen, who came to Lexington after spending time with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams.
- UK is averaging 225.0 passing yards and 206.1 rushing yards per game, which is on pace to be the first season in school history to average at least 200 yards in both facets of the offense.



2021 STATISTICAL LEADERS

RUSHING:	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.	TDS		
Chris Rodriguez Jr.	205	1,272	6.2	8		
Kavosiey Smoke	81	416	5.1	4		
Will Levis	92	387	4.2	9		
PASSING:	ATT.	COMP	INT.	TDS	YARDS	PCT.
Will Levis	325	216	12	23	2593	66.5
Beau Allen	12	8	0	0	92	66.7
RECEIVING:	REC.	YARDS	AVG.	AVG/GAME	TDS	
Wan'Dale Robinson	94	1,164	12.4	97.0	7	
Josh Ali	41	601	14.7	60.1	3	
Justin Rigg	18	178	9.9	14.8	4	
Izayah Cummings	13	182	14.0	18.2	3	
TACKLES:	TOTAL	SOLO	AST.	INT.	SACKS	TFL (YDS)
Jacquez Jones	86	40	46	1	0.5	3.5 (9)
DeAndre Square	74	39	35	-	3.0	9.0 (30)
Yusuf Corker	73	41	32	-	1.0	3.5 (13)
Josh Paschal	53	24	29	-	5.5	15.5 (64)
J.J. Weaver	34	19	15	2	6.0	10.0 (46)

- UK is one of only 11 teams in the nation (one of only eight among Power 5 teams) that is averaging at least 200 rushing yards and 225 passing yards per game.
- The impressive balance hasn't been smoke and mirrors either, as the unit is averaging 6.57 yards per play (5,173 in 787 plays) for the season. The number would represent the highest yards per play average for a single-season in school history, besting the 6.45 in 1998 with Tim Couch at the helm of Hal Mumme's "Air Raid".
- UK's offense steadily improved throughout the season before exploding in the month of November, averaging 560.8 total yards per game in those four contests. The total was the highest of any Power Five team and second nationally only to Kent State (564.0).
- The offense had the highest 4+ yard rushing percentage of any team in nation, a hat tip to OL coach Eric Wolford's group up front (source: SportSource Analytics). The Wildcats also lead the SEC in rushing yards per attempt with a 5.51 average.
- The 33.3 points per game this season currently ranks fourth in school history for a single-season.
- 707 total yards vs. New Mexico State is the second-highest total in school history.
- QB Will Levis (2,593 passing yards), RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. (1,272 rushing yards) and WR Wan'Dale Robinson (1,164 receiving yards) became just the second trio in school history to go 2000/1000/1000 in the same season. Andre' Woodson (3,709 passing), Rafael Little (1,013 rushing) and Stevie Johnson (1,041 receiving) was the other in 2007.
- The explosiveness of the passing game has been breathtaking with 35 pass plays of at least 20 yards this season, seven of which are at least 40 yards. The combined totals from the 2019 and 2020 seasons were 36 pass plays of 20+ yards (four of them 40+ yards).
- Other individual records and accomplishments of note on offense include:
 - >> RB Chris Rodriguez Jr. tying the school record with eight 100-yard rushing games.
 - >> WR Wan'Dale Robinson setting the single-season school record with 94 receptions.
 - >> Robinson has the second-most receiving yards in a season and joins Randall Cobb as the only two players in school history with two games in their career of 12 or more catches.
 - >> K Matt Ruffolo setting the single-season school record for PATs with 52.

KINNARD NAMED CONSENSUS ALL-AMERICAN

- Kentucky senior offensive tackle Darian Kinnard was named a 2021 Consensus All-American, becoming the first offensive lineman to receive the honor since All-American Sam Ball in 1965. The Wildcats now have 12 consensus All-Americans in school history a total of 14 times.
- It also marks the third time in the last four years a Wildcat has been named a consensus All-American.
- Kinnard joins Bob Gain (1950), Babe Parilli (1950 and 1951), Lou Michaels (1956 and 1957), Sam Ball (1965), Art Still (1977), Tim Couch (1998), James Whalen (1999), Derek Abney (2002), Josh Allen (2018), Lynn Bowden (2019) and Max Duffy (2019) on the prestigious list.

2021 CAT SCRATCHES

SENIOR • DT • ABULE ABADI-FITZGERALD

- Born in Yenagoa, Nigeria
- Moved to United States at age 12

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • OG • R.J. ADAMS

- Dad, Reuben, played football at Howard and is a member of Howard's Athletics Hall of Fame

SENIOR • WR • JOSH ALI

- Dad, Faheem, was a WR at La Tech

SOPHOMORE • QB • BEAU ALLEN

- Dad, Bill, also played QB at UK from 1984-88

REDSHIRT FRESHMAN • DE • SAM ANAELE

- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Moved to Miami in 2017, originally to play basketball at McDougale Technical Institute
- Has only been playing football for four years

JUNIOR • TE • BRENDEN BATES

- Parents, Doug and Kelly, and brother, Doug, all played/play Division I sports
- Grandfather is former UK Basketball player Gene Neff

FRESHMAN • P • WILSON BERRY

- Played three years of Australian rules football for Essendon's team in the Victorian Football League
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted into the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager
- Currently 23 years old, birthday is in June
- UK's third straight Australian punter, following in the footsteps of Matt Panton (2017) and Max Duffy (2018-20)
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and is currently the starting punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers

FRESHMAN • OL • JAGER BURTON

- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State

SENIOR • S • YUSUF CORKER

- Married long-time girlfriend, Tarryn Todd-Long, in February of 2021 and the couple has one daughter, Amirah

SOPHOMORE • DB • MOSES DOUGLASS

- Father, Maurice, was a defensive back at Kentucky from 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants

SOPHOMORE • ILB • LUKE FULTON

- Father, Jeff, played baseball at Pitt

SOPHOMORE • WR • DEMARCUS HARRIS

- Father, Marc, played minor-league baseball for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school

JUNIOR • OL • KENNETH HORSEY

- Had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- Competed in martial arts for 14 years

SENIOR • S • ZACH JOHNSON

- Married long-time girlfriend, Sydney Fannin, on March 27, 2021

JUNIOR • QB • WILL LEVIS

- Comes from a family of athletes as his great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, was an All-America football player at Cornell University and won a National Championship in 1939 ... Went on to be the head football coach at Colgate University, Hobart College and Brown University



2021 CAT SCRATCHES

- Father, Mike, was a tight end at Denison University
- Mother, Beth Kelley Levis, was two-time All-America soccer player at Yale and has been inducted into the Connecticut Girls' Soccer Association Hall of Fame
- Uncle, David Kelley, also was an Academic All-America football player at Yale

JUNIOR • WR • RAHSAAN LEWIS

- Father, Ray, played 17 seasons in the NFL and was a 13-time Pro Bowler, 10-time All-Pro, two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXXV MVP, as well as a two-time All-American at the University of Miami

FRESHMAN • ILB • CONNER LONG

- Dad, Octavis, was a wide receiver at Michigan State from 1995-97
- Mother, Lynette, ran track for the Spartans

JUNIOR • RB • TYLER MARKRAY

- Dad, Triando, was a wide receiver at Michigan from 1983-84

JUNIOR • LS • JORDAN MORROW

- Dad, Jeff, played football at Kent State and is the current director of player personnel for the Carolina Panthers

SOPHOMORE • WR • TRE'VON MORGAN

- Cousin, Brandon Jackson, was an offensive lineman at UK from 1994-95

SENIOR • ILB • WILL NALTY

- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86

SOPHOMORE • DT • OCTAVIOUS OXENDINE

- Dad, Kirk, is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class

FRESHMAN • OL • LUCAS PADGETT

- Father, Scott, played basketball at Kentucky from 1995-99, helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College

SENIOR • DE • JOSH PASCHAL

- Completed a year-long immunotherapy treatment plan for melanoma found on the bottom of his right foot on Aug. 7, 2019

SOPHOMORE • LS • CLAY PERRY

- Father, Matthew, played football at Western Kentucky; uncle, Mark Perry, played football at Northwestern; uncle, Todd Perry, is a former Wildcat who played from 1988-92 and went on to an 11-year career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (eight years) and the Miami Dolphins (three years) as a guard

R-FRESHMAN • DB • ANDRU PHILLIPS

- Father, Carlos, played linebacker at Kentucky under Jerry Claiborne; mom, LaTonya, was a standout athlete at Danville High School; brother, C.J., played football at Morehead State in 2015

SENIOR • TE • JUSTIN RIGG

- Grandfather, Joe Miko, played football at Ohio; brother, Jordan, played football at Miami (Ohio) and brother, Jake, played at Walsh University

JUNIOR • WR • WAN'DALE ROBINSON



- To be named to the Consensus team, players have to be listed on the first team for more than half the All-America teams used in the compilation. If no player meets this criterion at a position, a player can be selected if named first team on at least two of the All-America teams. Second and third teams are used to break ties. In the case of a true tie, all players are listed. Five organizations are used to compile the consensus team — American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, Football Writers Association of America, The Sporting News and Walter Camp Foundation.
- Kinnard earned first-team All-America honors from four of the five - FWAA, Walter Camp and the AP. He was a second-team All-American by The Sporting News.

WILL LEVIS-TATING AS THE STARTING QB

- Quarterback Will Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp after transferring from Penn State and he has taken his role and run with it.
- His pass efficiency rating of 149.4 rating points is the highest for a UK starting quarterback since Andre' Woodson in the 2006 season (154.5) and third-highest ever for a single season.
- Ranks seventh in the SEC in passing yards per game (216.1) and sixth in passing TDs (23).
- Ranks seventh in the SEC in total offense (248.3 yards per game).
- He has 23 touchdown passes this season, most since Mike Hartline had 23 in 2010.
- He is the first UK quarterback with three 350-yard passing games in one season since Patrick Towles in 2014.
- He is the first Wildcat to have at least 15 rushing touchdowns and five rushing TDs in one season since Jared Lorenzen in 2003.
- His 66.5 completion percentage is the fourth-highest in a season at UK (min. 100 completions).
- Against LSU, named National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation after accounting for the first five touchdowns (three passing, two rushing) in the win over the Tigers.
- Against Tennessee, he accounted for 419 yards total offense and five touchdowns. He completed 31 of 49 passes for a career-high 372 yards and three touchdowns and, despite being sacked three times, rushed 15 times for a net 47 yards and two TDs.
- His 419 passing yards vs. New Mexico State marked the 12th-highest single-game total in school history. He is the first 400-yard passer since Andre' Woodson threw for 430 vs. Tennessee in 2007.
- Against Louisville, he had four rushing touchdowns, tying the school record and earning national honors from both College Football Performance and Manning Award. He became the **ONLY** quarterback in the nation to be named The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week twice.
- In his UK debut, he passed for 367 yards and four scores. List of QBs since 2000 to have at least 350 passing yards with at least 4 passing TDs and at least a 65% completion percentage in a victory in his first career start at an SEC school: J.T. Daniels, Georgia vs. Miss. St. (2020) and **Will Levis, vs. ULM (2021)**.



IT'S A WAN'DERFUL LIFE

- The Cats scored big in the offseason when Nebraska transfer **Wan'Dale Robinson**, a Frankfort, Kentucky native, transferred back to the Commonwealth.
- He has 94 catches this season, setting a new Kentucky single-season record. He surpassed James Whalen's 90 (1999).
- He has 1,164 receiving yards, the second-most in a season in school history.
- He was named First-Team All-SEC by Pro Football Focus and Phil Steele and Second-Team All-SEC by both the coaches and Associated Press.
- Through 12 games, Robinson ranks sixth nationally and second in the SEC with 7.8 rpg.
- He is 17th nationally and second in the SEC in receiving yards per game (97.0), and seventh in the SEC in all-purpose yards per game (107.9). He currently has 11 plays of 30+ yards.
- He has five 100-yard games this season, tied with James Whalen (1999) for second place on the UK single-season list.
- Robinson has two games with at least 12 receptions. He joins Randall Cobb as the only two players in school history to have multiple games in their career with at least 12 receptions.

Games w/ 12+ Receptions (career)

Wan'Dale Robinson - 2
Randall Cobb - 2

Games w/ 9+ Receptions (career)

James Whalen - 6
Craig Yeast - 5
Wan'Dale Robinson - 4
Keenan Burton - 4
Anthony White - 4

- Against Tennessee, he set career highs with 13 receptions for 166 yards. The 13 catches ties for second-most in a game in UK history, most since Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri in 2018.
- He became the first UK player with at least nine catches in three straight games since Anthony White in 1998.
- Robinson showed he was worth all the hype in the opener vs. ULM, hauling in a pair of touchdown receptions as he roasted the coverage on his way to 125 yards on five catches.
- With an 111-yard performance in week three, he became the first Wildcat to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games since Derek Abney in 2001 and the first ever to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games to begin a season.
- Against New Mexico State he caught eight passes for a career-best 181 yards. The 181 yards is the fourth-highest single-game total in school history and most since Craig Yeast's school-record 269 vs. Vanderbilt in 1998.

HOT C-ROD

- Junior RB **Chris Rodriguez Jr.** has 1,272 rushing yards this season and is one of the nation's top running backs. The total ranks seventh on UK's single-season rushing list.
- By surpassing 1,000 rushing yards in 2021 he becomes the 10th Wildcat to have a 1,000-

2021 CAT SCRATCHES

- Father, Dale, played football at WKU
- FRESHMAN • OL • PAUL RODRIGUEZ**
 - Mother, Wendy, played softball and basketball at Davis & Elkins College from 1985-89
- R-FRESHMAN • WR • EARNEST SANDERS**
 - Father, Earnest, was a strong safety at Michigan from 1993-95
- SOPHOMORE • S • VITO TISDALE**
 - Son of "Big V" the co-founder and former member of the Southern rap quartet from Louisville, Kentucky, Nappy Roots
- SOPHOMORE • DB • CARRINGTON VALENTINE**
 - Sister, Shala, played basketball at UMass Lowell and brother, Jerrick, played soccer at Bellermine
 - Spent most of his football career as a WR before switching to DB as a junior in HS
- JUNIOR • FB • JACK VARGA**
 - Comes from a tennis family as dad, John, uncle Andrew Varga, uncle Paul Varga and aunt, Julie Hale, all played tennis at UK
- SOPHOMORE • OLB • J.J. WEAVER**
 - Has six functioning fingers on his right hand
 - Played high school football in Louisville but grew up in Broward County, Florida
- FRESHMAN • TE • JAI WILLIAMS**
 - Father, James, also known as "Big Cat," played 12 seasons (1991-2003), mostly as an offensive tackle, with the Chicago Bears and is known as one of the "100 Greatest Bears of All-Time"
- SOPHOMORE • DB • JOEL WILLIAMS**
 - Father, Joseph, was a tight end at Grambling State from 1983-86 and went on to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons
- JUNIOR • C • QUINTIN WILSON**
 - Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in management ... Completed his bachelor's degree in two and one-half years with the help of advanced placement credits earned in high school
 - Didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- FRESHMAN • ILB • MARTEZ THROWER**
 - Sister, Tionne Wallace, is a Private First Class in the U.S. Army
- FRESHMAN • OL • DAVID WOHLABAUGH JR.**
 - Father, Dave, played at Syracuse and went on to a nine-year NFL career with New England (1995-98), Cleveland (1999-2002) and St. Louis (2003) ... Also a member of the 1995 All-Rookie Team, played in the 1997 Super Bowl, and started all 128 games of his NFL career ... Teammate with former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch with the Cleveland Browns
 - Brother, Jack, is currently a center at Duke
 - Played hockey (defense) as a young child until his sophomore year of high school
- SENIOR • OLB • JORDAN WRIGHT**
 - Older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, currently plays basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, was a defensive lineman at Syracuse



yard season. It has only been accomplished 14 times in total in the history of UK Football.

- He is second in the SEC and is 12th nationally with 106.0 yards per game and fifth in the SEC in all-purpose yards (110.7).
- His eight 100-yard rushing games in 2021 are tied for the single-season school record with Artose Pinner’s eight in 2002.
- He currently has rushed for 100 yards or more in four consecutive games, tying for the third-longest streak in school history.
- Named to First-Team All-SEC by the Associated Press and Second-Team Coaches All-SEC.
- He has 2,633 career rushing yards, seventh place in school history and is the 10th player in school history to reach 2,000 career yards.
- Rodriguez rushed for a touchdown in five consecutive games, second-longest streak in school history, before seeing it end vs. Chattanooga.
- He has 25 career rushing touchdowns, tied for fourth-most in school history and just one behind Moe Williams and Sonny Collins (26) for second-most.
- He ranks third in yards per carry for his career (min. 200) at 6.63.
- He has 14 career 100-yard rushing games, third-most in school history.
- He has had only 12 of his 397 career carries go for negative yardage, a staggering testament to his ability to hit the hole and grind out yards.
- He set new career highs with 27 carries for 207 yards vs. Missouri, breaking the UK record for most rushing yards in an SEC opener. He earned Co-SEC Offensive Player of the Week honors.

SIMPLY STOOPS-ENDOUS

UK head coach Mark Stoops has proven to be an excellent hire, turning around a struggling program and making him the first UK coach to lead the program to a sixth consecutive bowl appearance. He also has erased a number of the long-standing hurdles and streaks in the program’s history. The accomplishments include, but aren’t limited to:

- First New Year’s Day bowl win since 1951 (2018)
- First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)
- First winning SEC record since 1977 (2018)
- First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
- First ranking in the final AP Poll since 1984 (2018)
- First bowl win since 2008 season (2018)
- First win at Florida since 1979 (2018)
- Ended 31-game losing streak to Florida (2018) and followed up by ending a 35-year home drought against the Gators on Oct. 2, 2021.
- First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2020)
- Stoops is the first UK coach to defeat Florida and Tennessee both home and away since Fran Curci (1976, 1977).
- Eight-game winning streak (2020-21), fifth-longest in school history and longest in 44 years, since a 10-game streak in the 1977 season.
- Stoops currently holds school records for most games coached (111), most home wins (41), total SEC wins (29).
- Stoops was named one of 16 head coaches named to the Dodd Trophy Midseason Watch List by the Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Foundation and Peach Bowl, Inc. He also was on the American Heart Association’s 2021 Paul “Bear” Bryant Coach of the Year Award watch list.
- After two games of the 2016 season, his record was 12-26 but he has gone 46-27 (.630) since. Overall, Stoops is now 58-53 at Kentucky and

WARFORD ELECTED TO UK ATHLETICS HOF

The University of Kentucky Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2021 was announced in June of 2021, with Bettie Lou Evans (women’s golf), Kendra Harrison (women’s track and field), Nazr Mohammed (men’s basketball), **Larry Warford (football)**, Bob Whelan (men’s track and field/cross country) and Arin Gilliland Wright (women’s soccer) chosen for induction.

The new Hall of Famers were inducted on Thursday, Nov. 4, during Hall of Fame Weekend. They were joined by the 2020 class that could not be honored last year because of Covid precautions – Chanda Bell (softball), Sawyer Carroll (baseball), Ron Mercer (men’s basketball), AJ Reed (baseball), **Danny Trevathan (football)** and Wayne Turner (men’s basketball).

Larry Warford, Football (2009-12)

One of the greatest offensive linemen in Kentucky history went on to an outstanding career in the NFL ... Helped UK to two bowl games ... Did not allow a quarterback sack and graded over 90% during his senior year ... Earned all-star recognition all four years at UK ... Earned All-America Third Team honors as a senior from Associated Press and Phil Steele’s College Football ... All-SEC First Team as a senior by ESPN.com and CBSsports.com ... All-SEC Second Team as a junior and sophomore ... Named to the Sophomore All-America Team by College Football News ... Freshman All-SEC by league coaches ... Seven-year NFL career with Detroit and New Orleans ... Pro Bowl selection in 2017, 2018 and 2019.

1998 1. Dec. 2, Kirk Ferentz, Iowa	6. Dec. 22, Troy Calhoun, AF	2012 11. Nov. 27, Mark Stoops, UK 12. Dec. 1, Dave Doeren, N.C. State
2004 2. Dec. 9, Kyle Whittingham, Utah	2007 7. Jan. 3, Nick Saban, Alabama 8. Dec. 8, Ken Niumatalolo, Navy	
2005 3. Jan. 3, Mike Gundy, Okla. State 4. Dec. 12, Rick Stockstill, MT	2008 9. Oct. 13, Dabo Swinney, Clemson	
2006 5. July 7, Pat Fitzgerald, Northwestern	2011 10. Jan. 13, David Shaw, Stanford	

- is nearing Paul “Bear” Bryant’s school-record 60 victories.
- Off the field, Stoops is a staunch supporter of the Kentucky Children’s Hospital, helping raise more than \$500,000 annually for the kids
- Kentucky’s football team has fared well academically under Stoops, as each year UK’s football score in the NCAA Academic Progress Rate has been well above the benchmark of 930.
- Stoops is the second-longest tenured coach in the SEC behind Alabama’s Nick Saban. He is the 11th-longest tenured coach in the nation (see chart above).

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 60 Paul “Bear” Bryant (1946-53)
- 2. 58 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-81)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
41 Blanton Collier (1954-61)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-09)





TOP 25 POLLS

2021 ASSOCIATED PRESS POLL

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Michigan
- 3 **Georgia**
- 4 Cincinnati
- 5 Notre Dame
- 6 Baylor
- 7 Ohio State
- 8 Ole Miss
- 9 Oklahoma State
- 10 Utah
- 11 Michigan State
- 12 BYU
- 13 Pittsburgh
- 14 Oklahoma
- 15 Oregon
- 16 Louisiana
- 17 **Iowa**
- 18 NC State
- 19 Clemson
- 20 Wake Forest
- 21 Houston
- 22 Arkansas
- 23 Texas A&M
- 24 UTSA
- 25 **KENTUCKY**

UK and UK Opponents Receiving Votes: Mississippi State 4

2021 USA TODAY AFCA COACHES POLL

- 1 Alabama
- 2 Michigan
- 3 **Georgia**
- 4 Cincinnati
- 5 Notre Dame
- 6 Baylor
- 7 Ohio State
- 8 Ole Miss
- 9 Oklahoma State
- 10 Michigan State
- 11 Utah
- 12 Pittsburgh
- 13 Oklahoma
- 14 BYU
- 15 Oregon
- 16 **Iowa**
- 17 Louisiana
- 18 NC State
- 19 Wake Forest
- 20 **KENTUCKY**
- 21 Houston
- 22 Clemson
- 23 Texas A&M
- 24 Arkansas
- 25 UTSA

UK and UK Opponents Receiving Votes: Mississippi State 2

KENTUCKY IN THE POLLS

DATE	AP	COACHES	BCS
Preseason	-	RV (20)	-
Week 2	RV (3)	RV (28)	-
Week 3	RV (13)	RV (50)	-
Week 4	RV (12)	RV (69)	-
Week 5	RV (26)	23	-
Week 6	16	14	-
Week 7	11	11	-
Week 8	15	14	-
Week 9	12	12	-
Week 10	18	17	18
Week 11	RV (22)	RV (74)	-
Week 12	RV (9)	RV (113)	-
Week 13	RV (10)	25	-
Pre-bowls	25	20	22

Most Career SEC Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 29 **Mark Stoops (2013-Present)**
2. 25 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
3. 22 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-53)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

1. 41 **Mark Stoops (2013-present)**
2. 33 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)

Most Wins by an Active FBS Coach - All at The Same School

1. 149 Dabo Swinney Clemson
2. 148 Mike Gundy Oklahoma St.
3. 144 Kyle Whittingham Utah
4. 110 Troy Calhoun Air Force
5. 109 Pat Fitzgerald Northwestern
6. 104 Ken Niumatalolo Navy
7. 100 Rick Stockstill Middle Tenn.
8. 93 David Shaw Stanford
9. 64 Kirby Smart Georgia
10. 58 **Mark Stoops Kentucky**

THE BLOCK OF JOSHUA

- Senior defensive end **Josh Paschal**'s story is well-chronicled, his return from cancer a remarkable testament to his courage and perseverance. But focusing solely on that would do a disservice to his on-field exploits.
- The All-American and Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist has an incredible stat line this season that reads: 53 tackles, a team-high 15.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, a team-high eight quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and a blocked kick.
- He was named Second-Team All-America by CBS Sports and USA Today and First-Team All-SEC by The Associated Press. He also excels in the classroom, earning Academic All-America Second Team by CoSIDA.
- "The most underappreciated defensive player in the SEC" as described by SEC Network analyst Gene Chizik.
- Ranks second in the SEC and 16th nationally in tackles for loss (15.5).
- Has a TFL in 10 of 12 games, and eight in a row. The eight games in a row is tied for the second-longest streak in school history dating to 1980.
- Has six or more tackles in six games.

2022 SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT
Sept. 3	MIAMI (OHIO)
Sept. 10	at Florida*
Sept. 17	YOUNGSTOWN STATE
Sept. 24	NORTHERN ILLINOIS
Oct. 1	at Ole Miss*
Oct. 8	SOUTH CAROLINA*
Oct. 15	MISSISSIPPI STATE*
Oct. 22	Open
Oct. 29	at Tennessee*
Nov. 5	at Missouri*
Nov. 12	VANDERBILT*
Nov. 19	GEORGIA*
Nov. 26	LOUISVILLE

*SEC game

- His 37.0 tackles for loss in his career ranks tied for third at UK.
- Paschal played perhaps the game of his life in the Cats' win over No. 10 Florida, highlighted by a blocked field goal that teammate Trevin Wallace caught and returned 76 yards for a go-ahead touchdown in the third quarter.
- It was Kentucky's first blocked field goal returned for a touchdown since David Jones had a 57-yard blocked field goal return against Vanderbilt in 2008.
- It is Paschal's third blocked kick of his career, also a blocked punt vs. Eastern Michigan in 2017 and blocked punt vs. Tennessee in 2019.
- Paschal currently has the Cats' most recent blocked field goal and punt.

"BIG BLUE WALL" NAMED FINALIST FOR THE JOE MOORE AWARD

- The Kentucky offensive line was one of four units named as a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award, recognizing the Most Outstanding Offensive Line Unit in college football.
- It's the fourth consecutive season that the Kentucky offensive line, known as the "Big Blue Wall," has been recognized by the award for its work in the trenches.
- Behind Kentucky's talented "Big Blue Wall," running back Chris Rodriguez Jr. ranks second in the Southeastern Conference and 12th nationally at 106.0 rushing yards per game. He has totaled 1,272 yards and tied a school record with eight 100-yard rushing games this season.
- UK linemen, led by offensive line coach Eric Wolford and graduate assistant coach Ryan Finck, were chosen SEC Offensive



WE'RE GOING STREAKIN'

Kentucky has extended its non-conference winning streak to 15 games, tied for the longest active streak in FBS with Vrbo Citrus Bowl opponent Iowa.

Streak	Last Defeat
15 - Kentucky	Dec. 29, 2017 vs. Northwestern

15 - Iowa Jan. 1, 2017 vs. Florida

UK also is tied for the third-longest active bowl winning streak with three straight victories:

Streak	Team
6	Appalachian State
4	Texas
3	Kentucky, Iowa, Texas A&M

Lineman of the Week five times this season.

- All totaled, the Wildcats have 119 combined starts on the offensive line. Senior right tackle Darian Kinnard has started in 38 consecutive games, while super senior Luke Fortner has started in 35 straight games, including the last 12 at center.
- UK led the SEC in rushing yards per carry with a 5.51 average.
- Kinnard earned the SEC's prestigious Jacobs Blocking Trophy, just the second time a UK player has won the top blocking award since its inception in 1935 (also Warren Bryant in 1976.)
- Kinnard also was named one of six semifinalists for the Outland Trophy, given to the nation's top interior lineman.

HORSEY NAMED TO ALLSTATE AFCA GOOD WORKS TEAM

- Junior offensive guard Kenneth Horsey was one of 22 student-athletes, including one of just 11 football players from the FBS, to be named to the 2021 Allstate American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Good Works Team®. The team honors football players for their dedication to community service and the positive impact they have made on the lives of others.
- Horsey, was the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year, has a remarkable comeback story that has inspired his community service work for heart health.

- In the spring of 2018, before he was to arrive at Kentucky for his freshman season, he was complaining of a pain in his side. His parents rushed him to the emergency room where doctors ultimately found a growth on one of his heart valves. He went through open-heart surgery on April 8, 2018 and was even told by a few doctors that his football career was over. However, Horsey would not be deterred. He came to Kentucky and redshirted the 2018 season with a goal of earning a starting spot on Kentucky's offensive line, affectionately known as the "Big Blue Wall." In 2019, he saw action in four games and continued to train and prepare his body for the rigors of the Southeastern Conference. Since his surgery in 2018, he has lost 50 pounds and because of his hard work and dedication, has earned the starting left guard spot on the "Big Blue Wall." He started in eight games played in 2020, helping the Wildcats rank fifth in the Southeastern Conference in rushing offense (187.4) and is the current starter at left guard on the 2021 squad.
- Because of his heart condition and how supported he felt through his surgery and recovery, he began volunteering with the Lexington chapter of the American Heart Association in 2020. In September, Horsey was even awarded the Finn Collier Service Award by the AHA in recognition of his work to support its lifesaving mission – to be a relentless force for a world of longer, healthier lives.
- Horsey coordinated and planned a hands-only CPR training for the UK Football team and staff in the spring of 2021 and helped plan a Hands-Only CPR media availability on June 14 that promoted Hands-Only CPR awareness to the media for CPR Awareness Month.
- Kentucky has the second-most honorees on the national Good Works Team with 17. Horsey is the fifth player under head coach Mark Stoops to be named to the prestigious team, including the third straight - Landon Young, 2019; Luke Fortner, 2020. He's also the third straight offensive lineman named to the team.

THREE CATS NAMED COSIDA ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICANS

- Three players - Colin Goodfellow, Luke Fortner and Josh Paschal - were voted to the CoSIDA Academic All-America Second

WHERE ARE THE COACHES?

SIDELINE

Mark Stoops, Head Coach
Liam Coen, Offensive Coordinator, QBs
Vince Marrow, Assoc. Head Coach, Tight Ends
John Settle, Running Backs
Chris Collins, Defensive Backs
Anwar Stewart, Defensive Line
Jon Sumrall, Co-Defensive Coordinator, ILBs
Brad White, Defensive Coordinator, OLBs
Eric Wolford, Offensive Line

PRESS BOX

Frank Buffano, Safeties
Scott Woodward, Wide Receivers

Team, which recognizes the nation's top student-athletes for their combined performances on and off the field.

- The six All-District selections tied with Cincinnati for the most on the All-District Team. They were: Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald (DL), Luke Fortner (OL), Collin Goodfellow (P), Josh Paschal (DL), Matt Ruffolo (K) and Quintin Wilson (OL).

COACHING CHANGES; NEW ROLES

- Liam Coen was named Kentucky's new offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Dec. 14. Coen spent the last three years with the Los Angeles Rams, 2018 and '19 as the assistant wide receivers coach before being named assistant quarterbacks coach prior to the 2020 season.
- Eric Wolford was named UK's new offensive line coach on Dec. 16, 2020, coming to UK with 25 years of coaching experience at the collegiate and NFL levels. He spent the past four seasons at South Carolina.
- John Settle was announced as UK's new running backs coach/co-special teams coordinator on March 15, 2021. Settle comes to the Bluegrass after 11 overall seasons between two stints at Wisconsin, the second one starting in 2015. Settle will coach the special teams unit with safeties coach Frank Buffano.
- Chris Collins was named UK's new defensive backs coach on June 3, 2021. He came to Kentucky after four seasons (2017-20) as the safeties coach at Georgia State.
- Jon Sumrall added an additional title to his resume as co-defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach. Sumrall was named head coach at Troy on Dec. 2, but will rejoin the Wildcats to help coach the bowl.



HONORING THE CATS

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

Josh Ali

- Second-Team All-SEC (PR), Pro Football Focus
- Third-Team All-SEC (WR), Pro Football Focus

Yusuf Corker

- Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (PFF)

Eli Cox

- Midseason All-America (AP, ESPN)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Oct. 10)

Luke Fortner

- East-West Shrine Game
- First-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, PFF)
- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- William V. Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- SEC Offensive Lineman of Week (Sept. 27)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Sept. 7)

Collin Goodfellow

- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

Kenneth Horsey

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List
- American Heart Association Finn Collier Award
- Honorable Mention All-SEC, Pro Football Focus
- SEC Community Service Team

Jacquez Jones

- Walter Camp National FBS Defensive Player of the Week (Week 5)
- SEC co-Defensive Player of Week (Oct. 3)

Darian Kinnard

- Outland Trophy Semifinalist
- Jacobs Blocking Trophy (SEC)
- Reese's Senior Bowl All-American Team
- First-Team All-America (AFCA, AP, FWAA, Walter Camp, Phil Steele, CBS Sports, Reese's Senior Bowl)
- Second-Team All-American (The Sporting News, PFF, The Athletic, USA Today)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, PFF, Coaches, Phil Steele, USA Today Network)
- SEC Offensive Lineman of Week (Nov. 29)
- SEC co-Offensive Lineman of Week (Nov. 15)
- Midseason All-America (CBS Sports, Sporting News, The Athletic)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Will Levis

- Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021
- The Manning Award "QB of the Week" (Week 12)
- Manning "Star of the Week" (Week 12)
- CFPA National Performer of Week, Honorable Mention (Week 12)
- Walter Camp National FBS Offensive Player of the Week (Week 6)
- Davey O'Brien Award Great 8 (Week 6)
- The Manning Award "QB of the Week" (Week 1)
- Manning "Star of the Week" (Week 1)

Marquan McCall

- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

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- SEC co-Defensive Lineman of Week (Oct. 10)

Josh Paschal

- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist
- Second-Team All-American (CBS/247Sports, USA Today)
- Fourth-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- First-Team All-SEC (Associated Press)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, PFF)

- Assistant strength and conditioning coach Rafael Horton returned to the Bluegrass after two seasons at West Virginia. Horton was previously at UK from 2013-15.
- Eddie Gran, former UK assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and running backs coach, returned to the program on Sept. 17 as a special assistant to the head coach, an off-the-field role.

PRIDE OF THE OCEAN STATE

- They are Kentuckians now but UK offensive coordinator Liam Coen and defensive coordinator Brad White most certainly spend some time reminiscing on their early football days at rival Rhode Island high schools. One thing is for sure, the odds of a Power Five school in the southeast having a pair of coordinators from the smallest state in the nation would have been astronomical.
- Coen, who is four years White's junior, is from Warwick, R.I., played at LaSalle Academy while White, a Portsmouth native, played at rival Bishop Hendricken.
- The oddity wasn't lost on the coaches: "How about that? I think there's about three or four in the NFL or Division I football, so there's not many," Coen said of high-level coordinators. "Small world, man. Such a small world, how these things work out."

UK TAKES ADVANTAGE OF NCAA TRANSFER PORTAL WITH SEVEN ADDITIONS

- Head coach Mark Stoops took advantage of the NCAA Transfer Portal to fulfill needs in key positions for the 2021 season and beyond, welcoming seven new Wildcats to the program in 2021: Justice Dingle II - Jr. - OLB - Georgia Tech
Luke Fulton - So. - ILB - Michigan State
Jacquez Jones - Sr. - ILB - Ole Miss
Will Levis - Jr. - QB - Penn State
Tre'Von Morgan - WR - Michigan State
Wan'Dale Robinson Jr. - WR - Nebraska
Dare Rosenthal - Jr. - OT - LSU

CATS IN THE NFL DRAFT

- Kentucky had six NFL Draft picks in the 2021 NFL Draft - Jamin Davis (1st - Washington); Kelvin Joseph (2nd - Cowboys); Quinton Bohanna (6th - Cowboys); Brandin Echols (6th - Jets);

HONORING THE CATS

- Reese's Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week (Oct. 3)
- SEC co-Special Teams Player of Week (Oct. 3)
- CoSIDA Academic All-American Second Team
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Wan'Dale Robinson

- Second-Team All-America (PFF)
- First-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, PFF)
- Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)
- Paul Hornung Award Watch List
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List

Chris Rodriguez Jr.

- First-Team All-SEC (AP, USA Today Network)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, Coaches)
- Honorable Mention All-SEC (PFF)
- Co-SEC Offensive Player of the Week (Sept. 14)
- CFPA HM National Performer of the Week
- On3's SEC Player of the Week (Week2)
- College Sports Madness Offensive SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
- Maxwell Trophy Watch List
- Doak Walker Award Watch List

Dare Rosenthal

- Third-Team All-SEC, Pro Football Focus

Matt Ruffolo

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team
- Lou Groza Award Watch List
- Burlsworth Trophy Watch List

DeAndre Square

- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

Trevin Wallace

- Freshman All-SEC (Coaches)
- SEC Freshman of the Week (Nov. 1)

J.J. Weaver

- Third-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Capital One Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award nominee
- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award

Quintin Wilson

- CoSIDA Academic All-District First-Team

- Landon Young (6th - Saints); Phil Hoskins (7th - Panthers). All six made the initial 53-man rosters.
- The six picks are the tied for the fourth-most in school history and the most since 1979 (eight). Five of the six picks were defensive players.
- The six picks are the most for Kentucky since the current seven-round draft era began in 1994.
- It marked the second time in the last three years that Kentucky had five or more draft picks (five in 2019).
- For the second time in the last three years, Kentucky had a first- and second-round pick in Jamin Davis, first round and Kelvin Joseph, second round. Prior to that, you have to go back 42 years to find two UK picks in the first two rounds (Warren Bryant and Randy Burke, first round 1977).



- In total, 18 players have been drafted under head coach Mark Stoops, including 12 defensive players in Avery Williamson, Bud Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Josh Forrest, Josh Allen, Lonnie Johnson, Mike Edwards, Jamin Davis, Kelvin Joseph, Quinton Bohanna, Brandin Echols.

KENTUCKY'S YOUNGSTOWN BOYS

- A neighbor of Pittsburgh, a.k.a. Steel City USA, Youngstown, Ohio has a reputation as a blue collar community defined by hard work and relationships forged over generations that are stronger than steel. Kentucky's football program is, in many ways, defined by that bond as it creates a southern alumni club from Youngstown, the hometown of head coach Mark Stoops and several other key members of the program. Below is a list of staffers and players from Youngstown, Ohio

Mark Stoops - Head Coach (Cardinal Mooney), **Vince Marrow** - Recruiting Coord./Tight Ends (Cardinal Mooney), **Frank Buffano** - Safeties (Cardinal Mooney), **Courtney Love** - Dir. of Player Development (Cardinal Mooney), **Eric Wolford** - Offensive Line (Ursuline), **Luke Fulton** - Sophomore, inside linebacker (Cardinal Mooney)

UK ALUMNUS TIM COUCH INDUCTED INTO NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL HOF/LISTED ON COLLEGE FOOTBALL HOF BALLOT

- Former UK quarterback Tim Couch was one of seven athletes inducted into the National Federation of State High School Associations (NFHS) National High School Hall of Fame on July 1 in Orlando. Couch has also been named to the 2022 ballot for induction into the College Football Hall of Fame. That announcement will be made in early 2022.
- During his football career at Leslie County High School in Hyden, Kentucky in the mid-1990s, Couch set three national career passing records – 872 completions, 12,104 yards and 133 touchdowns. He helped Leslie County to a 13-1 record as a junior while completing an amazing 75 percent of his passes – a national record that stood for 15 years. As a senior, he passed for 42 touchdowns and led his team to an 11-3 mark, and he was named Gatorade and USA Today National Player of the Year while earning Mr. Football honors in Kentucky. ESPN.com selected Couch the sixth-best high school athlete in history. Couch was equally dominant on the basketball court. He scored 3,023 points in his career, leading the state in scoring as a senior at 37 points per game. He was two-time all-state in basketball. Couch's football prowess continued at the University of Kentucky, where he passed for 8,159 yards and 73 touchdowns in his final two seasons. He led Kentucky to the Outback Bowl after his junior season and was fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting. Couch was the No. 1 pick in the 1999 NFL draft by the Cleveland Browns and passed for more than 11,000 yards and 64 touchdowns in his five years with the Browns.

OFFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Excitement is in the air as the Cats' new offense scheme, directed by offensive coordinator Liam Coen, has taken shape this season. The former quarterbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams brings a pro-style offense to the Bluegrass and it's a welcomed change. UK threw just 243 passes for 1,336 yards last season, ranking 14th in the SEC in passing offense.

CATS IN THE PROS

A total of 20 former Kentucky Wildcats are currently on National Football League rosters/practice squads with additional players in the CFL. Here is the list, along with their years at UK (as of Nov. 14, 2021):

Arizona Cardinals
Corey Peters, DT (2006-09)

Baltimore Ravens
Chris Westry, DB (2015-17)

Carolina Panthers
Phil Hoskins, DT (2017-18, 2020)

Chicago Bears
Danny Trevathan, LB (2008-11)

Dallas Cowboys
Quinton Bohanna, NT (2017-20)
Kelvin Joseph, CB (2020)

Denver Broncos
Avery Williamson, LB (2010-13) - Practice Squad

Detroit Lions
Logan Stenberg, OG (2016-19)

Green Bay Packers
Randall Cobb, WR (2008-10)
Za'Darius Smith, OLB (2013-14)

Houston Texans
Lonnie Johnson Jr., CB (2017-18)

Jacksonville Jaguars
Josh Allen, DE/LB (2015-18) - Team captain

Miami Dolphins
Lynn Bowden Jr., RB (2017-19)

Minnesota Vikings
A.J. Rose, RB (2017-20) - Practice Squad

New Orleans Saints
Landon Young, OT (2016-17, 19-20)

New York Jets
Brandin Echols, CB (2019-20)

Pittsburgh Steelers
Benny Snell Jr., RB (2016-18)

Tampa Bay Buccaneers
Mike Edwards, S (2015-2018)

Tennessee Titans
Bud Dupree, OLB (2011-14)

Washington Football Team
Jamin Davis, ILB (2018-20)

OTHER CATS IN NFL ROLES

Chicago Bears, Assistant Dir. of Player Personnel
Champ Kelly, WR/DB (1998-2001)

San Francisco 49ers, Director of Player Engagement
Austin Moss, DE (2006-09)

Las Vegas Raiders, Assistant Dir. of Pro Personnel
Quentus Cumbly, DB (1999-02)

CATS IN THE CFL

Cory Johnson, Micah Johnson, Chris Matthews, E.J. Price, Kayaune Ross, Jordan Swindle and Stanley "Boom" Williams





- UK's offense is built around a solid group of six offensive starters which includes "super seniors" wide receiver Josh Ali, offensive guard Luke Fortner and tight end Justin Rigg. Also returning is wide receiver DeMarcus Harris, offensive guard Kenneth Horsey and preseason All-America tackle Darian Kinnard.
- Leading returning rusher Chris Rodriguez Jr. is UK's most productive offensive threat from a year ago. He finished fifth in the SEC in rushing in 2020 with 119 rushes for 785 yards (87.2 ypg) in just nine games. He's currently the SEC's second-leading rusher with 106.0 yards per game.
- The "Big Blue Wall" returns three starters from 2020 in Darian Kinnard, Kenneth Horsey and Luke Fortner. Through 12 games this season the entirety of the line has 119 combined career starts and recently was named a semifinalist for the Joe Moore Award for the third straight season.
- Kentucky scored 42 points against LSU and Tennessee, the first time in UK history that the Wildcats scored at least 42 points against two Southeastern Conference opponents in the same season.

QUARTERBACKS

- During Stoops' tenure, the Wildcats have had nine different starting quarterbacks win a game in Jalen Whitlow, Maxwell Smith, Patrick Towles, Drew Barker, Stephen Johnson, Luke Wright, Lynn Bowden Jr., Terry Wilson and now Will Levis.
- Levis earned the starting spot early in fall camp and was sensational in his UK debut, passing for 367 yards and four scores. It was the most passing yards for a Wildcat in his debut and the most for any UK quarterback since Drew Barker in 2016.
- For more on Levis, see p. 8 of these notes.
- With starting lineups available since 1993, he is the first UK quarterback since that time to win his first six starts.
- Sophomore **Beau Allen** is the backup. He has played in three games this season, completing 8 of 12 passes for 92 yards while also running for a three-yard TD vs. NMSU.

WIDE RECEIVERS

- Kentucky has 19 total wide receivers this fall, and it includes a mix of experience and young talent. Twelve of the 19 are returners,

while seven are newcomers to the program.

- Three players had a 50+ yard reception vs. ULM in Josh Ali, Isaiah Epps and Wan'Dale Robinson). The last time UK had three different players with a 50+ yard reception in the same game was October 25, 2014 vs. Mississippi State (Javess Blue, Demarco Robinson and Ryan Timmons).
- UK had two 100-yard receivers against ULM, the first time that's happened since 2011 vs. Ole Miss (La'Rod King and Matt Roark). It happened again vs. New Mexico State.
- The top returning pass catcher from last season is **Josh Ali**. He currently has 131 career receptions for 1,447 yards and eight scores.
- He was a blur in the opener, going over 100 yards for the first time in his career while hauling in five balls for 136 yards and a score.
- In his final home game vs. New Mexico State, he caught seven balls for a career-high 164 yards and a career-best two touchdowns. He averaged 23.4 yards per catch in that game, second-highest in school history for a player with at least seven receptions. Dee Smith averaged 24.3 yards per catch (7 for 170) vs. Tennessee in 1987.
- Wan'Dale Robinson has proven to be every bit the home run threat the Cats thought they were getting when he transferred back home from Nebraska (see page 9 of this release). He ranks as one of the nation's most explosive playmakers.
- Wan'Dale Robinson went over 100 receiving yards in each of the first three games and has 111 yards on seven rushes. He had career bests with 13 catches for 166 yards vs. Tennessee, then bested the yardage total with 181 vs. New Mexico State.
- Robinson has six 100-yard games this season, one shy of the UK single-season record.
- His 94 receptions is a school record for a season and ranks fourth nationally in 2021.

TIGHT ENDS

- The tight ends have played a role in the growth of the passing game this season. They have 43 catches for 378 yards and eight scores this season. Four tight ends have caught a pass.
- The tight ends were key blockers for UK's explosive running game last season, which averaged nearly 200 yards per game and ranked third in the SEC.
- Senior **Justin Rigg** is back after taking advantage of the NCAA's blanket eligibility waiver for all 2020 fall student-athletes due

ON THE WATCH LISTS

Yusuf Corker

- Lott IMPACT Trophy

Luke Fortner

- Campbell Trophy
- Rimington Trophy

Colin Goodfellow

- Ray Guy Award

Kenneth Horsey

- Allstate AFCA Good Works Team
- Wuerffel Trophy

Darian Kinnard

- Outland Trophy
- Lombardi Award

Will Levis

- Davey O'Brien Award Midseason

Josh Paschal

- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year

Chris Rodriguez Jr.

- Maxwell Trophy
- Doak Walker Award
- CFP National Performer of the Year

Wan'Dale Robinson

- Paul Hornung Award
- Biletnikoff Award

Matt Ruffolo

- Lou Groza Award
- Burlsworth Trophy

J.J. Weaver

- Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year
- The Capital One Orange Bowl Courage Award

to COVID-19. Rigg has 48 career receptions for 536 yards and five scores, two of which came against New Mexico State on Senior Day 2021.

- UK received a huge blow when it was announced that junior **Keaton Upshaw** would miss the season due to injury. Upshaw had 16 catches for 198 yards and three TDs in 2020, both leading the tight end corps and ranking second on the team overall.
- In spring practice and preseason camp, coaches spoke very highly about junior **Brenden Bates** and he made them look prophetic as he caught his first UK touchdown with a four-yard score vs. ULM.
- Another addition to the room is sophomore **Izayah Cummings** who moved from wide receiver to tight end during fall camp and made an immediate impression at his new position, catching his first touchdown pass in the win over Chattanooga (31 yards). He also caught a TD in back-to-back games against Tennessee and Vanderbilt.

RUNNING BACKS/FULLBACKS

- Veteran running backs coach John Settle was hired in March of 2021 after spending



the last six seasons and 11 years total at Wisconsin.

- The running back room features juniors **Chris Rodriguez Jr.** and **Kavosiey Smoke** most heavily but also can utilize youngsters **JuTahn McClain**, **La'Veil Wright** and **Mike Drennen**.
- Rodriguez got off to a great start with 125 yards and a touchdown in the season opener vs. ULM, his seventh career 100-yard game.
- He was even better in the SEC opener vs. Missouri, setting new career highs with 207 yards on 27 attempts and two touchdowns.
- Rodriguez now ranks seventh in school history with 2,633 rushing yards.
- Rodriguez has proven nearly impossible to bring down behind the line of scrimmage, having lost yardage on just 12 of his 397 career rushing attempts. In 2020, he lost yards on his first attempt of the season before starting a streak of 105 consecutive carries of positive yards.
- Rodriguez has scored a touchdown once every 15.9 rush attempts in his career (25 in 397 attempts). By comparison, UK all-time leading rusher and scorer Benny Snell Jr. hit paydirt once every 15.4 rush attempts.
- For more on Rodriguez, see page 9 of these notes.
- Smoke has played in 34 career games and has 1,306 yards. He currently averages 5.51 per carry. He had a career-high 104 yards in the win over LSU.

OFFENSIVE LINE

- John Schlarman was Kentucky's offensive line coach for eight seasons before passing away on Nov. 12, 2020 after a two-year battle with cancer.
- Eric Wolford was hired to replace Schlarman in December of 2020 after four seasons at South Carolina.
- The O-line, known as the "Big Blue Wall" returns three of five starters from 2020 in **Darian Kinnard**, **Kenneth Horsey** and **Luke Fortner**.
- The addition of LSU transfer **Za'Darius "Dare" Rosenthal** in July was a huge boost for the "Big Blue Wall." The 6-foot-7, 327-pound offensive tackle played in 13 career games with eight career starts for the Tigers. He has started every game this season for UK at left tackle.
- Two big losses that needed replacing in 2021 are All-SEC center Drake Jackson and All-SEC left tackle Landon Young. Jackson started in



RUNNING WILD

A.J. ROSE, CHRIS RODRIGUEZ JR., BENNY SNELL JR. AND STANLEY "BOOM" WILLIAMS

THE QUARTET HAS PUT ITS STAMP ON KENTUCKY FOOTBALL OVER THE PAST EIGHT SEASONS, TURNING THE PROGRAM INTO "RUNNING BACK U" AS COACH MARK STOOPS HAS CREATED A PHYSICAL, AGGRESSIVE IDENTITY IN LEXINGTON. HELPED BY THE "BIG BLUE WALL" THE FOUR RUNNING BACKS ALL RANK IN THE TOP 11 IN CAREER RUSHING AT KENTUCKY, HAVING CHURNED OUT NEARLY 11,000 YARDS AND 104 TOUCHDOWNS ON THE GROUND.

- 44 consecutive games at center, while Young was a starter at left tackle for 24 straight games.
- Kinnard (45 career games, 38 career starts) held down the right tackle position since he entered the starting lineup at the end of the 2018 season. He has been excellent in 2021, earning consensus All-America honors and being named one of six semifinalists for the coveted Outland Trophy.
- Fortner (54 career games, 35 career starts) is another "super senior" who provided the coaching staff with a late Christmas present when he announced he'd return for the 2021 season. He started in 10 games at right guard in 2020 and graded at 82.9 percent with 26 knockdowns and 146 blocks at the point of attack.
- Fortner moved to center for 2021 and is starting at that position. He already has been named SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week twice this season, following wins vs. ULM and at South Carolina. He earned first-team All-SEC honors by SEC Coaches.
- Horsey (24 career games, 20 career starts) manned the left guard spot last season, starting in eight games. An interesting note about Horsey - he had open-heart surgery in April of 2018 and was named winner of the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year. He graded at 82.6 percent, had 17 knockdowns and 93 blocks at the point of attack.
- Sophomore **Eli Cox** has emerged at right guard, earning Associated Press and ESPN Midseason All-America honors. He has been described as, pound-for-pound, perhaps the strongest player on the team. He made first collegiate start in the opener vs. ULM. Against Missouri, he scored the game-winning touchdown by recovering a fumble in the end zone. Unfortunately, Cox sustained an injury against Tennessee and will miss the final three games of the season, plus the bowl game.
- The "Big Blue Wall," along with UK tight ends, have helped Kentucky post six consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more



2021 TEAM CAPTAINS

Eight Wildcats – including six seniors – were voted as team captains for the 2021 football campaign. **Senior defensive end Josh Paschal becomes the first player in school history to be elected team captain three straight seasons.** Along with Paschal, the team’s permanent season captains include returning captains Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, and first-time captains Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Levis and Chris Rodriguez Jr. Game captains will be decided on a week-by-week basis. They are listed below.

vs. ULM Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
 vs. Missouri Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
 vs. Chattanooga Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal
 at South Carolina Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal
 vs. Florida Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr., DeAndre Square
 vs. LSU Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
 at Georgia Yusuf Corker, Luke Fortner, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
 at Mississippi State Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
 vs. Tennessee Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal, Chris Rodriguez Jr.
 at Vanderbilt Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square
 vs. New Mexico State Josh Ali, Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal
 at Louisville Luke Fortner, Will Levis, Marquan McCall, Josh Paschal

rushing yards, with at least one 1,000-yard individual in five of those.
 2016 - 3,044 (Stanley “Boom” Williams - 1,170; Benny Snell Jr. - 1,091)
 2017 - 2,102 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,333)
 2018 - 2,592 (Benny Snell Jr. - 1,449)
 2019 - 3,624 (Lynn Bowden Jr. - 1,468)
 2020 - 2,158
 2021 - 2,473 (Chris Rodriguez Jr. - 1,272)

DEFENSIVE QUICK HITTERS

- Defensive coordinator Brad White is in his third season as the defensive coordinator, his fourth as the outside linebackers coach at UK. Also helping with the coordinator duties is former Wildcat and inside linebackers coach Jon Sumrall. He added co-defensive coordinator title to his resume in 2020.
- Guided by defensive coordinator Brad White, UK is 10th in the FBS in fourth down defense (38.7%), 36th in tackles for loss (6.4 per game) and 25th in total defense (336.4).
- Kentucky is 17th nationally in rushing defense (117.2 per game).
- The depth and experience was on display in the opener as:
- The Kentucky defense limited ULM to 87 total yards. That’s the fewest in a game in 33 years, since holding Central Michigan to 78 total yards in the 1988 season opener.
- UK held ULM to 17 net rushing yards, fewest since Eastern Michigan had 13 rushing yards in 2017.
- Ten seniors started on defense against ULM. With starting lineups available since 1993, it is the most seniors starting on offense or defense in a season opener since that time.
- The Wildcats turned in a sterling defensive performance in the win at South Carolina

as well ... UK limited the Gamecocks to 10 points, 51 total plays, 58 net rushing yards (2.2 per attempt), 216 total yards, 3 of 12 on third-down conversions and 0 of 3 on fourth down ... UK turned it over three times against the Gamecocks but Wildcats held on all three of the ensuing possessions.

DEFENSIVE LINE

- Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart is in his second season coaching the defensive line. His unit is a position of strength for UK despite losing two key starters in All-SEC nose guard Quinton Bohanna (Dallas Cowboys) and defensive tackle Phil Hoskins (Carolina Panthers).
- Returning senior **Josh Paschal** moved from outside linebacker to defensive end in 2020 and was a shining star in his new role.
- Paschal has 37 career TFL and 13.5 sacks, along with three blocked kicks. He ranks tied for third on the school’s all-time TFL list.
- This season, Paschal leads the team in tackles for loss (15.5) and quarterback hurries (8).
- He has earned second-team All-America and first-team All-SEC honors this season.
- Another senior who is playing a major role on the defensive line this season is **Marquan “Bully” McCall**. His mountainous force in the middle wreaks havoc on opponents. He currently has seven tackles, 3.5 for loss and two QBH this season. He missed three games because of an ankle injury. before returning at Vanderbilt.
- **Josaih Hayes** and **Justin Rogers** shared the noseguard position in McCall’s absence and each have shown flashes of their potential.
- **Octavious Oxendine** (2.0 sacks vs. LSU) emerged as the starting defensive tackle

but has been lost for the season because of injury. Senior **Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald** (2.0 sacks vs. Tennessee) has been starting in place of Oxendine.

SECONDARY

- The secondary unit is in the hands of two of the most energetic and talented young coaches in Chris Collins and Frank Buffano.
- UK has ranked in the top four of the SEC in pass defense, including leading the league in both 2019 and 2020, for three straight seasons.
- UK also led the SEC and ranked third nationally in total interceptions (16) in 2020, eight coming from the secondary.
- Returning cornerbacks **Cedrick Dort, Jr.** (43 career games, 25 career starts) , and Carrington Valentine have starting experience under their belts.
- Another “super senior” looking to take his game to the next level is corner **Quandre Mosely** (35 career games, three career starts). He had a pick-six on Senior Day.
- At safety, “super senior” **Yusuf Corker** (48 career games, 35 career starts) is one of the SEC’s most underrated players. For the season, he is tied for fourth in the SEC in pass breakups with eight.
- Safety **Tyrell Ajian** (47 career games, 22 career starts) led UK in the win over Missouri with a career-high eight tackles and sealed the Chattanooga win with a 95-yard interception return for a score in the fourth quarter.
- Safety **Davonte Robinson** (48 career games, 17 career starts), another “super senior,” is back from a quadriceps injury that robbed him of the 2019 season.
- Safety **Jalen Geiger** made his first career start on Nov. 13, 2021 at Vanderbilt and made it memorable with a 31-yard interception return for a touchdown.

LINEBACKERS

- Only three letterwinners in sophomores **K.D. McDaniel** and **J.J. Weaver** and senior **Jordan Wright** returned for White’s outside linebackers group.
- Wright and Weaver both got off to good starts this season -- Wright with six tackles, two TFL, a sack and a pass breakup while Weaver had 1.5 sacks in the opener. Weaver had a huge defensive play vs. Missouri with an eight-yard sack on the Tigers’ final





possession. He leads the team in sacks with 6.0. Wright had a crucial interception against Florida to set up a touchdown.

- The inside linebackers are led by lone returning starter **DeAndre Square** (48 career games, 34 career starts). He was UK's second-leading tackler in 2019 (69) and in 2020 he ranked third on the team (60).
- Square is second on the team in tackles with 74 and tackles for loss with nine. He also has three quarterback hurries.
- Transfer **Jacquez Jones** was a three-year letterwinner who played in 33 games with 19 starts, totaling 182 tackles in his Ole Miss career. In 2020, he led the Rebels with 75 tackles, while adding 2.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries.
- Jones has started every game and has 86 tackles, ranking 13th in the SEC in total tackles. He has made three huge plays in pass defense -- an interception vs. Missouri, a touchdown-saving pass breakup vs. Chattanooga and game-saving tipped pass to seal the Florida win.
- He had a career-high 18 tackles at Mississippi State.
- Highly-regarded freshmen **Martez Thrower** (Rochella, Ga.) and **Trevin Wallace** (Jesup, Ga.) have showcased why they were two of Georgia's top prep defensive players.
- Wallace helped turn the Florida game when he caught a blocked field goal in midair and raced untouched 76 yards for the go-ahead touchdown. Making his first collegiate start at Mississippi State, he notched 12 tackles and was named SEC Freshman of the Week. For the season, he has 32 tackles and was named to the Freshman All-SEC team.

SPECIAL TEAMS

- Returning are placekicker **Matt Ruffolo**, kickoff specialist **Chance Poore**, long snapper **Cade Degraw**, punt returner **Josh Ali** and kick returner **Zach Johnson**.
- Ali notched his first career punt return for a touchdown when he scampered 74 yards vs. Mississippi State on Oct. 30.
- Senior **Colin Goodfellow** was on the watch list for the Ray Guy Award, given to the nation's top punter. He is third in the SEC by averaging 46.0 yards per punt this season, with 11 ending inside the opponent 20-yard line.
- Against Georgia, Goodfellow had a career-long 70-yard punt and an additional



63-yarder. It is the only time in school history a punter has had two punts of 63 yards or longer with one being at least 70 yards.

- He followed that performance by booming another 70-yard punt vs. Mississippi State, making him the first player in school history to have two punts of 70 or more yards in his career.
- Ruffolo, a "super senior" who took advantage of the NCAA's blanket waiver due to the COVID-19 pandemic, was UK's starting placekicker last season. This season, he has made 8-of-11 field goals, with two misses coming on blocked kicks caused by a breakdown in protection.
- For his career, Ruffolo has made 24-of-30 FG and 92-of-98 PAT. Making 80 percent of his field goals places him third on the UK career list.
- Ruffolo's 52 PATs this season is a new UK single-season record.
- Poore handles kickoffs for the Wildcats. He also has placekicking experience.



KENTUCKY BOWL HISTORY

All-Time Record: 11-9

Great Lakes Bowl

Dec. 6, 1947: UK 24, Villanova 14

Orange Bowl

Jan. 2, 1950: Santa Clara 21, UK 13

Sugar Bowl

Jan. 1, 1951: UK 13, Oklahoma 7
MVP: Walt Yowarsky

Cotton Bowl

Jan. 1, 1952: Kentucky 20, TCU 7
MVPs: Emery Clark, Ray Correll, Babe Parilli

Peach Bowl

Dec. 31, 1976: UK 21, North Carolina 0
Off. MVP: Rod Stewart
Def. MVP: Mike Martin

Hall of Fame Bowl

Dec. 22, 1983: West Virginia 20, UK 16
UK MVP: George Adams

Hall of Fame Bowl

Dec. 29, 1984: UK 20, Wisconsin 19
MVP: Marc Logan

Peach Bowl

Dec. 31, 1993: Clemson 14, UK 13
UK Offensive MVP: Pookie Jones
UK Defensive MVP: Zane Beehn

Outback Bowl

Jan. 1, 1999: Penn State 26, UK 14

HomePoint.com Music City Bowl

Dec. 29, 1999: Syracuse 20, UK 13

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 29, 2006: UK 28, Clemson 20
MVP: Andre' Woodson

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 31, 2007: UK 35, Florida State 28
MVP: Andre' Woodson

AutoZone Liberty Bowl

Jan. 2, 2009: UK 25, East Carolina 19
MVP: Ventrell Jenkins
UK Offensive MVP: Mike Hartline
UK Defensive MVP: Braxton Kelley

Gaylord Hotels Music City Bowl

Dec. 27, 2009: Clemson 21, UK 13

BBVA Compass Bowl

Jan. 8, 2011: Pittsburgh 27, UK 10

TaxSlayer Bowl

Dec. 31, 2016: Georgia Tech 33, UK 18
UK MVP: Stephen Johnson

Franklin American Mortgage Music City Bowl

Dec. 29, 2017: Northwestern 24, UK 23

VRBO Citrus Bowl

Jan. 1, 2019: UK 27, Penn State 24
MVP: Benny Snell Jr.

Belk Bowl

Dec. 31, 2019: UK 37, Virginia Tech 30
MVP: Lynn Bowden Jr.

TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

Jan. 2, 2021: UK 23, NC State 21
UK MVP: A.J. Rose

BOWL GAME INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Rushing

233 Lynn Bowden Jr. (34 att.) Belk, 2019
 152 Rafael Little (28 att.) Music City, 2007
 148 A.J. Rose (12 att.) Gator, 2021
 144 Benny Snell Jr. (26 att.) Citrus, 2019

Pass Attempts

50 André Woodson (32 comp.) Music City, 2007
 48 Tim Couch (30 comp.) Outback, 1999
 43 Dusty Bonner (30 comp.) Music City, 1999

Pass Completions

32 André Woodson (50 att.) Music City, 2007
 30 Dusty Bonner (43 att.) Music City, 1999
 30 Tim Couch (48 att.) Outback, 1999

Passing Yards

358 André Woodson (32 of 50) Music City, 2007
 336 Tim Couch (30 of 48) Outback, 1999
 308 Dusty Bonner (30 of 43) Music City, 1999

Offensive Plays

56 Tim Couch (8 rush, 48 pass) Outback, 1999
 54 André Woodson (4 rush, 50 pass) Music City, 2007
 52 Dusty Bonner (9 rush, 43 pass) Music City, 1999

Total Yards

344 Tim Couch (8 rush, 336 pass) Outback, 1999
 332 André Woodson (-26 rush, 358 pass) Music City, 2007
 326 Lynn Bowden Jr. (233 rush, 73 pass, 20 kick return); Belk, 2019
 324 Dusty Bonner (16 rush, 308 pass) Music City, 1999

Receptions

8 Anthony White (85 yards) Music City, 1999
 8 Rafael Little (50 yards) Music City, 2007

Receiving Yards

124 Steve Johnson (7 rec.) Music City, 2007
 89 Tavin Richardson (5 rec.) Music City 2017
 85 Anthony White (8 rec.) Music City, 1999

BOWL GAME TEAM RECORDS

Rushing

Rush Attempts: 55 (Belk, 2019)
 Net Rushing Yards: 331 (Belk, 2019)
 Touchdowns Rushing: ... 3 (Great Lakes, 1947; Peach, 1976; Music City 2017, Belk 2019)

Passing

Pass Attempts: 50 (Music City, 2007)
 Pass Completions: 32 (Music City, 2007)
 Had Intercepted: 2 (Orange, 1950; Outback, 1999; Music City 2017)
 Passing Yards: 358 (Music City, 2007)
 Touchdowns Passing: 4 (Music City, 2007)

Total Offense

Offensive Plays: 82 (Music City, 2007)
 Total Yards: 501 (Music City, 2007)

Scoring

Points Scored: 37 (Belk, 2019)
 Most Touchdowns: 5 (Music City 2007, Belk 2019)

Most Field Goals: 3 (Gator Bowl, 2021)

First Downs

Most First Downs: 29 (Music City, 2007)
 First Downs by Rush: 17 (Peach, 1976)
 First Downs by Pass: 19 (Music City, 2007)

Fumbles

Most Fumbles: 5 (Music City, 2007)
 Fumbles Lost: 3 (Music City, 2007)

Interceptions

Most INTs: 3 (Gator Bowl, 2021)





WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME KENTUCKY ...

Scored 40 points: 52 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Scored 50 points: 52 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Scored 60 points: 62 vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
 Scored 70 points: 77 vs. Texas El-Paso, Sept. 7, 2002
 Scored 80 points: 83 vs. North Dakota, Nov. 18, 1950
 Shut Out an Opponent: vs. Miami (42-0), Sept. 5, 2009
 Shut Out an Opponent in the 1st half: vs. LSU, Oct. 9, 2021
 Shut Out an SEC Opponent in the 1st half in consecutive games: at Georgia, Oct. 19, and vs. Missouri, Oct. 26, 2019
 Did Not Allow an Offensive Point: vs. Miss. State, Oct. 10, 2020 (24-2 win)
 Game is scoreless at the half: at Georgia, Oct. 19, 2019
 Shut Out an Opponent in the 2nd half: at Tennessee, Oct. 17, 2020
 Scored a TD on first series: at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Scored on first play from scrimmage of game: at Louisville, Nov. 26, 2016
 Had 25 First Downs: 29 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had 30 First Downs: 35 vs. Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021
 Had 250 yards rushing: 362 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had 300 yards rushing: 362 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had 400 yards rushing: 408 vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
 Had 500 yards rushing: 517 vs. Louisville, Nov. 30, 2019 (SCHOOL RECORD)
 Had consecutive 400-yard rushing games: 401 at Vanderbilt (11/16/19), 462 vs. UT Martin (11/23/19) and 517 vs. Louisville (11/30/19)
 Had below 50 yards rushing: 48 vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013
 Had 300 yards passing: 459 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had 400 yards passing: 459 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had below 50 yards passing: 47 at Missouri, Oct. 24, 2020
 Had 300 yards rushing and passing: (381/311) vs. New Mexico St., Sept. 17, 2016
 Had 500 yards total offense: 511 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had 600 yards total offense: 707 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had 700 yards total offense: 707 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had below 200 yards total offense: 179 at Alabama, Nov. 21, 2020
 Held opp. below 100 yards rushing: 96, at Vanderbilt, Nov. 13, 2021
 Held opp. below 50 yards rushing: 58, at South Carolina, Sept. 25, 2021
 Held opp. below 100 yards passing: 70, vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
 Held opponent below 200 yards total offense: 87 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
 Held opp. below 100 yards total offense: 87 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
 Had 10 or more tackles for loss: 14.0 vs ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
 Had six or more sacks: 6.0 vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021
 Recorded a safety: vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
 Recorded zero penalties: vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009
 Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 34 by Lynn Bowden Jr. vs. Virginia Tech (Belk Bowl), Dec. 31, 2019
 Had a player rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (121) and Will Levis (113) at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had two players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (121) and Will Levis (113) at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had three players rush for 100 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (133), Terry Wilson (129), A.J. Rose(117) vs. Ole Miss; Oct. 3, 2020 (ONLY TIME AT UK)
 Had 2 players rush for 175 yards or more: Benny Snell (192) and Boom Williams (182) vs. Missouri, Oct. 29, 2016
 Had 2 players rush for 100 yards or more in consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. and Lynn Bowden Jr. at Vanderbilt (11/16/19); Bowden and A.J. Rose vs. UT Martin (11/23/19), Bowden and Rodriguez Jr. vs. Louisville (11/30/19)
 Had a player rush for 100 yards in consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (119 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021 and 121 Chris Rodriguez Jr. (121) at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had a player rush for 100 yards in three consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. 114 at Vanderbilt, Nov. 13, 2021; 119 vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021; 121 at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021)
 Had player rush for 100 yards in four consecutive games: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2021)
 Had player rush for 100 yards in five consecutive games: Lynn Bowden Jr. (2019)
 Had a true freshman rush for 100 yards: 152 by Benny Snell Jr. vs. Austin Peay, Nov. 19, 2016
 Had a player rush for 200 yards: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (207) vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021
 Had 4 players with 50+ yards rushing in the same game: 4 vs. UT Martin, Nov. 23, 2019
 Had a player with 3 rushing touchdowns: 4 by Will Levis at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021
 Had a player with 50 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012

Had a player with 60 pass attempts: 60 by Maxwell Smith, vs. WKU, Sept. 15, 2012
 Had a player with 30 pass completions: 31 by Will Levis, vs. Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021
 Had a player with 300 passing yards: 419 by Will Levis, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player with 400 passing yards: 419 by Will Levis, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had 2 players pass for 100 yards: Maxwell Smith (109), Jalen Whitlow (105) vs. Louisville, Sept. 14, 2013
 Had a player with 3 or more touchdowns passes: 4 by Will Levis, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player with 2 passing touchdowns and 2 rushing touchdowns: Patrick Towles, vs. Mississippi State, Oct. 25, 2014
 Had a player with 10+ receptions: 13 by Wan'Dale Robinson vs. Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021
 Had a player with 100 yards receiving in a game: 181 by Wan'Dale Robinson and 164 by Josh Ali, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player with consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Wan'Dale Robinson, 2 (vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021; vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021)
 Had a player with three consecutive 100-yard receiving games: Wan'Dale Robinson, 3 (vs. ULM, Sept. 4, 2021; vs. Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021; vs. Chattanooga, Sept. 18, 2021)
 Had 2 players with 100 yards receiving: 181 by Wan'Dale Robinson and 164 by Josh Ali, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player with 1,000 receiving yards in a season: 1164, Wan'Dale Robinson (2021)
 Had a player with 3 touchdown receptions: 3 by C.J. Conrad vs. New Mexico State, Sept. 17, 2016
 Had a player with 100 rushing and 100 receiving yards in the same game: Rafael Little (132 rushing, 114 receiving) vs. Vanderbilt, Nov. 11, 2006
 Had a 100-yard passer and a 100-yard rusher in the same game: Terry Wilson (151 passing, 129 rushing) vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020
 Had a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver in the same game: Chris Rodriguez Jr. (119 rush) and Wan'Dale Robinson (181 receiving), Josh Ali (164 receiving) vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player score a TD by rushing and receiving in the same game: Chris Rodriguez Jr. vs. LSU, Oct. 9, 2021
 Had a player throw a TD pass and score a rushing and receiving TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. Auburn, Oct. 9, 2010
 Had a player throw at least two TD passes and score a rushing TD in consecutive games: Patrick Towles in 2015
 Had a player throw a TD pass, score a receiving TD and score on a punt return for a TD in the same game: Randall Cobb vs. WKU, Sept. 11, 2010
 Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Derrick Locke (100 yards) vs. Louisville, Sept. 19, 2009
 Had a player return a punt for a TD: Josh Ali (74 yards) at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
 Had a player return an interception for a TD: Quandre Mosely, 38 yards, vs. New Mexico State, Nov. 20, 2021
 Had a player recover/return a fumble for a TD: Jordan Wright, vs. Virginia Tech (Belk Bowl), 28 yards, Dec. 31, 2019
 Had two defensive TDs in the same game: Kelvin Joseph (INT) and Jamin Davis (INT) at Tennessee, Oct. 17, 2020
 Had a player recover two fumbles in one game: Jordan Wright vs. South Carolina, Dec. 5, 2020
 Had a player block a punt: Josh Paschal vs. Tennessee, Nov. 9, 2019
 Had a player block a field goal: Josh Paschal vs. Florida, Oct. 2, 2021
 Had a player block a PAT: Lonnie Johnson Jr. vs. Eastern Kentucky, Sept. 9, 2017
 Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Trevin Wallace (76 yards) vs. Florida, Oct. 2, 2021
 Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Andrew Hopewell (6 yards), vs. Arkansas, Nov. 1, 2006
 Had a player score a TD on a fake field goal: Joe Mansour (25 yards), vs. Florida, Sept. 28, 2013
 Had a field goal of 50 yards or more: Matt Ruffolo (50 yards) at Missouri, Oct. 24, 2020
 Had a punt of 70 yards or more: Colin Goodfellow (70 yards) at Miss. State, Oct. 30, 2021
 Played an overtime game: vs. Ole Miss, Oct. 3, 2020 - (L, 41-42)
 Won an overtime game: vs. EKU, Oct. 3, 2015 - (W, 34-27)
 Won a game on the last play of regulation as time expired: 15-14 at Missouri, Oct. 27, 2018 (2-yard TD pass)



WHEN WAS THE TIME THE OPPONENT ...

Scored 40 points: 45 by Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021

Scored 50 points: 63 by Alabama, Nov. 21, 2020

Scored 10 or less points: 10 by South Carolina, Sept. 25, 2021

Shut Out Kentucky: 0-21 by Georgia, Oct. 19, 2019

Shut Out Kentucky in 2nd half: by Florida, Nov. 28, 2020

Rushed for 300 yards: 331 by Georgia, Nov. 3, 2018

Passed for 300 yards: 316 by Tennessee, Nov. 6, 2021

Had 500 yards of total offense: 562 by Louisville, Nov. 25, 2017

Recorded a safety: Mississippi State, Oct. 10, 2020 (bad snap on punt)

Blocked a Kentucky punt: Southern Miss, Sept. 3, 2016

Blocked a Kentucky field goal: at Georgia, Oct. 16, 2021

Blocked a Kentucky PAT: at Georgia, Oct. 16, 2021

Had a player with 30 rush attempts: 37, Larry Rountree (Missouri, 126 yards), Oct. 24, 2020

Had a player with 100 yards rushing: 147, Tyrion Davis-Price (LSU), Oct. 9, 2021

Had a player with 200 yards rushing: 210, Kevin Harris (South Carolina), Dec. 5, 2020

Had two players with 100 yards rushing: 107, Tavien Feaster, 102, Rico Dowdle (South Carolina), Sept. 28, 2019

Had a player with 40 pass attempts: 51 by Connor Bazelak (Missouri), Sept. 11, 2021

Had a player with 25 pass completions: 34 by Connor Bazelak (Missouri), Sept. 11, 2021

Had a player with 300 yards passing: 316 by Hendon Hooker (Tennessee), Nov. 6, 2021

Had two players with 100 yards passing: 174 by Feleipe Franks and 126 by Kyle Trask (Florida), Sept. 14, 2019

Had a player with 10 pass receptions: 10, Tyler Badie (Missouri, 88 yards), Sept. 11, 2021

Had a player with 100 yards receiving: 100, Velus Jones Jr. (Tennessee, 5 catches), Nov. 6, 2021

Had a player with 200 yards receiving: 216 by Demarcus Robinson (Florida), Sept. 13, 2014

Had two players with 100 yards receiving: 111, Korey Robertson and 103, Quez Watkins (Southern Miss), Sept. 2, 2017

Had a player return a kickoff for a TD: Evan Berry (UT), 100 yards, Oct. 31, 2015

Had a player return a punt for a TD: Kadarius Toney (UF), 50 yards, Nov. 28, 2020

Had a player return a blocked FG for a TD: Neiko Thorpe (69 yards) vs. Auburn, Oct. 17, 2009

Had a player return a blocked punt for a TD: Chris Rainey (23 yards) vs. Florida, Sept. 26, 2009

Had a player return an interception for a TD: Alontae Taylor (Tennessee), 56 yards, Nov. 6, 2021

Had a player return a fumble for a TD: Trevor Brohard (New Mexico State), 25 yards, Nov. 20, 2021



2021 GAME-BY-GAME STARTERS

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

	TE/WR	LT	LG	C	RG	RT	WR	WR/TE	WR/TE	RB	QB
vs ULM	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Missouri	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	Cummings	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Chattanooga	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
at South Carolina	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
vs Florida	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Rodriguez	Levis
vs LSU	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Epps	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Georgia	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Epps	W. Robinson	Cummings	Rodriguez	Levis
at Miss. State	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Epps	Smoke	Levis
vs Tennessee	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Cox	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Vanderbilt	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Harris	Rodriguez	Levis
vs New Mexico St.	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis
at Louisville	Rigg	Rosenthal	Horse	Fortner	Dotson	Kinnard	Ali	W. Robinson	Bates	Rodriguez	Levis

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

	CB	DE	NG	DT	SLB	WLB	MLB	NICK	SS	FS	CB
vs ULM	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Missouri	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Chattanooga	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at South Carolina	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Florida	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs LSU	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Oxendine	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Georgia	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Fitzgerald	Wright	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Miss. State	Valentine	Weaver	Rogers	Paschal	Wallace	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
vs Tennessee	Valentine	Paschal	Rogers	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Vanderbilt	Valentine	Paschal	Hayes	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	V. Tisdale	Geiger	Corker	Dort
vs New Mexico St.	Mosely	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Ajian	Corker	Dort
at Louisville	Valentine	Paschal	McCall	Fitzgerald	Weaver	Square	Jones	D. Robinson	Geiger	Corker	Dort



INDIVIDUAL/TEAM RECORDS - CAREER

Most Career Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2. 58 Mark Stoops (2013-present)
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

Most Career Home Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 1. 41 Mark Stoops (2013-present)
2. 33 Paul Bryant (1946-53)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-89)
4. 29 Fran Curci (1973-81)
29 Blanton Collier (1954-61)

Rushing Yardage, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Att, Yards, Avg., TD. Lists top rushing yardage leaders like Benny Snell Jr., Sonny Collins, Moe Williams, etc.

Avg. Per Rushing Attempt, Career (min. 200 attempts)

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Average per rush. Lists players like Lynn Bowden Jr., Boom Williams, C. Rodriguez Jr., etc.

Rushing Touchdowns, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TD. Lists players like Benny Snell, Moe Williams, Chris Rodriguez Jr., etc.

Consecutive Games with a Rushing TD (since 1985)

- 6 Benny Snell Jr. (2017)
5 Chris Rodriguez Jr. (2020-2021)
Stanley "Boom" Williams (2016)
Artose Pinner (2002)

100-Yard Rushing Games, Career

- 1. Benny Snell Jr., 2016-18 19
2. Sonny Collins, 1972-75 18
3. Chris Rodriguez Jr., 2018-present 14
4. Rafael Little, 2004-07 13
Moe Williams, 1993-95 13

Receiving Yardage, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Rec., Yards, TD. Lists top receiving yardage leaders like Craig Yeast, Keenan Burton, Derek Abney, etc.

Receptions, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, Rec., Yards, Avg., TD. Lists top reception leaders like Craig Yeast, Derek Abney, Anthony White, etc.

Best Field Goal Percentage, Career (min. 10 made)

Table with columns: Player, Pct., Made/Att, Years. Lists players like Joe Mansour, Marc Samuel, Matt Ruffolo, etc.

Tackles For Loss, Career

Table with columns: #, Player, Years, TFL. Lists players like Oliver Barnett, Josh Allen, Josh Paschal, etc.

Consecutive Games with a Tackle For Loss (since 1980)

- 11 Vincent Burns (2002-03)
8 Josh Paschal (2021)
Josh Allen (2017)
Marlon McCree (2000)



INDIVIDUAL/TEAM RECORDS - SINGLE-SEASON

Average Yards Per Play, Team, Single-Season

Avg.	Year	Plays	Yards
6.57	2021	787	5,173
6.45	1998	911	5,876
6.26	2016	872	5,463

Average Yards Per Rush, Team, Single-Season

Avg.	Year	Attempts	Yards
5.51	2021	449	2,473
5.43	2016	560	3,044
4.96	2020	436	2,162

1,000-Yard Rushing Seasons

#	Player	Years	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
1.	Moe Williams	1995	294	1,600	5.4	17
2.	Benny Snell Jr.	2018	289	1,449	5.0	16
3.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2019	185	1,468	7.9	13
4.	Artose Pinner	2002	283	1,414	5.0	13
5.	Benny Snell Jr.	2017	262	1,333	5.1	19
6.	Mark Higgs	1987	193	1,278	6.6	10
7.	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	2021	205	1,272	6.2	7
8.	Sonny Collins	1973	224	1,213	5.4	13
9.	Boom Williams	2016	171	1,170	6.8	7
10.	Sonny Collins	1975	248	1,150	4.6	5
11.	Benny Snell Jr.	2016	186	1,091	5.9	13
12.	George Adams	1984	253	1,085	4.2	13
13.	Rafael Little	2005	197	1,045	5.3	9
14.	Rafael Little	2007	190	1,013	5.3	3

Average Rush Yards Per Attempt, Single-Season (min. 100 attempts)

Avg.	Player	Year	Rushes	Yards
7.93	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2019	185	1,468
7.10	Boom Williams	2015	121	855
6.84	Boom Williams	2016	171	1,170
6.62	Mark Higgs	1987	193	1,278
6.60	C. Rodriguez Jr.	2020	119	785
6.28	A.J. Rose	2020	106	666
6.20	C. Rodriguez Jr.	2021	205	1,272
6.02	Ivy Joe Hunter	1986	103	621
5.87	Benny Snell Jr.	2016	186	1,091

100-yard Rushing Games, Single-Season

#	Games	Player	Year
1.	8	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	2021
	8	Artose Pinner	2002
3.	7	Benny Snell Jr.	2018
	7	Benny Snell Jr.	2017
	7	Moe Williams	1995

Consecutive 100-yard Rushing Games

6	Lynn Bowden Jr. (Oct. 26 - Dec. 31, 2019)
	Sonny Collins (Sept. 13 - Oct. 18, 1975)
4	Chris Rodriguez Jr. (Nov. 6, 2021 - present)
	Derrick Locke (Sept. 4 - Sept. 25, 2010)
	Artose Pinner (Oct. 26 - Nov. 16, 2002)

Receptions, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Rec.	Yards	TD
1.	Wan'Dale Robinson	2021	94	1,164	7
2.	James Whalen	1999	90	1,019	10
3.	Craig Yeast	1998	85	1,311	14
4.	Randall Cobb	2010	84	1,017	7
5.	Anthony White	1998	78	582	1
6.	Keenan Burton	2006	77	1,036	12
7.	Craig Yeast	1997	73	873	10
8.	Lynn Bowden Jr.	2018	67	745	5
9.	Derek Abney	2001	66	741	6
10.	Keenan Burton	2007	66	741	9

100-yard Receiving Games, Single-Season

#	Games	Player	Year
1.	7	Craig Yeast	1998
2.	5	Wan'Dale Robinson	2021
	5	James Whalen	1999
4.	4	Randall Cobb	2010
	4	Steve Johnson	2007
	4	Keenan Burton	2006
	4	Quentin McCord	2000

1,000-Yard Receiving Seasons

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4.	Keenan Burton	2006	77	1,036	12
5.	James Whalen	1999	90	1,019	10
6.	Randall Cobb	2010	84	1,017	7

Most Passing Yards, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Yards	TD
1.	Tim Couch	1998	4275	36
2.	Tim Couch	1997	3884	37
3.	Andre' Woodson	2007	3709	40
4.	Jared Lorenzen	2000	3687	19
5.	Andre' Woodson	2006	3515	31
6.	Dusty Bonner	1999	3266	26
7.	Mike Hartline	2010	3178	23
8.	Patrick Towles	2014	2718	14
9.	Will Levis	2021	2593	23

Most Total Offense, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Rush	Pass	Plays	Total
1.	Tim Couch	1998	-124	4275	617	4151
2.	Jared Lorenzen	2000	140	3687	635	3827
3.	Tim Couch	1997	-125	3884	613	3759
4.	Andre' Woodson	2007	-193	3709	587	3516
5.	Andre' Woodson	2006	-137	3515	489	3378
6.	Mike Hartline	2010	-35	3178	437	3143
7.	Dusty Bonner	1999	-141	3266	576	3125
8.	Patrick Towles	2014	303	2718	538	3021
9.	Will Levis	2021	387	2593	417	2980

Completion Percentage, Single-Season (min. 100 comp.)

#	Player	Year	Pct.	Comp/Att
1.	Tim Couch	1998	.723	400/553
2.	Maxwell Smith	2012	.687	103/150
3.	Terry Wilson	2018	.672	180/268
4.	Will Levis	2021	.665	216/335
5.	Tim Couch	1997	.664	363/547
6.	Mike Hartline	2010	.662	268/405
7.	Dusty Bonner	1999	.652	303/465

Pass Efficiency Rating, Single-Season (min. 100 comp.)

#	Player	Year	Rating
1.	Andre' Woodson	2006	154.4
2.	Tim Couch	1998	153.3
3.	Will Levis	2021	149.4
4.	Mike Hartline	2010	146.4

Punting Average, Single-Season (min. 30)

#	Player	Year	Avg.	No./Yards
1.	Max Duffy	2019	48.12	49/2358
2.	Colin Goodfellow	2021	46.00	31/1426
3.	Glenn Pakulak	2002	45.58	66/3008
4.	Tim Masthay	2008	45.23	53/2397
5.	Max Duffy	2020	45.12	42/1895
6.	Max Duffy	2018	44.78	60/2687
7.	Paul Calhoun	1984	44.61	60/2677
8.	Glenn Pakulak	2001	44.50	56/2492

PATs Made, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	Made (Att.)
1.	Matt Ruffolo	2021	52 (53 att.)
2.	Lones Seiber	2007	51 (54 att.)
3.	Seth Hanson	1998	48 (51 att.)
4.	Austin MacGinnis	2016	44 (45 att.)
5.	Austin MacGinnis	2014	41 (41 att.)

Tackles For Loss, Single-Season

#	Player	Year	TFL
1.	Art Still	1977	22.0
2.	Josh Allen	2018	21.5
3.	Dennis Johnson	2001	19.0
4.	Vincent Burns	2003	18.0
5.	Danny Trevathan	2010	16.0
6.	Josh Paschal	2021	15.5
	Jordan Jones	2016	15.5



2021 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 45, ULM 10

SEPT. 4, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (47,693)



Will Levis passed for 367 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky opened its 2021 season with a 45-10 win over Louisiana-Monroe at Kroger Field.

Two Wildcats had more than 100 yards receiving in the game. Senior Josh Ali had five receptions for 136 yards and a touchdown while junior Wan'Dale Robinson had five catches for 125 yards and two scores. Isaiah Epps nearly made it a trio, catching three passes for 83 yards.

On the ground, Chris Rodriguez Jr. went over 100 yards for the seventh time in his career. The junior rushed 19 times for 125 yards and a touchdown.

Kentucky (1-0) had 564 yards of total offense in the first game under new offensive coordinator Liam Coen. UK finished with 419 yards passing and 145 yards on the ground.

Levis became the first UK passer to throw for over 300 yards since Stephen Johnson had 338 against Louisville in 2016.

Meanwhile, the Kentucky defense more than did its job against ULM. The Cats held the Warhawks to 87 total yards (70 passing, 17 rushing) in the game. ULM had 43 yards on its first drive of the game, then 44 yards the rest of the game.

SCORING SUMMARY

ULM	7	0	0	3	-	10
Kentucky	14	14	3	14	-	45

- 1st 08:53 ULM - #24 K.Roach 3 yd rush (#31 C.Sutherland kick), 12-43, 05:01 7-0
- 1st 06:13 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 33 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-84, 02:35 7-7
- 1st 04:20 UKY - #6 J.Ali 58 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 1-58, 00:09 7-14
- 2nd 10:40 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 14-84, 06:37 7-21
- 2nd 05:44 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 15 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 4-80, 02:24 7-28
- 3rd 03:54 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 45 yd FG, 7-41, 03:40 7-31
- 4th 13:07 UKY - #80 B.Bates 4 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-80, 04:00 7-38
- 4th 04:39 ULM - #31 C.Sutherland 29 yd FG, 11-48, 05:11 10-38
- 4th 01:00 UKY - #5 M.Drennen 4 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-68, 03:34 10-45

TEAM STATISTICS

	ULM	UK
First Downs	12	24
Rush Att./Net Rush	43/17	34/145
Passing C/A/I	11/20/0	22/33/1
Offensive Plays	63	67
Total Offense	87	564
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	4/2
Penalties/Yards	3/25	7/65
Punts/Average	10/42.1	2/35.5
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 19	6 of 11
Time of Possession	28:13	31:47

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

ULM - Rogers 7-11, Henry 8-9, Alce 2-9, Holmes 3-7, Roach 4-3-1
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 19-125-1, Smoke 5-26, Drennen 3-16-1, Tisdale 1-4, Levis 4-(6)

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

ULM - Rodriguez 9-17-0-56-0, Rogers 2-3-0-14-0, Suits 0-0-0-0-0
UK - Levis 18-26-1-367-4, Allen 4-7-0-31-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

ULM - Knight 7-58, Sparks 4 -(-3), Derrick 3-9, Bloomfield 1-5, Wiley 1-1
UK - Ali 8-136-1, Robinson 8-125-2, Epps 4-83, Rodriguez Jr. 2-10, Jo. Dingle 1-31, Crumes 1-10, Cummings 2-7

TACKLES

ULM - Sparks 7, Johnson 7, Shelby 5, Woodard 5
UK - Paschal 7, Wright 6, Square 6, D. Robinson 5, Oxendine 5

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KENTUCKY 35, MISSOURI 28

SEPT. 11, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (58,437)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 27 times for 207 yards and three touchdowns as Kentucky won its Southeastern Conference opener over Missouri 35-28 at Kroger Field.

For Rodriguez, both the number of carries and the yards rushing were career highs. The junior from McDonough, Georgia, also caught a pass for a touchdown. His four touchdowns tied a school record.

Will Levis connected on 10 of 18 passing for 179 yards with a touchdown and an interception in the game. Levis' main target was Wan'Dale Robinson, who had a big game in his own right. The Frankfort native led the Cats with 101 yards receiving on five catches. He also had three carries for 73 yards in the game.

Kentucky (2-0, 1-0 SEC) turned to the ground game in this one, rushing for 341 yards while passing for 179. The Cats ended the game with 520 yards of total offense, compared to just 398 for Missouri.

On defense, safety Tyrell Ajian led the Cats with eight tackles, while J.J. Weaver had another big game with a sack and two tackles for loss.

SCORING SUMMARY

Missouri	7	7	7	7	-	28
Kentucky	14	7	7	7	-	35

- 1st 12:52 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:08 0-7
- 1st 05:13 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-80, 05:32 0-14
- 1st 00:27 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:40 7-14
- 2nd 09:26 UKY - #7 W.Levis 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-92, 03:34 7-21
- 2nd 00:04 MIZ - #6 K.Chism 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 9-80, 01:37 14-21
- 3rd 13:19 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-38, 01:08 14-28
- 3rd 09:15 MIZ - #82 D.Parker 6 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 10-75, 04:04 21-28
- 4th 13:11 MIZ - #1 T.Badie 17 yd pass from #8 C.Bazelak (#92 H.Mevis kick), 14-80, 04:46 28-28
- 4th 11:28 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 8 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 01:43 28-35

TEAM STATISTICS

	MIZ	UK
First Downs	25	26
Rush Att./Net Rush	24/104	52/340
Passing C/A/I	34/52/1	10/18/1
Offensive Plays	76	70
Total Offense	398	519
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	1/1
Penalties/Yards	7/65	3/35
Punts/Average	5/39.2	2/38.5
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 15	8 of 12
Time of Possession	27:12	32:48

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

MIZ - Badie 14-64, Bazelak 6-28, Cooper 2-10, Young 2-5
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 27-207-2, W. Robinson 3-73, Smoke 8-39, Levis 11-25-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

MIZ - Bazelak 34-51-1-294-4, Luper 0-1-0-0-0
UK - Levis 10-18-1-179-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

MIZ - Badie 10-88-1, Dove 6-65, Hea 5-37, Lovett 4-18, Luper 3-27, Parker 3-32-2
UK - W. Robinson 5-101, Ali 2-30, Rigg 1-28, Cummings 1-15, Rodriguez Jr. 1-6-1

TACKLES

MIZ - Alldredge 13, Nicholson 8, Manuel 6
UK - Ajian 8, Jones 7, Corker 6





2021 GAME REVIEWS

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KENTUCKY 28, CHATTANOOGA 23

SEPT. 18, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (55,214)



Will Levis connected on 23 of 35 passing for 246 yards and two touchdowns as Kentucky overcame a sluggish effort to beat Chattanooga 28-23.

With the Cats clinging to a 21-16 lead in the fourth quarter, Tyrell Ajian made the play that saved the game. Ajian intercepted a Chattanooga pass at the UK five and returned it 95 yards for what turned out to be the game-clinching touchdown.

Wan'Dale Robinson was Levis' favorite target on Saturday, catching eight passes for 111 yards. He became the first UK player since Derek Abney in 2001 to have three straight 100-yard receiving games.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. led UK with 46 rushing yards, although the Kentucky run game was not as effective as it was last week against Missouri. The Cats had 102 yards rushing on 27 carries in the game.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and methodically marched down the field, using a combination of running and passing. The nine-play drive consisted of five plays and four rushes and ended with an 11-yard touchdown rush by Josh Ali, the first rushing touchdown of his career. Matt Ruffolo added the extra point and the Cats grabbed a 7-0 lead with 10:43 to play in the first quarter.

But the rest of the game was not that easy. The game was tight throughout until Ajian's interception sealed the deal. Still, Chattanooga rallied to cut the UK lead to 28-23, but their outside kick attempt failed and Kentucky hung on to win.

Kentucky returned to action the following week, hitting the road for the first time this season. The Cats visited Williams-Brice Stadium to face South Carolina.

SCORING SUMMARY

Chattanooga	7	3	3	10	-	23
Kentucky	7	7	0	14	-	28

- 1st 10:43 UKY - #6 J.Ali 11 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-70, 04:11 0-7
- 1st 06:56 CHA - #12 R.Henderson 12 yd pass from #18 C.Copeland (#62 A.Sears kick), 6-75, 03:47 7-7
- 2nd 13:29 UKY - #81 I.Epps 20 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-68, 02:51 7-14
- 2nd 08:47 CHA - #62 A.Sears 27 yd FG, 4-5, 01:36 10-14
- 3rd 10:43 CHA - #62 A.Sears 43 yd FG, 10-49, 04:17 13-14
- 4th 13:27 CHA - #62 A.Sears 30 yd FG, 7-53, 02:36 16-14
- 4th 10:18 UKY - #84 I.Cummings 31 yd pass from #7 W.Lewis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-77, 03:03 16-21
- 4th 07:40 UKY - #23 T.Ajian 95 yd interception return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 02:38 16-28
- 4th 01:20 CHA - #18 C.Copeland 2 yd rush (#62 A.Sears kick), 14-75, 06:20 23-28

TEAM STATISTICS

	UTC	UK
First Downs	16	20
Rush Att./Net Rush	28/171	27/102
Passing C/A/I	21/35/1	23/35/2
Offensive Plays	63	62
Total Offense	339	356
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	3/1
Penalties/Yards	5/40	8/60
Punts/Average	5/46.8	4/50.5
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 15	5 of 11
Time of Possession	31:42	28:18

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UTC - Ford 21-128, Price 6-41, Copeland 1-2-1
UK - Rodriguez Jr. 13-46, Smoke 7-27, Levis 3-18, Ali 1-11-1, Drennen 1-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UTC - Copeland 21-35-1-168-1
UK - Levis 23-35-2-254-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UTC - Henderson 9-75-1, Arnett 3-21, James 3-13, Ford 3-15, McKinnon 1-26, Mayes 2-9, Smith 1-2
UK - Robinson 8-111, Ali 5-53, Rigg 3-18, Epps 2-21-1, Bates 2-2, Cummings 1-31-1, Harris 2-10, Drennen 1-8

TACKLES

UTC - Boeck 13, Lawson 9, Dowdell 8
UK - Valentine 11, Jones 9, Corker 6

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KENTUCKY 16, SOUTH CAROLINA 10

SEPT. 25, 2021 • COLUMBIA, S.C.
WILLIAMS-BRICE STADIUM (77,559)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed for 144 yards and the Kentucky defense made a number of crucial stops as the Cats topped South Carolina 16-10 at Williams-Brice Stadium.

Rodriguez led the charge on the ground as the Cats rushed 44 times for 230 yards in the game. Kavosiey Smoke had 50 yards and a touchdown on nine carries and quarterback Will Levis carried five times for 30 yards.

Levis connected on 15 of 22 through the air for 102 yards in the game. Wan'Dale Robinson was his favorite target on this night, catching seven passes for 65 yards.

Kentucky (4-0, 2-0 SEC) got a big defensive effort in the game. The Cats held the Gamecocks to 216 total yards and just 58 yards on the ground. UK had five tackles for loss, including a pair of sacks, in the contest. DeAndre Square led the defensive charge with eight tackles, while Carrington Valentine had four tackles, including a sack. J.J. Weaver accounted for the other UK sack in the game.

The Cats took the opening kickoff and used the ground game to march down the field. Rodriguez carried four times for 35 yards and Kavosiey Smoke rushed twice for 23 yards and a 15-yard touchdown to get the Cats on the board. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 8:27 left in the first quarter. The Cats would lead the rest of the way.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	3	3	3	-	16
South Carolina	0	0	7	3	-	10

- 1st 08:27 UKY - #0 K.Smoke 15 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-75, 06:33 7-0
- 2nd 00:00 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 43 yd FG, 10-57, 04:39 10-0
- 3rd 10:52 USC - #3 J.Brooks 5 yd pass from #4 L.Doty (#43 P.White kick), 10-75, 04:08 10-7
- 3rd 03:43 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 21 yd FG, 13-67, 07:09 13-7
- 4th 04:26 UKY - #96 M.Ruffolo 27 yd FG, 9-51, 05:17 16-7
- 4th 02:31 USC - #43 P.White 54 yd FG, 5-39, 01:55 16-10

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	USC
First Downs	22	12
Rush Att./Net Rush	44/230	26/58
Passing C/A/I	15/22/1	17/25/0
Offensive Plays	66	51
Total Offense	332	216
Fumbles/Lost	4/2	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/29	5/45
Punts/Average	3/40.7	5/42.8
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 12	3 of 12
Time of Possession	35:36	24:24

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Rodriguez Jr. 26-144, Smoke 9-50-1, Levis 5-20, Robinson 1-5
USC - Harris 12-38, McDowell 5-13, Doty 8-4, Lloyd 1-3

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Levis 15-22-1-102-0
USC - Doty 17-25-0-158-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Robinson 7-65, Ali 4-14, Rodriguez Jr. 2-5, Bates 1-15, Smoke 1-3
USC - Brooks 4-63-1, Harris 4-13, Vann 3-16, McDowell 2-16, Powers 2-12, Muse 2-25, Jenkins 1-13

TACKLES

UK - Square 8, Ajian 4, Valentine 4, Corker 4, Jones 4
USC - Foster 12, Johnson 11, Roderick 10, Staley 9, Enagbare 6





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#RV/23 KENTUCKY 20, #10/9 FLORIDA 13

OCT. 2, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (61,632)



Josh Paschal blocked a field goal that Trevin Wallace returned 76 yards for a touchdown as No. 23 Kentucky upset ninth-ranked Florida 20-13 at Kroger Field.

With Florida holding a 10-7 advantage in the third quarter, Paschal used all of his 6-3 frame to successfully block the 48-yard Jace Christmann attempt. Trevin Wallace then snatched the ball at the Kentucky 24 and rapidly sped down the sideline 76 yards until reaching the end zone, giving UK a lead that it would never surrender.

It was the UK defense and special teams that carried the team all evening, as Kentucky beat Florida in Lexington for the first time since 1986 and for just the second time in the last 35 meetings.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. carried the offensive load for the Cats with 99 yards and a touchdown in the game. Quarterback Will Levis was six of 15 through the air for 74 yards and a score.

DeAndre Square led the defensive attack with 13 tackles, while Jacquez Jones had nine tackles, one tackle for loss and a pass breakup on Florida's final offensive play of the game. Paschal has seven tackles, including two and a half for loss, in addition to the blocked kick, the third of his UK career.

SCORING SUMMARY

Florida	7	3	0	3	-	13
Kentucky	7	0	6	7	-	20

1st 07:57 UFL - #0 J.Fraziars 7 yd pass from #5 E.Jones (#47 J.Christmann kick), 7-60, 03:08 7-0
 1st 05:19 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 41 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:38 7-7
 2nd 05:32 UFL - #47 J.Christmann 51 yd FG, 11-55, 06:14 10-7
 3rd 06:36 UKY - #32 T.Wallace 76 yd blocked field goal return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick blocked), 02:36 10-13
 4th 11:32 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 9 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-29, 02:13 10-20
 4th 06:23 UFL - #47 J.Christmann 33 yd FG, 13-59, 05:09 13-20

TEAM STATISTICS

	UF	UK
First Downs	21	13
Rush Att./Net Rush	39/171	30/137
Passing C/A/I	24/32/1	7/17/1
Offensive Plays	71	47
Total Offense	382	224
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	5/115	4/30
Punts/Average	5/42.8	6/42.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 13	1 of 9
Time of Possession	36:18	23:42

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UF - Jones 13-63, Pierce 8-54, Richardson 5-25, Davis 8-22, Wright 5-7
 UK - Rodriguez 19-99-1, Levis 6-21, Smoke 4-17

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UF - Jones 23-31-1-203-1, Richardson 1-1-0-8-0
 UK - Levis 7-17-1-87-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UF - Copeland 6-59, Whittemore 4-36, Wright 3-26, Shorter 3-19, Henderson 2-31, Gamble 2-13
 UK - W. Robinson 4-65-1, Ali 1-15, Bates 1-11

TACKLES

UF - Diabate 11, Dean III 8, Burney 4, Cox 4
 UK - Square 13, Jones 9, Ajian 8, Valentine 8, Corker 8

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#16/14 KENTUCKY 42, LSU 21

OCT. 9, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (61,690)



Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed for 147 yards and quarterback Will Levis accounted for five touchdowns as No. 16/14 Kentucky topped LSU 42-21 at Kroger Field.

With the win, Kentucky moved to 6-0 on the season and 4-0 in the SEC. It's the first time Kentucky has been 6-0 since 1950 and just the fifth time in school history.

Kavosey Smoke also had a big night on the ground for the Cats, amassing 104 yards rushing. UK quarterback Will Levis had 75 yards and two touchdowns on the ground as Kentucky rushed for 330 yards as a team.

Levis hit on 14 of 17 passing for 145 yards and three touchdowns. Wan'Dale Robinson was the favorite target for Levis on this evening, catching eight passes for 60 yards and a score.

LSU (3-3, 1-3) took the opening possession and made a pair of first downs before the UK defense made yet another big play. DeAndre Square sacked LSU quarterback Max Johnson and forced a fumble that was recovered by Josaih Hayes at the LSU 44 yard line.

Kentucky would convert the turnover into points. The Cats drove into the LSU red zone and, on fourth-and-goal from the three, Levis connected with Rodriguez on a touchdown pass in the right side of the end zone. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and UK grabbed a 7-0 lead with 6:17 to play in the first quarter.

From there, the Cats would never look back, building the lead as large as 35-7 before settling for the 21-point victory.

SCORING SUMMARY

LSU	0	0	7	14	-	21
Kentucky	7	7	14	14	-	42

1st 06:17 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 3 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 9-44, 04:55 0-7
 2nd 14:54 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 11 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-69, 02:31 0-14
 3rd 10:57 UKY - #7 W.Levis 1 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-75, 04:03 0-21
 3rd 06:43 LSU - #3 T.Davis-Price 1 yd rush (#36 C.York kick), 9-75, 04:14 7-21
 3rd 01:06 UKY - #7 W.Levis 5 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 10-75, 05:37 7-28
 4th 12:07 UKY - #17 J.McClain 25 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-56, 01:19 7-35
 4th 11:03 LSU - #8 M.Nabers 41 yd pass from #14 M.Johnson (#36 C.York kick), 4-75, 01:04 14-35
 4th 05:29 LSU - #3 T.Davis-Price 2 yd rush (#36 C.York kick), 11-78, 03:24 21-35
 4th 04:23 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 18 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 4-44, 01:04 21-42

TEAM STATISTICS

	LSU	UK
First Downs	22	24
Rush Att./Net Rush	35/147	45/330
Passing C/A/I	22/38/0	14/17/0
Offensive Plays	73	62
Total Offense	408	475
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/18	3/25
Punts/Average	3/53.3	3/45.7
Third-Down Conv.	7 of 15	2 of 7
Time of Possession	27:48	32:12

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

LSU - Davis-Price 22-147-2, Goodwin 4-18, Kiner 4-5
 UK - Rodriguez 16-147-1, Smoke 12-104, Levis 11-75-2, McClain 1-5, Drennen 3-0

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

LSU - Johnson 22-38-0-261-1
 UK - Levis 14-17-0-145-3

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

LSU - Boutte 8-73, Nabers 3-66-1, Thomas Jr. 3-45, Jenkins 3-39, Bech 3-20
 UK - W. Robinson 8-60-1, Epps 2-27, Rigg 1-34, McClain 2-25-1, Rodriguez Jr. 1-3-1

TACKLES

LSU - Clark 14, Baskerville 7, Ward 5
 UK - Jones 9, Square 8, Valentine 7, Corker 7, Wright 6, Robinson 5





#1/1 GEORGIA 30, #11/11 KENTUCKY 13

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OCT. 16, 2021 • ATHENS, GA.
SANFORD STADIUM (92,746)



Will Levis passed for 198 yards and two scores but it was not enough as No. 11 Kentucky fell at top-ranked Georgia, 30-13.

Levis connected on 32 of his 42 passes, including one-yard touchdown strikes to Justin Rigg and Wan'Dale Robinson in the game. The Cats struggled to run the ball, amassing just 51 yards on the ground against the nation's number one defense.

Kentucky's defense was led by Josh Paschal, who had six tackles, including one for a loss, and Georgia native Yusuf Corker, who had five tackles, one for a loss and a pass breakup.

The teams were scoreless after one period of play. But early in the second quarter, Georgia took a 7-0 lead. After a Kentucky punt, Georgia would score again, and the Bulldogs led 14-0 in the second quarter.

Kentucky had its best drive of the first half on its next possession. The Cats used a nice mix of running and passing plays, including a hook-and-ladder, to get into the Georgia red zone. Levis connected with Chris Rodriguez Jr. on a swing pass to get the Cats to the UGA one. From there, Levis connected with tight end Justin Rigg for a one-yard touchdown pass. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and Georgia led 14-7 after a 15-play, 75-yard drive.

But the Cats could get no closer.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	0	7	0	6	-	13
Georgia	0	14	10	6	-	30

2nd 14:54 UGA - #4 J.Cook 19 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 5-50, 02:35 0-7
 2nd 10:35 UGA - #3 Z.White 24 yd rush (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 5-80, 02:11 0-14
 2nd 03:53 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 1 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 13-75, 06:42 7-14
 3rd 12:13 UGA - #19 B.Bowers 27 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick), 6-75, 02:47 7-21
 3rd 07:21 UGA - #96 J.Podlesny 26 yd FG, 8-63, 03:55 7-24
 4th 11:27 UGA - #19 B.Bowers 20 yd pass from #13 S.Bennett (#96 J.Podlesny kick missed), 7-82, 11:27 7-30
 4th 00:04 UKY - #1 W.Robinson 1 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick blocked), 22-75, 11:23 13-30

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UGA
First Downs	16	20
Rush Att./Net Rush	27/51	27/166
Passing C/A/I	32/42/0	14/20/0
Offensive Plays	69	47
Total Offense	243	416
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	2/0
Penalties/Yards	3/15	5/42
Punts/Average	7/51.1	4/47.2
Third-Down Conv.	9 of 19	2 of 7
Time of Possession	37:47	21:15

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UGA - Cook 6-51, White 12-46-1, Milton 4-33, Bennett 3-22, McConkey 1-15
 UK - Smoke 5-14, Levis 10-12, McClain 4-12, Rodriguez Jr. 7-7, Robinson 1-6

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UGA - Bennett 14-20-250-3
 UK - Levis 32-42-0-192-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UGA - Bowers 5-101-2, Mitchell 3-43, Washington 2-37, FitzPatrick 1-2, Cook 1-19, McConkey 1-15, White 1-15
 UK - W. Robinson 12-39-1, Rigg 4-24-1, Rodriguez Jr. 3-10, Epps 3-27, Cummings 3-22, Harris 2-31, Bates 2-13, McClain 2-12

TACKLES

UGA - Walker 9, Ringo 7, Dean 7, Jackson 7, Kendrick 7
 UK - Paschal 6, Mosely 4, Jones 4, Square 4, Corker 4

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MISSISSIPPI STATE 31, #12/12 KENTUCKY 31

OCT. 30, 2021 • STARKVILLE, MISS.
DAVIS WADE STADIUM (49,487)



No. 12 Kentucky struggled to get anything going offensively and was hurt by turnovers as the Cats lost to Mississippi State 31-17 at Davis Wade Stadium.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 17 of 28 through the air for 150 yards and a touchdown. However, Levis was intercepted three times in the game.

Kentucky (6-2, 4-2 SEC) had just 66 yards rushing on Saturday, well below the Cats' season average. Chris Rodriguez Jr. led UK with eight carries for 34 yards.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught nine passes for 79 yards to lead the Cats in that department. No other Wildcat had more than two catches.

The UK defense spent a lot of time on the field in the game and the tackling numbers reflected that. UK had four players with double-figure tackles on Saturday. Linebacker Jacques Jones led the way with 18 tackles, while DeAndre Square and Trevin Wallace each had 12. Yusuf Corker had 11 stops for the Cats in the game.

In the first quarter, Josh Ali fielded the punt at the UK 26 and took it to the left, turned the corner and went 74 yards for the special teams touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky grabbed a 7-0 lead with 7:14 left in the first quarter.

Unfortunately, the Cats would fall behind and eventually drop their second straight contest.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	3	0	7	-	17
Mississippi State	0	14	17	0	-	31

1st 07:14 UK - Josh Ali 74 yd punt return (Matt Ruffolo kick) 7 - 0
 2nd 12:14 UK - Matt Ruffolo 41 yd field goal, 14-48 6:32 10 - 0
 07:45 MS - J. Marks 7 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 8-75 4:29 10 - 7
 01:40 MS - Dillon Johnson 9 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 9-75 4:21 10 - 14
 3rd 06:34 MS - Brandon Ruiz 27 yd field goal, 14-66 8:26 10 - 17
 04:44 MS - Dillon Johnson 1 yd run (Brandon Ruiz kick), 3-22 1:09 10 - 24
 02:51 MS - Rara Thomas 25 yd pass from Will Rogers (Brandon Ruiz kick), 3-24 1:45 10 - 31
 4th 13:37 UK - Demarcus Harris 17 yd pass from Will Levis (Matt Ruffolo kick), 10-75 4:14 17 - 31

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	MSU
First Downs	14	27
Rush Att./Net Rush	20/66	35/94
Passing C/A/I	17/28/3	36/39/0
Offensive Plays	48	74
Total Offense	216	438
Fumbles/Lost	1/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/68	11/88
Punts/Average	3/53.7	3/37.0
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 10	7 of 12
Time of Possession	18:50	41:10

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

MSU - Marks 20-58-1, Johnson 11-41-2
 UK - Rodriguez 8-34, Smoke 8-19, Levis 3-9, W. Robinson 1-4

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

MSU - Rogers 36-39-0-344-1
 UK - Levis 17-28-3-150-1

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

MSU - Mark 9-57, Walley 6-95, Polk 5-51, Williams 4-32, Johnson 4-30, Griffin 2-16, Thomas 1-25-1
 UK - W. Robinson 9-79, Harris 2-30-1, Rodriguez 2-23, Ali 2-9, Cummings 1-5, Rigg 1-4

TACKLES

MSU - Johnson 9, Forbes 6, Watson 5
 UK - Jones 18, Wallace 12, Square 12, Corker 11





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TENNESSEE 45, #18/17 KENTUCKY 42

NOV. 6, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (61,690)



No. 18 Kentucky amassed 612 yards of total offense on Saturday night but the Cats came up just short, falling to Tennessee 45-42 at Kroger Field.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 31 of 49 through the air for 372 yards and three touchdowns with an interception. Levis also rushed 15 times for 47 yards and two touchdowns.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. led the Cats' ground attack with 109 yards on 22 carries. Wide receiver Wan'Dale Robinson caught 13 passes for 166 yards and a score.

Tennessee wasted no time getting on the board. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Hendon Hooker hit JaVonta Payton with a screen pass that Payton took 75 yards for a touchdown. Chase McGrath added the point after and the Vols had a 7-0 lead just 11 seconds into the game.

Kentucky answered right back. With their first possession, the Cats relied on the run game, with both Rodriguez and Kavosiey Smoke gaining significant ground. UK would cover 75 yards in 14 plays, taking 8:36 off the clock. The drive ended with a nine-yard touchdown rush from Smoke. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT and the game was tied 7-7 with 6:13 to play in the first quarter.

The teams would go back and forth all night but in the end, the Vols held on for the tight win.

SCORING SUMMARY

Tennessee	14	10	14	7	-	45
Kentucky	7	14	14	7	-	42

- 1st 14:49 UTK - #3 J. Payton 75 yd pass from #5 H. Hooker (#40 C. McGrath kick), 1-75, 00:11 7-0
- 1st 06:13 UKY - #0 K. Smoke 9 yd rush (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 14-75, 08:36 7-7
- 1st 05:47 UTK - #1 V. Jones Jr. 72 yd pass from #5 H. Hooker (#40 C. McGrath kick), 3-75, 00:26 14-7
- 2nd 10:23 UKY - #7 W. Levis 8 yd rush (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 6-71, 03:11 14-14
- 2nd 03:57 UKY - #83 J. Rigg 3 yd pass from #7 W. Levis (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 11-68, 05:23 14-21
- 2nd 01:14 UTK - #87 J. Warren 18 yd pass from #5 H. Hooker (#40 C. McGrath kick), 7-52, 02:36 21-21
- 2nd 00:00 UTK - #40 C. McGrath 43 yd FG, 4-35, 00:16 24-21
- 3rd 09:56 UKY - #7 W. Levis 2 yd rush (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 10-75, 05:04 24-28
- 3rd 09:11 UTK - #2 J. Small 37 yd rush (#40 C. McGrath kick), 3-49, 00:37 31-28
- 3rd 06:23 UTK - #2 A. Taylor 56 yd interception return (#40 C. McGrath kick), 02:48 38-28
- 3rd 01:20 UKY - #1 W. Robinson 15 yd pass from #7 W. Levis (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 9-75, 05:03 38-35
- 4th 11:40 UTK - #4 C. Tillman 6 yd pass from #5 H. Hooker (#40 C. McGrath kick), 3-47, 00:44 45-35
- 4th 09:36 UKY - #84 I. Cummings 24 yd pass from #7 W. Levis (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:04 45-42

TEAM STATISTICS

	UT	UK
First Downs	17	35
Rush Att./Net Rush	27/145	49/225
Passing C/A/I	15/20/0	32/50/1
Offensive Plays	47	99
Total Offense	461	612
Fumbles/Lost	3/1	0/0
Penalties/Yards	6/40	7/58
Punts/Average	1/52.0	0
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 8	12 of 17
Time of Possession	13:52	46:08

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UT - Small 4-55-1, Wright 7-50, Hooker 11-41
UK - Rodriguez 22-109, Smoke 11-53-1, McClain 1-16

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UT - Hooker 15-20-0-316-4
UK - Levis 31-49-1-372-3

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UT - Tillman 6-79-1, Jones 5-100-1, Payton 2-78-1, Hyatt 1-41, Warren 1-18-1
UK - W. Robinson 13-166-1, Ali 7-74, Cummings 4-7-1, Rigg 3-20-1, Bates 2-16, Magwood 1-17, Levis 1-15, McClain 1-2

TACKLES

UT - Banks 14, Beasley 14, Jackson 11
UK - Tisdale 6, Jones 5, Weaver 4, Corker 4

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KENTUCKY 34, VANDERBILT 17

NOV. 13, 2021 • NASHVILLE, TENN.
VANDERBILT STADIUM (25,798)



Kentucky scored on its first four possessions of the game, building a sizeable lead in the process, and went on to beat Vanderbilt 34-17 at Vanderbilt Stadium.

Quarterback Will Levis connected on 14 of his 22 passes for 177 yards and a pair of touchdowns. Chris Rodriguez Jr. had 114 yards rushing and a touchdown, while JuTahn McClain had a career high 69 yards on 10 carries.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught six passes for 75 yards and a score, while Josh Ali caught four balls for 58 yards.

Kentucky (7-3, 5-3 SEC) had 413 yards of total offense in the game, with 236 yards rushing and 177 of it coming

through the air.

On defense, the Cats had six tackles for loss, including four sacks in the game. Josh Paschal led the way with a pair of sacks, while Justin Rogers had two tackles for loss, including a sack.

On its first possession of the game, Kentucky's offense picked up exactly where it left off last week. The Cats used a nice mix of run and pass, including three completions from Levis to Robinson, to cover 85 yards in 10 plays. The final play was as five-yard touchdown pass from Levis to Robinson in the corner of the end zone. Matt Ruffolo added the point after and Kentucky led 7-0 with 6:07 left in the first period. From there, the Cats would never trail and would snap a three-game losing streak.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	7	24	0	3	-	34
Vanderbilt	3	0	8	6	-	17

- 1st 06:07 KEN - #1 W. Robinson 6 yd pass from #7 W. Levis (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 10-85, 05:31 7-0
- 1st 00:44 VAN - #36 J. Bulovas 48 yd FG, 10-45, 05:23 7-3
- 2nd 14:53 KEN - #84 I. Cummings 22 yd pass from #7 W. Levis (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 3-71, 00:45 14-3
- 2nd 13:09 KEN - #34 J. Geiger 0 yd interception return (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 01:39 21-3
- 2nd 10:43 KEN - #24 C. Rodriguez Jr. 5 yd rush (#96 M. Ruffolo kick), 3-48, 01:05 28-3
- 2nd 03:46 KEN - #96 M. Ruffolo 25 yd FG, 8-67, 03:32 31-3
- 3rd 05:53 VAN - #19 C. Pierce 8 yd pass from #5 M. Wright (#7 C. Johnson pass from #5 M. Wright), 12-72, 05:51 31-11
- 4th 13:26 KEN - #96 M. Ruffolo 32 yd FG, 14-61, 07:27 34-11
- 4th 07:33 VAN - #2 A. Abdur-Rahman 8 yd pass from #5 M. Wright (#42 P. Smith pass from #5 M. Wright failed), 11-75, 05:53 34-17

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	VU
First Downs	21	16
Rush Att./Net Rush	36/236	30/96
Passing C/A/I	14/22/1	20/29/1
Offensive Plays	58	59
Total Offense	413	266
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	1/0
Penalties/Yards	4/45	6/31
Punts/Average	2/45.5	4/38.2
Third-Down Conv.	3 of 9	5 of 15
Time of Possession	29:46	30:14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

VU - Smith 18-84, Wright 7-20, Zigor III 2-13, Seals 3-(21)
UK - Rodriguez 16-114-1, McClain 10-69, Levis 6-32, Robinson 1-23, Smoke 1-1

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

VU - Seals 12-17-1-87-0, Wright 7-11-0-58-2, Johnson 1-1-0-25-0
UK - Levis 14-22-1-177-2

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

VU - Abdur-Rahman 7-65-1, Pierce 6-69-1, Smith 3-9, Bresnahan 1-11, Johnson 1-7, Zigor III 2-5, Boddie 1-4
UK - W. Robinson 6-75-1, Ali 4-58, Cummings 2-27-1, Harris 1-10, Rigg 1-7

TACKLES

VU - Jedy 8, Worship 6, Barr 5, James 5
UK - Corker 8, Paschal 7, Valentine 5, Square 5, Jones 5





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KENTUCKY 56, NEW MEXICO STATE 16

NOV. 20, 2021 • LEXINGTON, KY.
KROGER FIELD (47,749)



Quarterback Will Levis passed for a career high 412 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky beat New Mexico State 56-16 on Senior Day at Kroger Field.

Kentucky (8-3) amassed 707 yards of total offense in the game, the second-highest total in school history. Kentucky's only greater output came when the Cats piled up 801 yards against Louisville on Sept. 5, 1998.

Levis connected on 21 of 31 through the air on his way to the most passing yards by a UK quarterback in 14 years (Andre Woodson had 430 against Tennessee in 2007).

Wan'Dale Robinson was on the receiving end of eight of those passes, covering 181 yards. Senior Josh Ali caught seven passes for a career high 164 yards and two touchdowns.

On the ground, Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 16 times for 119 yards and a score, while freshman La'Veell Wright had 75 yards on just six carries.

After falling behind 7-0, Kentucky scored 21 points in a row to take command of the game. The Cats would shut out the Aggies in the second half on their way to the big win.

SCORING SUMMARY

New Mexico State	7	9	0	0	-	16
Kentucky	21	14	14	7	-	56

- 1st 12:18 NMS - #80 T.Brohard 25 yd fumble return (#84 E.Albertson kick), 01:24 7-0
- 1st 09:27 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 32 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-81, 02:44 7-7
- 1st 05:54 UKY - #21 Q.Mosely 38 yd interception return (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 00:08 7-14
- 1st 00:02 UKY - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 6 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-91, 04:34 7-21
- 2nd 12:06 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 50 yd FG, 9-43, 02:56 10-21
- 2nd 09:19 UKY - #6 J.Ali 9 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-75, 02:47 10-28
- 2nd 05:16 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 30 yd FG, 10-60, 03:58 13-28
- 2nd 00:46 UKY - #83 J.Rigg 2 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-65, 01:28 13-35
- 2nd 00:00 NMS - #84 E.Albertson 32 yd FG, 4-55, 00:39 16-35
- 3rd 08:09 UKY - #6 J.Ali 62 yd pass from #7 W.Levis (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-90, 03:44 16-42
- 3rd 00:18 UKY - #0 K.Smoke 23 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 3-33, 01:25 16-49
- 4th 11:40 UKY - #11 B.Allen 3 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-82, 03:05 16-56

TEAM STATISTICS

	NMST	UK
First Downs	13	29
Rush Att./Net Rush	26/101	36/248
Passing C/A/I	16/35/1	24/35/1
Offensive Plays	61	71
Total Offense	282	707
Fumbles/Lost	2/1	3/3
Penalties/Yards	4/40	7/69
Punts/Average	10/40.8	2/33.5
Third-Down Conv.	4 of 16	6 of 9
Time of Possession	26:07	33:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

NMST - Price 11-56, Johnson 9-35, Escobar 5-18, Garcia-Castaneda 1-6
UK - Rodriguez 16-119-1, Wright 6-75, Smoke 3-35-1, Levis 4-11, Markray 2-10, McClain 2-2

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

NMST - Johnson 16-35-1-181-0
UK - Levis 21-31-1-419-4, Allen 3-4-0-40-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

NMST - Price 4-7, Escobar 3-24, Garcia-Castaneda 2-33, Johnson III 2-8, Bodison 2-24, Powers 1-41, Wyatt 1-17, Warner 1-6
UK - W. Robinson 8-181, Ali 7-164-2, Harris 3-37, Rigg 2-34, Dingle 1-23, Epps 1-12, McClain 1-7, Bates 1-1

TACKLES

NMST - McCullough 8, Brohard 7, Giacalone 7, Mills 6
UK - Jones 8, Corker 7, Paschal 6

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KENTUCKY 52, LOUISVILLE 21

NOV. 27, 2021 • LOUISVILLE, KY.
CARDINAL STADIUM (55,018)



Kentucky quarterback Will Levis rushed 14 times for 113 yards and four touchdowns as Kentucky thumped archrival Louisville 52-21 at Cardinal Stadium.

Levis was also 14 of 18 through the air for 149 yards in the game.

Chris Rodriguez Jr. rushed 16 times for 121 yards and a score, leading a rushing attack that racked up 362 yards on 49 carries in the game. Altogether, Kentucky had 511 yards of offense in the game.

Wan'Dale Robinson caught nine passes for 97 yards, setting the UK single-season mark for receptions in a season along the way.

Kentucky took the opening kickoff and went immediately into attack mode. Levis connected with Robinson for 29 yards on the first play to get into Louisville territory. The Cats would make another first down before facing a third and three from the U of L 29. From there, Levis took off on a designed quarterback run and went virtually untouched into the end zone for the touchdown. Matt Ruffolo added the PAT at the Cats led 7-0 with 12:22 left in the first quarter.

Louisville would tie the game at 7-7 but the Cats would answer with another scoring drive before the end of the quarter. The Cats would march 75 yards in 12 plays, using seven rushes and five passes. At the end of the drive, it was Levis rushing for the score again, this time from seven yards out, giving UK the lead again. Ruffolo added the PAT to make it 14-7 with 1:18 left in the first quarter. That would be the score after 15 minutes of play.

From there, Kentucky would stretch the lead as large as 38 points (45-7 and 52-14) before settling for a 31-point victory.

With the win, the Cats finished the regular season at 9-3.

SCORING SUMMARY

Kentucky	14	10	14	14	-	52
Louisville	7	0	0	14	-	21

- 1st 12:22 UK - #7 W.Levis 29 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 6-75, 02:38 7-0
- 1st 07:30 LOU - #3 M.Cunningham 2 yd rush (#32 J.Turner kick), 10-75, 04:52 7-7
- 1st 01:18 UK - #7 W.Levis 7 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-75, 06:12 14-7
- 2nd 08:46 UK - #96 M.Ruffolo 43 yd FG, 9-36, 05:23 17-7
- 2nd 01:53 UK - #7 W.Levis 5 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 12-65, 06:02 24-7
- 3rd 09:28 UK - #7 W.Levis 1 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 7-75, 03:41 31-7
- 3rd 03:18 UK - #24 C.Rodriguez Jr. 2 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 8-59, 04:35 38-7
- 4th 13:33 UK - #0 K.Smoke 13 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 5-51, 02:36 45-7
- 4th 08:49 LOU - #11 J.Johnson 8 yd pass from #6 E.Conley (#32 J.Turner kick), 9-70, 04:37 45-14
- 4th 03:54 UK - #29 L.Wright 41 yd rush (#96 M.Ruffolo kick), 2-64, 00:48 52-14
- 4th 00:08 LOU - #36 M.Burkley 7 yd rush (#32 J.Turner kick), 8-75, 03:46 52-21

TEAM STATISTICS

	UK	UL
First Downs	29	21
Rush Att./Net Rush	49/362	31/144
Passing C/A/I	15/19/0	19/28/1
Offensive Plays	68	59
Total Offense	511	352
Fumbles/Lost	0/0	0/0
Penalties/Yards	4/29	3/24
Punts/Average	1/33.0	3/36.7
Third-Down Conv.	6 of 10	3 of 9
Time of Possession	34:58	24:56

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING (ATT.-YD.-TD)

UK - Mitchell 11-53, Cunningham, 11-35-1, Burkley 5-33-1, Conley 2-26, Cooley 2-(-3)
UK - Rodriguez 16-121-1, Levis 14-113-4, L. Wright 3-43-1, McClain 6-33, Smoke 8-31-1, Allen 1-23

PASSING (COMP-ATT-INT-YARDS-TD)

UK - Cunningham 12-20-1-145-0, Conley 7-8-0-63-1
UK - Levis 14-18-0-149-0, Allen 1-1-0-0-0

RECEIVING (REC-YARDS-TD)

UK - Ford 6-68, Huggins-Bruce 3-43, Watkins 2-21, Cooley 2-5
UK - W. Robinson 9-97, Ali 4-48

TACKLES

UK - Cole 15, Avery 9, Diaby 6, Duncan 6
UK - Jackson 8, Valentine 7, Corker 4, Robinson 4, Geiger 4





2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

Game	Score	First Downs	Time of Possession	Rushing (No-Yds-TD)	Passing (Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Total Offense (Plays-Yds-TD)	3rd Down Conversions	Fumbles-Lost
KENTUCKY	45	23	32:00	34-145-2	22-33-1-419-4	67-564-6	4-of-11	4-2
vs. Louisiana Monroe	10	11	28:00	43-17-1	11-20-0-70-0	63-87-1	5-of-19	0-0
KENTUCKY	35	26	32:48	52-340-4	10-18-1-179-0	70-519-5	8-of-12	1-1
vs. Missouri	28	25	27:12	24-104-0	34-52-1-294-1	76-398-4	9-of-15	1-0
KENTUCKY	28	20	28:18	27-102-1	23-35-2-246-2	62-356-3	5-of-11	3-1
vs. Chattanooga	23	16	31:42	28-171-1	21-35-1-168-1	63-339-2	7-of-15	0-0
KENTUCKY	16	22	35:36	44-230-1	15-22-1-102-0	66-332	6-of-12	4-2
at South Carolina	10	12	24:24	26-58-0	17-25-0-158-1	51-216	3-of-12	0-0
KENTUCKY	20	13	22:42	30-137-1	6-15-1-74-1	47-224	1-of-9	0-0
vs. Florida	13	20	33:42	39-171-0	24-32-1-211-1	71-382	4-of-13	0-0
KENTUCKY	42	24	32:12	45-330-3	14-17-0-145-3	62-475	2-of-7	0-0
vs. LSU	21	22	27:48	35-147-2	22-38-0-261-1	73-408	7-of-15	1-1
KENTUCKY	13	16	37:47	27-51-0	32-42-0-192-2	69-243	9-of-19	1-0
at Georgia	30	20	21:51	27-166-1	14-20-0-250-3	47-416	2-of-7	2-0
KENTUCKY	17	14	18:50	20-66-0	17-28-3-150-1	48-216	6-of-10	1-1
at Mississippi State	31	27	41:10	35-94-3	36-39-0-344-1	74-438	7-of-12	0-0
KENTUCKY	42	35	46:08	49-225-3	32-50-1-387-3	99-612	12-of-17	0-0
vs. Tennessee	45	17	13:52	27-145-1	15-20-0-316-4	47-461	3-of-8	1-52
KENTUCKY	34	21	29:46	36-236-1	14-22-1-177-2	58-413	3-of-9	0-0
at Vanderbilt	17	16	30:14	30-96-0	20-29-1-170-2	59-266	5-of-13	1-0
KENTUCKY	56	29	33:53	36-248-3	24-35-1-459-4	71-707	6-of-9	3-3
vs. New Mexico State	16	13	26:07	26-101-0	16-35-1-181-0	61-282	4-of-16	2-1
KENTUCKY	52	29	34:58	49-362-7	15-19-0-149-0	68-511	6-of-10	0-0
at Louisville	21	21	24:56	31-144-2	19-28-1-208-1	59-352	3-of-9	0-0

GAME-BY GAME RUSHING

(No-Yds-TD)	Ali	Drennen	Levis	McClain	Robinson	Rodriguez Jr.	Smoke	Tisdale	L. Wright
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0-0-0	3-16-1	4-(-6)-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	19-125-1	5-26-0	1-4-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0	0-0-0	11-38-1	0-0-0	3-73-0	27-206-3	8-41-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	1-11-1	1-1-0	3-18-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	13-46-0	7-27-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at South Carolina	2-2-0	0-0-0	5-30-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	26-144-0	9-50-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Florida	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-21-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	19-99-1	4-17-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0	3-0-0	11-75-2	1-5-0	0-0-0	16-147-1	12-104-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	0-0-0	10-14-0	4-12-0	1-6-0	7-7-0	5-14-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Mississippi State	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-9-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	8-34-0	8-19-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	0-0-0	15-47-2	1-16-0	0-0-0	22-109-0	11-53-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0	0-0-0	6-32-0	10-69-0	1-23-0	16-114-1	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. New Mexico State	0-0-0	0-0-0	4-11-0	2-2-0	0-0-0	16-119-1	3-35-1	0-0-0	6-75-0
at Louisville	0-0-0	0-0-0	14-114-4	6-33-0	0-0-0	16-121-1	8-31-1	0-0-0	3-43-1

GAME-BY GAME RECEIVING

(Rec-Yds-TD)	Ali	Bates	Crumes	Cummings	Drennen	Epps	Harris	Lewis	McClain	Rigg	Robinson	Rodriguez Jr.	Smoke
vs. ULM	5-136-1	1-4-1	1-10-0	1-7-0	0-0-0	3-83-0	1-4-0	1-4-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	5-125-2	2-10-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	2-30-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-28-0	5-101-0	1-5-1	0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	5-53-0	2-2-0	0-0-0	1-31-1	1-8-0	2-21-1	1-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-10-0	8-111-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at South Carolina	4-14-0	1-15-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	7-65-0	2-5-0	1-3-0
vs. Florida	1-15-0	1-11-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-4)-0	0-0-0	3-52-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-(-5)-0	2-28-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-25-1	1-34-0	8-60-1	1-3-1	0-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0	3-13-0	0-0-0	3-22-0	0-0-0	3-27-0	2-31-0	0-0-0	2-12-0	4-24-1	12-39-1	4-10-0	1-14-0
at Mississippi State	2-9-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-5-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-30-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	9-79-0	2-23-0	0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	7-74-0	2-18-0	0-0-0	4-75-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-2-0	3-20-1	13-166-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	4-58-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-27-1	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-10-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	6-75-1	0-0-0	0-0-0
vs. NMST	7-164-2	1-1-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-12-0	3-37-0	0-0-0	1-7-0	2-34-2	8-181-0	0-0-0	0-0-0
at Louisville	4-48-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-4-0	9-97-0	0-0-0	0-0-0





GAME-BY-GAME PASSING

(Cmp-Att-Int-Yds-TD)	Allen	Levis
vs. ULM	4-7-0-52-0	18-26-1-367-4
vs. Missouri	0-0-0-0-0	10-18-1-179-1
vs. Chattanooga	0-0-0-0-0	23-35-2-246-2
at South Carolina	0-0-0-0-0	15-22-1-102-0
vs. Florida	0-0-0-0-0	6-15-1-74-1
vs. LSU	0-0-0-0-0	14-17-0-145-3
at Georgia	0-0-0-0-0	32-42-0-192-2
at Mississippi State	0-0-0-0-0	17-28-3-150-1
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0-0	31-49-1-372-3
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0-0	14-22-1-177-2
vs. NMST	3-4-0-40-0	21-31-1-419-4
at Louisville	1-1-0-0-0	14-18-0-149-0

GAME-BY-GAME PUNTING

(No-Yds-Avg-LG-In20)	Berry	Goodfellow
vs. ULM	2-71-35.5-39-1	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Missouri	2-77-38.5-39-0	0-0-0-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	-	4-202-50.5-59-2
at South Carolina	-	3-122-40.7-42-1
vs. Florida	-	6-255-42.5-47-4
vs. LSU	-	3-137-45.7-48-2
at Georgia	-	7-358-51.1-70-1
at Mississippi State	-	3-161-53.7-70-1
vs. Tennessee	-	0-0-0-0
at Vanderbilt	-	2-91-45.5-51-1
vs. NMST	-	2-67-33.5-34-0
at Louisville	-	1-33-33.0-22-0

GAME-BY-GAME FIELD GOALS

FG Made (Miss)	Poore	Ruffolo
vs. ULM	0	1
vs. Missouri	0	0 (1)
vs. Chattanooga	0	0
at South Carolina	0	3
vs. Florida	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0
at Georgia	0	0 (1)
at Mississippi State	0	1
vs. Tennessee	0	0 (1)
at Vanderbilt	0	2 (0)
vs. NMST	0	0
at Louisville	0	1 (0)

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE LINE (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks)

Game	A-Fitzgerald	Gibson	Hayes	McCall	Oxendine	Paschal	Rogers	Rybka	Saunders
vs. ULM	4-0-0	1-0.5-0	3-0.5-0	2-0.5-0	5-1-0	7-2-1	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0	-	0-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	-
vs. Chattanooga	0-0-0	-	1-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-1.5-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	-
at S Carolina	0-0-0	-	1-0-0	1-1-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	-
vs. Florida	-	-	2-0.5-0	0-0-0	3-0.5-0	7-2.5-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	-
vs. LSU	1-0-0	-	1-0-0	-	3-2-2	3-1-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	-
at Georgia	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	-	6-1-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	-
at Mississippi St	1-0-0	-	4-1.0-1.0	-	-	6-2.0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	-
vs. Tennessee	2-2.0-2.0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	-	1-0.5-0	0-0-0	-	-
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	-	7-2.0-2.0	4-2.0-1.0	1-0-0	-
vs. NMST	2-0.5-0.5	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	-	6-1.5-1.0	1-0.5-0.5	2-0-0	1-1.0-0
at Louisville	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-0	-	2-1.0-1.0	1-0-0	0-0-0	1-1.0-0

GAME-BY-GAME LINEBACKERS (Tackles-Tackles-For-Loss-Sacks-Pass Breakups)

Game	Bembry	Casey	Jones	McDaniel	Square	Thrower	Wallace	Weaver	Wright
vs. ULM	1-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	6-3.5-1-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-2-0	6-2-1-0
vs. Missouri	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	5-0-0-2	0-0-0-0	6-0-1-0	1-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	3-2-1	3-0-0-1
vs. Chattanooga	1-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	9-0-0-1	2-0-0-0	5-2-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-1-0	0-0-0-0
at S Carolina	1-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	2-1-1-0	3-0-0-1
vs. Florida	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	9-1-0-1	0-0-0-0	13-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	2-0.5-0-0	2-0-0-0
vs. LSU	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	9-1-0-0	0-0-0-0	8-1-1-0	0-0-0-0	1-1-1-0	2-0-0-0	6-1-0-0
at Georgia	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	4-1-1-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0
at Mississippi St	3-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	18-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	12-1-0-0	3-0-0-0	12-2-0-0	6-0.5-0-0	0-0-0-0
vs. Tennessee	1-0-0-0	-	5-0.5-0.5-0	0-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-2.5-2.5-0	-
at Vanderbilt	0-0-0-0	0-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	3-0-0-0	5-0-0-0	-	2-0-0-0	3-1.0-0-0	-
vs. NMST	0-0-0-0	1-0-0-0	8-0-0-0	2-0-0-0	4-0.5-0-0	-	5-1.0-1.0-1	0-0-0-1	-
at Louisville	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	-	3-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0

GAME-BY-GAME DEFENSIVE BACKS (Tackles-Pass Breakups-Int.)

Game	Aijan	Corker	Dodson	Dort Jr.	Douglass	Geiger	Lovett	Mosely	Robinson	Tisdale	Valentine
vs. ULM	3-0-0	5-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
vs. Missouri	8-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0
vs. Chattanooga	3-0-1	6-2-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	5-0-0	0-0-0	11-0-0
at S Carolina	4-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0
vs. Florida	8-2-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	6-0-0	0-0-0	8-0-0
vs. LSU	2-1-0	7-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	2-3-0	5-0-0	2-0-0	8-1-0
at Georgia	2-0-0	4-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-0
at Mississippi St	5-0-0	11-0.5-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	5-1-0	4-0-0
vs. Tennessee	0-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	3-1-0	0-0-0	6-0-0	2-0-0
at Vanderbilt	1-0-0	8-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	3-0-1	0-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	2-0-0	5-1-0
vs. NMST	1-0-0	7-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	0-0-0	1-1-1	2-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0
at Louisville	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0	4-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0	4-0-0	2-0-0	7-0-1





2021 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS

TURNOVERS

Opponent	FORCED BY KENTUCKY					FORCED BY OPPONENT			
	Fum	Int	Tot	Margin	UK Pts Off	Fum	Int	Tot	Opp Pts Off
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	-3	0	2	1	3	10
vs. Missouri	1	1	2	0	7	1	1	2	7
vs. Chattanooga	0	1	1	-2	7	1	2	3	6
at South Carolina	0	0	0	-3	0	2	1	3	0
vs. Florida	0	1	1	0	13	0	1	1	0
vs. LSU	1	0	1	+1	7	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	4	14
vs. Tennessee	1	0	1	+1	7	0	1	1	7
at Vanderbilt	0	1	1	0	7	0	1	1	0
vs. New Mexico State	1	1	2	-2	7	3	1	4	7
at Louisville	0	1	1	+1	7	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	4	6	10	-7	62	10	12	22	51

KENTUCKY BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	3	0	1	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
vs. Chattanooga	0	1	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1
vs. LSU	3	2	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Mississippi State	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Tennessee	4	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico State	2	2	0	0	1	6	2	0	2	0	0
at Louisville	1	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	19	12	5	2	2	22	11	2	5	1	2

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Opponent	RUSHING					PASSING				SPECIAL TEAMS	
	15+	20+	30+	40+	50+	20+	30+	40+	50+	Block	Return for TD
vs. Louisiana Monroe	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
vs. Chattanooga	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0
vs. LSU	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	1	1	0	0	7	0	0	0	1	0
at Mississippi State	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. New Mexico State	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
TOTALS	7	6	4	1	0	22	2	2	2	3	0



2021 EXPLOSIVE PLAYS

RUNS 15+

Levis, 21 yards
 Levis, 18 yards
 Levis, 33 yards
 Levis, 13 yards
 Levis, 17 yards
 Levis, 16 yards
 Levis, 29 yards*
 Levis, 22 yards
(8 rush for 169 yards, 21.1 avg., 1 TD)

Robinson, 64 yards
 Robinson, 23 yards
(2 rush for 87 yards, 43.5 avg., 0 TD)

Rodriguez, 16 yards
 Rodriguez, 19 yards
 Rodriguez, 31 yards
 Rodriguez, 21 yards
 Rodriguez, 31 yards
 Rodriguez, 28 yards
 Rodriguez, 16 yards
 Rodriguez, 17 yards
 Rodriguez, 21 yards
 Rodriguez, 22 yards
 Rodriguez, 18 yards*
 Rodriguez, 15 yards
 Rodriguez, 18 yards
 Rodriguez, 30 yards
 Rodriguez, 17 yards
 Rodriguez, 16 yards
 Rodriguez, 29 yards
 Rodriguez, 15 yards
 Rodriguez, 41 yards*
(19 rush for 421 yards, 22.2 avg., 2 TD)

Smoke, 15 yards*
 Smoke, 32 yards
 Smoke, 15 yards
 Smoke, 23 yards*
(4 rush for 100 yards, 25.0 avg., 2 TD)

McClain, 16 yards
 McClain, 22 yards
 McClain, 15 yards
(3 rush for 53 yards, 17.7 avg., 0 TD)

L. Wright, 52 yards
 L. Wright, 41 yards*
(2 rush for 93 yards, 46.5 avg., 1 TD)

Allen, 23 yards
(1 rush for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD)

Total: 36 rush for 897 yards, 24.9 avg, 6 TD

RECEIVING 20+

Ali, 58 yards*
 Ali, 23 yards
 Ali, 24 yards
 Ali, 24 yards
 Ali, 25 yards
 Ali, 26 yards
 Ali, 21 yards
 Ali, 62 yards*
(8 rec. for 263 yards, 32.9 avg., 2 TD)

Cummings, 31 yards*
 Cummings, 24 yards*
 Cummings, 28 yards
 Cummings, 22 yards*
(4 rec. for 105 yards, 26.3 avg., 3 TD)

Dingle, 31 yards
(1 rec. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 0 TD)

Epps, 57 yards

Epps, 20 yards*
 Epps, 20 yards
(3 rec. for 97 yards, 32.3 avg., 1 TD)

McClain, 25 yards*
(1 rec. for 25 yards, 25.0 avg., 1 TD)

Rigg, 28 yards
 Rigg, 34 yards
 Rigg, 32 yards*
(3 rec. for 94 yards, 31.3 avg., 1 TD)

Robinson, 33 yards*
 Robinson, 62 yards
 Robinson, 49 yards
 Robinson, 33 yards
 Robinson, 39 yards
 Robinson, 23 yards
 Robinson, 41 yards*
 Robinson, 21 yards
 Robinson, 31 yards
 Robinson, 27 yards
 Robinson, 25 yards
 Robinson, 39 yards
 Robinson, 29 yards
 Robinson, 23 yards
 Robinson, 37 yards
 Robinson, 79 yards
 Robinson, 27 yards
(17 rec. for 618 yards, 36.4 avg., 2 TD)

Dingle, 23 yards
(1 rec. for 23 yards, 23.0 avg., 0 TD)

Total: 35 rec. for 1256 yards, 35.9 avg., 10 TD

KICK RETURNS 30+

Total: 0 return for 0 yards, 0.0 avg, 0 TD

PUNT RETURNS 20+

Ali, 74 yards*
 Ali, 25 yards
Total: 2 return for 99 yards, 49.5 avg., 1 TD

DEFENSIVE RETURNS 20+

Ajian, 95 yards*
(1 INT. for 95 yards, 95.0 avg., 1 TD)

Geiger, 31 yards*
(1 INT. for 31 yards, 31.0 avg., 1 TD)

Wallace, 76 yards*
(1 Return for 76 yards, 76.0 avg., 1 TD)

Mosely, 38 yards*
(1 INT for 38 yards, 38.0 avg., 1 TD)

Total: 4 returns for 239 yards, 59.8 avg., 4 TD

UK LONG PLAYS (20+) BY THE NUMBERS

20+ Plays By Yards	No.	TD
100+	0	0
90-99	1	1
80-89	0	0
70-79	3	2
60-69	3	1
50-59	3	1
40-49	4	2
30-39	15	3
20-29	37	6
TOTAL	66	16

20+ Plays By Type	No.	TD
Rushing	22	6
Passing	36	10

Punt returns	1	1
Kick returns (30+)	0	0
Interceptions	3	3
Fumble returns	0	0
TOTAL	62	18

OPPONENT BIG PLAYS

Total:

Run (15+)	16 for 426 yds
Receiving (20+)	29 for 849 yds
Kick Returns (30+)	0 for 0 yds
Punt Returns (20+)	0 for 0 yds
Defensive Returns (20+)	2 for 81 yds
TOTAL: 47 for 1357 yards (28.9 avg.)	



2021 SCORING DRIVE ANALYSIS

GAME-BY-GAME SCORING DRIVES

Game	Plays/Yards	Qtr./Clock	Res.	Scoring Play
ULM	5/84	1/6:13	TD	Robinson 33 yard pass
ULM	1/58	1/4:20	TD	Ali 58 yard pass
ULM	14/84	2/10:40	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
ULM	4/80	2/5:44	TD	Robinson 15 yard pass
ULM	7/51	3/3:54	FG	Ruffolo 45 yard kick
ULM	9/80	4/13:07	TD	Bates 4 yard pass
ULM	8/68	4/1:00	TD	Drennen 4 yard run
MIZ	5/75	1/12:52	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 5 yard pass
MIZ	12/80	1/5:13	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
MIZ	8/92	2/9:26	TD	Levis 3 yard run
MIZ	3/38	3/13:19	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 3 yard run
MIZ	5/75	4/11:28	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 8 yard run
UTC	9/70	1/10:43	TD	Ali 11 yard rush
UTC	7/68	2/13:29	TD	Epps 20 yard pass
UTC	7/77	4/10:18	TD	Cummings 31 yard pass
SC	12/75	1/8:27	TD	Smoke 15 yard run
SC	10/57	2/0:00	FG	Ruffolo 43 yard kick
SC	13/67	3/3:43	FG	Ruffolo 21 yard kick
SC	9/51	4/4:26	FG	Ruffolo 27 yard kick
UF	5/75	1/7:57	TD	Robinson 41 yard pass
UF	5/29	4/13:45	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 9 yard run
LSU	9/44	1/6:17	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 3 yard pass
LSU	5/69	2/14:54	TD	Robinson 11 yard pass
LSU	7/75	3/10:57	TD	Levis 1 yard run
LSU	10/75	3/1:06	TD	Levis 5 yard run
LSU	3/56	4/12:07	TD	McClain 25 yard pass
LSU	4/44	4/4:23	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 18 yard run
UGA	13/75	2/3:53	TD	Rigg 1 yard pass
UGA	22/75	4/0:04	TD	Robinson 1 yard pass
MST	14/48	2/12:14	FG	Ruffolo 41 yard kick
MST	10/75	4/13:37	TD	Harris 17 yard pass
TN	14/75	1/6:13	TD	Smoke 9 yard run
TN	6/71	2/10:23	TD	Levis 8 yard run
TN	11/68	2/3:57	TD	Rigg 3 yard pass
TN	10/75	3/9:56	TD	Levis 2 yard run
TN	9/75	3/1:20	TD	Robinson 15 yard pass
TN	5/75	4/9:36	TD	Cummings 24 yard pass
VU	10/85	1/6:07	TD	Robinson 6 yard pass
VU	3/71	2/14:53	TD	Cummings 22 yard pass
VU	3/48	2/10:43	TD	Rodriguez 5 yard run
VU	8/67	2/3:46	FG	Ruffolo 25 yard kick
VU	14/61	4/13:26	FG	Ruffolo 32 yard kick
NMSU	5/81	1/9:27	TD	Rigg 32 yard pass
NMSU	8/91	1/0:02	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 6 yard run
NMSU	5/75	2/9:19	TD	Ali 9 yard pass
NMSU	7/65	2/0:46	TD	Rigg 2 yard pass
NMSU	7/90	3/8:09	TD	Ali 62 yard pass
NMSU	3/33	3/0:18	TD	Smoke 23 yard run
NMSU	7/82	4/11:40	TD	Allen 3 yard run
UL	6/75	1/12:22	TD	Levis 29 yard run
UL	12/75	1/1:18	TD	Levis 7 yard run
UL	9/36	2/8:46	FG	Ruffolo 43 yard kick
UL	12/65	2/1:53	TD	Levis 5 yard run
UL	7/75	3/9:28	TD	Levis 1 yard run
UL	8/59	3/3:18	TD	Rodriguez Jr. 2 yard run
UL	5/51	4/13:33	TD	Smoke 13 yard run
UL	2/64	4/3:54	TD	L. Wright 41 yard run

GAME OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	INT/0	10	TD/7	43
MISSOURI	TD/7	75	Punt/0	13
CHATTANOOGA	TD/7	70	TD/7	75
SOUTH CAROLINA	TD/7	75	Punt/0	7
FLORIDA	Punt/0	5	Punt/0	34
LSU	TD/7	44	Fumble/0	19
GEORGIA	Punt/0	19	Punt/0	22
MISSISSIPPI STATE	INT/0	35	Punt/0	23
TENNESSEE	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
VANDERBILT	TD/7	85	Punt/0	17
NEW MEXICO ST.	FUM/0	-5	Punt/0	8
LOUISVILLE	TD/7	75	TD/7	75
Total/Avg	7 TD	563/46.9	4 TD	411/34.3

2ND HALF OPENING DRIVES

Game	KENTUCKY		OPPONENT	
	Res/Pts	Yds	Res/Pts	Yds
ULM	Punt/0	-1	Punt/0	6
MISSOURI	TD/7	38	INT/7	1
CHATTANOOGA	Punt/0	17	FG/3	49
SOUTH CAROLINA	FG/3	67	TD/7	75
FLORIDA	Punt/0	28	Punt/0	38
LSU	TD/7	75	Downs/0	75
GEORGIA	Punt/0	3	TD/7	75
MISSISSIPPI STATE	FUM/0	-3	FG/3	66
TENNESSEE	TD/7	75	TD/7	49
VANDERBILT	Punt/0	12	TD/7	72
NEW MEXICO ST.	Punt/0	1	Punt/0	22
LOUISVILLE	TD/7	75	Punt/0	10
Total/Avg	4 TD, 1 FG	387/32.3	4 TD, 2 FG	538/44.8

DRIVE ANALYSIS

Game	Total Drive	TD	FG	MFG	P	TO	4DN
ULM	13	6	1	0	2	2	1
MISSOURI	11	5	0	1	2	2	0
CHATTANOOGA	11	3	0	0	4	2	1
SOUTH CAROLINA	11	1	3	0	3	3	0
FLORIDA	11	2	0	0	6	1	1
LSU	11	6	0	0	3	0	0
GEORGIA	10	2	0	1	7	0	0
MISSISSIPPI STATE	9	1	1	0	3	4	0
TENNESSEE	11	6	0	1	0	1	3
VANDERBILT	9	3	2	0	2	1	0
NEW MEXICO ST.	14	7	0	0	2	4	1
LOUISVILLE	10	7	1	0	1	0	0
Totals	131	49	8	3	36	20	7





2021 GAME NOTES

ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DL	Sr-2L
53	R.J. Adams	OL	Fr-RS
23	Tyrell Ajian	S	Sr-3L
6	Josh Ali	WR	%Sr-4L
11	Beau Allen	QB	So-1L
91	Sam Anaele	DL	Fr-RS
63	Alex Bascom	DL	Jr-Sq
64	Richard Bascom	DL	Jr-Sq
80	Brenden Bates	TE	Jr-2L
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	So-Sq
42	Marquez Bembry	OLB	Sr-1L
24	Zac Berezowitz	DB	Sr-1L
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	Fr-HS
93	Wilson Berry	P	Fr-HS
45	Jase Bruner	OLB	So-Sq
56	Deondre Buford	OL	Fr-RS
62	Jager Burton	OL	Fr-HS
6	Jared Casey	ILB	So-1L
35	Kaleb Cheek	WR	So-Sq
29	Yusuf Corker	S	Sr-3L
75	Eli Cox	OL	So-1L
3	Dekel Crowdus	WR	Fr-HS
82	Tae Tae Crumes	WR	So-Sq
84	Izayah Cummings	WR	So-1L
46	Cade Degraw	LS	Jr-1L
14	Patrick Delahunty	QB	Jr-Sq
34	Trey Dennis	WR	Fr-HS
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	Fr-HS
55	Justice Dingle II	OLB	Jr-Tr
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	Fr-HS
30	Taj Dodson	S	So-1L
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	DB	Sr-3L
61	Austin Dotson	OL	Sr-3L
11	Moses Douglass	S	So-1L
33	Ben Drake	DB	Jr-Sq
5	Mike Drennen II	RB	So-1L
31	Darren Edmond	WR	Sr-Sq
46	Braxton Eiserman	LB	Jr-Sq
81	Isaiah Epps	WR	Sr-3L
45	Parker Estes	TE	Fr-HS
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	So-RS
79	Luke Fortner	OL	%Sr-4L
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	So-Tr
34	Jalen Geiger	S	So-1L
96	Isaiah Gibson	DL	So-1L
48	Cody Goatley	ILB	So-Sq
94	Colin Goodfellow	P	%Sr-1L
39	Austin Gough	ILB	Fr-HS
43	Darren Green	ILB	So-Sq
31	Maxwell Hairston	DB	Fr-HS
86	DeMarcus Harris	WR	So-1L
69	Collin Hartmann	DL	Sr-Sq
99	Josaih Hayes	NG	So-1L
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	Jr-2L
36	Adrian Huey	DB	Fr-HS
35	Rickey Hyatt Jr.	S	Fr-RS
56	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	So-1L
28	Zach Johnson	S/KR	%Sr-4L
10	Jacquez Jones	ILB	Sr-Tr
72	Josh Jones	OL	Fr-RS
70	Darian Kinnard	OL	Sr-3L
37	Luke Leeper	WR	So-Sq
7	Will Levis	QB	Jr-Tr
89	Chris Lewis	WR	Fr-HS
28	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	Jr-Sq

NUMERICAL ROSTER

0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	5-9	202	Jr-2L	Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	WR	5-10	183	Jr-Tr	Frankfort, Ky. (Nebraska/Western Hills)
2	Joey Gatewood	QB	6-5	224	Jr-1L	Jacksonville, Fla. (Auburn/Bartram Trail)
3*	Dekel Crowdus	WR	5-10	180	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
3*	Cedrick Dort Jr.	DB	5-11	188	Sr-3L	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)
4	Joshua Paschal	DL	6-3	275	Sr-3L	Prince George's County, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)
5*	Mike Drennen II	RB	5-11	194	So-1L	Hilltop, Ohio (Coffman)
5*	DeAndre Square	ILB	6-1	221	Sr-3L	Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)
6*	Josh Ali	WR	6-0	190	%Sr-4L	Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)
6*	Jared Casey	ILB	6-3	217	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)
7*	Will Levis	QB	6-3	232	Jr-Tr	Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)
7*	Vito Tisdale	NB	6-1	188	So-1L	Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	6-1	302	So-1L	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
9	Davonte Robinson	S	6-2	210	%Sr-3L	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
10*	Jacquez Jones	ILB	6-0	235	Sr-Tr	Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)
10*	Chauncey Magwood	WR	6-0	190	Fr-HS	Albany, Ga. (Lee County)
11*	Beau Allen	QB	6-2	208	So-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)
11*	Moses Douglass	S	6-2	203	So-1L	Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
12*	Chance Poore	K	6-2	219	Jr-2L	Anderson, S.C. (Westside)
12*	Kaiya Sheron	QB	6-3	203	Fr-HS	Somerset, Ky. (Somerset HS)
13*	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	6-1	218	Fr-RS	Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)
13*	J.J. Weaver	OLB	6-5	231	So-1L	Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)
14*	Patrick Delahunty	QB	6-0	197	Jr-Sq	Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)
14*	Carrington Valentine	DB	6-0	188	So-1L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	6-5	225	Sr-3L	Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	5-9	187	So-1L	Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	5-11	190	Sr-2L	Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)
19	Rahsaan Lewis	WR	5-11	184	Jr-Sq	Orlando, Fla. (Florida Atlantic/Central Florida/Windermere Prep)
21	Quandre Mosely	DB	6-2	192	%Sr-2L	Brunswick, Ga. (Eastern Arizona CC/Glynn Academy)
22	Chris Oats	ILB	6-3	232	Sr-2L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)
23	Tyrell Ajian	S	6-0	190	Sr-3L	Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)
24*	Zac Berezowitz	DB	6-0	170	Sr-1L	Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
24*	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	5-11	224	Jr-2L	McDonough, Ga. (Ola)
25	Jordan Lovett	S	6-2	200	Fr-HS	Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
27	Joel Williams	NB	6-1	213	So-1L	Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)
28	Zach Johnson	S / KR	5-10	195	%Sr-4L	Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)
29*	Yusuf Corker	S	6-0	204	Sr-3L	McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)
29*	La'Veil Wright	RB	6-0	195	Fr-HS	Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)
30*	Taj Dodson	S	6-1	194	So-1L	Union City, Ga. (Creekside)
31*	Darren Edmond	WR	5-11	207	Sr-Sq	Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar - Ky.)
31*	Maxwell Hairston	DB	6-1	165	Fr-HS	West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)
32*	Tyler Markray	RB	5-10	223	Jr-Sq	West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)
32*	Trevin Wallace	ILB	6-2	220	Fr-HS	Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)
33*	Ben Drake	DB	6-1	199	Jr-Sq	Charlottesville, Va. (Monticello)
33*	Travis Tisdale	RB	5-9	180	So-1L	Valdosta, Ga. (Lowndes - Ga.)
34*	Trey Dennis	WR	5-8	150	Fr-HS	Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)
34*	Jalen Geiger	S	6-1	200	So-1L	Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)
35*	Kaleb Cheek	WR	5-10	188	So-Sq	Asheboro, N.C. (Asheboro)
35*	Rickey Hyatt Jr.	S	6-2	202	Fr-RS	Columbus, Ohio (Central)
36*	Adrian Huey	DB	6-0	180	Fr-HS	Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)
36*	Jai Williams	TE	6-5	195	Fr-HS	Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)
37*	Luke Leeper	WR	5-11	195	So-Sq	Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)
37*	Andru Phillips	DB	6-0	182	Fr-RS	Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)
38	William Nalty	ILB	6-0	222	%Sr-1L	Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)
39*	Austin Gough	ILB	6-0	208	Fr-HS	Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)
39*	Dillon Wheatley	FB	6-1	201	Sr-Sq	Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)
40	Luke Fulton	ILB	6-4	229	So-Tr	Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/Cardinal Mooney)
42	Marquez Bembry	OLB	6-3	228	Sr-1L	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Jones County JC/Mount Vernon Presbyterian)
43	Darren Green	ILB	6-1	231	So-Sq	Vine Grove, Ky. (North Hardin)
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	6-2	212	Fr-HS	Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)
45*	Jase Bruner	OLB	6-2	244	So-Sq	Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)
45*	Parker Estes	TE	6-3	212	Fr-H	Paris, Ky. (Bourbon County)
46*	Braxton Eiserman	ILB	6-1	218	Jr-Sq	Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)
46*	Cade Degraw	LS	5-11	206	Jr-1L	Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)
47	K.D. McDaniel	OLB	6-2	225	So-1L	Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)





59	Conner Long	OLB	Fr-HS
25	Jordan Lovett	S	Fr-HS
10	Chauncey Magwood	WR	Fr-HS
32	Tyler Markray	RB	Jr-Sq
50	Marquan McCall	NG	Sr-3L
17	JuTahn McClain	RB	So-1L
47	K.D. McDaniel	OLB	So-1L
87	Tre'Von Morgan	WR	So-Tr
54	Jordan Morrow	LS	Jr-Sq
21	Quandre Mosely	DB	%Sr-2L
38	William Nalty	ILB	%Sr-1L
22	Chris Oats	ILB	Sr-2L
8	Octavious Oxendine	DL	So-1L
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	Fr-HS
4	Joshua Paschal	DL	Sr-3L
55	Clay Perry	LS	So-Sq
37	Andru Phillips	DB	Fr-RS
12	Chance Poore	K	Jr-2L
83	Justin Rigg	TE	%Sr-3L
9	Davonte Robinson	S	%Sr-3L
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	WR	Jr-Tr
24	Chris Rodriguez Jr.	RB	Jr-2L
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	Fr-HS
52	Justin Rogers	NG	So-1L
51	Dare Rosenthal	OL	Jr-Tr
96	Matt Ruffolo	K	%Sr-2L
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	Fr-RS
13	Earnest Sanders IV	WR	Fr-RS
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	Fr-HS
12	Kaiya Sheron	QB	Fr-HS
0	Kavosiey Smoke	RB	Jr-2L
5	DeAndre Square	ILB	Sr-3L
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	WR	Sr-2L
44	Martez Thrower	ILB	Fr-HS
33	Travis Tisdale	RB	So-1L
7	Vito Tisdale	NB	So-1L
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	Jr-2L
14	Carrington Valentine	DB	So-1L
48	Jack Varga	FB	Jr-Sq
97	Graham Wald	K	So-Sq
32	Trevin Wallace	ILB	Fr-HS
13	J.J. Weaver	OLB	So-1L
39	Dillon Wheatley	FB	Sr-Sq
36	Jai Williams	TE	Fr-HS
27	Joel Williams	NB	So-1L
60	Quintin Wilson	C	Jr-2L
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	Fr-HS
15	Jordan Wright	OLB	Sr-3L
29	La'Ve'll Wright	RB	Fr-HS
71	John Young	OL	Fr-RS

48*	Cody Goatley	ILB	6-2	234	So-Sq
48*	Jack Varga	FB	5-11	235	Jr-Sq
50	Marquan McCall	NG	6-3	344	Sr-3L
51	Dare Rosenthal	OL	6-7	327	Jr-Tr
52	Justin Rogers	NG	6-3	328	So-1L
53	R.J. Adams	OL	6-3	332	Fr-RS
54	Jordan Morrow	LS	6-1	226	Jr-Sq
55*	Justice Dingle II	OLB	6-3	262	Jr-Tr
55*	Clay Perry	LS	6-0	187	So-Sq
56*	Deondre Buford	OL	6-3	290	Fr-RS
56*	D'Eryk Jackson	ILB	6-1	241	So-1L
57	Jonathan Berry	OL	6-5	280	Fr-HS
58	Lucas Padgett	OL	6-4	320	Fr-HS
59	Conner Long	OLB	6-3	210	Fr-HS
60	Quintin Wilson	C	6-1	296	Jr-2L
61	Austin Dotson	OL	6-6	321	Sr-3L
62	Jager Burton	OL	6-4	302	Fr-HS
63	Alex Bascom	DL	6-5	264	Jr-Sq
64	Richard Bascom	DL	6-5	286	Jr-Sq
67	Paul Rodriguez	OL	6-5	330	Fr-HS
68	Kenneth Horsey	OL	6-3	302	Jr-2L
69	Collin Hartmann	DL	6-4	264	Sr-Sq
70	Darian Kinnard	OL	6-5	338	Sr-3L
71	John Young	OL	6-6	296	Fr-RS
72	Josh Jones	OL	6-6	305	Fr-RS
74	David Wohlabaugh Jr.	OL	6-6	283	Fr-HS
75	Eli Cox	OL	6-4	301	So-1L
77	Jeremy Flax	OL	6-6	338	So-RS
79	Luke Fortner	OL	6-6	297	%Sr-4L
80	Brenden Bates	TE	6-5	255	Jr-2L
81	Isaiah Epps	WR	6-2	188	Sr-3L
82	Tae Tae Crumes	WR	6-1	182	So-Sq
83	Justin Rigg	TE	6-6	261	%Sr-3L
84	Izayah Cummings	TE	6-3	230	So-1L
85	Jordan Dingle	TE	6-4	235	Fr-HS
86	DeMarcus Harris	WR	6-1	180	So-1L
87	Tre'Von Morgan	WR	6-6	218	So-Tr
88	Keaton Upshaw	TE	6-6	250	Jr-2L
89	Chris Lewis	WR	6-4	190	Fr-HS
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	DL	6-4	301	Fr-RS
91	Sam Anaele	DL	6-4	265	Fr-RS
92	Kahlil Saunders	DL	6-5	270	Fr-HS
93	Wilson Berry	P	6-4	193	Fr-HS
94*	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	DL	6-6	303	Sr-2L
94*	Colin Goodfellow	P	6-2	233	%Sr-1L
95	Jamarius Dinkins	DL	6-5	255	Fr-HS
96*	Isaiah Gibson	DL	6-3	319	So-1L
96*	Matt Ruffolo	K	5-11	210	%Sr-2L
97	Graham Wald	K	6-0	176	So-Sq
98	Isaiah Beasley	DL	5-11	278	So-Sq
99	Josai Hayes	NG	6-3	305	So-1L

Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
Ferriday, La. (LSU/Ferriday)
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)
Woodbridge, Va. (Woodbridge Senior)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier HS)
Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/Bowling Green HS)
Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)
Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)
Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)
Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva)
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)
Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)
Mason, Ohio (William Mason)
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)
Knoxville, Tenn. (Saint Ignatius - Ohio)
Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)
Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City - Ala.)
Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)
Nicholasville, Ky. (West Jessamine)
Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)
Sylvania, Ohio (Sylvania Northview)
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)
enks, Okla. (Jenks)
Louisville, Ky. (Butler)
Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)
Louisville, Ky. (Male)
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)
Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)
Massillon, Ohio (Michigan State/Massillon Washington)
Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)
Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)
Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute - Fla.)
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)
Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)
Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)
Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)
Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)
Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Abule (ah-BOO-lay) Abadi (ah-BODY) Fitzgerald
 Sam Anaele (ah-NEL-lee)
 Tyrell Ajian (a-jun)
 Zac Berezowitz (BREZ-o-wits)
 Jager (Jagger) Burton
 Yusuf (YOU-suf) Corker
 Jamarius (jah-MAR-ee-us) Dinkins
 Taj (same as "Taj Mahal") Dodson
 Jalen Geiger (GI-ger)
 Austin Gough (Goff)
 Josai (joe-SIGH-uh) Hayes
 D'Eryk (dee-ERIC) Jackson

Will Levis (lev-iss)
 JuTahn (juh-TAWN) McClain
 Quandre (QUAN-dray) Mosely
 Davonte (da-VON-tay) Robinson
 Tre'vonn (TREY-vaughn) Rybka (RIB-ka)
 Kaiya (KI-yah) Sheron (Sharon)
 Kavosiey (kah-VAH-see-ay) Smoke
 Clevan (clee-VAN - like the van you drive) Thomas
 Naasir (nah-SEER) Watkins
 David Wohlabaugh (WUL-uh-bah)





HEAD COACH MARK STOOPS / NINTH SEASON / IOWA, 1989



The 2021 season has marked yet another year of achievement for Coach Mark Stoops and the Kentucky football program.

When the Wildcats take the field for the Vrbo Citrus Bowl, it will make official a school-record six consecutive bowl games – all under Stoops – surpassing the mark of five straight bowls from 2006-10.

Kentucky reached the postseason by posting a 9-3 record, only the third time in the last 44 seasons (twice under Stoops) that the Wildcats have reached nine victories. UK began the season with a 6-0 start for the first time since 1950, when the legendary Paul “Bear” Bryant patrolled the sidelines in Lexington.

The current campaign featured a 5-3 tally in the Southeastern Conference. UK finished in sole possession of second place in the SEC Eastern Division, the first time the Wildcats had done so since the league split into divisions in 1992.

Now in his ninth season at Kentucky, tying for the longest-termed head coach in school history, Stoops has totaled 58 victories – second only to Bryant’s 60 wins at UK. However, Stoops’ success hasn’t come easily.

Inheriting a program that was 2-10 the year before he arrived, Stoops’ rebuilding efforts took time. Two games into the 2016 season his record was 12-26, but the program took off from there and the coach has engineered a 46-27 (.630) mark since.

In addition to this season’s achievements, a partial accounting of Stoops’ exploits also features:

- Three straight bowl wins – the 2020 Gator Bowl, the 2019 Belk Bowl and the Citrus Bowl on Jan. 1, 2019 – first time in school history that UK won bowls in three consecutive seasons;
- First win at Tennessee since 1984 (2019)
- First New Year’s Day Bowl win since 1951 (2018 season)
- First 10-win season since 1977 (2018)
- First SEC Coach of the Year since 1983 (2018)
- First final poll ranking since 1984 (2018)
- First bowl win since 2008 (2018)
- First win vs. Florida since 1986 (2018)
- First bowl appearance since 2010 (2016)

In addition to the team accomplishments, several of Stoops’ players have won All-America accolades, along with honors such as the Bronko Nagurski Award, Chuck Bednarik Award, Paul Hornung Award,



STOOPS AND CO. MAKING A HIT IN RECRUITING

In nine seasons at the helm of the Kentucky football program, head coach Mark Stoops and his staff have been making noise on the recruiting trail. Kentucky's 10 classes under Stoops have ranked in the top 50 by all four major recruiting services. Below is a look at UK's recruiting success under Stoops and Co.

Kentucky's Signing Day class for 2022, at the time of this writing, is UK's highest-rated class in the available history of recruiting rankings. (Note: these rankings are based on UK's 20 signees, 19 high school and one junior college, and do not include four-year college transfers Tashawn Manning and Tayvion Robinson.) The 2022 rankings will fluctuate as players continue to sign during the current and February signing period.

Outlet	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Rivals	#29	#17	#35	#29	#26	#30	#30	#20	#45	#10
ESPN	#36	#20	#43	#34	#30	#36	#36	#23	#40	#13
247Sports	#41	#23	#38	#34	#29	#38	#34	#22	#39	#11

Ronnie Lott Trophy, Ray Guy Award, Danny Wuerffel Trophy, Pop Warner Award, Academic All-America and National Good Works Team.

The bountiful crop of victories and honors are the fruit of the last six seasons, but the harvest didn't come easily. Arriving in 2013, inheriting a team that had gone 2-10 the season before, it took three years of plowing, planting and growing before the results came.

Stoops earned his first bowl game as head coach in 2016, when the Wildcats overcame an 0-2 start to go 7-3 down the stretch and advance to the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl. UK duplicated seven wins in 2017, playing in the Franklin-American Mortgage Music City Bowl.

Led by linebacker Josh Allen, the National Defensive Player of the Year, and Benny Snell Jr., the school's all-time leading rusher, the 2018 squad went 10-3. It was UK's best season in 41 years, topped by a win over Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl. It was only the third 10-win season in school history.

In addition, the 2018 campaign featured a win at Florida -- the Wildcats' first victory over the Gators in 32 years -- resulting in UK being named the National Team of the Week by the Football Writers Association of America. The regular season concluded with a 56-10 win at in-state rival Louisville, the largest margin of victory in the history of the Governor's Cup series.

UK was No. 11 in the final USA Today coaches' poll and No. 12 in the final Associated Press tabulation, the school's first appearance in the final rankings since 1984. The 2018 season also continued a remarkable trend -- since Stoops took over as coach of the Cats in 2013, UK was the only school in the nation that tied or improved its win total in six straight seasons.

CollegeFootballNews.com listed Stoops as the best coaching performance of the season

and he was named Southeastern Conference Coach of the Year by The Associated Press, Athlon Sports and the league coaches.

The 2019 season was one of the most unusual in school history. A succession of injuries decimated the quarterbacks and Stoops turned to wide receiver Lynn Bowden Jr. to man the QB position. Running the ball almost exclusively, UK went 6-2 down the stretch and closed the season with four straight wins, topped by a dramatic come-from-behind Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech when Bowden threw the game-winning touchdown pass with only 15 seconds remaining.

How has Stoops accomplished all of this? The coach would tell you that there's been nothing magical about the process.

True to his blue-collar roots in Youngstown, Ohio, the methodical advancement made by Stoops' teams is a reflection of the coach's rock-steady work ethic, tireless recruiting, and ability to adapt.

Stoops came to Kentucky from Florida State, where he was defensive coordinator from 2010-12. He inherited a unit ranked 108th in the nation in total defense and turned it into one of the nation's best. In the 2012 season, the Seminoles were second in the nation in total defense, allowing 254.1 yards per game, and sixth nationally in scoring defense at 14.7 points per game. Playing well against the run and the pass, FSU was third in the country in rushing defense and led the nation in pass defense. FSU led the ACC in seven defensive categories. Stoops also coached the defensive backs under head coach Jimbo Fisher.

Eight Seminoles on defense earned 2012 All-ACC honors, including four first-team selections, highlighted by one of the nation's top defensive end duos in Bjoern Werner and Cornellius Carradine, who combined for 24 sacks and 31 tackles for loss. Werner was a finalist for the 2012 Bronko Nagurski Award as

the National Defensive Player of the Year and was among the national leaders in sacks with 13. Stoops also coached cornerback Ronald Darby to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year.

The Seminoles' prowess was a continuation of the 2011 season, when Stoops' defenders led the nation in fewest yards allowed per carry (2.3), ranked fourth in the nation in total defense (275 yards per game), second in rushing defense (82.7 ypg), fourth in scoring defense (15.1 points per game), and eighth in tackles for loss (8.6 per game) and quarterback sacks (3.1 per game). FSU led the ACC in eight defensive categories.

Stoops overhauled the Florida State defense in 2010, his first season as defensive coordinator. The Seminoles gave up 19.6 points per game, third-best in the ACC and 20th nationally. FSU ranked 42nd nationally in total defense that season; in contrast, the team was 108th nationally in total defense and 94th in scoring defense in 2009, the year before Stoops' arrival. FSU improved its overall defense by more than 80 yards per game, primarily by limiting opponents to 75 fewer rushing yards per game. The Seminoles ranked third in the nation in quarterback sacks and were 21st in tackles for loss. In the secondary, Stoops coached Xavier Rhodes to ACC Defensive Rookie of the Year honors and National Defensive Freshman of the Year accolades.

During Stoops' three seasons, FSU went 10-4, 9-4 and 12-2, including wins over South Carolina in the 2010 Chick-fil-A Bowl, Notre Dame in the 2011 Champs Sports Bowl and Northern Illinois in the 2013 Orange Bowl.

Stoops was defensive coordinator and DBs coach at Arizona from 2004-09, working for his brother, Mike, who was head coach of the Wildcats. During Mark's time there, Arizona's records improved steadily, going 3-8, 3-8, 6-6, 5-7, 8-5 and 8-5. The Wildcats advanced to the Las Vegas Bowl and Holiday



Bowl during the last two years. Mark and Mike are also brothers of Bob Stoops, who spent 18 years as the Oklahoma head coach and has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame. The eldest Stoops brother, Ron Jr., is retired after coaching at Youngstown State.

Stoops inherited an Arizona unit that was 109th in the nation in total defense and 107th in scoring defense in 2003, the year before he arrived. By the end of his term at Arizona, the Wildcats ranked in the nation's top 25 in total defense his final two seasons and ranked as high as 33rd in scoring defense.

Prior to Arizona, Stoops coached the defensive backs three years at Miami (Fla.). The 2001 national champion Hurricanes led the nation in pass efficiency defense, scoring defense and turnover margin. That team also established a school record with 27 interceptions and 45 total takeaways.

Stoops' 2002 secondary led the nation in pass defense and pass efficiency defense. Despite having to replace all four starters in the defensive backfield, the 2003 team led the nation in pass defense. In his three seasons, Miami went 35-3, including the 12-0 Rose Bowl title campaign, plus appearances in the Fiesta and Orange bowls. Ten Miami defensive backs who played at least one season under Stoops were eventually selected in the National Football League draft – seven in the first round.

Stoops got his first experience in leading a defense as co-defensive coordinator at Houston in the 2000 season. He coached the secondary at Wyoming from 1997-99 and the Cowboys notched three straight winning

Most Wins By A Head Coach, School History

- 1. 60 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
2. 57 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)
3. 47 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
4. 41 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
41 Blanton Collier (1954-1961)
6. 39 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)
7. 32 Harry Gamage (1927-1933)
8. 26 Bill Curry (1990-1996)

Most Wins By A Head Coach At Kroger Field

- 1. 41 Mark Stoops (2013-Present)
2. 33 Paul "Bear" Bryant (1946-1953)
3. 32 Jerry Claiborne (1982-1989)
4. 29 Fran Curci (1973-1981)
5. 25 Rich Brooks (2003-2009)

seasons. A highlight of his time there was a school-record 24 interceptions in the '97 season. His first full-time coaching job was in 1996 at South Florida, helping USF in the start-up of its program before the Bulls had their first kickoff in '97.

Stoops has recruited and developed numerous outstanding defensive backs, many of whom went on to National Football League careers. Among the notables are Antoine Cason and Michael Johnson at Arizona, Miami's Philip Buchanon, Kelly Jennings, Brandon Meriweather, Ed Reed, Antrel Rolle, Mike Rumph and Sean Taylor and Wyoming's Brian Lee.

Stoops was raised in Youngstown, Ohio. As did brothers Bob and Mike, Mark played in the secondary at the University of Iowa for Hall of Fame coach Hayden Fry. He participated in four bowl games as a player. Fry hired Stoops as a graduate assistant coach at Iowa in the 1990 and '91 seasons. The Hawkeyes won the 1990 Big Ten title and played in the Rose Bowl, duplicating feats

STOOPS VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Table with 2 columns: Opponent and Record. Lists various college football teams and their win-loss records against Stoops, including a total record of 58-53.

Stoops also achieved as a player. Stoops went on to coach four years in high school before entering the collegiate ranks.

Stoops has two sons, Will and Zack.



THE MARK STOOPS COACHING FILE

Year	School	Position	W-L	SEC	Bowl
1990	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	8-4		Rose
1991	Iowa	Graduate Assistant	10-1-1		Holiday
1992-95	Nordonia HS	Defensive Backs			
1996	South Florida	Defensive Backs	0-0		
1997	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-6		
1998	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	8-3		
1999	Wyoming	Defensive Backs	7-4		
2000	Houston	Co-Defensive Coord., Safeties	3-8		
2001	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-0		Rose
2002	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	12-1		Fiesta
2003	Miami (Fla.)	Defensive Backs	11-2		Orange
2004	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2005	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	3-8		
2006	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	6-6		
2007	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	5-7		
2008	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Las Vegas
2009	Arizona	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	8-5		Holiday
2010	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	10-4		Chick-fil-A
2011	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	9-4		Champs Sports
2012	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator, DBs	12-2		Orange
2013	Kentucky	Head Coach	2-10	0-8	
2014	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2015	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-7	2-6	
2016	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	TaxSlayer
2017	Kentucky	Head Coach	7-6	4-4	Music City
2018	Kentucky	Head Coach	10-3	5-3	Citrus
2019	Kentucky	Head Coach	8-5	3-5	Belk
2020	Kentucky	Head Coach	5-6	4-6	TaxSlayer Gator
2021	Kentucky	Head Coach	9-3	5-3	Citrus

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STOOPS' NFL DRAFT PICKS

Name	Year	Rd	Pick	Overall	Team
Avery Williamson	2014	5	11	151	Titans
Bud Dupree	2015	1	22	22	Steelers
Za'Darius Smith	2015	4	23	122	Ravens
Josh Forrest	2016	6	15	190	Rams
Josh Allen	2019	1	7	7	Jaguars
Lonnie Johnson	2019	2	22	54	Texans
Mike Edwards	2019	3	35	99	Bucs
Benny Snell Jr.	2019	4	19	122	Steelers
George Asafo-Adjei	2019	7	18	232	Giants
Lynn Bowden Jr.	2020	3	16	80	Raiders
Logan Stenberg	2020	4	15	121	Lions
Jamin Davis	2021	1	19	19	Washington
Kelvin Joseph	2021	2	12	44	Cowboys
Quinton Bohanna	2021	6	8	192	Cowboys
Brandin Echols	2021	6	16	200	Jets
Landon Young	2021	6	22	206	Saints
Phil Hoskins	2021	7	3	232	Panthers





STOOPS YEAR-BY-YEAR

2013 – Won 2, Lost 10

26	WKU*	35	Nashville	Aug 31
41	Miami (Ohio)	7	Lexington	Sept 7
13	Louisville	27	Lexington	Sept 14
7	Florida*	24	Lexington	Sept 28
28	South Carolina*	35	Columbia	Oct 5
7	Alabama*	48	Lexington	Oct 12
22	Mississippi State*	28	Starkville	Oct 24
48	Alabama State*	14	Lexington	Nov 2
17	Missouri	48	Lexington	Nov 9
6	Vanderbilt	22	Nashville	Nov 16
17	Georgia*	59	Athens	Nov 23
13	Tennessee*	27	Lexington	Nov 30
246		374		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Avery Williamson and game captains

2014 – Won 5, Lost 7

59	UT Martin	14	Lexington	Aug 30
20	Ohio	3	Lexington	Sept 6
30	Florida* (3 OT)	36	Gainesville	Sept 13
17	Vanderbilt	7	Lexington	Sept 27
45	South Carolina*	38	Lexington	Oct 4
48	ULM	14	Lexington	Oct 11
3	LSU*	41	Baton Rouge	Oct 18
31	Mississippi State	45	Lexington	Oct 25
10	Missouri	20	Columbia	Nov 1
31	Georgia	63	Lexington	Nov 8
16	Tennessee	50	Knoxville	Nov 15
40	Louisville	44	Louisville	Nov 29
350		375		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Javess Blue, Alvin "Bud" Dupree, Za'Darius Smith, Jordan Swindle

2015 – Won 5, Lost 7

40	UL Lafayette*	33	Lexington	Sept 5
26	South Carolina*	22	Columbia	Sept 12
9	Florida*	14	Lexington	Sept 19
21	Missouri*	13	Lexington	Sept 26
34	Eastern Ky. (OT)*	27	Lexington	Oct 3
27	Auburn*	30	Lexington	Oct 15
16	Mississippi State*	42	Starkville	Oct 24
21	Tennessee*	52	Lexington	Oct 31
3	Georgia	27	Athens	Nov 7
17	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 14
58	Charlotte*	10	Lexington	Nov 21
24	Louisville	38	Lexington	Nov 28
296		329		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Farrington Huguenin, Josh Forrest, Patrick Towles, Jordan Swindle, Melvin Lewis, A.J. Stamps

2016 – Won 7, Lost 6

35	Southern Miss*	44	Lexington	Sept 3
7	Florida	45	Gainesville	Sept 10
62	New Mexico St.	42	Lexington	Sept 17
17	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 24
6	Alabama*	34	Tuscaloosa	Oct 1
20	Vanderbilt	13	Lexington	Oct 8
40	Mississippi State*	38	Lexington	Oct 22
35	Missouri	21	Columbia	Oct 29
24	Georgia*	27	Lexington	Nov 5
36	Tennessee	49	Knoxville	Nov 12
49	Austin Peay	13	Lexington	Nov 19
41	Louisville	38	Louisville	Nov 26

TAXSLAYER BOWL

18	Georgia Tech	33	Jacksonville	Dec 31
390		407		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Jon Toth, Courtney Miggins, Courtney Love, Jeff Badet, Jojo Kemp, Marcus McWilson

2017 – Won 7, Lost 6

24	Southern Miss	17	Hattiesburg	Sept 2
27	Eastern Ky.	16	Lexington	Sept 9
23	South Carolina*	13	Columbia	Sept 16
27	Florida*	28	Lexington	Sept 23
24	Eastern Mich.	20	Lexington	Sept 30
40	Missouri*	34	Lexington	Oct 7
7	Mississippi State	45	Starkville	Oct 21
29	Tennessee*	26	Lexington	Oct 28
34	Ole Miss	37	Lexington	Nov 4
44	Vanderbilt	21	Nashville	Nov 11
13	Georgia	42	Athens	Nov 18
17	Louisville	44	Lexington	Nov 25

FRANKLIN AMERICAN MORTGAGE MUSIC CITY BOWL

23	Northwestern	24	Nashville	Dec 29
332		367		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Mike Edwards, Nick Haynes, Stephen Johnson, Courtney Love, Garrett Johnson, Charles Walker

2018 – Won 10, Lost 3

35	Central Michigan	20	Lexington	Sept 1
27	Florida*	16	Gainesville	Sept 8
48	Murray State	10	Lexington	Sept 15
28	Mississippi State*	7	Lexington	Sept 22
24	South Carolina*	10	Lexington	Sept 29
14	Texas A&M (OT)*	20	College Station	Oct 6
14	Vanderbilt*	7	Lexington	Oct 20
15	Missouri	14	Columbia	Oct 27
17	Georgia	34	Lexington	Nov 3
7	Tennessee	24	Knoxville	Nov 10
34	Middle Tennessee	23	Lexington	Nov 17
56	Louisville*	10	Louisville	Nov 24

VRBO CITRUS BOWL

27	Penn State	24	Orlando	Jan 1
346		219		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Allen, George Asafo-Adjei, C.J. Conrad, Kash Daniel, Mike Edwards, Benny Snell Jr.

2019 – Won 8, Lost 5

38	Toledo	24	Lexington	Aug 31
38	Eastern Michigan*	17	Lexington	Sept 7
21	Florida*	29	Lexington	Sept 14
13	Mississippi State	28	Starkville	Sept 21
7	South Carolina*	24	Columbia	Sept 28
24	Arkansas*	20	Lexington	Oct 12
0	Georgia*	21	Athens	Oct 19
29	Missouri*	7	Lexington	Oct 26
13	Tennessee*	17	Lexington	Nov 9
38	Vanderbilt	14	Nashville	Nov 16
50	UT Martin	7	Lexington	Nov 23
45	Louisville	13	Lexington	Nov 30

BELK BOWL

37	Virginia Tech	30	Charlotte	Dec 31
353		251		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Lynn Bowden Jr., Kash Daniel, Logan Stenberg, Terry Wilson, Josh Paschal

2020 – Won 5, Lost 6

13	Auburn	29	Auburn	Sept 26
41	Ole Miss (OT)	42	Lexington	Oct 3
24	Mississippi State*	2	Lexington	Oct 10
34	Tennessee	7	Knoxville	Oct 17
10	Missouri	20	Columbus	Oct 24
3	Georgia	14	Lexington	Oct 31
38	Vanderbilt	35	Lexington	Nov 14
3	Alabama	63	Tuscaloosa	Nov 21
10	Florida	34	Gainesville	Nov 28
41	South Carolina*	18	Lexington	Dec 5

TAXSLAYER GATOR BOWL

23	North Carolina St.	21	Jacksonville	Jan 2
240		285		

COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Ali, Quinton Bohanna, Yusuf Corker, Max Duffy, Drake Jackson, Josh Paschal, DeAndre Square, Boogie Watson, Terry Wilson and Landon Young

Due to COVID 19, 2020 was a 10-game SEC-only schedule

2021 – Won 9, Lost 3

45	ULM	10	Lexington	Sept 4
35	Missouri*	28	Lexington	Sept 11
28	Chattanooga	23	Lexington	Sept 18
16	South Carolina*	10	Columbia	Sept 25
20	Florida*	13	Lexington	Oct 2
42	LSU*	21	Lexington	Oct 9
13	Georgia	30	Athens	Oct 16
17	Mississippi State*	31	Starkville	Oct 30
42	Tennessee*	45	Knoxville	Nov 6
34	Vanderbilt*	17	Nashville	Nov 13
56	New Mexico State	16	Lexington	Nov 20
52	Louisville*	21	Louisville	Nov 27

Vrbo Citrus Bowl

TBA	Iowa	TBA	Orlando	Jan 1
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COACH: Mark Stoops

CAPTS: Josh Ali, Yusuf Corker, DeAndre Square, Luke Fortner, Marquan McCall, Will Levis, Josh Paschal and Chris Rodriguez Jr.

* indicates night game



ASSISTANT COACHES



FRANK BUFFANO

SAFETIES/ CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Frank Buffano was hired in March of 2020 after serving seven years as the director of football operations at UK. He helps Chris Collins with the defensive backs and works primarily with the safeties. He will also serve as the co-special teams coordinator with John Settle.

Senior safety Yusuf Corker shined under Buffano in 2020 with 77 tackles (second on the team), two interceptions, 2.5 TFL, two PBU and one forced fumble. Also returning to form after injury in 2019 was senior Davonte Robinson. He had 27 tackles in 2020, including 2.0 TFL.

2008-09	Defensive Grad Assistant	Arizona
2011-12	Linebackers	Youngstown State
2010	Secondary	Youngstown State
2020	Safeties	Kentucky
2021-present	Safeties/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



CHRIS COLLINS

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Chris Collins enters his first season at Kentucky coaching the defensive backs. Collins was hired in June of 2021 after four seasons as the safeties coach at Georgia State. He helped the Panthers advance to a bowl game in three of his four seasons.

Collins was a four-year letter winner and two-year captain as a safety and outside linebacker at Western Carolina from 2006-09. He finished his career with 303 tackles, 19 tackles for loss, nine forced fumbles and five pass breakups.

2011-12	Defensive Assistant	Western Carolina
2013-14	Secondary / Special Teams Coordinator	Catawba
2015	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Appalachian State
2016	Assistant Linebackers Coach	Western Carolina
2017-18	Assistant Safeties Coach	Georgia State
2019-20	Assistant Safeties Coach / Recruiting Coordinator	Georgia State
2021-present	Kentucky	Defensive Backs



LIAM COEN

OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QBS

Liam Coen is in his first season at Kentucky as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. Coen spent the last three years with the Los Angeles Rams, 2018 and '19 as the assistant wide receivers coach before being named assistant quarterbacks coach prior to the 2020 season.

Coen played collegiate football at UMass and had an illustrious career as a four-year starter at quarterback from 2005-08. He set nearly every career UMass passing record, including most yards gained (11,031), highest passing efficiency (152.92), completion percentage (63.9), completions (830) and touchdowns (90).

2010	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2011	Quarterbacks Coach	Rhode Island
2012-13	Quarterbacks Coach	Brown
2014-15	Pass Game Coord./QBs Coach	UMass
2016-17	Offensive Coordinator, QBs	Maine
2018-19	Assistant Wide Receivers Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2020	Assistant Quarterbacks Coach	Los Angeles Rams
2021-present	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks Coach	Kentucky



JOHN SETTLE

RUNNING BACKS/CO-SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

Former Wisconsin running backs coach John Settle is in his first season at Kentucky. Settle comes to the Bluegrass with 26 years of coaching experience, including six in the NFL, 19 bowl appearances and a long list of successful running backs.

Eleven years of his coaching career were spent at Wisconsin, the most recent as the running backs coach from 2015-2021. He also coached the Badger running backs from 2006-10.

Settle was a four-year letterwinner (1983-86) at Appalachian State, where he finished as the school's career rushing leader with 4,409 yards (then third-most in FCS history) and 43 touchdowns. A two-time All-American, he was the Southern Conference Player of the Year as a senior after rushing for 1,661 yards and 20 TDs. His No. 23 was retired by his alma mater and he was inducted into the school's hall of fame in 1994.

1994	Running backs	Appalachian State
1995	Offensive Assistant	Cleveland Browns
1996-97	Offensive Assistant	Baltimore Ravens
1998-2005	Running backs	Fresno State
2006-10	Running backs	Wisconsin
2011-12	Running backs	Carolina Panthers
2013	Running backs	Cleveland Browns
2014	Running backs	Pittsburgh
2015-20	Running backs	Wisconsin
2021-Present	Running backs/Co-Special Teams Coordinator	Kentucky



VINCE MARROW

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/TIGHT ENDS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR

Vince Marrow, aka the "Big Dawg", enters his ninth season as associate head coach/tight ends coach/recruiting coordinator/NFL liaison.

Marrow's tight ends have been a big factor in UK producing five consecutive seasons of 2,000 or more rushing yards with at least one 1,000-yard rusher in four of those (Stanley "Boom" Williams -2016; Benny Snell Jr., - 2017, 2018; Lynn Bowden - 2019). Marrow also has been instrumental in UK signing eight straight top-50 recruiting classes.

Marrow had a professional playing career as a member of NFL rosters on five teams, including Buffalo, Carolina, New York Jets, Chicago and San Francisco. After his NFL days ended, Marrow played for the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europe in 1998, earning all-league honors with 32 receptions for 345 yards. He also played for the Orlando Rage in the XFL in 2001.

He began his collegiate playing career at Youngstown State before transferring to Toledo. Marrow played two seasons at Toledo, earning second-team All-MAC honors in 1991 before being drafted by the Bills in 1992.

2005-06	Berlin (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2006-07	Rhein (NFL Europe)	Tackles, Tight Ends
2008	Toledo	Tight Ends
2009	Holland HS	Head Coach
2010	Omaha (United Football League)	Tight Ends
2011-12	Nebraska	Graduate Assistant / Tight Ends
2013	Kentucky	Tight Ends
2014-18	Kentucky	Tight Ends, Recruiting Coordinator
2019-present	Kentucky	Associate Head Coach/Tight Ends



ANWAR STEWART

DEFENSIVE LINE

Former Wildcat Anwar Stewart was named the defensive line coach at Kentucky in January of 2020. He returned to the Bluegrass after one season as the defensive line coach at Appalachian State.

Stewart is quite familiar with the Kentucky football program after playing linebacker/defensive end from 1996-99 under head coaches Bill Curry and Hal Mumme and having served as a student assistant and defensive assistant under head coach Mark Stoops from 2017-18.

During his playing days at Kentucky, he totaled 64 tackles, including nine tackles for loss and eight sacks, playing both linebacker and defensive end.

2014	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Quality Control
2015	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Ends
2016	Montreal Alouettes	Defensive Line
2017-18	Kentucky	Defensive Assistant
2019	Appalachian State	Defensive Line
2020-present	Kentucky	Defensive Line



JON SUMRALL

INSIDE LINEBACKERS/ CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Former Wildcat linebacker Jon Sumrall is in his third season as the inside linebackers coach and first as co-defensive coordinator, a title he earned in 2021.

He recently announced he has accepted the head coaching position at Troy but will coach in the bowl game.

Prior to UK, Sumrall spent time at Ole Miss, Troy, Tulane and San Diego.

Sumrall was a three-year letter winner at middle linebacker at Kentucky from 2002-04. He started every game in 2004, leading the Wildcats with 72 tackles. He also excelled off the field as he was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll and was selected to the Frank G. Ham Society of Character.

After earning his degree in finance in 2005, Sumrall served as a graduate assistant for the Wildcats during the 2005 and 2006 seasons under head coach Rich Brooks.

2005-06	Kentucky	Graduate Assistant
2007-09	San Diego	Defensive Line, Recruiting Coordinator
2010	San Diego	Co-Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2011	San Diego	Asst. Head Coach, Co-Defensive Coordinator, Linebackers
2012-13	Tulane	Defensive Line
2014	Tulane	Assistant Linebackers
2015-17	Troy	Special Teams Coordinator, Linebackers
2018	Ole Miss	Linebackers
2019	Kentucky	Inside Linebackers
2020-present	Kentucky	Co-Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers



BRAD WHITE

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS

Brad White is in his fourth season at Kentucky as the outside linebackers coach and third as the Cats' defensive coordinator. He was elevated to the DC position by head coach Mark Stoops in February of 2019.

White came to Kentucky after spending six years at the outside linebackers coach with the Indianapolis Colts.

A graduate of Wake Forest, White started at linebacker and finished his playing career with 227 tackles, 19.0 tackles for loss, 4.0 sacks and eight passes defended, while starting 34-of-35 games played. White was a three-time Academic All-ACC selection and was named to the 2004 CoSIDA Academic All-District III team.

2007-08	Defensive Graduate Assistant	Wake Forest
2009	Safeties	Murray State
2010-11	Inside Linebackers	Air Force
2012-13	Defensive Quality Control	Indianapolis (NFL)
2014	Assistant Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2015-17	Outside Linebackers	Indianapolis (NFL)
2018	Outside Linebackers	Kentucky
2019-present	Defensive Coordinator/Outside Linebackers	Kentucky



ERIC WOLFORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

Eric Wolford was hired as the new offensive line coach in December of 2020.

Prior to UK, Wolford spent the previous four seasons at South Carolina. Wolford has over 25 years of coaching experience, including two in the NFL.

Wolford was a four-year starter as an offensive guard at K-State under Bill Snyder. He went on to start 34 games in his career, including 21 at right guard and 13 at left guard. During his senior year, the Wildcats won the school's first bowl game in the 1993 Copper Bowl, defeating Wyoming.

After college, Wolford signed a free-agent contract with the Arizona Cardinals before returning to Manhattan to embark on his coaching career.

1996	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	Emporia State (Division II)
1997-99	Offensive Line	South Florida
2000-02	Offensive Line	Houston
2003	Offensive Line	North Texas
2004-06	Offensive Line	Arizona
2007-08	Offensive Line	Illinois
2009	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2010-14	Head Coach	Youngstown State
2015-16	Offensive Line	San Francisco 49ers
2017-20	Offensive Line	South Carolina
2021-present	Offensive Line	Kentucky



SCOTT WOODWARD

WIDE RECEIVERS

Scott Woodward is in his first season as the wide receivers coach.

Before coming to the Bluegrass, Woodward spent two seasons as a quality control coach at Pittsburgh. From 2015-18, he served as the tight ends coach at his alma mater, Massachusetts, and also served as an offensive analyst and worked with the quarterbacks and receivers.

Prior to UMass, had coaching stints at Fairleigh Dickinson-Florham (2013-15) and Westfield State (2010-13).

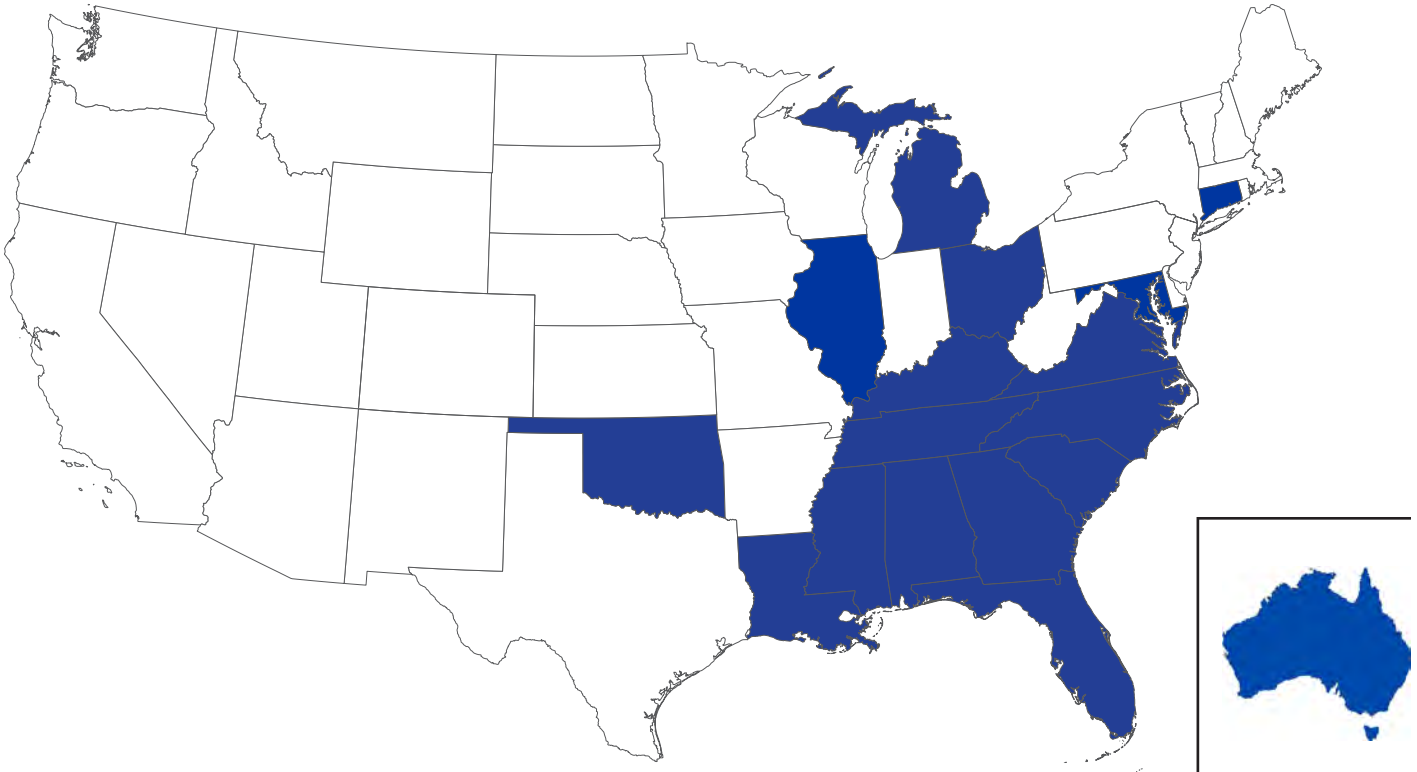
Woodward was a four-year letterman at quarterback for Massachusetts and played for the Minutemen's 2006 team that finished as the Division I-AA National Championship national runner-up

2010-13	Offensive Graduate Assistant	Westfield State
2013-15	Offensive Coordinator/QBs	Fairleigh Dickinson
2015	Graduate Assistant/WRs	Massachusetts
2016	Offensive Analyst/QBs	Massachusetts
2017	Quarterbacks	Massachusetts
2018-19	Tight ends	Massachusetts
2019-20	Offensive Quality Control	Pittsburgh
2021-present	Wide Receivers	Kentucky



CATS ON THE MAP

The 2021 football roster is comprised of 16 different states and Australia



Alabama (5)

Birmingham	Lucas Padgett
Huntsville	Kahlil Saunders
Pleasant Grove	Chris Lewis
Tuscaloosa	Jacquez Jones
Wetumpka	Kavosley Smoke

Connecticut (1)

Madison	Will Lewis
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Florida (11)

Fort Lauderdale	Jake Pope
	Nik Scalzo
	Jordan Wright
Hollywood	Josh Ali
Lakeland	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
Miami	Sam Anaele
	Clevan Thomas Jr.
Orlando	Rahsaan Lewis
Palm Beach	Cedrick Dort Jr.
Sanford	Kenneth Horsey
Vero Beach	DeMarcus Harris

Georgia (12)

Brunswick	Quandre Mosely
Columbus	Josh Jones
Dublin	D'Eryk Jackson
Jesup	Trevin Wallace
Albany	Chauncey Magwood
McDonough	Yusuf Corker
	Chris Rodriguez Jr.
Rochelle	Martez Thrower
Stone Mountain	Marquez Bemby
Tifton	K.D. McDaniel
Union Grove	Taj Dodson
Valdosta	Travis Tisdale

Illinois (1)

Lake Forest	Jai Williams
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Kentucky (39)

Belfry	Austin Dotson
Bowling Green	Jordan Dingle
	Justice Dingle
	Vito Tisdale
Frankfort	Wan'Dale Robinson
Jackson	Braxton Eiserman
Lexington	Beau Allen
	Zac Berezowitz
	Jager Burton
	Dekel Crowdus Jr.
	Trey Dennis
	Davonte Robinson
	Graham Wald
Louisville	Alex Bascom
	Richard Bascom
	Jared Casey
	Tae Tae Crumes
	Izayah Cummings
	Luke Leeper
	Jordan Morrow
	Jack Varga
	J.J. Weaver
	Lavell Wright
	John Young
Mayfield	Cody Goatley
Nicholasville	Eli Cox
	Matthew Napier
Owensboro	Austin Gough
Paris	Parker Estes
Radcliff	Isaiah Beasley
	Jordan Lovett
	Octavious Oxendine
Richmond	Dillon Wheatley
Science Hill	Jase Bruner
Somerset	Collin Hartmann
	Kaiya Sheron
Stamping Ground	Jonathan Berry
Upton	Clay Perry
Vine Grove	Darren Green

Louisiana (3)

Baton Rouge	Joel Williams
Ferriday	Dare Rosenthal
Metairie	William Nalty

Maryland (2)

Laurel	Naasir Watkins
Prince George's County	Josh Paschal

Michigan (9)

Beecher	Earnest Sanders IV
Detroit	Deondre Buford
	Jeremy Flax
	Marquan McCall
	Justin Rogers
	DeAndre Square
East Lansing	Conner Long
West Bloomfield	Maxwell Hairston
	Tyler Markray

Mississippi (2)

Horn Lake	Josaih Hayes
Lake Cormorant	Cade Degraw

North Carolina (1)

Asheboro	Kaleb Cheek
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Ohio (21)

Cincinnati	Brenden Bates
	Zach Johnson
	Chris Oats
	Carrington Valentine
	Quintin Wilson
Centerville	Matt Ruffolo
Cleveland	Patrick Delahunty
	Colin Goodfellow
Columbus	Jamarius Dinkins
	Rickey Hyatt Jr.

Fairfield	JuTahn McClain
Hilltop	Mike Drennen II
Lima	Keaton Upshaw
Mansfield	Tyrell Ajian
Mason	Paul Rodriguez
Springfield	Moses Douglass
	Isaiah Gibson
Springboro	Justin Rigg
Stow	David Wohlabaugh Jr.
Sylvania	Luke Fortner
Youngstown	Luke Fulton

Oklahoma (2)

Jenks	Isaiah Epps
Norman	Darren Edmond

South Carolina (3)

Anderson	Andru Phillips
	Chance Poore
Columbia	Jalen Geiger

Tennessee (3)

Dickson	Tre'Vonn Rybka
Knoxville	Darian Kinnard
Nashville	Adrian Huey

Virginia (2)

Charlottesville	Ben Drake
Woodbridge	R.J. Adams

AUSTRALIA (1)

Maribyrnong	Wilson Berry
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2021 PLAYER BIOGRAPHIES

Breakdown by Class

Super Seniors (9)

Josh Ali
 Luke Fortner
 Colin Goodfellow
 Zach Johnson
 Quandre Mosely
 William Nalty
 Justin Rigg
 Davonte Robinson
 Matt Ruffolo

Seniors (22)

Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald
 Tyrell Ajian
 Marquez Bemby
 Zac Berezowitz
 Yusuf Corker
 Cade Degraw
 Patrick Delahunty
 Cedrick Dort Jr.
 Austin Dotson
 Darren Edmond
 Isaiah Epps
 Collin Hartmann
 Jacquez Jones
 Darian Kinnard
 Marquan McCall
 Chris Oats
 Joshua Paschal
 DeAndre Square
 Clevan Thomas Jr.
 Naasir Watkins
 Dillon Wheatley
 Jordan Wright

Juniors (20)

Alex Bascom
 Richard Bascom
 Brenden Bates
 Justice Dingle*
 Ben Drake
 Braxton Eiserman
 Jeremy Flax
 Kenneth Horsey
 Will Levis
 Raahsaan Lewis
 Tyler Markray
 Jordon Morrow
 Chance Poore
 Wan'Dale Robinson*
 Chris Rodriguez Jr.
 Dare Rosenthal
 Kavosiey Smoke
 Keaton Upshaw
 Jack Varga
 Quintin Wilson

Sophomores (18)

Beau Allen
 Jared Casey
 Eli Cox
 Tae Tae Crumes
 Taj Dodson
 Moses Douglass
 Luke Fulton*
 Jalen Geiger
 Isaiah Gibson
 DeMarcus Harris

Josaih Hayes
 K.D. McDaniel
 Tre'Von Morgan
 Octavious Oxendine
 Jake Pope
 Nik Scalzo
 Travis Tisdale
 J.J. Weaver

r-Freshmen (25)

R.J. Adams
 Sam Anaele
 Isaiah Beasley
 Jase Bruner
 Deondre Buford
 Kaleb Cheek
 Izayah Cummings
 Torrance Davis
 Michael Drennen II
 Cody Goatley
 Darren Green
 Rickey Hyatt Jr.
 D'Eryk Jackson
 Josh Jones
 JuTahn McClain
 Clay Perry
 Andru Phillips
 Justin Rogers
 Tre'Vonn Rybka
 Earnest Sanders IV
 Graham Wald
 Vito Tisdale
 Carrington Valentine
 Joel Williams
 John Young

Freshmen (25)

Jonathan Berry
 Wilson Berry*
 Jager Burton*
 Dekel Crowdus Jr.
 Trey Dennis
 Jordan Dingle
 Jamarius Dinkins
 Parker Estes
 Austin Gough
 Maxwell Hairston*
 Adrian Huey
 Chrisitan Lewis
 Conner Long
 Jordan Lovett*
 Chauncey Magwood*
 Lucas Padgett
 Paul Rodriguez
 Devonte Ross
 Kahlil Saunders
 Kaiya Sheron*
 Martez Thrower
 Trevin Wallace
 Jai Williams
 David Wohlabaugh*
 La'Vell Wright*

* 2021 Mid-year enrollee



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ABULE
**ABADI-
 FITZGERALD**

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 303 • Senior-2L
 Lakeland, Fla. (Victory Christian Academy)

2021 - Senior

- Has played in 11 games with eight starting assignments
- Has 10 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, 2.5 sacks and one forced fumble this season
- Got the first two sacks of his career against Tennessee, one of which caused a fumble
- Earned first career start vs. ULM and charted a career-best three tackles
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

2020 - Junior

- Saw action in five games and charted his first career PBU in the win over South Carolina
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games and had four tackles
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Recorded 39 tackles, including nine TFL, two sacks and 13 quarterback hurries in 2016 for coach Tommy Lewis at Victory Christian Academy ... Also had two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and an INT
- Named second-team All-Polk County by the *Lakeland Ledger* and Florida AP All-State Class 2A honorable mention as a senior in helping the Storm finish 13-2 overall
- Member of the 2014 State Championship team
- Named to the Southeast Super-Region Team by the National Christian School Athletic Association
- Transferred to Victory Christian in 2016 after playing at Dade Christian
- Also a star player on the basketball court and competed in the shot put, discus and 400 meters
- School-record holder and back-to-back regional champion in the shot put
- Named second-team All-Dade as a junior
- Averaging 23.0 points and 13.0 rebounds as a senior, compiling over 1,400 career points
- Chose Kentucky over Florida, Florida Atlantic and Florida International

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Abule (ah-BOO-lay) Abadi (ah-BODY)"
- Originally from Yenagoa, Nigeria
- Moved to Florida at the age of 12
- Son of Steve and Teri Fitzgerald
- Siblings are Alaowei Talent, Dublin, Aiden, Mackenzie, Jackson, Liam and Austin Fitzgerald
- Brother, Alaowei Talent, played college basketball at Broward College and Southeastern University
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on an undergraduate certificate in digital design literacy

Abule Says

- His nickname is "A.B." or "A-Bizzle"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to get out of his comfort zone and Kentucky felt like home
- Three words to describe him are motivated, disciplined, and tough
- The best advice he's ever received is "work so hard so the coaches have no choice but to play you"
- Most people don't know he's Nigerian, he's adopted and he has approximately 40 siblings back in Nigeria

FITZGERALD'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	QBH
2018	DT	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
2019	DT	13-0	4	0	0	0/0	0	0
2020	DT	5-0	0	0	0	0/0	1	0
2021	DT	11-8	10	2.5-7	2.5-7	1/0	0	0
Totals		29-8	14	2.5-7	2.5-7	1/0	1	0

FITZGERALD'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	3	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Florida			DNP				
vs. LSU	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	2.0-6	2.0-6	1/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	2	0.5-1	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	10	2.5-7	2.5-7	1/0	0	0	0

FITZGERALD'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Auburn			DNP				
vs. Ole Miss			DNP				
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee			DNP				





FITZGERALD'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt			DNP				
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida			DNP				
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. NC State			DNP				
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0

FITZGERALD'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0

FITZGERALD'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Sack: 2.0, vs. Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Pass breakups: 1, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
Forced fumbles: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021



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REUBEN "R.J." ADAMS

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 330 • Freshman-RS
 Woodbridge, Va. (Woodbridge Senior)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Four-star recruit by Rivals.com and ESPN
- Rivals listed him as the No. 6 prospect in Virginia and No. 12 overall prospect in the nation
- Named an Under Armour All-America and contributed for Coach Deion Sanders' winning squad, Team Pressure, defeat Team Savage, 30-24, in January of 2020

- Three-year starter and two-year captain at Woodbridge Senior High School for Coach Gary Wortham Sr.
- Led Woodbridge to a regional championship and Final Four appearance in 2017 with a school-best 12-2 record
- Allowed zero sacks as a senior and went on to earn 2019 second-team All-District, All-Region and All-Met honors by *The Washington Post*
- Helped lead the Vikings to a 2018 Class 6A state title
- Winner of the school's prestigious Iron Mad Award for starting every game in three seasons (34 straight), the final 10 games on both sides of the ball
- Also a two-year varsity basketball player at Woodbridge
- Four-year member of the AB Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama and NC State

Personal

- Born in Arlington, Virginia
- Son of Reuben and Lisa Adams
- Has two sisters, Imani and Nia
- Dad, Reuben, played football at Howard and is a member of Howard's Athletics Hall of Fame
- Major is pre-communication

R.J. Says

- His nickname is "Big Nasty" or "Big Woo"
- He chose Kentucky because the staff made him feel at home immediately and did not pressure him to commit
- His dream job is to become a teacher
- One word to describe him on the field is "powerful"
- Most people don't know that he was crowned Homecoming King as a senior



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TYRELL AJIAN

SAFETY

6-0 • 190 • Senior-3L
 Mansfield, Ohio (Madison Comprehensive)

2021 - Senior

- Has played in all 12 games with 10 starting assignments at safety this season
- Has 39 tackles, three pass breakups and one of UK's seven interceptions this season
- Had a career-high tying eight tackles and a career-best two pass breakups in the win over No. 10/9 Florida
- Had a 95-yard interception return for a touchdown in the fourth quarter vs. UTC ... Marked his first collegiate score and the fourth interception of his career ... Tied for the third-longest interception return in school history and the longest since David Johnson's 95-yard TD return at Cincinnati in 1986 ... Marked the longest UK interception return in Commonwealth Stadium/Kroger Field history

- Led the Wildcats with a career-high eight tackles vs. Missouri

2020 - Junior

- Started at safety in 10 of 11 games played
- Totaled 48 tackles, an interception, a forced fumble, a PBU and a blocked kick
- Blocked a field goal attempt in the second quarter vs. No. 23 NC State in the Gator Bowl, the first blocked kick of his career and UK's second blocked field goal of the season, also Jamin Davis vs. Georgia
- Made a career-high seven tackles vs. the Wolfpack
- Had his third career interception in the win over No. 18 Tennessee

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in 12 games with two starting assignments (Florida and Miss. State) at safety
- Totaled 17 tackles, an interception and a PBU
- Recorded a career-high tying three tackles vs. Vanderbilt, Eastern Michigan and at South Carolina
- In his first career start, had two tackles and an interception vs. Florida, his second career INT
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Finished the season with 10 tackles, three PBUs and one INT
- Made his first career interception and also had a pass breakup in Kentucky's 28-7 win over Mississippi State ... With MSU threatening to tie the game early in the fourth quarter, his third-down pass breakup forced a punt ... On the next possession, with MSU again threatening to tie, he intercepted a pass and returned it 35 yards ... His long return set up a touchdown run on the next play, giving UK a two-TD lead
- Recorded two tackles vs. Murray State, his first career action

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Combination athlete in high school, playing defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback
- Four-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Rivals ranks him the No. 10 overall prospect in the state of Ohio and the No. 23 athlete in the class of 2017
- ESPN has him as the No. 8 safety in the country
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for Coach Jamie Masi at Madison Comprehensive
- First-team OCC All-Conference and honorable mention second-team All-Northwest Ohio in 2016 after averaging 9.0 tackles per game
- Nominated for the 2017 U.S. Army All-American Bowl
- Had three interceptions and 54 tackles as a junior, along with 783 receiving yards, 551 rushing yards and 19 touchdowns
- OCC Offensive Player of the Year and first-team Offense All-Northwest Ohio in 2015
- Also excelled on the basketball court, becoming a member of Madison's 1,000-point club during his senior season
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Michigan State, and West Virginia



Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ajian (a-jun)"
- Born in Ashland, Ohio
- Son of Nikki Ajian and Burton Hester
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in family science and a minor in coaching

Tyrell Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "ball hawk"
- The one thing he's looking forward to this season is continuing what the guys started last year
- When he played football as a kid he pretend to be Terrell Owens

AJIAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	PBU	Blk
2018	S	13-0	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-35	3	0
2019	S	12-2	17	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-22	1	0
2020	S	11-10	48	0-0	0-0	1/0	1-0	1	1
2021	S	12-10	39	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-95	2	0
Totals		48-22	114	0-0	0-0	1/0	4-152	7	1

AJIAN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
vs. ULM*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-95	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
NMST*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
Totals	39	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	1-95	0	0

AJIAN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	INT	QBH	Blk
at Auburn*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
Totals	48	0-0	0-0	1/0	1	1	0	1

AJIAN'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	INT	QBH
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Michigan	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-22	0

at Miss. State*	2	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at South Carolina	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	DNP						
vs. Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-22	0

AJIAN'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	INT	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	1	1-35	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	0	3	1-35	0

AJIAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021
Blocked kicks: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
Interceptions: 1, 4x, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021 (1-95)
Pick Six: 1, at UTC, Sept 13, 2021 (95)
Pass breakups: 2, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021



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JOSH
ALI

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 190 • Senior-4L
Hollywood, Fla. (Chaminade-Madonna)

2021 - Senior* (Team Captain)

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Two-time team captain
- All-SEC Second Team, PR (PFF)
- All-SEC Third Team, WR (PFF)
- Has played in 55 career games with 34 consecutive starts at wide receiver
- Has caught a pass in 22 consecutive games played
- Did not see action vs. LSU or at Georgia with a leg injury
- Has 131 career receptions, the 18th player in school to history to catch at least 100 passes ...

- Currently tied for 10th on UK's career receptions list with Rafael Little ... Needs two more to tie Jacob Tamme (133) at No. 9, three more to tie La'Rod King (134) at No. 8 and 10 more catches to move up to No. 7 with Dicky Lyons Jr. (141)
- Has 1,447 career receiving yards for 12th place in UK history ... Needs 36 more to move up to No. 11 with Tom Hutchinson (1,483 from 1960-62)
- Caught seven passes for a career-high 164 yards and a career-best two touchdowns on Senior Day vs. New Mexico State ... Averaged 23.4 yards per catch, second-highest in school history for a player with at least seven receptions ... Dee Smith averaged 24.3 yards per catch (7 for 170) vs. Tennessee in 1987 ... Caught a career-long 62-yard pass in the game
- Returned to action at Mississippi State after missing two games and got the scoring started with a 74-yard punt return for a touchdown following MSU's first possession ... Marked his first punt return TD of his career and UK's first since Lynn Bowden Jr.'s 58-yard scoring jaunt on Jan. 1, 2019 in the Citrus Bowl vs. Penn State ... UK's longest punt return since Rafael Little's 84-yard return vs. Louisiana-Monroe in 2006 ... UK's longest punt return in an SEC road game since Derek Abney's 86-yard return in 2002 in Arkansas
- Had an 11-yard rushing touchdown vs. UTC, his first collegiate rushing TD
- Had five receptions for 136 yards vs. ULM in the season opener ... Marked the first 100-yard game of his career ... Most receiving yardage in a season opener since Garrett Johnson had 143 vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC Specialist (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC Specialist (Athlon)

2020 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Started in all 11 games
- UK's leading receiver with 54 catches for 473 yards and a score... Averaged 8.8 yards per catch
- Led the team in receptions with five catches for 11 yards in the win over No. 23 NC State in the Gator Bowl
- Paced the Wildcats receiving with four catches for 38 yards in the win over No. 18 Tennessee
- Led the Wildcats in receiving with nine catches for 98 yards, both career highs, at Auburn ... Marked the most receiving yards in a top-10 opponent road game since Chris Matthews at Florida in 2010
- Elected as one of 10 team captains
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

2019 - Junior

- Started in all 13 games
- Second on the team with 23 catches for 233 yards (third on the team) and three TDs (team high)
- Led the Wildcat wide receivers with four catches for 52 yards in the Belk Bowl, including two huge plays on the final drive – a nine-yard contested catch on 4th-and-7 and what proved to be the game-winning 13-yard touchdown grab
- Led UK with 14 punt returns for 88 yards (6.3)
- Attempted his first career pass at Georgia
- Changed to uniform No. 6

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action in 12 of 13 games
- Had 10 catches for 115 yards and one TD
- Caught three passes and his first collegiate TD with a season-long 32-yard reception at UofL





- Caught two passes for 22 yards in the win at Mizzou
- Wore No. 82

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games
- Caught three passes for 25 yards
- Wore No. 82

High School

- Three-star prospect by all major recruiting services
- Scout.com ranks him the No. 32 wide receiver in the talent-rich state of Florida
- Four-year starter and letter winner for Coach Dameon Jones at Chaminade
- Caught 43 passes for 805 yards and five receiving TDs in 2016 in helping lead the Lions to a 10-5 overall record and an appearance in the Class 3A state championship game
- Named first-team All-County and All-State
- Also had one kickoff return for a touchdown
- Hauled in 56 passes for 896 yards and 15 scores as a junior at University School in Ft. Lauderdale
- Chose Kentucky over Central Florida and Utah

Community Cats

- Participated in Read Across America and has been a volunteer speaker at local elementary schools (2020)

Personal

- Born in Miami, Florida
- Son of Katrina Gray and Faheem Ali
- Dad, Faheem, was a WR at Louisiana Tech
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in community and leadership development ... Currently working on a second degree in communication

Josh Says

- His nickname is "Jayboogie"
- He chose Kentucky because it was away from home, in a great conference and he wanted to help change the program
- One word to describe him on the field is "smooth"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a real estate agent
- His hidden talent is cooking

ALI'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	PR	Yds.	Long	TD
2017	WR	9-0	3	25	8.3	0	14	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	12-0	10	115	11.5	1	32	0	0	0	0
2019	WR	13-13	23	233	10.1	3	25	14	88	19	0
2020	WR	11-11	54	473	8.8	1	33	6	62	39	0
2021	WR	10-10	41	601	14.7	3	62	9	133	74	1
Totals		55-34	131	1447	11.0	8	62	29	283	74	1

ALI'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
vs. ULM*	5	136	1	58	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	2	30	0	19	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	5	53	0	18	1	11	1	11	11.0
at USC*	4	14	0	4	2	2	0	9	1.0
vs. Florida*	1	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU				DNP					
at Georgia				DNP					
at Miss. State*	2	9	0	5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	7	74	0	31	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	4	58	0	24	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	7	164	2	62	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	4	48	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	41	601	3	62	3	20	1	11	1.9

ALI'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Florida*	1	6	6.0	6	0
at Miss. State*	1	74	74.0	74	1
at Vanderbilt*	2	28	14.0	25	0
NMST*	4	20	5.0	11	0
at Louisville*	1	5	5.0	5	0
Totals	9	133	14.7	74	1

ALI'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
at Auburn*	9	98	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	7	88	0	24	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	2	22	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	4	38	0	16	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	4	47	1	3	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	5	35	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	3	15	0	7	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	52	0	33	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	32	0	12	1	15	0	15	0
vs. USC*	5	35	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	5	11	0	8	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	54	473	1	33	1	15	0	15	0

ALI'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
at Auburn*	1	6	6.0	6	0
vs. Ole Miss*	1	17	17.0	17	0
vs. Miss. State*	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	1	1	1.0	1	0
at Missouri*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	2	38	19.0	39	0
at Alabama*	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	62	10.3	39	0

ALI'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	TD
vs. Toledo*	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	1	11	0	11	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	28	0	18	0	0	0	0	0
at MSU*	5	61	0	20	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	18	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. ARK*	2	13	0	10	0	0	0	0	0
at UGA*	0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3	0
vs. Mizzou*	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT*	1	12	0	12	1	3	0	3	0
at Vandy*	3	27	1	14	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech*	4	52	1	25	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	23	233	3	25	2	6	0	3	0

ALI'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
vs. Toledo*	1	6	6.0	6	0
vs. EMU*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0	0
at MSU*	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	1	9	9.0	9	0
vs. ARK*	2	18	9.0	18	0
at UGA*	2	13	6.5	19	0
vs. Mizzou*	3	29	9.6	18	0
vs. UT*	1	-1	0	0	0
at Vandy*	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTM*	1	-3	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	2	7	3.5	7	0
vs. Va. Tech*	1	10	10.0	10	0
Totals	14	88	6.3	19	0

ALI'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Michigan	1	14	0	14
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	1	0	1
vs. Miss. State	1	6	0	6
vs. South Carolina	1	8	0	8
at TAMU	1	5	0	5
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	22	0	13
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU				DNP
at Louisville	3	59	1	32
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	115	1	32

ALI'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	6	0	6



ALI'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	14	0	14
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	1	5	0	5
Totals	3	25	0	14

ALI'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 9, at Auburn, Sept 26, 2020
Receiving yards: 164, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021 (7 receptions)
Receiving touchdowns: 2, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Long reception: 62, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rush attempts: 2, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
Rush yards: 15, at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
Rush touchdowns: 1, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Punt Returns: 3, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Punt Return Yards: 74, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Punt Return touchdowns: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021 (74 yards)



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BEAU ALLEN

QUARTERBACK

6-2 • 208 • Sophomore-1L
 Lexington, Ky. (Lexington Catholic)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in three games (ULM, New Mexico State and Louisville) and completed 8 of 12 passes for 92 yards
- Entered in the fourth quarter vs. New Mexico State and completed 3 of 4 passes for 40 yards ... Also had a three-yard scramble for his first collegiate rushing touchdown
- Got a career-long 23-yard rush at Louisville

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee
- Saw action in two games (Vanderbilt and at Alabama)
- Completed 3-of-7 passes for 40 yards
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt on Nov. 14 and completed 3 of 5 passes for 40 yards

High School

- Four-star recruit by Rivals as the No. 13 pro-style quarterback
- Rated a top 500 player in the class by 247Sports and the No. 19 pro-style quarterback
- Named the Paul Hornung Award winner given to the top high school player in Kentucky
- Four-year starter who compiled 11,439 career passing yards and 127 touchdowns, numbers that put him in the top five all-time
- Coached by Nigel Smith
- Candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football award
- Completed 248 of 366 passes for 3,682 yards and 38 touchdowns and rushed for a team-high 478 yards and 12 scores

- Three-time first-team All-State
- Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Also was a two-year basketball letter winner
- Academic All-State
- Member of the Beta Club and was named Academic All-State
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, Washington State, West Virginia, Duke and others

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Carmel, Indiana
- Son of Bill and Ingrid Allen
- Dad, Bill, also played quarterback at Kentucky from 1984-88
- Majoring in pre-finance

Beau Says

- His nickname is "Beau" - his birth name is William
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches and the relationships he made with team
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to coach
- One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
- His sports hero is Tom Brady because he wins

ALLEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Comp.	Att.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	Long
2020	2-0	2	-9	0	3	7	0	42.9	40	0	20
2021	3-0	4	9	1	8	12	0	66.7	92	0	31
Totals	5-0	6	-23	1	11	19	0	57.9	132	0	31

ALLEN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	4-7-0	52	0	31	1	-10	0	0
vs. NMST	3-4-0	40	0	23	2	-4	0	3
at Louisville	1-1-0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
Totals	8-12-0	92	0	31	4	9	1	23

ALLEN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Vanderbilt	3-5-0	40	0	20	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0-2-0	0	0	0	2	-9	0	0
Totals	3-7-0	40	0	20	2	-9	0	0

ALLEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 7, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Pass completions: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Pass yards: 52, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Long pass: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Rush attempts: 2, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rushing touchdowns: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Long rush: 23, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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SAM ANAELE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 265 • Freshman-RS
 Lagos, Nigeria (McDougle Technical Institute)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in two games vs. ULM and Louisville
- Got a career-high two tackles, including 1.0 tackle for loss vs. the Cards
- Moved to defensive end from outside linebacker

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season as an outside linebacker
- Mid-year enrollee in Jan. 2020
- Saw action in one game vs. South Carolina
- Moved to the defensive line after the 2020 season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-star recruit by 247Sports Composite and Rivals rankings
- Ranked the No. 96 overall player in the class by Rivals and the No. 5 weakside defensive end
- The No. 16 player in talent-rich state of Florida according to Rivals
- Selected to the 2020 Under Armour All-America Game
- Has been timed at 4.9 in the 40-yard dash
- Had 38 total tackles, 19 tackles for loss and seven sacks as a senior at McDougle Technical Institute Preparatory
- Coached by Norman Richards
- Picked Kentucky over Miami, South Florida, Florida, Colorado and others

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Lagos, Nigeria
- Son of Steven Anaele
- Began athletic career on the basketball court and has only been playing football five years
- Named is pronounced Sam "ah-NEL-lee"
- Majoring in pre-communication

Sam Says

- His nickname is "Bax"
- He chose Kentucky so he could to play football at the highest level and get a high-level education
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work in business management/communications
- One word to describe him on the field is "hard-nosed"
- His hidden talent is writing





ANAEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tkls, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, Blks, Int, FF/RR, QBH. Rows for 2020, 2021, and Totals.

ANAEL'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF/RR, Blks, Int, QBH. Rows for vs. ULM, at Louisville, and Totals.

ANAEL'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tkls, TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF/RR, Blks, Int, QBH. Rows for vs. USC and Totals.

ANAEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (2 yards)



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ALEX BASCOM

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 264 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
Dean's List (Fall 2020)
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner for head coach Kevin Wallace
Started at defensive end and helped lead the Tigers to 9-4 record as a senior, totaling 54 tackles and 7.0 sacks
Named All-District as a senior
Helped St. Xavier go 12-3 and finish as state runner up in 2017
Also a two-year letter winner as a forward on the basketball team
Member of the National Honor Society and was named to the President's List for excelling in the classroom
Chose Kentucky over Butler, Jacksonville, and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky

- Son of Theresa and Rich Bascom
Has a twin brother, Richard, also on the team
Double majors are in finance and management

Alex Says

- He chose Kentucky because he's been a fan his whole life and he liked the coaching staff
After his football career, he would like to be a financial advisor
Three words to describe him are respectable, reliable, and funny
The best advice he's ever received is "always remember, things get better"
The person he admires the most is his grandpa because he's always been able to make him laugh



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RICHARD BASCOM

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 286 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
Dean's List (Fall 2020)
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner at Saint Xavier under head coach Kevin Wallace
Started at defensive end and helped lead the Tigers to 9-4 record as a senior, totaling 68 tackles and 7.0 sacks
Named All-State honorable mention and was a member of the Courier Journal's All-Metro Louisville football team as a senior
Helped St. Xavier go 12-3 and finish as state runner up in 2017
Also played basketball for two seasons
Member of the National Honor Society
Chose Kentucky over Butler, Jacksonville and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
Son of Theresa and Rich Bascom
Has a twin brother, Alex, also on the team
Double majors are in finance and management

Richard Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to experience the highest level of football
After his football career, he would like to be an investment banker

- His sports hero is Justin Thomas because he's from Louisville and he's one of the greatest to ever play golf
The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Robert Herjavec, Donald Trump, and LeBron James
The best advice he's ever received is "do what you think is right, not what others think is right"



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BRENDEN BATES

TIGHT END

6-5 • 255 • Junior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Archbishop Moeller)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in 33 career games with five starting assignments
Has seen action in all 12 games, all five starts coming this season
Has 10 receptions for 64 yards (6.4) with one score
Earned his first career start vs. ULM and also started vs. Missouri, LSU, Tennessee and Louisville
Caught a season-high tying two passes at No. 1 Georgia and vs. Tennessee
Caught his first collegiate touchdown with a four-yard catch vs. ULM

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in six games in 2020
Missed five games with injury
Made his first collegiate catch, a 14-yarder in the third quarter, vs. Mississippi State

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 13 games, mostly on special teams

2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in two games
Redshirt season
First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of the nation's top-20 tight ends by Rivals
Noted for his receiving ability, a difficult skill to find among tight ends in the high school ranks
Caught 17 passes for 305 yards with 11 touchdowns as a senior at Archbishop Moeller in Cincinnati
Totaled 250 yards receiving on 14 catches with five scores as a junior
Two-time first-team All-Greater Catholic League selection
Accepted an invitation to the 2018 Team USA Under-19 National Team for International Bowl IX
Coached by John Rodenberg
Three-year letter winner in track in the 200-meters and discus throw and was a power forward/center for two seasons on the basketball team
Was a member of the Improv Club



- Received offers from the SEC, Big Ten, Big 12 and Atlantic Coast Conference, including schools such as Vanderbilt, Indiana, Iowa, Minnesota, West Virginia, Louisville and Pittsburgh

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Doug and Kelly Bates
- Has two siblings, Morgan and Doug Jr.
- Comes from a family of athletes as father played football at Indiana, mother played volleyball at Morehead State, brother, Doug, played tight end at Toledo, sister, Morgan currently plays lacrosse at Cincinnati and grandfather, Gene Neff, played basketball at Kentucky under Coach Adolph Rupp from 1951-52
- Major is consumer economics and family financial counseling

Brenden Says

- His nickname is "Batesy"
- Most people don't know that he is extremely good at the worm
- A muscular Will Ferrell or Chris Pratt would play him in a movie about his life
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose spicy chicken sandwiches, carrots with ranch, and Philly cheese steaks
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is meeting great people and being a part of something special

BATES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2018	TE	2-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2019	TE	13-0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2020	TE	6-0	1	14	14.0	0	14
2021	TE	12-5	10	64	6.4	1	15
Totals		33-5	11	78	7.1	1	15

BATES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	1	4	1	4
vs. Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	2	0	4
at South Carolina	1	15	0	15
vs. Florida	1	11	0	11
vs. LSU*	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	13	0	8
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	18	0	13
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	1	0	1
at Louisville*	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	64	1	15

BATES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	1	14	0	14
at Tennessee		DNP	(Injury)	
at Missouri		DNP	(Injury)	

vs. Georgia		DNP	(Injury)
vs. Vanderbilt		DNP	(Injury)
at Alabama		DNP	(Injury)
at Florida	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0
Totals	1	14	0

BATES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, 3x, last vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Receiving yards: 18, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (2 receptions)
 Long reception: 15, at South Carolina, Sept 15, 2021
 Receiving touchdowns: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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ISAIAH
BEASLEY

DEFENSIVE LINE

5-11 • 278 • Sophomore-SQ
 Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Brent Thompson at North Hardin High School
- Helped lead the Trojans to a 13-1 overall record in 2019 and take the region and district championship before advancing to the KHSAA Class 6-A state semifinals
- Voted team captain and totaled 39 tackles, 5.0 sacks, two forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries as a senior
- Earned Select Preps Player of the Year and was a first-team All-Area selection by *The News-Enterprise*
- Also a member of the baseball team
- An excellent student who earned a 4.0 grade point average and was named first-team All-Academic by the KHSAA all four years of high school
- Selected as a 2018 University of Kentucky Rising Scholar
- Earned a certificate of nomination for the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence
- Nominated for Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders
- Active in community service, helping build house frames for the homeless and serving breakfast to senior citizens
- Member of the High School Ministry, the Pep Club and DECA

- High school teammates with fellow Wildcats Darren Green and Oxtavious Oxendine
- Chose Kentucky over Western Kentucky, Kentucky Wesleyan, and Liberty

Personal

- Born in Burglengenfeld, Germany
- Son of Roderick and Tammy Beasley
- Has one brother, Alex
- Major is psychology

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Beaz"
- His dream job is to be a psychiatrist
- One thing people may not know about him is that he writes left-handed and throws right-handed
- His sports hero is Aaron Donald because he has proven that no matter your size as a defensive lineman, you can dominate and be successful
- One word to describe him is "consistent"



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MARQUEZ
BEMBRY

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 228 • Senior-1L
 Stone Mountain, Ga.
 (Mount Vernon Presbyterian/
 Jones County JC)

2021 - Senior

- Moved from inside to outside linebacker
- Has played in all 12 games and has nine tackles, a TFL and a quarterback hurry this season
- Charted a season-best three tackles at Mississippi State
- Got his TFL in the win over South Carolina

2020 - Junior

- Played in all 11 games with two starting assignments (Vanderbilt and Alabama)
- Totaled 27 tackles
- Made his first collegiate start vs. Vanderbilt and totaled a career-high 10 tackles

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first action of the season at Vanderbilt and charted one tackle
- Mid-year enrollee
- Did not participate in 2019 spring practice due to knee surgery

Junior College

- Played for head coach Steve Buckley at Jones County Junior College in Ellisville, Mississippi
- Recorded 36 tackles during his redshirt freshman season in 2018, helping the Bobcats finish 10-2 overall and 6-0 in conference play
- Advanced to the MACJC State Championship ... Led Jones to a 27-7 win over Eastern Arizona in the Mississippi Bowl on Dec. 2, highlighted by his six





tackles, including 4.5 TFLs, one QB sack, one forced fumble and a fumble recovery

- Graduated from Jones in December of 2018 as a two-time Dean's List member
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss and Tennessee

High School

- Rated a three-star pass-rushing specialist out of high school
- Played for head coach Wayne Babbs at Mount Vernon Presbyterian High School

Personal

- Born in Des Moines, Iowa
- Son of Danny Sirmans and Letcia Bemby
- Siblings are Miles Bemby, Malik Bemby, and Mya Sirmans
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in communication ... Currently working on a second degree in kinesiology

Marquez Says

- His nickname is "Quez"
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose pineapples, chicken, and meatballs
- Besides being good at football, he's also good at running track
- Teye Diggs would play him in a movie about his life
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is being around his brothers

BEMBRY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FC/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2019	ILB	1-0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	ILB	11-2	27	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	OLB	12-0	9	0	1.0-4	0	0	0	1
Totals		24-2	37	0	1.0-4	0	0	0	1

BEMBRY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	1.0-4	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	0-0	1.0-4	0	0	0	1

BEMBRY'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

vs. Vanderbilt*	10	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

BEMBRY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

BEMBRY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 10, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
Tackles for loss: 1, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021



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ZAC BEREZOWITZ

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 170 • Senior-1L
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2021 - Senior

- Has seen action in nine games this season and got his first career tackle in the win at Louisville

2020 - Junior

- Saw action at Alabama
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin at safety
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at wide receiver and defensive back for Henry Clay
- Helped the Blue Devils win two district championships and two regional championships
- Scored 25 career touchdowns
- Coached by Sam Simpson
- Member of the National Honors Society and graduated in the top one percent of his class

Personal

- Born in Austin, Texas
- Son of Dan and Janet Berezowitz
- Siblings are Brayden, Bryan, Jordan and Alexa
- Brayden and Bryan were wide receivers at UK from 2016-18
- Dad and grandfather played quarterback at Wisconsin-Whitewater

- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in economics

Zac Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home and there was a discount
- The one thing he likes most about football is schemes and finding weaknesses in opponents
- He gets starstruck any time he sees Maria Taylor or Laura Rutledge
- His passion in life is investing
- Sandman would play him in a movie about his life



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JONATHAN BERRY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 280 • Freshman-HS
Stamping Ground, Ky. (Scott County)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter at left tackle for head coach Jim McKee at Scott County High School
- Named second-team All-State by the Associated Press in 2020 after helping lead the Cardinals to a 9-1 record with more than 2,000 yards rushing and one of the state's top ground attacks
- As a junior, helped the Cardinals' offense generate 3,736 yards of rushing offense and finish with a 10-2 record and an appearance in the 6th District finals
- Member of the 6A state runner-up team in 2018
- Chose Kentucky over Georgetown College and University of the Cumberlands

Personal

- Born in Georgetown, Kentucky
- Son of Kevin and Melissa Berry
- Siblings are Alexandra and Daniel
- Brother, Daniel, was an offensive lineman at the University of the Cumberlands from 2014-17
- Major is pre-social work

Jonathan Says

- His nickname is "Berry"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to play for his home state school
- His dream job is to be a U.S. Marshal
- Besides football, he's also good at fishing
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are his great grandfather, Vin Diesel and "Stone Cold" Steve Austin





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WILSON
BERRY

PUNTER

6-4 • 193 • Freshman-HS
Maribyrnong, Australia (Maribyrnong College)**2021 - Freshman**

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Has four punts for 148 yards (37.0) with one punt instead the 20-yard line in two games played
- Has not played since the Missouri game with injury
- Had two punts for 71 yards (35.5) in the season opener vs. ULM, his first collegiate action

High School / Australian Rules Football

- Following in the footsteps of UK's two previous Aussie punters – Matt Panton (2017) and Max Duffy (2018-20), the 2019 Ray Guy Award winner as the nation's best punter
- Comes to UK from the auspices of ProKick Australia
- 247sports rated him as the No. 3 player out of Australia and the No. 7 punter in the 2020 recruiting class
- Coached by Nathan Chapman and John Smith at ProKick
- Following high school, played three years of Australian rules football for Essendon's team in the Victorian Football League
- Prior to footy, attended Maribyrnong College, previously known as Maribyrnong High School, that specializes in sports

Personal

- Born in Ballarat, Victoria
- Son of Jason and Louise Berry
- Siblings are Jordan, Lachlan, and Oscar
- Older brother, Jordan, played football at Eastern Kentucky and is currently the starting punter for the Pittsburgh Steelers
- Majoring in kinesiology
- Currently 23 years old (birthday is in June)
- While playing footy, held down a part-time job at Grill'd, a restaurant known for preparing healthy hamburgers ... Started as a waiter before being promoted to the kitchen as a cook and then as an assistant manager

Wilson Says

- His nickname is "Bangers"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- One word to describe him on the field is "silky"
- To calm butterflies before a game he watches Max Duffy highlights
- The best advice he's ever received is "life's uncertain, eat dessert first"



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JASE
BRUNER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 244 • Sophomore-SQ
Science Hill, Ky. (Somerset)**2021 - Sophomore**

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and starter at linebacker, safety, running back, fullback, and tight end for head coach Robbie Lucas at Somerset High School
- Had a team-high 121 tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, two recovered fumbles, and one interception on defense in 2019
- Offensively, charted 434 yards rushing on 55 carries with five touchdowns, in addition to 10 catches for 169 yards
- Helped the Briar Jumpers win the 2019 District 4 championship, the Region 2 championship, and the Class 2A State championship
- Also won the 2018 District and Region championship
- Earned the 2019 *Commonwealth Journal* Defensive Player of the Year and was on the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* "Best of the Bluegrass" team
- Twice named honorable mention on *The Associated Press* All-State team (2018, 2019)
- Three-time first-team All-Conference player (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Named the 2018 AA District 7 Player of the Year
- Also played baseball and basketball
- Earned a spot on the 2020 12th Region All-Tournament Team and 47th All-District Team as a center
- Excelled in the classroom as a member of the National Honor Society
- Was a Kentucky Governor's Scholar, Rogers Scholar, and Rogers Explorer
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Centre, and Furman

Personal

- Born in Somerset, Kentucky
- Son of John and Beth Bruner
- Siblings are Grace, Kate, Jack, and Josh
- Comes from a family of athletes as dad, John, was a tight end at Centre College; mother, Beth, was a cheerleader at Transylvania; grandfather, Jack Bruner, was a four-sport athlete in basketball, baseball, track, and golf at Union College; uncle, Teel Bruner, played basketball and football at Transylvania; aunt, Rachel Gaynor, was a basketball player at Western Kentucky; aunt, Margaret Brown, ran track at Centre; aunt, Martha Breeding,

- played basketball at Transylvania; cousin Jake Bruner, played basketball at the College of Idaho
- Major is animal science

Jase Says

- His nickname is "Bronko"
- He chose Kentucky because he was born in Kentucky and has been a Wildcat his whole life
- His dream job is to be a dermatologist
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't argue with ignorance"
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner Adam Sandler, Jon Gruden, and Ronald Reagan



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DEONDRE
BUFORD

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 290 • Freshman-RS
Detroit, Mich. (Martin Luther King)**2021 - r-Freshman**

- Has seen action in two games (New Mexico State and Louisville)

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Mid-year enrollee
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-star recruit by 247 Sports Composite rankings
- A Detroit News Blue Chip top-10 recruit
- Ranked the No. 24 offensive tackle in the 2020 class and No. 7 prospect in Michigan by 247Sports
- Coached by Tyrone Spencer
- Helped Detroit King win two Division 2 state titles in his four-year career
- Led Detroit King to the Detroit Public School League championship title in 2019, finishing with an 11-3 overall record
- Named to the Detroit News All-State First Team
- Earned Offensive Lineman of the Year in 2019 by Detroit PSL
- Earned the highest offensive GPA as a junior
- Picked Kentucky over Missouri and Pittsburgh, Purdue and Arizona and held offers from Auburn, LSU, Penn State, Tennessee and Miami

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sianena Taylor
- Siblings are Andre, Adrianna, and Damondre
- Major is family science

Deondre Says

- Nickname is "Deon"



- He chose Kentucky because he loves the university, the coaches, and the SEC
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is learning, growing, and dominating
- His hidden talent is art
- Three words to describe him on the field are physical, smart, and dominant



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JAGER BURTON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 302 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Redshirt season
- Has seen action in three games this season (ULM, New Mexico State and Louisville)

High School

- A four-star offensive lineman who was rated as one of the nation's top-10 offensive guard prospects by 247, Rivals and ESPN
- The No. 1 prospect in Kentucky by Rivals and 247sports
- The No. 66 national prospect by 247sports and No. 200 nationally by Rivals
- An all-around talent known for his combination of athleticism, footwork, playing intensity and notable strength for a high school player
- Winner of the 2020 Paul Hornung Award, chosen by the Louisville Quarterback Club, as the top high school player in Kentucky ... Only the third offensive lineman to win the award
- Named Co-Mr. Football in the state of Kentucky in 2020 by The Associated Press ... First Lexington player and first offensive lineman to take the honor since its inception in 1986
- Selected to the prestigious All-American Bowl, held annually in San Antonio, Texas
- A four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Brian Landis and Nathan McPeek
- A two-way player who played both offensive tackle and defensive end
- Helped Frederick Douglass finish 7-2 as a senior, reaching the Class 5A state semifinals
- Anchored a line that helped the Broncos average 38.7 points and 323 yards per game
- As a defensive lineman, had a 33-yard interception return for a touchdown against Ballard
- Named first-team all-state by the AP, Louisville Courier-Journal and Kentucky Sports Radio
- Named to the Lexington Herald-Leader "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in KY
- Named a finalist for the 2020 Sports Illustrated All-America team
- As a junior, helped lead the Broncos to a 14-1 record and state runner-up position in Class AAAAA

- Earned a spot on the Courier Journal's All-State First Team in 2019 as well
- In his four-year prep career, Fredrick Douglass totaled a 44-6 overall record
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and Oregon
- Was an academic honor roll student
- Also lettered one season as a midfielder in lacrosse

Personal

- Named pronounced same as "jagger"
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Teresa and Jeff Burton
- Has one brother, Drayden Burton
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Morehead State
- Major is pre-communication

Jager Says

- His nickname is "Moose"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own restaurant
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- The person he most admires is his dad because he made him a man
- He chose Kentucky because it was home and he wanted to help continue building this program



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JARED CASEY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 217 • Sophomore-1L
Louisville, Ky. (Ballard)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in 25 career games, 11 games this season
- Has totaled eight tackles and a quarterback hurry

2020 - r-Freshman

- Played in all 11 games, finishing with 20 tackles and 2.0 TFL
- Had five tackles and a TFL at Alabama ... Also had a TFL at Missouri
- Totaled a career-best six tackles vs. Mississippi St.
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games
- Charted first career tackle vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee
- FWAA 2019 Freshman All-American Team and Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Watch List
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A four-star prospect
- Rivals.com ranked him as the No. 15 outside linebacker nationally

- As a senior, totaled 70 tackles, 15.5 TFLs, three sacks and one forced fumble in 11 games for head coach Adrian Morton
- Played two seasons at Trinity before transferring to Ballard
- Chose UK over Oregon and Louisville

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Melissa Gaines and Craig Shively
- Major is community leadership and development

Jared Says

- He chose Kentucky to play for his home state and because of the coaching staff
- Most people don't know he can cut hair and he can sew clothes
- His sports hero is Muhammad Ali
- His hidden talent is making a duck noise
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Muhammad Ali, Spider-Man, and Kobe Bryant

CASEY'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
2019	ILB	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2020	ILB	11-0	20	2.0-5	0-0	0/0	0	0
2021	ILB	11-0	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
Totals		25-0	29	2.0-5	0-0	0/0	1	0

CASEY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP			
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0

CASEY'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Mississippi State	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Alabama	5	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	20	0-0	2.0-5	0/0	0	0



CASEY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

CASEY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020
Tackle for loss: 1.0, twice, last at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020



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KALEB
CHEEK

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 188 • Sophomore-SQ
Asheboro, N.C. (Asheboro)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter as a running back at Asheboro High School for head coach Kevin Gillespie
- Earned All-Conference honors after averaging 99.5 total yards per game (699 total) through seven games as senior before being sidelined with injury
- Scored seven touchdowns, six rushing and one receiving
- Also earned All-Conference in the 100-meters for the track team
- Chose Kentucky over Virginia Military Institute

Personal

- Born in Asheboro, North Carolina
- Son of Kimberly Cheek and Dominique Nicholson
- Has one brother, Kaden Cheek
- Major is kinesiology

Kaleb Says

- His nickname is "Cheek"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like the right place to grow as a football player and person
- His dream job is to be a pharmacist
- The person he admires the most is his mom because she is a hard worker and has been a positive role model in his life
- Three words to describe him are passionate, driven, and self-reliant



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YUSUF
CORKER

SAFETY

6-0 • 204 • Senior-3L
McDonough, Ga. (Woodland)

2021 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Lott IMPACT Trophy Semifinalist
- Reese's Senior Bowl
- Elected two-time team captain
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board
- Has played in 49 career games with 36 consecutive starting assignments
- Has 232 career tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 14 pass breakups, two quarterback hurries, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble
- In 12 games this season, has 73 tackles (third on the team), including 3.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, a team-high eight pass breakups and a quarterback hurry
- Preseason second-team All-SEC defense (Phil Steele)
- Preseason third-team All-SEC defense (Athlon)

2020 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Second-Team All-SEC, Safety (Pro Football Focus, Phil Steele)
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Played in all 11 games, finishing second on the team in tackles with 77
- Also had 2.5 TFL, two interceptions, two PBUs and a forced fumble
- Had an interception in the second quarter in the win over South Carolina, his first pickoff of the season and second of his career
- Also had a pick in the bowl win over NC State and has a two-game streak with an INT
- Posted a career-high 18 tackles at Missouri, along with a career-high two tackles for loss ... Marked the most tackles for a Wildcat since Jordan Jones had 19 stops vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016 ... 16 of the tackles were solo which tied the single-game school record set by Larry Smith vs. Tulane in 1984 and Jeff Zurcher vs. Georgia in 1998
- Elected as one of 10 team captains
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon Sports)

2019 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 games
- Team's leading tackler with 74
- Also had four PBUs, an interception, a quarterback hurry and a team-high-tying two fumble recoveries
- Had seven tackles (second on the team) vs. Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl win
- Recovered a bad center snap in the end zone in the first quarter vs. UT Martin, his first collegiate touchdown ... Marked his second consecutive game with a turnover play, as he also had an

interception at Vanderbilt ... Also had two tackles, including one-half tackle for loss

- Snagged his first career interception in the third quarter at Vanderbilt, setting up a UK touchdown drive
- Had a career-high 11 tackles at Georgia, marking the fourth consecutive game he tied or broke his career high in stops, totaling 7, 9, 9 and 11 tackles in successive games
- Earned first career start vs. Toledo

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games, totaling eight tackles

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Four-star defensive back and receiver at Woodland High School in Stockbridge, Ga., where he was coached by Steve Davenport
- The nation's No. 26 cornerback by ESPN and Scout
- Named an ESPN Top 150 player
- The No. 1 cornerback in Georgia by Scout.com
- A four-year starter who totaled 105 tackles, 82 solo, with 15 interceptions and two forced fumbles
- As a senior, made 40 tackles, including 23 solo, along with five interceptions, two fumble recoveries and two blocked punts
- Offensively, had 20 receptions for 447 yards and four touchdowns for a 23.0 yards per reception average
- Helped lead his team to a 10-3 overall record and the 4-5A playoffs as a senior, earning him first-team All-State honors
- Two-time member of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* All-Metro Team
- Named to the AJC's All-State Defensive Team as senior and was a first-team All-County selection by the *Henry Herald*
- Also a two-year letter winner in track and field in the 200 and 400-meters
- Chose UK over Tennessee and Michigan State

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Yusuf (YOU-suf)"
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Got married in February of 2021 to long-time girlfriend, Tarryn Todd-Long, and the couple has one daughter, Amirah
- Son of Robin Meadows-Ragin and Yusuf Corker
- Has two sisters, Brenda and Victoria
- Uncle, Anthony Mitchell, played college football at Tuskegee and went on to spend nine seasons in the NFL, while cousin, Raymond Sanders, was a running back at UK from 2010-13
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in economics and is currently working on a second degree in communication

Yusuf Says

- His nickname is "Deuce"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
- One word to describe him on the field is "ballhawk"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a pediatric surgeon
- His sports hero is Richard Sherman because he's a ballhawk, too



CORKER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	Int.-Yds.	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2018	S	13-0	8	0-0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2019	S	13-13	74	1-0	0-0	0.5-2	0/2	1	4
2020	S	11-11	77	2-0	0-0	2.5-6	1/0	0	2
2021	S	12-12	73	0-0	1.0-7	3.5-13	0/0	1	8
Totals		49-36	232	3-0	1.0-7	6.5-21	1/2	2	14

CORKER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0/0	2	0-0	0
vs. Missouri*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. UTC*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0-0	1
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. LSU*	7	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	1	0-0	0
at Miss. State*	11	0-0	0.5-2	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Vanderbilt*	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. NMST*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Louisville*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
Totals	73	1.0-7	3.5-13	0/0	8	0-0	1

CORKER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Auburn*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. St.*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Tennessee*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Missouri*	18	0.0	2.0-6	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Vandy*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Alabama*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Florida*	8	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0-0	0
vs. USC*	6	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	1	1-0	0
vs. NC State*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
Totals	77	0-0	2.5-6	1/0	2	2-0	0

CORKER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo*	7	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0-0	0
vs. EMU*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
at Miss. State*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0-0	0
at USC*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Arkansas*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	1
at Georgia*	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Missouri*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Tennessee*	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0-0	0
at Vandy*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-0	0
vs. UT Martin*	2	0-0	0.5-2	0/1	0	0-0	0
vs. Louisville*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
vs. Va. Tech*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0	0
Totals	74	0-0	0.5-2	0/2	4	1-0	1

CORKER'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
vs. Penn State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0
Totals	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0-0	0

CORKER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 18, at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020
Sacks: 1.0, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Fumble forced: 1, at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
Pass breakups: 2, 3x, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Interceptions: 1, 3x, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021



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ELI COX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 301 • Sophomore-1L
Nicholsville, Ky. (West Jessamine)

2021 - Sophomore

- Midseason All-American (ESPN, AP)
- Started at right guard in the first nine games of the season before suffering a season-ending hand injury vs. Tennessee
- Named SEC Co-Offensive Line Player of the Week in helping UK pile up 330 rushing yards in the win over LSU ... Played every offensive snap and graded at 91 percent ... Led the offensive line with seven knockdown blocks and had 15 blocks at the point of attack, including Will Levis' quarterback sneak for a touchdown ... Did not have any missed assignments and did not allow any quarterback sacks or pressures
- Earned his first career start vs. ULM
- Recovered a fumble in the end zone vs. Missouri, giving him his first career score
- Also recovered a fumble at South Carolina

2020 - r-Freshman

- Back up at left guard behind Kenneth Horsey
- Saw action in eight games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A three-star recruit by 247sports.com and Rivals.com
- Ranked as the No. 14 Kentucky prospect in the class of 2019 by 247Sports
- Has the versatility to play at either offensive guard or tackle
- Has been instrumental in West Jessamine improving its win total each season of his prep career
- Named to the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl watch list
- Represented West Jessamine at the Louisville vs. Bluegrass Senior All-Star Game
- Coached by John Gilliam
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, Marshall, Ohio and Toledo

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Rosewood Elementary (2020)
- Volunteered at LexCity Church and Florence Baptist Church (2020)
- Volunteered for a weekend of service in Harlan County, Ky., with other UK student-athletes, where he worked with nonprofit organizations Willing Hearts and Club 180 Ministry, and also helped the Harlan County Youth Football League with various projects
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Nicholasville, Kentucky
- Son of John and Katherine Cox
- Siblings are Avery and Ellie
- Major is integrated strategic communications with a business minor
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Eli Says

- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to represent his state
- His hidden talent is his photoshop skills
- His dream job is to go into sports broadcasting
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Super Bowl Monday" and everyone would have the day off after the Super Bowl





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DEKEL
CROWDUS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 180 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Frederick Douglass)

2021 - Freshman

- Redshirt season ... suffered a knee strain in August that did not require surgery

High School

- 247sports ranks him as a four-star prospect, the No. 3 prospect in Kentucky, No. 51 receiver and No. 300 overall player nationally
- Three-star recruit by Rivals and rated the No. 4 player in Kentucky and No. 74 receiver nationally
- Known for his high-end speed and explosiveness who has drawn comparisons in some circles to the NFL's Brandin Cooks
- Frederick Douglass coach Nathan McPeek: "He is track fast but he translates that to the field. If he touches the ball five times he could score five touchdowns ... He's not as big as Lynn (Bowden) but he can do some of those things."
- Finished with 91 receptions for 1,505 yards and 22 touchdowns in his prep career
- In 2020, named second-team All-State by the AP and the *Louisville Courier-Journal* after totaling 25 catches for 331 yards and nine touchdowns
- Averaged 13.0 yards per catch
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Owns the school record for career touchdown receptions (14 before 2020) and in a season 11 (2018), as well as career receiving yards and yards in a season (831, 2018)
- In 2018, had 37 receptions for 831 yards
- Selected the hometown Wildcats over a top 10 that included Louisville, Ohio State, Michigan, Oklahoma, Texas, Baylor, South Carolina and Virginia Tech

Personal

- Name pronounced "da-KEL CROWD-us"
- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Shonda Minnifield
- Siblings are Shania Lyvers and Shylah Lyvers
- Uncle, Frank Minnifield, was a defensive back for the Cleveland Browns from 1984-92 and was a four-time pro-bowler; cousin, Chase Minnifield, played for the Washington Football Team from 2012-14
- Major is health promotion

DeKel Says

- His nickname is "Kel"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- His dream job is to own his own gym and be a personal trainer

- One word to describe him on the field is "unpredictable"
- Besides football, he's also good at drumming, basketball and soccer



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TAE TAE
CRUMES

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 182 • Sophomore-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (Butler)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in four games this season
- Caught his first career pass for 10 yards in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin

High School

- A quality in-state prospect that ranked as one of the top 10 players in the Commonwealth of Kentucky by Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- An incredible senior season at Butler with 42 receptions for 877 yards
- Averaged 73.1 receiving yards per game, which was fourth most among all Class 6A players while his 14 receiving touchdowns were third most in the division
- Had 30 receptions for 779 yards and 14 touchdowns his junior season
- Finished his high school career with 35 touchdowns and 2,021 receiving yards
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth and was also tabbed an all-state honoree and all-Louisville metro performer
- Speedy wide receiver that has been timed at 4.3 in the 40-yard dash
- Coached by Gary Wheeler
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan and Oregon

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Tinisha Wilson
- Major is health promotion

Tae Tae Says

- His nickname is "Tae Tae" is derived from his first name "Demontae"
- He chose Kentucky because he felt a bond like no other school had
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- After his football career he would like to be an athletic trainer

- The best advice he's ever received is "if you can't change the people around you, change the people around you"

CRUMES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	WR	1-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	WR	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	WR	4-0	8	63	7.9	0	21
Totals		5-0	1	10	10.0	0	10

CRUMES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	10	0	10
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	10	0	10

CRUMES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Receiving yards: 10, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: n/a
 Long reception: 10, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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IZAYAH
CUMMINGS

TIGHT END

6-3 • 230 • Sophomore-1L
Louisville, Ky. (Male)

2021 - Sophomore

- Moved from wide receiver to tight end during fall camp
- Has played in all 12 games with two starting assignments (Missouri and Georgia) ... Got his first career start vs. Missouri
- Has 13 receptions for 182 yards (14.0) and three scores this season
- Caught two passes for 27 yards, including a 22-yarder at Vanderbilt, his third touchdown of the year
- Set career highs with four catches for 75 yards against Tennessee, including the second touchdown catch of his career
- Caught three passes for 22 yards at No. 1 Georgia
- Caught his first collegiate touchdown pass, a 31-yard play in the fourth quarter, vs. UTC
- Caught first career pass for seven yards in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games (Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina)
- Charted first career tackle on special teams in the win over South Carolina
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll





High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- A top-10 prospect in the state of Kentucky and rated the No. 86 wide receiver by 247Sports
- Named Kentucky Football Coaches Association 6A Player of the Year
- Candidate for Kentucky's Mr. Football award
- Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- First-team All-State by the *Courier-Journal*
- Three-year starter who finished his career with 109 receptions for 1,965 yards and 27 touchdowns
- Had a team-high 57 receptions for 1,100 yards and 15 touchdowns in 2019, helping the Bulldogs go 14-1 overall
- Named Class 6A Player of the Year by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association
- Helped Male advance to back-to-back appearances in the Class 6A State Championship
- Won the title in 2018
- Combined for 23 receiving TDs in his last two seasons of football
- Ranked fifth in Class 6A in receiving yards and sixth in receptions despite playing three fewer games than the state leader
- Coached by Chris Wolfe
- Averaged nearly 20 yards per reception and 96.0 yards per game
- Ranked in the top 20 of all class levels in receptions and receiving yards
- Has a 38-inch vertical leap
- Also an honor-roll student and participated in track and basketball
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Indiana, Purdue, Virginia, Cincinnati, Missouri and others

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Andra and Natasha Cummings
- Has two sisters, Mia and Nia
- Major is undecided

Izayah Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home and because of his relationship with the coaches
- Three words to describe him are smart, quiet, and talented
- The best advice he's ever received is "someone right now is working to take your spot"
- His dream job is to own his own business and help out the next generation
- Besides football, he's also good at playing basketball and video games

CUMMINGS' CAREER STATISTICS

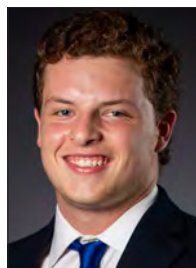
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2020	WR	9-0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	TE	11-2	13	182	14.0	3	31
Totals		21-2	13	182	14.0	3	31

CUMMINGS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	7	0	7
vs. Missouri*	1	15	0	15
vs. UTC	1	31	1	31
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	22	0	10
at Miss. State	1	5	0	5
vs. Tennessee	4	75	1	28
at Vanderbilt	2	27	1	22
vs. NMST	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	13	182	3	31

CUMMINGS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Receiving yards: 75, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (4 receptions)
 Receiving TDs: 1, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Long reception: 31, vs UTC, Sept. 18, 2021
 Tackles: 1, vs USC, Dec 5, 2020



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CADE DEGRAW

LONG SNAPPER

5-11 • 206 • Junior-1L
Lake Cormorant, Miss. (Lake Cormorant)

2021 - Junior

- Starting long snapper, seen action in all 12 games

2020 - Sophomore

- Served as the team's long snapper after the graduation of four-year starter Blake Best
- Saw action in all 10 games
- Charted one tackle

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year starter and letter winner as a long snapper and defensive end for the Gators
- Rated as a 4.5-star prospect by Rubio Long Snapping
- Earned first-team All-State and All-Conference in both his junior and senior seasons
- Elected team captain as a senior
- Also was a two-year letter winner in archery
- Excelled in the classroom as he was a member of the National Honor Society and was a Graduate of Distinction
- Played for head coach Nick Nester

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Memphis, Tennessee
- Son of Alisha and Dominic Degraw
- Has one brother, Brandon
- Major is pre-management

Cade Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the environment
- His hidden talent is being able to play the guitar
- His hobbies are hunting and fishing
- Chewing gum and listening to music helps him stay focused before a game
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't look back, there's nothing back there to go after"



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PATRICK DELAHUNTY

QUARTERBACK

6-0 • 197 • Junior-SQ
Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

High School

- Two-year letter winner for head coach Chuck Kyle at Saint Ignatius
- Earned the starting QB position as a senior and accounted for over 2,00 yards and 20 touchdowns
- Earned Saint Ignatius Student-Athlete of the Week, Ohio Catholic Player of the Week
- Named All-District as a senior
- Member of the honor roll

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Pat and Michele Delahunty
- Has three sisters, Meghan, Katie, and Erin
- Member of UK's Sigma Chi fraternity
- Major is pre-accounting

Patrick Says

- His nickname is "Delly"
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Drew Brees, Warren Buffett, and the Pope
- Besides playing football, he's also good at playing the guitar and juggling
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he's a wise football mind"





- His dream job is to be a CFO or COO of a Fortune 500 company



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TREY DENNIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-8 • 150 • Freshman-HS
Lexington, Ky. (Sayre)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Played just one season of high school football as a senior in 2020
- Earned a starting spot at slot receiver for head coach Chad Pennington at Sayre
- Recorded 62 receptions for 776 yards and 11 scores in a COVID-shortened season
- Helped lead the Spartans to an 8-1 overall record which included an undefeated regular season
- Named All-State honorable mention by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Earned first-team All-City honors by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Also a three-time letter winner in basketball at point guard for the Spartans
- Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Chose Kentucky over scholarship offers from Center, Hanover and Georgetown College

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Harold and Donna Dennis
- Dad, Harold, was a wide receiver at Kentucky from 1994-96
- Siblings are Jasmine and Kylee
- Major is chemistry

Trey Says

- His nickname is "T.D."
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to continue the legacy his dad started
- His dream job is to work in the medical field
- The best advice he's ever received is "time never stops, so seize the moment"
- Three words to describe him are outgoing, kind and assertive



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JORDAN DINGLE

TIGHT END

6-4 • 235 • Freshman-HS
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green HS)

2021 - Freshman

- Has seen action in five games (ULM, Miss. State, Vanderbilt, NMST)
- Has two catches for 54 yards
- Caught first career pass for 31 yards in the season opener vs. ULM

High School

- A four-star prospect by ESPN and a three-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 5 player in the state and a top-25 tight end nationally by Rivals and 247sports
- Four-year letter winner and starter for head coach Mark Spader
- Caught 41 passes for 515 yards (12.6 ypc) with two touchdowns in helping lead Bowling Green to the 2020 Class AAAAA state championship with a 10-2 overall record
- Caught five passes, ran for a touchdown, and had a quarterback sack in the state finals win
- Named the 2020 4th Region AD Association Player of the Year
- Named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named first-team All-State by the *Courier Journal* and AP as a senior
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
- Named honorable mention All-State by the *Courier Journal* as a junior after catching 35 passes for 474 yards and five TDs
- Three-sport athlete who also was a four-year letter winner in basketball and a three-year letter winner in track and field (shot put and hurdles)
- Led Bowling Green to the 2020 4th region title and an elite eight appearance in basketball
- High school teammate of current UK safety Vito Tisdale
- Chose Kentucky over Purdue, Vanderbilt, Virginia Tech and Ohio State
- Member of the National Honor Society
- Excelled in the classroom with a 4.0 GPA

Personal

- Born in Manning, South Carolina
- Son of Tonya and Justice Dingle
- Younger brother of teammate Justice Dingle
- Major is undeclared

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "The Professor"
- He chose Kentucky because it had a great family feeling
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a CEO of a hospital

- Three words to describe him are hardworking, trustworthy, and intelligent
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to ride four-wheelers

DINGLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2021	TE	4-0	2	54	27.0	0	31
Totals		4-0	2	54	27.0	0	31

DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	31	0	31
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	23	0	23
Totals	2	54	0	31

DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice, last vs NMST, Nov 20, 2021
 Receiving yards: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 reception)
 Receiving TDs: n/a
 Long reception: 31, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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JUSTICE DINGLE II

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 262 • Junior-Tr
Bowling Green, Ky. (Georgia Tech/
Bowling Green HS)

2021 - Junior

- Transferred to Kentucky after three seasons at Georgia Tech
- Has three seasons of eligibility remaining
- Has seen action in 22 games (19 at Ga Tech, 3 at UK)
- Totaled eight career tackles, three fumble recoveries and a tackle for loss at Ga Tech
- Has one tackle at UK vs. NMST and also saw action vs. ULM and Louisville
- Mid-year enrollee

2020 - Sophomore (Georgia Tech)

- Played in four games, recording one tackle

2019 - r-Freshman (Georgia Tech)

- Made 11 appearances, including his first college start at defensive end in the home opener against South Florida (Sept. 7)
- The Yellow Jackets' top ball hawk, led the team with three fumble recoveries
- Also finished with six tackles (five solo) on the season, including an 8-yard sack

2018 - Freshman (Georgia Tech)

- Redshirted as a true freshman but saw action in four games, vs. Alcorn State (Sept. 1), at USF (Sept. 8), at Pitt (Sept. 15) and vs. Clemson (Sept. 22) and recorded one tackle at USF





- One of 13 true freshmen in 2018 to see game action for the Yellow Jackets

High School

- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals coming out of high school
- No. 2-ranked player in his class in the state of Kentucky and the No. 18-ranked inside linebacker in the nation, according to Rivals
- Listed as the nation's No. 16-ranked inside linebacker by ESPN
- Two-time all-state honoree
- Two-time first-team all-district selection
- Nominated for Army All-America Game, Dick Butkus Award (national high school Linebacker of the Year) and Kentucky's Mr. Football award as a senior
- Selected to participate in Kentucky/Tennessee Border Bowl, Kentucky Best of Bluegrass all-star game and Army All-American Combine
- Helped lead Bowling Green to state championship as a junior in 2016
- Two-time team captain
- Honor roll student
- Coached by Kevin Wallace
- Played first two prep seasons at Oakland H.S. in Murfreesboro, Tenn. (coached by Kevin Creasy and Tommy McDaniel)
- Helped lead Oakland to a pair of district championships as a freshman and sophomore (2014 and 2015)
- Also lettered in track and field and basketball

Personal

- Born in Manning, South Carolina
- Son of Tonya and Justice Dingle
- Older brother of signee Jordan Dingle
- Majoring in pre-communication

Justice Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports commentator
- One word to describe him on the field is "beast"
- Besides playing football, he's also good at riding dirt bikes
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and UK will help develop him into a better player and man
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's country

JU. DINGLE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	QBH	INT	PBU
2018*	LB	4-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2019*	DL	11-1	6	1.0-8	0-0	0/3	0	0	0
2020*	DL	4-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	DL	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		22-1	9	1.8-8	0-0	0/3	0	0	0

*at Georgia Tech

JU. DINGLE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

JU. DINGLE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Boston College	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Notre Dame	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

JU. DINGLE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
at Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
vs. South Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. The Citadel	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Temple		DNP				
vs. North Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Duke	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Miami (FL)	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Pittsburgh	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
at Virginia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	1.0-8	0-0	0/1	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/3	0	0

JU. DINGLE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (GT)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Alcorn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at UCF	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Pitt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Clemson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

JU. DINGLE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Duke, Oct 12, 2019
 Sacks: 1, vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019
 Fumble recoveries: 1, 3x, last vs Georgia, Nov 30, 2019



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JAMARIUS
DINKINS
 DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 255 • Freshman-HS
 Columbus, Ohio (Walnut Ridge)

2021 - Freshman

- Has played in three games (ULM, Georgia, NMST)
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and charted a tackle and a half sack

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247sports and Rivals
- Rated a top 25 recruit in talent-rich Ohio and a top 35 strongside defensive end nationally
- Four-year starter on the defensive line for head coach Byron Mattox

- Named Central District D-II Defensive Player of the Year after totaling 43 tackles, 12 tackles-for-loss, eight sacks and four forced fumbles in 2020
- Helped Walnut Ridge win the Columbus City League Championship title
- Also helped the Scots advance to the second round of the Division II, Region 7 playoffs and finish 6-3 after going 11-1 and advancing to a regional semifinal in 2019
- Ohio MaxPreps All-State Second Team honors
- Named First-Team Division II All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- First name is pronounced "ja-MAR-ee-us"
- Born in Columbus, Ohio
- Son of Juanita Dinkins
- Siblings are James Polk-Dinkins and Akilah Stewart
- Major is art studio

Jamarius Says

- His nickname is "Spider"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a sleep walker
- Three words to describe him are funny, loud, and energetic
- The best advice he's ever received is "keep God first"

DINKINS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2021	DE	3-0	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals		3-0	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0

DINKINS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. ULM	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0.5-2	0-0	0/0	0	0

DINKINS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Sacks: 0.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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TAJ
DODSON
 SAFETY

6-1 • 194 • Sophomore-1L
 Union City, Ga. (Creekside)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in 10 games and has six tackles and a PBU
- Recorded a career-best two tackles at Louisville





- Got his first career PBU vs. New Mexico State

2020 - r-Freshman

- Played in five games and had two tackles
- Missed six games with injury
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Had three total tackles in three games played
- Had a fumble recovery vs. Florida
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- A consensus three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Coached by Region 5-6A Coach of the Year Maurice Dixon
- Had 19 returns for 737 yards and two touchdowns, including a 92-yard score
- Named first-team All-Region 5-6A after totaling 86 tackles, 12 PBUs, two interceptions, one sack and once forced fumble in 2018
- Also had seven catches for 106 yards
- Excelled in track and field, earning All-Region 1A State Track honors in 2016 and 2017 as a sprinter and high jumper
- Ran a personal best 10.78 in the 100-meter dash
- Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Louisville, and Ole Miss

Personal

- First name is pronounced the same as Taj Mahal
- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Terika Dodson and Alex Chapman
- Siblings are India Paulk and Kyle Davis
- Member Omega Psi Phi fraternity
- Major is communication

Taj Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's a family vibe
- One word to describe him on the field is "calm"
- After his football career he would like to be a stock broker
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Nipsey Hussle, Kobe Bryant, and Donald Trump
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Chicken Wing Day" and everyone would get free chicken wings

DODSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FC/FR	INT	PBU
2019	S	3-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
2020	S	5-0	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2021	S	10-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
Totals		18-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	1

DODSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Mississippi St.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1

DODSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

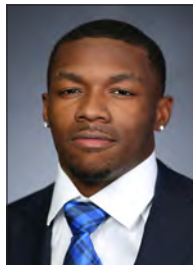
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri			DNP	(Injury)		
vs. Georgia			DNP	(Injury)		
vs. Vanderbilt			DNP	(Injury)		
at Alabama			DNP	(Injury)		
at Florida			DNP	(Injury)		
vs. South Carolina			DNP	(Injury)		
vs. Dodson	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

DODSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FC/FR	QBH	Int.
vs. Toledo	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/1	0	0

DODSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Fumble Recovery: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
 Pass breakup: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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CEDRICK DORT JR.
DEFENSIVE BACK

5-11 • 188 • Senior-3L
Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. (Dwyer)

2021 - Senior

- Has seen action in 43 career games with 25 starting nods
- Has started in all 12 games this season
- Has 17 tackles

- Charted a career-high tying four tackles in the win over Missouri

2020 - Junior

- Played in 10 games with one starting assignment vs. South Carolina in 2020
- Totalled 10 tackles and two PBUs
- Charted a career-best four tackles and a PBU vs. Mississippi State and also had a PBU vs. the Gamecocks

2019 - r-Sophomore

- Honorable mention cornerback (PFF) with zero touchdowns allowed
- Played and started in 12 games at corner
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee
- Totalled 16 tackles, five PBU (third on the team) and one forced fumble
- Had a career-high two PBU in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season

2017 - Freshman

- Played in nine games
- Totalled six tackles
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247sports, ESPN and Scout as the No. 42 cornerback in the 2017 class
- As a senior, named first-team All-Area by the Palm Beach Post and first-team All-County by the Sun Sentinel after recording 40 tackles, 14 pass breakups and six interceptions, returning one for a touchdown
- Played a key role in helping Dwyer finish 10-1 overall in 2016 with its second-straight appearance in the Class 7A regional semifinals
- Did not allow a TD pass, a first down pass or a pass over five yards during the regular season
- Did not miss a tackle all season and battled against six receivers who were expected to sign Division I scholarships
- Named one of ESPN 106.3's top seniors in Palm Beach County and the Treasure Coast
- Was All-Area honorable mention in 2015 after helping lead the Panthers to an 11-2 overall record, a district championship title and a berth in the 7A regional semifinal
- Helped Dwyer shut out two opponents and held six others to 14 points or less
- A three-year letter winner in basketball as a combo guard
- Only played two years of high school football
- Coached by Jack Daniels
- Chose UK over Wisconsin, Virginia Tech, Minnesota, Colorado and USF

Personal

- Born in Palm Beach, Florida
- Son of Clevette Wiggins and Cedrick Dort
- Siblings are Mikyle Dort, Cainaya Green, Keimoni Hunter, Levon Mosley, Michael Mosely, Michaela Mosely and Santonio Obas
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in community and leadership development ... Working on a second degree in communication





Cedrick Says

- In one sentence he would describe Coach Stoops as "a thoughtful man who wants you to succeed"
Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent or in real estate
What he loves most about football is meeting life-long brothers
Most people don't know he's a snare drummer and only played football in the 11th and 12th grade
Three words to describe him are funny, intelligent, and caring

DORT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Table with columns: Year, Pos., G-GS, Tackles, Sacks, TFL, FF/FR, Int-Yds, PBU, QBH. Totals: 43-25, 49, 0-0, 0-0, 1/0, 0, 7, 1

DORT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL, FF/FR, PBU, Int-Yds, QBH. Totals: 17, 0-0, 0.0, 0/0, 0, 0, 0

DORT'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL, FF/FR, PBU, Int-Yds, QBH. Totals: 10, 0-0, 0.0, 0/0, 2, 0, 1

DORT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

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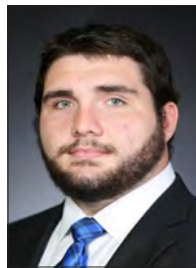
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DORT'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with columns: Opponent, Tackles, Sacks, TFL-Y, FC/FR, PBU, Int.-Yds. Totals: 6, 0-0, 0.0, 0/0, 0, 0-0

DORT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, twice, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Pass breakups: 2, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Forced fumbles: 1, vs Eastern Mich, Sept 7, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, at Auburn, Sept 26, 2020



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AUSTIN DOTSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 321 • Senior-3L
Belfry, Ky. (Belfry)

2021 - Senior

- Has seen action in all 12 games with three starts at right guard (Vanderbilt, New Mexico State and Louisville)
Had a tackle vs. Miss. State

2020 - Junior

- Played in all 11 games with four starting assignments (Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina)
Earned first career start vs. Vanderbilt

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw action in nine games
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in seven games

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star prospect by ESPN and 247Sports
Ranks as the No. 2 offensive tackle in the Commonwealth by ESPN
A three-year starter for Coach Phillip Haywood, who said, "He's a very physical blocker. He's one of these guys who would really get after you and stay after you until the whistle blows. And if we score a touchdown, he'd be the first one down there in the end zone patting the guy on the back or tossing him in the air. He just loves playing on the line"
Named to The Courier-Journal's 2016 All-State Football Team as a first-team selection after being a second-team member as a junior
Also named to the AP All-State First Team
Member of four straight championship teams (2013-16)
Played right tackle on a massive offensive line that helped the Pirates finish 14-1 as a senior and average 347.1 rushing yards and 44.1 points per game
Helped Belfry win its sixth overall, including fourth straight Class 3-A State championship with a 52-31 win over Central in 2016
Member of the Kentucky squad in the Best of the Bluegrass All-Star Game
Also a four-year letter winner in baseball as a pitcher and first baseman
Chose Kentucky over Charlotte, Eastern Kentucky, Florida Atlantic and Marshall

Personal

- Born in Pikeville, Kentucky
Son of Sherry and Derrick Dotson
Siblings are Brandon Blackburn and Paula Dotson
Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in sociology

Austin Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home
After his football career he would like to be in the Secret Service
Most people don't know he's a descendant of Devil Anse Hatfield, the patriarch of the Hatfield clan during the infamous Hatfield-McCoy feud
When he's not on the field, he enjoys fishing, hunting, and eating with friends
The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Dale Earnhardt, Stone Cold Steve Austin, and Popcorn Sutton



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MOSES DOUGLASS

SAFETY

6-2 • 203 • Sophomore-1L
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in three games this season
Charted a career-best three tackles in the opener vs. ULM and got a tackle at Louisville





2020 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in seven games (Ole Miss, Mississippi State, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and NC State)
- Got a tackle at Alabama

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Eastern Michigan, Tennessee and UT Martin)
- Charted his first career tackle vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Four-star recruit and one the nation's top-30 safety prospects by Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- The No. 7 prospect in Ohio and one of the nation's top 300 players by Rivals
- As a senior, helped lead Springfield HS to a 9-3 record and second round of the state playoffs
- First-team All-Ohio in Division I (largest classification)
- Coached by his father, Maurice, at Springfield
- Teammate of fellow signee Isaiah Gibson
- Chose Kentucky over Georgia Tech, Louisville, and Michigan State

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Volunteered at the Catholic Action Center (2020)

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Camela and Maurice Douglass
- Siblings are Maurice Douglass Jr., Shiloh Douglass, and Christian Douglass-Hall
- Father, Maurice, was a defensive back at Kentucky in 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year NFL career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants
- Major is pre-journalism

Moses Says

- His nickname is "MoeDoug"
- He chose Kentucky because he liked the vibe and the opportunities that came with it
- Three words to describe him are goofy, chill, and smiley
- Daniel Kaluuya would play him in a movie about his life
- After his football career he would like to be a sports broadcaster and work for the NFL Network

DOUGLASS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	Int-Yds	PBU	QBH
2019	S	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2020	S	7-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	S	3-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals		13-0	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

DOUGLASS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. ULM	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

DOUGLASS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. St.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

DOUGLASS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds
vs. Eastern Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0-0

DOUGLASS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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BEN
DRAKE

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 199 • Junior-SQ
Charlottesville, Va. (Monticello)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Two-year starter at safety and wide receiver for head coach Jeff Lloyd at Monticello
- An all-around athlete as he was also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a small forward and soccer as a center midfielder ... Also played lacrosse one season
- Earned Monticello's Male Athlete of the Year in 2019
- Honorable mention in the Jefferson district for basketball and football
- Member of the student council
- Chose Kentucky over James Madison and Virginia Tech

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Athens Chilesburg Elementary (2020)
- Visited sick children at the Kentucky Children's Hospital (2020)

Personal

- Born in Charlottesville, Virginia
- Son of David Drake and Malissa Drake
- Siblings are Emarie, Lauren, and Will
- Uncle, Richard Shadwick, played football at Morehead State from 1988-92
- Major is communication

Ben Says

- His nickname is "Drizzy"
- After football, he would like to work or coach in sports
- Three words to describe him are funny, attentive and committed
- His sports hero is Michael Jordan because he taught him to never stop working
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he's a great leader"



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MIKE
DRENNEN II

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 194 • Sophomore-1L
Hilltop, Ohio (Coffman)

2021 - Sophomore

- Switched from wide receiver to running back during fall camp
- Played in six games this season
- Has seven carries for 17 yards and two catches for three yards
- Rushed three times for 16 yards, including a four-yard touchdown that is his first collegiate TD in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - Freshman

- Saw playing time in eight games (Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina)
- Had three catches for 26 yards
- Got his first career catch for six yards in the win over Tennessee
- Also had a catch for 14 yards vs. Vanderbilt and a six-yard reception vs. South Carolina
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Consensus four-star prospect
- Considered the No. 6 all-purpose back in the nation by 247Sports
- No. 3 overall recruit in Ohio by Rivals and 247Sports
- Four-year starter for head coach Mark Crabtree
- Helped lead the Rocks to the state playoffs all four years of his prep career and two straight regional title games
- Won the 2018 Class 6A State championship
- Was limited as a senior due to injury
- Earned a spot on the All-America Future 50 game roster





- Earned second-team All-Ohio honors as a junior in 2018 after rushing for 801 yards on 162 carries, making 30 receptions for 464 yards, and scoring 16 touchdowns in helping the Shamrocks (11-2) to a regional final
- Earned the 2019 Buckeye Blue Chip Award, given by the Touchdown Club of Columbus ... Excelled in the classroom with a 3.7 grade point average
- Had 43 scholarship offers but ultimately chose Kentucky over Southern California

Personal

- Born in Hilltop, Ohio
- Son of Mike Drennen and Carmaleah Pritchett
- Siblings are Michea Drennen, Myka Drennen, and Armané Cotton
- Major is pre-computer science

Mike Says

- His nickname is "Donut"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved it from the beginning and UK had the best plan for him to accomplish his goals
- After football, his dream job is to become a pro skateboarder
- Three words to describe him are goofy, intelligent, and abnormal
- The best advice he's ever received is "be comfortable being uncomfortable"

DRENNEN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2020	8-0	0	0	0	0	0	3	26	8.7	0	14
2021	6-0	7	17	2.4	1	9	2	3	1.5	0	8
Totals	14-0	7	17	2.4	1	9	5	29	5.8	0	14

DRENNEN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	3	16	5.3	1	9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	1	1.0	0	8	1	8	8.0	0	8
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	3	0	0.0	0	2	1	-5	0	0	0
Totals	7	17	2.4	1	9	2	3	1.5	0	8

DRENNEN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn			DNP	
vs. Ole Miss			DNP	
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	6	0	6
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	14	0	14
at Alabama	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	6	0	6
vs. NC State			DNP	
Totals	3	26	0	14

DRENNEN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, 5x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Receiving yards: 14, vs Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
 Long reception: 14, vs Vanderbilt, Nov. 14, 2020
 Rush attempts: 4, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Rush yards: 16, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (3 carries)
 Long rush: 9, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021



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DARREN EDMOND

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 207 • Senior-SQ
Norman, Okla. (Paul Laurence Dunbar - KY)

2021 - Senior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A three-year starter at wide receiver for head coach Chris Mullins at Paul Laurence Dunbar
- Led the Bulldogs in receiving as a senior with 156 yards and three touchdowns on 20 catches
- Also ran for 63 yards and a score

Community Cats

- Volunteered at William Wells Brown Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Norman, Oklahoma
- Son of Laurie and Corey Edmond
- Has one sister, Leah
- Dad, Corey, is the director of performance for UK Football ... Sister, Leah, was a four-time All-American outside hitter for UK's volleyball team from 2016-19
- Major is digital media and design

Darren Says

- Hidden talents are singing and playing the piano
- The person he most admires is his dad because he pushes him to be great
- His dream job is to be a sports photographer
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Coach Ed Day" and everyone would wear black and no one would smile
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is the support of the Big Blue Nation

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BRAXTON EISERMAN

INSIDE LINEBACKER



6-1 • 218 • Junior-SQ
Jackson, Ky. (Breathitt County)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter for head coach Kyle Moore, playing linebacker and center
- Totaled 107 tackles, 12.0 TFL and six sacks as a senior
- Also lettered four years in track and field as a discus thrower
- Named salutatorian of his graduating class
- President of SkillsUSA a career and technical student organization and Technology Student Association, an organization that helps develop skills in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics as well as business education ... Also a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Ky.
- Son of Lea and Al Eiserman
- Has one brother, Zach
- Major is art studio

Braxton Says

- His nickname is "Diesel" because he runs over people like a diesel
- His dream job is to be an architect and design houses
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- When he played football as a kid he pretended he was Jack Lambert
- His favorite movie is Remember the Titans



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ISAIAH
EPPS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-2 • 188 • Senior-3L
Jenks, Okla. (Jenks)

2021 - Senior

- Has played in 43 career games with nine starts
- Has seen action in 11 games this season with six starting assignments
- Did not see action vs. Tennessee with injury
- Has 11 catches for 171 yards and a score
- Averaging a team-high 15.5 yards per catch
- Had a career-high tying three receptions for 27 yards at No. 1 Georgia
- Caught two passes for 21 yards, including his first collegiate touchdown, a 20-yard reception in the second quarter vs. UTC
- Totaled three catches for a career-high 83 yards in the season opener vs. ULM, including a career-long 57-yard catch

2020 - r-Junior

- Totaled eight catches for 63 yards in six games
- Earned his first career start in the Gator Bowl vs. NC State
- Saw action at Auburn in the season opener then missed three games with a thumb injury ... Dressed vs. Missouri and Georgia but did not see action in the game
- His catch for eight yards vs. Vanderbilt was his first catch since the 2018 season
- Had a career-high-tying three catches for 23 yards in the win over NC State

2019 - Junior

- Redshirt season
- Missed the season due to injury in his left foot suffered during fall camp that required surgery

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with two starts vs. Georgia and Tennessee
- Caught eight passes for 76 yards
- Had a career-high three catches vs. MTSU

2017 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled four catches for 55 yards
- One of seven true freshmen to see action in the season opener at Southern Miss

High School

- A big, talented wide receiver who had a breakout senior season for Coach Allan Trimble at Jenks
- Set a Jenks receiving record with 1,209 yards in 2016 with 59 catches and 12 touchdowns, along with 10 rushes for 76 yards and a score
- Helped lead the Trojans to an 11-1 overall record with their only loss coming in the 6A semifinal playoff game

- Earned District 6A-1 Offensive Player of the Year
- Named third-team All-State by *The Oklahoman*
- Rivals listed him as a three-star wide receiver and ranked him as the 21st-best receiver in Oklahoma
- Also lettered in basketball (2014-16) and track & field (2015) at Jenks
- Excelled in the classroom, earning a spot on the Principal's Honor Roll
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Tulsa, Southern Methodist, Illinois and Western Michigan

Personal

- Born in Tulsa, Oklahoma
- Son of Michael and LaQuisha Epps
- Siblings are Carson and Michael
- Older brother, Carson, and cousin, Denver Johnson, were wide receivers at Iowa State
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in psychology and is currently working on a master's degree in kinesiology and health promotion with a specialization in coaching

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Zay"
- After his football career he would like to be a sports psychologist at a university
- One thing most people don't about him is that he likes to shop
- His passion in life is helping others
- The best advice he's ever received was "never quit, always finish what you've started and stay grounded"

EPPS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	WR	13-0	4	55	13.8	0	28
2018	WR	13-2	8	76	9.5	0	18
2020	WR	6-1	8	63	7.9	0	21
2021	WR	11-6	11	171	15.5	1	57
Totals		43-9	31	365	11.8	1	57

EPPS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	3	83	0	57
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	2	21	1	20
at South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	2	28	0	20
at Georgia*	3	27	0	16
at Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee		DNP		
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	12	0	12
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	171	1	57

EPPS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss		DNP		
vs. Mississippi St.		DNP		
at Tennessee		DNP		
at Missouri		DNP		
vs. Georgia		DNP		
vs. Vanderbilt	1	8	0	8
at Alabama	2	24	0	21
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	2	8	0	5
vs. NC State*	3	23	0	10
Totals	8	63	0	21

EPPS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	8	0	8
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	11	0	11
at TAMU	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	2	29	0	18
at Tennessee*	1	4	0	4
vs. MTSU	3	24	0	14
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	8	76	0	18

EPPS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	6	0	6
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	1	18	0	18
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	2	31	0	28
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	55	0	28

EPPS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, 4x, last at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Receiving yards: 83, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Long reception: 57, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021





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PARKER ESTES

TIGHT END

6-3 • 212 • Freshman-HS
Paris, Ky. (Bourbon County)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Two-way player at wide receiver, tight end and outside linebacker at Bourbon County
- Started two seasons for head coach and former Wildcat alumnus David Jones
- Didn't start playing football until his junior year of high school
- As a senior, had 26 receptions for 392 yards and four touchdowns, while charting 30 tackles, 5.0 tackles for loss and 5.0 sacks in only six games due to a COVID-shortened season
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball and lettered one season in track
- Earned All-Region and All-District honors in basketball as a senior
- Member of the 2A State Runner-Up team in 2019
- Also excelled academically, earning first-team academic All-State honors three years
- Member of the National Honor Society, the Spanish Honor Society and the Beta Club
- Named the United State Marine Corps Distinguished Male Athlete of the Year in his senior class
- Chose Kentucky over Marshall, EKU, Morehead State, Kentucky Wesleyan and Centre

Personal

- Born in Paris, Ky.
- Son of Joe and Leigh-Clay Estes
- Siblings are Clay and Marleigh
- Majoring in pre-finance

Parker Says

- His nickname is "John P"
- He chose Kentucky because it would best push him to reach his academic and athletic potential, while also being able to represent his hometown team
- After his football career he would like to be a sports broadcaster
- Three words to describe him are "determined, good-spirited, and funny"
- The best advice he's ever received was "it's not about how hard you hit, it's about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward."



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JEREMY FLAX

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 338 • Sophomore-RS
Detroit, Mich. (Independence CC/Robichaud)

2021 - r-Sophomore

- Has seen action in 10 of 12 games this season

2020 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt and also played vs. South Carolina

High School/JUCO

- Considered a four-star recruit by Rivals
- 247Sports listed him as the top JUCO offensive tackle and the No. 8 overall JUCO prospect
- Rivals rated him as the No. 2 offensive tackle prospect nationally and the 20th overall JUCO prospect
- Three-year starter at Dearborn Heights Robichaud for head coach Jason Malloy
- Played both sides of the ball and recorded 40 tackles, 10 TFL, two sacks and a forced fumble as a defensive lineman during his senior season
- Earned a spot on The Free Press' All-West Prep Football Team
- Also played basketball
- Signed with UK over Auburn and Texas Tech

Community Cats

- Dressed up as Santa Clause and gave out gifts to kids for the Woodhill Community Center Holiday Party (2021)

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Sandra Flax
- Has one brother, Isaiah
- Major is community leadership and development

Jeremy Says

- His nickname is "Big Jerm"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and family
- After his football career he would like to be a coach
- Three words to describe him are funny, caring, and strong
- If he could eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose pizza, soul food, and eggs



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LUKE FORTNER

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 297 • Senior-4L
Sylvania, Ohio
(Sylvania Northview)

2021* - Senior (Team Captain)

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in 54 career games and started in 35 consecutive games played
- Second-Team CoSIDA Academic All-American
- First-Team CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- Rimington Trophy Watch List (nation's top center)
- Second Team All-SEC (PFF, Phil Steele)
- Switched from playing right guard to center during fall camp
- Notched his second SEC Offensive Player of the Week award after the South Carolina win, grading at 84 percent, with 26 blocks at the point of attack, and did not miss an assignment or allow any quarterback pressures
- Earned his first SEC Offensive Player of the Week honor after the ULM win, totaling four knockdown blocks, eight blocks at the point of attack, and he did not allow a sack
- Preseason third-team All-SEC (Coaches, Media and Athlon)

2020 - Senior

- Wuerffel Trophy semifinalist
- Campbell Trophy semifinalist
- SEC Community Service Team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Member of the team's Unity Council
- One of 11 FBS players named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team, UK's second straight member of the prestigious team (Landon Young in 2019)
- Started in 10 games played
- Graded out at 82.9 percent with 26 knockdowns and 146 blocks at the point of attack
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Pick Six Previews)
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Athlon Sports)

2019 - Junior

- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Inducted into the Frank G. Ham Society of Character which honors Wildcats who have shown an extraordinary commitment to academic excellence, athletic participation, personal development, career preparation and serving as a role model
- A mechanical engineer major who, along with Toyota Motor Manufacturing Kentucky and other engineering students, helped design a specially built push cart vehicle to provide a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both



accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field in a project called "Lift Them Up"

- Started in all 13 games at right guard
- Part of the "Big Blue Wall" who helped four Wildcats rush for at least 500 yards, only the second time in school history that has happened, also 1976
- Helped Lynn Bowden Jr. become the first player in college football history with at least 1,400 rushing yards, 300 passing yards and 300 receiving yards in the same season
- Totaled 27 knockdown blocks
- Had no missed assignments, allowed only one sack, and had only one penalty in 646 plays

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in 11 of 13 games
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., UK's all-time leading rusher and the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in three straight seasons
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in eight games
- Blocked for All-SEC running back, Benny Snell Jr., the first player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2016, Spring 2017)
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A three-star offensive tackle by ESPN, Rivals and 247sports
- Rated as the 69th best offensive lineman nationally and the 36th best prospect in Ohio by 247sports
- Also played guard and center
- Four-year starter for Coach Doug Downing
- Named team captain as a senior
- Earned third-team All-Ohio for Division II
- Named second-team All-Northwest Ohio in 2014 and 2015
- Dual-sport athlete as he also was a center on the Northview basketball team
- Honor-roll student and member of the National Honor Society
- Earned President's Education Award
- Chose UK over Akron, Cincinnati, Marshall, Maryland, Toledo and Western Michigan

Personal

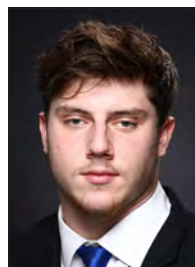
- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of John and Nancy Fortner
- Siblings are Matt and Sarah
- Uncle, Don Svec, played football at Youngstown St.
- Graduated in December of 2019 with a degree in mechanical engineering ... Graduated with a master's degree in mechanical engineering on Decemeber 17, 2021 ... Began working on a second master's degree in business administration in June of 2021 and is on track to graduate with a MBA in June of 2022

Community Cats

- Along with other UK engineering students and a team of Toyota Manufacturing engineers, Fortner worked for months to help design, test and manufacture a specially-built push cart vehicle through a project called "Lift Them Up" ... The push cart vehicle provided a Kentucky Children's Hospital patient the chance to both accompany the Wildcats on the Cat Walk and attend a game at Kroger Field (2019)
- Volunteered with other engineering students at UK's 2020 "Engineers Day" to celebrate engineering and showcase the "Lift Them Up" cart
- Has volunteered at Kentucky Children's Hospital weekly since September of 2019 as part of the "Tuesdays with the Wildcats" program, created by former Wildcat C.J. Conrad
- When COVID19 hit in March of 2020, Fortner and teammate Max Duffy set up a program with the KCH called "In the Huddle with KCH" where for eight weeks, they taped a video of themselves from their homes answering questions from kids who submitted through the KCH Facebook Page. The video was posted to Facebook every Tuesday morning to replace what would have been their in-person visit
- In addition to "In the Huddle with KCH," Fortner and Duffy took it one step farther by volunteering each week to make Zoom calls with patients at KCH to offer words of encouragement
- Volunteer at Urban Impact at the Woodhill Community Center, an organization that strives to enable youth to grow, succeed and lead (2020)
- Volunteer reader at Athens-Chilesburg Elementary (2020)
- Volunteer for Read Across America at Fayette County public schools (2020)
- Volunteer for Habitat for Humanity (2016)

Luke Says

- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere
- One word to describe him on the field is "dependable"
- His sports hero is Joe Thomas because he's consistent and good at what he does
- If he had to be stranded on an island with a teammate he would choose Drake Jackson
- His passion in life is football



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LUKE
FULTON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-4 • 229 • Sophomore-Tr
Youngstown, Ohio (Michigan State/
Cardinal Mooney)

2021 - Sophomore

- Mid-year enrollee
- Has seen action in nine of 12 games this season on special teams

2020 - r-Freshman (Michigan State)

- Did not play in 2020

2019 - Freshman (Michigan State)

- Redshirt season
- Played in one game and was named Scout Team Special Teams Player of the Week vs. Rutgers

High School

- A four-star linebacker who came out of traditional powerhouse Cardinal Mooney High School in Youngstown, Ohio
- Ranked among the best players in Ohio by 247Sports (No. 9), Rivals.com (No. 15) and ESPN.com (No. 19)
- Listed as one of the top overall prospects in the nation by 247Sports (No. 280) and one of the top overall prospects in the Midwest (No. 51) by ESPN.com
- Three-year starter for head coach P.J. Fecko
- Cardinals' leading tackler as a junior and senior
- Totaled 98 tackles, 16.0 TFL and three sacks in 2018 as a senior
- Named to the 2018 Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association All-State Third Team in Division IV
- Two-time Ohio All-Northeast Inland District First-Team selection
- Named to the Butkus Award preseason watch list as one of the top 50 linebackers in the country
- Landed a spot on the WKBN Big 22 list
- Honorable mention all-state choice by OPSWA (Division IV) as a junior in 2017 after recording 135 tackles, including six sacks, and eight forced fumbles
- An all-around athlete who also participated in basketball, basketball and track at Mooney
- Excellent in the classroom as he was a member of the National Honor Society and ranked in the top 10 in his class with over a 4.00 GPA
- Named the WYTV "33 Student-Athlete of the Week" on Sept. 13, 2018
- Chose UK over Cincinnati, N.C. State and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Son of Tina and Jeff Fulton
- Has two younger brothers, Jack and Cole
- Dad, Jeff, played baseball at Pitt
- Majoring in pre-management

Luke Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports agent
- He chose Kentucky because of his strong relationships with the coaching staff
- In one sentence he describes Coach Stoops as "not only a great coach but a great man"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can play the piano
- The best advice he's ever received is "no one cares, work harder"



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JALEN GEIGER

SAFETY

6-1 • 200 • Sophomore-1L
Columbia, S.C. (Spring Valley)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in all 12 games with two start starts (Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Has totaled 16 tackles, a tackle for loss, a quarterback hurry and an interception for a touchdown
- In his first collegiate start at Vanderbilt, made his first collegiate interception and returned it 31 yards for a touchdown
- Got a career-high four tackles at Louisville
- Playing in front of his hometown fans at South Carolina, made two tackles, including one for loss ... TFL came on USC's final possession and helped forced a field goal

2020 - r-Freshman

- Saw in action in six games (Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina and NC State) and totaled three tackles
- Had a career-high two tackles at Alabama and also charted a tackle vs. NC State

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Charted his first pass breakup in the win at Vanderbilt and got a tackle vs. UT Martin
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- A three-star defensive back by 247Sports.com
- Considered the No. 9 overall recruit and No. 2 corner in the state of South Carolina by Rivals.com
- Competed in the 82nd Annual Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas and finished with four tackles
- Recorded 71 tackles, including 60 solo, eight PBUs, and three interceptions as a senior
- Named defensive back MVP
- Two-time All-State First Team selection
- Helped the Vikings finish 11-2 with a playoff berth as a junior in 2017
- Coached by Robin Bacon
- Transferred to Spring Valley after playing two seasons at Cardinal Newman
- Also a talented basketball player
- Chose UK over South Carolina, Virginia, and UNC

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Volunteered at the Catholic Action Center (2020)

Personal

- Last name is pronounced "GJ-ger"
- Born in Columbia, South Carolina

- Son of Tony and Ramona Geiger
- Siblings are Eriq and Ja'nia
- Brother, Eriq, played football at Bowling Green from 2009-12
- Major is health, society and populations

Jalen Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the great coaching staff and the family feel
- Most people don't know he lived in Korea from age 5 to 9
- The people he admires most are his parents because of their work ethic
- Three words to describe him are humble, quiet, and competitive
- His favorite thing about football is competing against the best in big games

GEIGER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
2019	3-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
2020	6-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	12-2	16	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	0
Totals	20-2	20	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	1

GEIGER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	INT	QBH	PBU
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	2	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-31	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	16	0-0	1.0-6	0/0	1-31	1	0

GEIGER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0

GEIGER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
vs. UT Martin	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1

GEIGER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (6 yards)
 Pass breakup: 1, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Interceptions: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (1-31)
 Pick Six: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov. 13, 2021 (31)



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ISAIAH GIBSON

DEFENSIVE END

6-3 • 319 • Sophomore-1L
Springfield, Ohio (Springfield)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in six games and has four tackles
- Had a tackle and his first tackle for loss in the season-opening win over ULM
- Also had a tackle vs. Georgia, Tennessee and Vandy

2020 - r-Freshman

- Totaled five tackles and a QBH in nine games
- Had a career-high two tackles at Missouri
- Charted his first career quarterback hurry vs. Mississippi State and first tackle vs. Tennessee

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Mid-year enrollee in January 2019

High School

- Consensus choice as one of the nation's top-50 defensive tackles and one of the top 33 players in Ohio by all the major recruiting services
- Rated as high as the No. 32 DT by 247sports.com and No. 17 in Ohio by ESPN.com
- As a senior, helped lead Springfield HS to a 9-3 record and second round of the state playoffs
- First-team All-Ohio in Division I (largest classification)
- Coached by Maurice Douglass
- Maurice was a defensive back at Kentucky in 1984-85 and went on to an 11-year NFL career with the Chicago Bears and New York Giants

Community Cats

- Volunteered to pack food at God's Pantry (2019 and 2020)

Personal

- Born in Springfield, Ohio
- Son of Amy Gibson and Fred Almon
- Has one brother, T'Shaun Bridgeforth
- Has a son, Isaiah James Gibson Jr.
- Major is community and leadership development with a communication minor

Isaiah Says

- His nickname is "Big Zae"
- After his football career, he would like to be in business or broadcasting



- His hidden talent is golf
- One word to describe him on the field is "different"
- Best advice he's ever received is "be great"

GIBSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2019	DT	1-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2020	DT	9-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
2021	DT	6-0	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
Totals		16-0	9	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	1	0

GIBSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0

GIBSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0

GIBSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 2, at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020
 Tackles for loss: 0.5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Quarterback hurry: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020



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CODY GOATLEY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 234 • Sophomore-SQ
 Mayfield, Ky. (Graves County)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Ranked as one of the top 35 prospects in Kentucky for the class of 2020 by 247Sports
- Four-year starter at Graves County High School
- Coached by Nick Kemp
- A four-time member of the All-Western Kentucky Conference Football First Team
- Earned AP first-team All-State honors as a senior linebacker after totaling a team-high 139 tackles, including 55 solo ... Also had 4.0 tackles for loss
- His 11.6 tackles per game ranked sixth in the state in 2019
- Owns Graves County's career tackles record with 386
- As a junior, led the team with 502 rushing yards and nine touchdowns as the starting running back
- Named a second-team All-State performer by the Courier-Journal
- Also participated in basketball as a freshman and sophomore and was on the track team as a junior and senior ... His 100-meter time of 11.62 in 2019 ranks fourth in school history
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating cum laude
- A four-year member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Farmers of America
- Chose Kentucky over Air Force and Southern Illinois

Personal

- Born in Mayfield, Kentucky
- Son of Jason and Christina Goatley
- Siblings are Cade and Carli
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Jason, and mother, Christina, both played basketball at Freed-Hardeman, and an uncle, Jody Goatley, played football at Purdue
- Major is agricultural economics

Cody Says

- His nickname is "Goat "
- He chose Kentucky because of the staff and the program is about developing players
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own a business that trains athletes in speed and strength & conditioning
- His sports hero is Luke Keuchly because he plays linebacker, is a fantastic leader, and has great knowledge for the game
- Besides playing football he's also good at duck hunting



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COLIN GOODFELLOW

PUNTER

6-2 • 233 • Senior-1L
 Cleveland, Ohio (Saint Ignatius)

2021 - *Senior

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Second-team CoSIDA Academic All-American
- First-team CoSIDA Academic All-District
- Ray Guy Award Watch List (nation's best punter)
- Ranks third in the SEC in punting with a 46.0 average in nine games
- Kicked three times for a 53.7-yard average at Mississippi State ... Second straight game he had a career-long 70 yarder, becoming the first player in school history to have two punts of at least 70 yards during his career
- Punted seven times for a 51.1-yard average at No. 1 Georgia, including the two longest of his career – a 63-yarder in the second quarter, followed by a 70-yarder in the third quarter
- Made his first appearance of the season vs. UTC and punted four times for a 50.5-yard average, including two that were inside the opponent 20-yard line
- Punted three times a 45.7-yard average, including two punts inside the 20-yard line vs. LSU ... LSU did not have any punt return yardage and the Tigers' average starting yard line following his punts was its own 15

2020 - Senior

- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Starting punter vs. Vanderbilt and Alabama and totaled 10 punts for 477 yards with a 47.7 yards per punt average
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt, punting three times for a 46.3-yard average, and there were no return yards
- Punted seven times for 48.3 yards per kick at Alabama ... Nailed a career-long 55-yarder and placed two inside the 20

2019 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)





High School

- Three-year letter winner and starter at punter for St. Ignatius in Cleveland
- Averaged 41.1 yards per punt as a senior, helping the Wildcats finish 13-2
- Kept nine punts inside the 20-yard line and allowed only three touchbacks
- Also handled kickoffs, sending 61-of-87 to the end zone
- Named to Cleveland.com's 2016 all-star football team
- Was a two-time first-team All-County and two-time All-State selection
- Coached by Chuck Kyle
- Also a two-year letter winner as a guard on the basketball team
- Member of the National Honor Society
- 1st Honors (2016 and 2015), 2nd Honors (2014 and 2013)
- Chose Kentucky over Penn State and Pittsburgh

Community Cats

- Volunteers with God's Pantry each Monday, picking up and delivering crates of food (2021)
- Volunteers each Friday to help younger nursing students work on their first aid skills (2021)
- Helped make blankets for Project Linus-Home, a non-profit organization which provides handmade blankets to children in need (2020)

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Kathy and Don
- Siblings are Alex, Christina, Eric, and Julianne
- Father, Don, played basketball at Case Western and sister, Christina, played soccer at Duquesne
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a nursing degree and is currently working on a second degree in kinesiology and health promotion

Colin Says

- His nickname is "Goody"
- He chose Kentucky because it would allow him to study nursing and play football
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a certified registered nurse anesthetist
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Phil Dawson
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's in nursing school

GOODFELLOW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	TBs	FC	Inside 20	Long	50+
2020	2	10	477	47.7	2	3	1	55	3
2021	9	31	1426	46.0	5	8	11	70	9
Totals	11	41	1903	46.4	7	11	12	70	12

GOODFELLOW'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. UTC*	4	202	50.5	59	2
at South Carolina*	3	122	40.7	42	1
vs. Florida*	6	255	42.5	47	3
vs. LSU*	3	137	45.7	48	2
at Georgia*	7	353	51.1	70	1
at Miss. State*	3	161	53.7	70	1
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	91	45.5	51	1
vs. NMST*	2	67	33.5	34	0
at Louisville*	1	33	33.0	33	0
Totals	31	1426	46.0	70	11

GOODFELLOW'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Punts	Yds.	Avg.	Long	Inside 20
vs. Vanderbilt*	3	139	46.3	51	1
at Alabama*	7	338	48.3	55	0
Totals	10	477	47.7	55	1

GOODFELLOW'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Punts: 7, twice, last at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Punt Yards: 353, at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
Single-game Avg: 53.7, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Long: 70, twice, last at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021



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AUSTIN GOUGH

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 208 • Freshman-HS
Owensboro, Ky. (Owensboro)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year starter and letter winner at linebacker for head coach Jay Fallin at Owensboro High School
- Totaled 112 tackles, including 41 solo and three tackles for loss in helping the Red Devils finish 12-1 and advance to their first KHSAA Class 5A State Championship since 2014
- Named first-team All-State by the Associated Press and was the *Owensboro Times* Defensive Player of the Year in 2020
- Selected second-team All-State as a junior, despite missing eight games due to injury
- Broke Owensboro's single-season tackles mark as a sophomore with 141 and the all-time tackles record with 413
- Also named first-team All-State by the AP in 2018, one of only two sophomores selected to the team
- Chose Kentucky over Southern Illinois, Austin Peay, and Southeast Missouri State

- An all-around athlete also lettering three years in baseball as a catcher and one season as a shot put and discus thrower on the track & field team
- Four-time Academic All-State member
- Elected class president as a freshman and sophomore

Personal

- Name is pronounced Austin "Goff"
- Born in Owensboro, Kentucky
- Son of Greg and Tin Gough
- Siblings are Hunter, Isaac, Mary Katherine, and Ethan
- Major is human health sciences

Austin Says

- His nickname is "A.G."
- He chose Kentucky because it's home and was the best fit to help him reach his goals
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in medical sales
- Most people don't know that he participated in ballet as a kid
- Besides football, he's also good at drawing



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DARREN GREEN

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 231 • Sophomore-SQ
Vine Grove, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Four-year starter at inside linebacker for head coach Brent Thompson at North Hardin High School
- First-team all-district and all-state linebacker who helped lead the Trojans to a 13-1 overall record in 2019 and take the region and district championship before advancing to the KHSAA Class 6-A state semifinals
- Also won the 2018 district championship
- Participated in weightlifting and in track at North Hardin
- Was the 2019 weightlifting state champion in the 220-weight class
- Honor roll student
- High school teammates with fellow Wildcats Isaiah Beasley and Octavious Oxendine
- Chose Kentucky over Murray State and Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Kaiserslautern, Germany
- Son of Marlene Rogers and David Green



- Siblings are Makayla Green, C.J. Rogers, and Christian Rogers
- Major is psychology

Darren Says

- His nickname is "D"
- He chose Kentucky because it was close to home with great fans and atmosphere, and he could get a great education
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a mental health therapist
- One word to describe him on the field is "quick"
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose boneless wings, burritos, and chicken Alfredo



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MAXWELL
HAIRSTON

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-1 • 165 • Freshman-HS
West Bloomfield, Mich. (West Bloomfield)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee In January 2021
- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated a three-star prospect by 247sports
- Ranked the No. 19 prospect in Michigan and No. 65 cornerback nationally by 247sports
- A two-way player at defensive back and wide receiver for head coach Ron Bellamy at West Bloomfield
- Voted team captain as a senior
- Totaled 23 tackles, 16 pass breakups, three interceptions and three forced fumbles on defense and 500 receiving yards and eight scores on offense in 2020
- Led the Lakers to the 2020 Division I state championship title
- Named first-team All-State by the Detroit Free Press and the Detroit News
- Named to the All-Oakland Athletic Association Team in 2020
- Helped West Bloomfield to a 10-2 record as a junior in 2019
- Current UK running back Tyler Markray also hails from West Bloomfield
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Arkansas, Minnesota, Purdue, Rutgers, Virginia Tech and others due to "the coaching staff and the relationship we built."
- Also lettered in track and basketball
- Honor roll student
- Member of the school's choir

Personal

- Born in West Bloomfield, Michigan
- Son of Robin and Marvin Hairston

- Has three older siblings Alexandria, Madison, and Marvin
- Cousin Jaylin Bannerman played football two seasons at UK; cousin, Taiwan Jones, played football at Michigan State and with the New York Jets; cousin Lyndsey Hairston played basketball at Michigan State and later in the NBA and overseas
- Major is undecided

Maxwell Says

- His nickname is "Mad Max"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a businessman or coach
- He chose Kentucky because he saw an opportunity he couldn't resist
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he can sing
- One word to describe him on the field is "greedy"



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DEMARCUS
HARRIS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 180 • Sophomore-1L
Vero Beach, Fla. (Vero Beach)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games and has one start (Vanderbilt)
- Has totaled 10 catches for 122 yards and a score this season
- Caught three passes for 37 yards, both season highs, in the win over New Mexico State ... the 37 yards were a career best
- Caught first collegiate touchdown at Mississippi State

2020 - r-Freshman

- Started in seven of 11 games played
- Fourth on the team in receptions with 14 catches for 87 yards, averaging 6.7 yards per catch
- Tied his career high with four catches and had a career-best 33 yards vs. Vanderbilt
- Earned his first career start vs. Mississippi State
- Caught a career-high four passes for 25 yards at AU

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Toledo, Eastern Michigan, and UT Martin)
- Totaled a tackle on special teams vs. Toledo
- Mid-year enrollee

High School

- Considered one of the nation's top 150 receivers
- A three-star recruit according to 247sports.com and ESPN.com
- Became Treasure Coast's career record holder with 2,864 receiving yards
- Only Treasure Coast player to register back-to-back 1,000-yard receiving seasons

- Had 1,582 receiving yards with 73 receptions and 16 touchdowns as a senior
- Had eight games with at least 100 receiving yards, including a season-high 238 receiving yards on five catches vs. Treasure Coast High School on Oct. 12
- Averaged 131.8 receiving yards per game for the Indians in 2018, helping them finish 11-1 with the loss coming in the 8-A regional final
- Recorded 43 catches for 1,001 yards and 11 scores in 2017 and led Vero Beach to the regional finals
- Earn first-team all-area and all-state honors
- 2017 Class 8A Player of the Year candidate
- An all-around athlete who also excelled in basketball and track and field
- Chose Kentucky over Syracuse, Purdue and UCF

Personal

- Born in Seaford, Delaware
- Son of Marc and Takeisha Harris
- Siblings are Kyra Isler, Kourtney Harris, and Pashence Harris
- Father, Marc, played minor league baseball for the Chicago White Sox from 1991-93; Served as DeMarcus' wide receivers coach in high school
- Major is communication

DeMarcus Says

- His nickname is "Dee"
- The thing he's looking forward to the most this season is getting better everyday
- After his football career, he would like to be a sports commentator
- One word to describe him on the field is "explosive"
- The best advice he's ever received is "be patient and work hard"

HARRIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	WR	3-0	0	0	0	0	0
2020	WR	11-7	14	87	6.2	0	12
2021	WR	12-1	10	122	8.7	1	17
Totals		26-8	24	209	8.7	1	17

HARRIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	4	0	4
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	1	10	0	10
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	31	0	16
at Miss. State	2	30	1	17
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	10	0	10
vs. NMST	3	37	0	16
at Louisville	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	122	1	17

HARRIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	4	25	0	12
vs. Ole Miss	1	5	0	5





HARRIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 4 columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD. Rows include Mississippi St., Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, Vanderbilt, Alabama, Florida, South Carolina, NC State, and Totals.

HARRIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 5 columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long. Rows include Toledo, Eastern Mich., UT Martin, and Totals.

HARRIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 4, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
Receiving yards: 37, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2020 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (2 receptions)
Long reception: 17, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles: 1, vs Toledo, Aug. 31, 2019



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COLLIN
HARTMANN
DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 264 • Senior-SQ
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)

2021 - Senior

- Saw his first action of the season vs. New Mexico State

2020 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and charted a quarterback hurry

2018 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Rated a three-star prospect by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
Two-year starter at defensive end for head coach Robby Lucas
Totalled 240 tackles and 25 sacks in two seasons for the Briar Jumpers
Named AP and Courier-Journal All-State honorable mention in 2017

- Earned Kentucky Defensive Player of the Game after totaling 10 tackles and three sacks in the 2017 Best of the Bluegrass All-Star game, which matches some of Kentucky's top high school players against each other
Also invited to play in the Kentucky/Tennessee All-Star game
Didn't start playing football until his junior year of high school
Chose Kentucky over Western Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Somerset, Kentucky
Son of Von and Jon Mick and Randy Hartmann
Siblings are Hadlee, Hudson, and Rachel
Major is management

Collin Says

- His dream job is to be the President of the United States
The person who has most influenced him in his life is his mother
Most people don't know he only played football two years in high school
Chris Hemsworth would play him in a movie about his life
Besides football, he's also good at making TikToks



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JOSAIH
HAYES
NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 305 • Sophomore-1L
Horn Lake, Miss. (Horn Lake)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in all 12 games with his first starting assignment against Vanderbilt
Has 12 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, 1.0 sack and a fumble recovery
Made his first collegiate sack at Mississippi State ... Also finished with a career-high four tackles
Charted a career-high two tackles in the win over ULM and also against No. 10/9 Florida

2020 - Freshman

- Played in five games vs. Mississippi State, Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia and South Carolina
Totalled two career tackles (vs. UT and UGA)
Notched his first career tackle vs. the Vols

High School

- Four-star prospect who was regarded as the No. 2 prospect in Mississippi and a top-15 defensive tackle nationally according to Rivals.com
Named to the 6A Coaches All-State First-Team Defense in 2019 after a second-team selection as a junior
Totalled 26 tackles during his senior year
Helped lead Horn Lake to its first MHSAA Class 6A state football title in 2018
Played in the 2019 Mississippi/Alabama All-Star Game

- Coached by Brad Boyette
Chose Kentucky over Auburn and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Cleveland, Mississippi
Son of Thomosa Roger and Wilson Hayes
Siblings are Nema Hendrix, Savanna Hawkins, and Isaiah Hayes
Major is undecided

Josaih Says

- His nickname is "Pooh"
He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him
His sports hero is Ray Lewis because of his energy
One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"
His dream job is to be a physical therapist

HAYES' CAREER STATISTICS

Table with 9 columns: Year, G-GS, Tackles, TFL-Yds., Sacks-Yds., PBU, FF, FR, QBH. Rows include 2020, 2021, and Totals.

HAYES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tkl., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include ULM, Missouri, UTC, South Carolina, Florida, LSU, Georgia, Miss. State, Tennessee, Vanderbilt, NMST, Louisville, and Totals.

HAYES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Table with 8 columns: Opponent, Tkl., TFL-Y, Sacks-Y, PBU, FF, FR, Int., QBH. Rows include Mississippi St., Tennessee, Missouri, Georgia, South Carolina, and Totals.

HAYES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct. 30, 2021
Fumble recovery: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021



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KENNETH
HORSEY

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-3 • 302 • Junior-2L
Sanford, Fla. (Sanford Seminole)**2021 - Junior**

- Has played in 24 career games with 20 starts
- One of 11 FBS players named to the Allstate AFCA Good Works Team for his volunteer work with the American Heart Association
- Received the Central Kentucky American Heart Association's Finn Collier Service Award for his volunteer work in helping spread heart health awareness
- Named to the SEC Community Service Team
- Wuerffel Trophy Watch List

2020 - Sophomore

- One of the three winners of the 2020 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award ... Honored after having open-heart surgery in 2018 and returning to start on the offensive line for UK
- Started in all eight games played in 2020
- Earned first career start at left guard in the season opener vs. Auburn
- Did not dress vs. Vanderbilt, Florida or South Carolina

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in four games at left guard (Eastern Michigan, Vanderbilt, UT Martin and Virginia Tech)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Rated a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 58 offensive guard in the nation
- Helped lead his team to a 9-3 record and district championship as a senior
- Coached by Don Stark
- Also a two-year letter winner in the shot put
- Excelled in the classroom as he touted a 3.6 GPA and scored 1220 on his SAT
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, South Florida and Central Florida

Community Cats

- Has become an advocate for heart health after having open heart surgery in 2018
- Participated in American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day (2020 and 2021)
- Participated in the 2021 Central Kentucky Heart Walk Digital Experience (2021)
- Coordinated and planned a hands-only CPR training for the UK Football team and staff (2021)
- Helped plan a Hands-Only CPR media availability on June 14 that promoted Hands-Only CPR awareness to the media for CPR Awareness Month (2021)

- Spoke at Central Kentucky Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Spoke at UK Healthcare Heart Walk kick-off event (2020)
- Dedicated his 2020 football season to Finn Collier, a seven-year-old who lost his life to heart disease
- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary and Cassidy Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Shari and Ken Horsey
- Siblings are Kenyse Horsey and Ora-Monet Hughes
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in communication

Kenneth Says

- He chose to play football at UK because he loved the school on his visit and wanted to play in the SEC
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a football coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he participated in martial arts for 14 years and had open-heart surgery in April of 2018
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #68wave



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ADRIAN
HUEY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 180 • Freshman-HS
Nashville, Tenn. (Hillsboro)**2021 - Freshman**

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star recruit by Rivals and 247sports
- Ranked the No. 23 player in Tennessee and the No. 72 cornerback nationally by the 247Sports Composite
- Named 2020 Preseason Second-Team All-Tennessee by MaxPreps.com
- In seven games in 2020, charted 17 total tackles, five pass breakups, and zero touchdowns allowed
- Did not allow a touchdown reception during the 2019 season
- Four-year letter winner and three-year starter at cornerback for head coach Maurice Fitzgerald
- Had offers from Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi State, South Carolina and Tennessee before selecting the Wildcats
- Also lettered in track one season as a sprinter

Personal

- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Antonio Huey and La'Keyda Wakefield
- Has one brother, Kodi Crawford
- Major is art studio

Adrian Says

- His nickname is "Huey"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a rapper known as "Lu Huey"
- His dream job is to be a YouTube star
- One word to describe him on the field is "aggressive"



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RICKEY
HYATT JR.

SAFETY

6-2 • 202 • Freshman-RS
Columbis, Ohio (Central)**2021 - r-Freshman**

- Played in his first collegiate game vs. UTC
- Got his first career tackle vs. New Mexico State

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of the nation's top 40 safeties by ESPN and Rivals.com
- Rated as high as the No. 18 prospect in the state of Ohio by 247sports
- Three-year starter for head coach Brent Morrison at Westerville Central
- As a running back and defensive back in 2019, he made 28 tackles with an interception; also showed his versatility by rushing for 736 yards on 117 carries and nine touchdowns, while also catching two TDs
- Earned first-team all-district, second-team All-OCC-Buckeye Division and third-team all-state honors by the Ohio Sportswriters Association as a senior
- Helped lead the Central Warhawks to a 7-4 record and the first-round of the state playoffs in 2018
- Totaled 94 tackles, three interceptions and caused four fumbles in his junior season
- A two-sport standout as he also excelled on the track team
- Placed third in the Division I state meet in the 300 hurdles (38.15), the indoor long jump (21-8), and the indoor 60 hurdles (8.07)
- Holds Central's outdoor records in the 300 hurdles (38.01) and long jump (23-8 1/4) and helped set the program record in the 1,600 relay (3:19.18) ... Also ranks second in the 110 hurdles (14.69) in program history
- Also holds the program's indoor records in the 60 hurdles (8.07) and long jump (21-11) and helped set the program record in the 800 relay (1:28.26)
- Named a scholar athlete three straight years
- Recruiting finalists included Ohio State, Michigan State, Cincinnati and North Carolina



Personal

- Born in Libertyville, Illinois
- Son of Rickey and Stacy Hyatt
- Siblings are Tre and Morghan
- Sister, Morghan, ran track at Duquesne, while an uncle, Rodney Hyatt, played point guard on the basketball team at NC Chapel Hill
- Major is sociology

Rickey Says

- His nickname is "Slick Rick"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's ambidextrous
- His dream job is to be a therapist
- One word to describe him on the field is "fast"
- The best advice he's ever received is "someone who worries about the past can't truly see what's waiting for them in the future"



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D'ERYK JACKSON

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 241 • Sophomore-1L
Dublin, Ga. (West Laurens)

2021 - Sophomore

- Suffered a torn achilles tendon in spring practice on April 10 ... Had surgery on April 13 and was expected to miss the entire season ... Instead, returned to full practice activity on Oct. 28 and saw his first action of the season at Vanderbilt on Nov. 13
- Charted three tackles and his first career quarterback hurry vs. New Mexico State
- In his third game back, totaled a team and career-high eight tackles in the win over Louisville

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2020
- Played in nine games and totaled four tackles and one interception for a five-yard return
- Did not see action at Alabama or at Florida
- Earned his first career tackle at Auburn
- Snagged his first career interception on the final play of the game vs. Mississippi State
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 47 inside linebacker in the country by 247Sports
- Three-time All-Region 2AAAA selection
- Led the team in tackles three straight seasons as a starter
- Tallied 129 total tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, nine sacks, four quarterback hurries and an interception as a senior, earning Region 2AAAA Defensive Player of the Year by the Atlanta Journal-Constitution
- Had 96 tackles, 14 TFL and four sacks as a junior

- West Laurens Defensive Player of the Year as a junior
- Two-time Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Junior All-Star Game participant
- Ranked 20th in the state of Georgia among all classifications in total tackles
- Helped lead the Raiders to the Region 2AAAA championship title
- Coached by Kagan McClain
- Also played power forward on the basketball team
- Chose Kentucky over Mississippi State, Ole Miss and Purdue

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)
- Visited sick children at Kentucky Children's Hospital (2020)

Personal

- First name pronounced "dee-ERIC"
- Born in Dublin, Georgia
- Son of Shamika and Eric Jackson
- Has one sister, Dezhune
- Major is undecided

D'Eryk Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Ray Lewis
- One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
- His favorite movie is *Friday*
- His sports hero is Ray Lewis

JACKSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	INT	PBU	QBH
2020	ILB	9-0	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-5	0	0
2021	ILB	3-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals		12-0	15	0-0	0-0	0/0	1-5	0	1

JACKSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

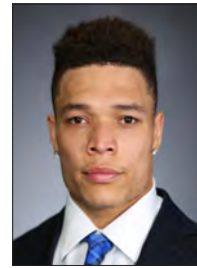
Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Louisville	8	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	11	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	1

JACKSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL	FF/FR	PBU	Int-Yds	QBH
at Auburn	1	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1-5	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama				DNP			
at Florida				DNP			
vs. USC	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NC Stae	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	1-5	0

JACKSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Interceptions: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020
 Quarterback hurry: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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ZACH JOHNSON

SAFETY / KICK RETURNER

5-10 • 195 • Senior-4L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Colerain)

2021 - * Senior

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Kentucky's primary kickoff returner
- Has played in 56 career games
- Has 14 kick returns for 259 yards (18.5) in 12 games this season

2020 - Senior

- Burlsworth Trophy nominee, an award given to the most outstanding football player in America who began his career as a walk-on and has shown outstanding performance on the field
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Played in 10 games
- Missed his first game since 2017 when he didn't dress vs. South Carolina due to COVID protocol
- Totaled 11 returns for 228 yards, averaging 20.7 yards per return, also had a tackle

2019 - Junior

- Saw action in all 13 games mostly as a kick returner
- Had six kickoff returns for 164 yards (27.3)
- Had a 58-yard return, the longest of his career, at Georgia ... Also had four tackles
- Got his first career PBU vs. Vanderbilt
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Sophomore

- Had eight tackles in 13 games on special teams, most of them highlight-reel worthy
- Earned a full scholarship in the 2018 fall camp
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)

2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in eight games on special teams
- Had two kick returns for 35 yards

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A two-year starter and three-year letter winner at Colerain for head coach Tom Bolden
- Helped the Cardinals compile a 44-8 overall record and four conference championships in his four seasons, including a 12-2 record as a senior
- Averaged 8.0 yards per carry





- Named first-team All-Conference as a senior
- Honor-roll student
- Chose UK over Georgetown Univ., Navy and Army

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Athens-Chilesburg Elementary and Rosa Parks Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Aubrey Johnson and the late Cindy Johnson
- Siblings are Brittany, Kirt, and Madison
- Got married in March of 2021 to long-time girlfriend, Sydney Fannin
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in health promotion ... Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a master's degree in sport leadership

Zach Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's been his favorite school since he was young
- After football he would like to pursue a career working in a hospital
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Reggie Bush
- His sports hero is Marshawn Lynch because of his work ethic
- Best advice he's ever received is "remain humble and work for everything you get"

JOHNSON'S KOR CAREER STATISTICS

Year	KOR	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2017	2	35	17.5	0	20
2019	6	164	27.3	0	58
2020	11	228	20.7	0	33
2021	14	259	18.5	0	27
Totals	33	686	20.8	0	58

JOHNSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Long
vs. ULM	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	16	0	16
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	63	0	23
at USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	25	0	25
vs. LSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	23	0	23
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	50	0	18
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	28	0	23
vs. NMST	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	42	0	27
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	12
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	259	0	25

JOHNSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	72	0	28
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	62	0	33
at Alabama	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	81	0	31
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13
vs. USC	DNP									
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	228	0	33

JOHNSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Long
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	48	0	26
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	58	0	58
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	19	0	19
vs. Va. Tech	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	39	0	21
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	164	0	58

JOHNSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD	Tkls
vs. Central Mich.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Murray State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
at TAMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8

JOHNSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Rec.	Yds.	TD	KR	Yds	TD
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	15	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20	0
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	35	0

JOHNSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Kickoff returns: 3, 3x, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
Kickoff return yards: 72, at Auburn, Sept 26, 2020
Long kickoff return: 58, at Georgia, Oct 19, 2019
Tackles: 2, vs Central Michigan, Sept 1, 2018
Pass breakups: 1, vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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JACQUEZ JONES

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 235 • Senior-Tr
Tuscaloosa, Ala. (Ole Miss/Hillcrest)

2021 - Senior

- Transferred to Kentucky after playing in 33 career games with 19 starts at Ole Miss
- Totaled 182 tackles in three seasons with the Rebels
- Now has 45 career games played with 31 starting assignments and a total of 268 career tackles
- In 12 starts at Kentucky, leads the team in tackles with 86 ... Also has four pass breakups (third on the team), 3.5 tackles for loss, three quarterback hurries, an interception, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery
- Ranks 17th in the SEC in total tackles per game (7.17)
- Had a career-high 18 tackles at Mississippi State
- Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week and Walter Camp Foundation National Defensive Player of the Week with his defensive efforts in the win over Florida ... Had a season-high tying nine tackles, including one for loss, a quarterback hurry and a game-saving pass breakup ... His fourth-down pass breakup in the end zone with 18 seconds left preserved the victory ... Had two shared tackles for loss, one on a three-yard loss that helped force a punt and also on a one-yard loss leading up to UK's decisive game-changing blocked punt
- Had nine tackles against UTC and also broke up a pass that saved a likely Mocs TD
- Got his first collegiate INT – and UK's first takeaway of the year – vs. Missouri with an acrobatic leaping grab on the first possession of the third quarter, setting up a UK touchdown ... He added seven tackles and a career-high two pass breakups

2020 - Junior (Ole Miss)

- Three-year letter winner at Ole Miss
- Started in nine of the Rebels' 10 games, leading the team with 75 total tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and three quarterback hurries
- Recorded a career-high 13 tackles in the win over Indiana in the Outback Bowl

2019 - Sophomore (Ole Miss)

- Saw action in all 12 games with nine starts at inside linebacker, finishing second on the team with 71 tackles, including 7.5 tackles for loss and two forced fumbles

2018 - Freshman (Ole Miss)

- Appeared in every game as a true freshman
- Earned one starting spot vs. Southern Illinois
- Named to the SEC All-Freshman team after charting 36 tackles with 2.5 tackles for loss in his debut season





- Named to the Athletic Director's Honor Roll in the fall of 2018 for his work in the classroom

High School

- Four-star prospect by ESPN and a three-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Ranked the No. 15 player in the state of Alabama by ESPN and No. 22 by Rivals
- Rated as the No. 10 inside linebacker nationally according to ESPN.

Personal

- Born in Decatur, Alabama
- Son of Kendrick and Lakeshia Jones
- Siblings are Chris and Shea
- Majoring in sociology with a minor in criminology

Jacquez Says

- Nickname is "Quez"
- He chose Kentucky so he could take his game to the next level
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's terrified of snakes
- After football he would like to own a training facility
- One word to describe him on the field is "hunter"

JA. JONES' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	Sacks-Yds.	TFL-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
2018*	12-1	36	0.5-2	2.5-6	1/0	2	0	0
2019*	12-9	71	2.0-16	7.5-35	2/0	2	1	0
2020*	9-9	75	0-0	2.5-2	0/0	3	0	0
2021	12-12	86	0-0	3.5-9	1/1	3	4	1 (0)
at UK	12-12	86	0-0	3.5-9	1/1	3	4	1 (0)
Totals	44-31	268	2.5-18	16.0-52	4/1	10	5	1 (0)

*at Ole Miss

JA. JONES' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (UK)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	Int.
vs. ULM*	4	0-0	0.0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	2	1 (0)
vs. UTC*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	1	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Florida*	9	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	1	1	0
vs. LSU*	9	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	18	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	5	0-0	0.5-3	0/1	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	8	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	3	0-0	1.0-2	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	86	0-0	3.5-9	1/1	3	4	1 (0)

JA. JONES' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Florida*	8	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0
at Kentucky*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Alabama			DNP			
at Arkansas*	9	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	1	0
vs. Auburn*	10	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	4	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0

vs. Mississippi St.*	7	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
at LSU*	11	0-0	0-0	0-0	2	0
vs. Indiana*	13	0-0	0-0	0-0	0	0
Totals	75	0-0	2.5-2	0/0	3	0

JA. JONES' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
at Memphis	1	0-0	1.5-8	0/0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	9	0.5-4	1.5-3	0/0	0	0
vs. SLU*	6	0-0	0-0	2/0	0	0
vs. Cal*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	9	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	1
at Missouri*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Texas A&M	6	0-0	0.5-3	0/0	0	0
at Auburn*	6	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0
vs. New Mexico St.*	7	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	1	0
vs. LSU*	8	0.5-4	0.5-4	0/0	1	0
at Mississippi St.*	9	1.0-8	1.0-8	0/0	0	0
Totals	71	2.0-16	7.5-35	2/0	2	1

JONES' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (OLE MISS)

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
vs. Texas Tech	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Southern Ill.*	4	0.5-2	0.5-2	1/0	1	1
vs. Alabama	9	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0
vs. Kent State	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. ULM	2	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Auburn	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Texas A&M	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.	5	0-0	0.5-0	0/0	0	0
Totals	36	0.5-2	2.5-6	1/0	2	0

JA. JONES' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 18, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, vs Mississippi State, Nov 28, 2019
Forced fumbles: 2, vs SLU, Sept 14, 2019
Fumble recoveries: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Quarterback hurries: 2, at LSU, Dec 19, 2020
Pass breakups: 2, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Interceptions: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021 (0 yards)



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JOSH JONES

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 305 • Freshman-RS
Columbus, Ga. (Central-Phenix City, Ala.)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-star prospect by all three major recruiting services
- Rated the No. 32 overall prospect in the state of Alabama for the Class of 2020
- Four-year starter who helped Central advance to the Alabama 7A state championship game in 2019 and finish with a 12-2 record
- Named to the 33rd annual Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Football Game roster
- Two-time first-team Class 7A All-State selection
- Led the Red Devils to a state title in 2018 after defeating Thompson in the Super Seven Championship game, finishing 14-0
- Coached by Jamey DuBose
- Had 14 Division I offers before choosing UK over LSU

Personal

- Born in Columbus, Georgia
- Son of Quinnita and Deforest Jones
- Has one brother, Joseph Jones
- Major is undecided

Josh Says

- Nickname is "Bugg"
- He chose Kentucky because of the coaching staff and it's a great place
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's quiet
- His sports hero is LeBron James
- Besides being good at football, he's also a good basketball player



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**DARIAN
KINNARD**

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 338 • Senior-3L
Knoxville, Tenn. (St. Ignatius - Ohio)

2021 - Senior

- Consensus First-Team All-American, first offensive lineman to hold that distinction since Sam Ball in 1965 ... UK's 12th Consensus All-American
- First-Team All-America (AFCA, AP, FWAA, Walter Camp, CBS Sports, Phil Steele, Reese's Senior Bowl)
- Second-Team All-American (The Sporting News, PFF, The Athletic, USA Today Sports)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, PFF, Coaches, Phil Steele, USA Today Network)
- 2021 Jacobs Blocking Trophy
- 2021 Rotary Lombardi Award semifinalist
- Outland Trophy semifinalist
- Has played in 45 career games with 38 consecutive starts at right tackle
- Led the "Big Blue Wall" with 30 knockdown blocks
- Pro Football Focus evaluated him as one of only three Power Five tackles to grade at 85 or better as both a run and pass blocker
- Named SEC Co-Offensive Lineman of the Week after UK's win over Vanderbilt
- Midseason Second-Team All-American (Athletic)
- Midseason All-American (Sporting News, CBS Sports)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Big Board
- Preseason First-Team All-American (Athlon, ESPN, Walter Camp, PFF, USA Today)
- Preseason Second-Team All-American (AP, Phil Steele)
- Preseason First-Team Offense All-SEC (Coaches, Media, Athlon, Phil Steele, Walter Camp)

2020 - Junior

- Started in all 11 games at right tackle
- Second-Team All-American (Sporting News, CBS/247sports)
- Third-Team All-American (AP)
- Fourth-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- First-Team All-SEC (AP, Phil Steele, PFF)
- Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches)
- Graded at 87.4 percent with 47 knockdowns and 142 blocks at the point of attack
- Outland Trophy Watch List
- Preseason Second-Team Offense All-American (Athlon Sports)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-American (Phil Steele)
- Preseason First-Team All-SEC (Athlon Sports, Coaches, Phil Steele, Pick Six Previews)

2019 - Sophomore

- Started in all 13 games at right tackle
- Second-team offensive tackle (Pro Football Focus)
- Had 32 knockdowns during the season
- Had only one penalty in 706 snaps

- Helped set single-season school records with 3,624 rushing yards, 36 rushing touchdowns, and 6.3 yards per carry
- Against UT Martin, graded at 93 percent in helping lead Kentucky to two single-game school records -- 462 rushing yards and 10.3 yards per rushing attempt ... Had 13 blocks at the point of attack, including four plays that were touchdown runs ... Did not allow any quarterback sacks and did not have any penalties or missed assignments

2018 - Freshman

- Played in nine games, starting two of the last three at left tackle
- Helped lead a Kentucky offensive line that blocked for numerous season highs vs. Louisville
- UK set season highs with 56 points, 601 yards total offense, 29 first downs and 340 rushing yards at Louisville ... Graded at 84 percent ... Had no penalties or missed assignments and did not allow any quarterback sacks ... Credited with 16 blocks at the point of attack, including three long touchdown runs -- Benny Snell's 24-yard TD, A.J. Rose's 75-yard untouched TD dash, and Kavosiey Smoke's 37-yard TD

High School

- Rated the 101st best player in the country and No. 16 offensive tackle as a four-star recruit by 247Sports
- Rated a four-star by ESPN and a three-star by Rivals
- Rivals rated him the No. 21 recruit in prospect-laden Ohio
- 247Sports rated him one of the Top 20 offensive tackles in the country
- Played at the powerhouse St. Ignatius program in Cleveland, which has won 11 state championships and three national championships under the direction of legendary coach Chuck Kyle
- Selected to play in the U.S. Army All-American game
- All-State honoree in Ohio
- Was the first offensive lineman to join Kentucky's 2018 recruiting class
- Chose Kentucky over Penn State, UCLA and UT

Personal

- Born in Youngstown, Ohio
- Son of Mandy Headrick
- Major is kinesiology

Community Cats

- Frequent visitor at Lexington VA Hospital (2019)

Darian Says

- His nickname is "D.K."
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is the love and family bonds he has with the Big Blue Nation and his teammates
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to train athletes
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would eat steak, chicken alfredo and kettle corn
- Most people don't know that he is related to Dolly Parton



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**WILL
LEVIS**

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 232 • Junior-Tr
Madison, Conn. (Penn State/Xavier HS)

2021 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Elected one of eight team captains
- Davey O'Brien QB Class of 2021
- Two-time Manning Award Quarterback of the Week (ULM, Louisville)
- Started in all 12 regular-season games this season and helped lead UK to nine wins for the first time since 2018, the 10th time in school history and just the third time in the last 44 seasons (1904, 1907, 1909, 1949, 1950, 1976, 1977, 1984, 2018 and 2021) ... Also marks the first time since 1949-52 that UK has had at least eight total victories (including bowls) three times in a four-year span
- Has totaled 92 rushes for 511 yards and a team-high nine rushing touchdowns
- Has completed 216 of 325 passes for 2,593 yards (66.5) and 23 scores ... 23 touchdown passes are the most since Mike Hartline in 2010
- Ranks seventh in passing yards per game (216.08) and total offense (248.33) and sixth in total passing yards (2,593)
- Had two games this season (LSU and Tennessee) with three passing touchdowns and two rushing TDs in the same game, the only Wildcat ever to do so
- First UK quarterback with at least 30 completions against two SEC opponents (Georgia and Tennessee) in the same season since Mike Hartline in 2010
- Received The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week, the Howard Schnellenberger Award as the Most Valuable Player of the Governor's Cup game vs. Louisville and was named College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention for the second time this season after completing 14 of 18 passes for 149 yards with no touchdowns or interceptions, rushing 14 times for a career-high 113 yards and a career-best four touchdowns ... The four rushing touchdowns tied the school record that has now been set by 12 players a total of 14 times and also tied the Governor's Cup record set by Lynn Bowden Jr. in 2019
- Completed 21 of 31 passes for a career-high 419 yards and a career-high-tying four touchdowns in the win over New Mexico State ... Added 11 net rushing yards and his 430 yards total offense is a career high ... 419 passing yards is the 12th-highest single-game total in school history ... Became the first 400-yard passer since Andre' Woodson threw for 430 vs. Tennessee in 2007 ... 79-yard pass to Wan'Dale Robinson marked the longest of his career and longest for UK since an 83-yard pass from Patrick Towles to Javess Blue vs. ULM in 2014.



- First UK quarterback with three 350-yard passing games in one season since Patrick Towles in 2014
- Among Kentucky QBs with at least 20 completions in a game, his 19.95 yards per completion is the highest single-game mark in school history
- Accounted for 419 yards total offense and five touchdowns vs. Tennessee ... Rushed 15 times for a net 47 yards and two TDs ... Completed 31 of 49 passes for a career-high 372 yards and three touchdowns ... Marked the most passing yards for a Wildcat since Patrick Towles threw for 390 yards vs. Mississippi State in 2014 ... Most yards total offense since Towles had 466 (390 passing, 76 rushing) vs. Mississippi State in 2014 ... First Wildcat to have at least 15 passing touchdowns and five rushing TDs in one season since Jared Lorenzen in 2003
- Completed 32 of 42 passes for 192 yards and two touchdowns at No. 1 Georgia ... His 32 completions are the most for a UK quarterback against a No. 1-ranked opponent since Tim Couch (35) vs. Tennessee in 1998 ... His 32 completions are the most for a UK quarterback in an SEC road game since Jared Lorenzen (32) at Georgia in 2001
- With starting lineups available since 1993, became the first quarterback since that time to win his first six starts
- Named the FBS National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Football Foundation, named to the Davey O'Brien Award's Great 8 list and earned College Football Performance Awards National Performer of the Week honorable mention after accounting for Kentucky's first five touchdowns in the Wildcats' 42-21 win over LSU ... Completed 14 of 17 passes (82.4 percent) for 145 yards and three TDs ... Rushed 11 times for a net 75 yards and two TDs ... Had a 33-yard run that helped set up his own QB sneak for a score ... Led UK to 42 points, most ever for the Wildcats against LSU in a regulation-length game
- Completed 18 of 26 passes for 367 yards and four touchdowns in the season opener vs. ULM, notching career highs for completions, yards and TDs, in his first career start at Kentucky ... Marked the most passing yards for a Kentucky player in his first game as a Wildcat and the most passing yards for a UK quarterback since Patrick Towles threw for 390 in 2014 vs. Mississippi State ... UK's first 300-yard passer in a season opener since Drew Barker, 323 vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016 ... Most passing TDs since Drew Barker threw four vs. Southern Mississippi in 2016 ... Named The Manning Award Quarterback of the Week
- Graduate transfer who played three seasons at Penn State
- His 473 career rushing yards rank 10th all-time by a Penn State quarterback
- Two-time Academic All-Big Ten selection
- After this season, will have two more years of eligibility remaining

2020 - Sophomore (Penn State)

- Played in eight games with one starting assignment
- Completed 33-of-55 passes for 421 yards and a score
- On the ground, had 82 rushes for 260 yards and three touchdowns
- Completed 14-of-31 passes for a career-high 219 yards, including a 74-yard completion in his first starting assignment of the season vs. Iowa

- At Michigan, rushed for 25 yards on six carries and had a two-yard rushing TD, helping the Nittany Lions win 27-17 in "The Big House"

2019 - r-Freshman (Penn State)

- Appeared in seven games with one start
- Completed 28-of-47 passes for 223 yards with two touchdowns and two interceptions
- Totaled 213 rushing yards on 51 carries with three scores
- Earned the team's High Academic Average (cumulative GPA), along with teammate Black Gillikin

2018 - Freshman (Penn State)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-year letter winner for head coach Andy Guyon at Xavier High School in his hometown of Madison, Connecticut
- As a senior captain, earned second-team Walter Camp All-Connecticut honors
- Selected to the Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) Top 25 list, after breaking Xavier's records for passing yards (2,793), passing touchdowns (27) and completions in a season
- Named the Hartford Courant's Offensive POY
- All-Courant first-team selection
- Earned All-Southern Connecticut Conference (SCC) Tier 1 accolades
- SPARQ MVP for The Opening Elite 11 event in New Jersey in 2017
- Registered 1,972 passing yards with 19 passing touchdowns and six rushing touchdowns as a junior
- Carried a 4.0 grade-point average during his prep career, winning the Brother Celestine Academic Award
- Also chosen as an All-SCC Tier 1 academic athlete in 2017
- Member of the National Honor Society and was a Ryken Scholar
- Three-star recruit by all three major recruiting outlets - 247Sports, ESPN and Rivals
- Ranked as the No. 2 player in Connecticut and No. 24 pro-style quarterback by 247Sports, was the No. 35 pro-style quarterback, No. 2 recruit in Connecticut and No. 61 prospect in the region by ESPN and the No. 30 pro-style quarterback and No. 2 player in Connecticut by Rivals
- Also lettered in baseball at Xavier

Personal

- Born in Newton, Massachusetts
- Son of Michael and Beth Levis
- Siblings are Kelley, Jillian and Claire
- Comes from a family of athletes as his great-grandfather, Alva Kelley, was an All-America football player at Cornell University and won a National Championship in 1939 ... Went on to be the head football coach at Colgate University, Hobart College and Brown University ... Father, Mike, was a tight end at Denison University ... Mother, Beth Kelley Levis, was two-time All-America soccer player at Yale and has been inducted into the Connecticut Girls' Soccer Association Hall of Fame... Uncle, David Kelley, also was an Academic All-America football player at Yale

- Graduated in May of 2021 from Penn State's Smeal College of Business in three years with a degree in finance ... Currently working on a master's degree in finance from UK's Gatton School of Business and Economics

Will Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt very connected to the coaches and their collective vision for the program, and for a chance to compete for a conference and national championship
- After football, his dream job is to be stay-at-home dad with a wife who earns six figures
- He calms butterflies before a game by going through visualization and breathing exercises as well as listening to pre-2012 Justin Bieber
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he is a very good singer, but he only sings in the shower (there are prime acoustics in the shower)
- The best advice he's ever received was from his late grandfather who would end almost every conversation with "never give up"

LEVIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rush	Yds	TD	Lg	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yds	TD	Lg
2019*	7-0	51	213	3	49	28	47	2	59.6	223	2	44
2020*	8-1	82	260	3	14	33	55	0	60.0	421	1	74
2021	12-12	92	387	9	33	216	325	12	66.5	2593	23	79
UK	12-12	92	387	9	33	216	325	12	66.5	2593	23	79
Totals	27-13	225	860	15	49	277	427	14	64.9	3237	26	79

*at Penn State

LEVIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	18-26-1	367	4	62	4	-6	0	8
vs. Missouri*	10-18-1	179	1	49	11	25	1	10
vs. UTC*	23-35-2	254	2	39	3	18	0	21
at USC*	15-22-1	102	0	17	5	30	0	9
vs. Florida*	7-17-1	87	1	41	6	21	0	12
vs. LSU*	14-17-0	145	3	34	11	75	2	33
at Georgia*	32-42-0	192	2	16	10	12	0	7
at Miss. State*	17-28-3	150	1	21	3	9	0	5
vs. Tennessee*	31-49-1	372	3	31	15	47	2	16
at Vanderbilt*	14-22-1	177	2	39	6	32	0	17
vs. NMST*	21-31-1	419	4	79	4	11	0	16
at Louisville*	14-18-0	149	0	27	14	113	4	29
Totals	216-325-12	2593	23	79	92	387	9	33

*started game

LEVIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
at Indiana	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	-2	0	0
vs. Ohio State	0-0-0	0	0	0	1	3	0	3
at Nebraska	14-31-0	219	0	74	18	61	0	14
vs. Iowa*	13-16-0	106	0	22	15	34	0	11
at Michigan	0-0-0	0	0	0	6	25	1	6
vs. Rutgers	0-0-0	0	0	0	17	65	0	14
vs. Michigan St.	3-3-0	54	0	36	15	36	1	9
vs. Illinois	3-5-0	42	1	23	9	38	1	13





LEVIS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Totals	33-55-0	421	1	74	82	260	3	14
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LEVIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (PSU)

Opponent	Comp.-Att.-Int.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rush	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Idaho	11-14-0	62	1	11	5	21	0	12
vs. Buffalo	0-0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Maryland	3-8-0	23	0	15	6	38	2	8
vs. Purdue	0-0-0	0	0	0	2	7	0	7
vs. Indiana	0-0-0	0	0	0	3	5	0	3
at Ohio State	6-11-1	57	0	22	18	34	1	10
vs. Rutgers	8-14-1	81	1	44	17	108	0	49
Totals	28-47-2	223	2	44	51	213	6	49

LEVIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Pass attempts: 49, twice, last vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Pass completions: 31, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Pass yards: 372, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
 Pass TDs: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Long pass: 74, vs Nebraska, Nov 14, 2020
 Total offense plays: 64, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (15 rush, 49 pass)
 Total offense yards: 419, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (47 rush, 372 pass)
 Rush attempts: 18, vs Ohio State, Nov 23, 2019
 Rush yards: 113, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (14 carries)
 Long rush: 49, vs Rutgers, Nov. 30, 2019
 Rushing TDs: 4, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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LUKE
LEEPER

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 195 • Sophomore-SQ
 Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy of Louisville)

2021 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Four-year letter winner and two-year starter at the Christian Academy of Louisville
- Helped the Centurions finish 7-5 and a spot in the Class 3A District Four final as a senior, the school's first season in Class 3A
- Caught a team-high 63 passes for 747 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior
- Earned first-team All-District as a WR and KR
- Key contributor on the 2016 and 2018 Class 2A state championship teams
- Coached by Stefan Lefors and Hunter Cantwell
- Also on the basketball team
- Kentucky was his first choice of schools

Personal

- Born in Paducah, Kentucky

- Son of John and Melissa Leeper
- Has one brother, Alex
- Major is kinesiology

Luke Says

- His nickname is "Leep"
- He chose Kentucky because it's his dream school
- After football, his dream job is to be a physical therapist
- Three words to describe him are active, patient, and hard working
- His sports hero is Adam Thielen because he went from undrafted to WR1



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CHRIS
LEWIS

WIDE RECEIVER

6-4 • 190 • Freshman-HS
 Pleasant Grove, Ala. (Pleasant Grove)

2021 - Freshman

- Has seen action in three games (ULM, New Mexico State and Louisville)
- Redshirt season

High School

- A four-star recruit by 247sports and rated as one of Alabama's top 10 players
- Finished his senior season with 70 receptions for 1,235 yards and 19 touchdowns in helping Pleasant Grove finish 12-3 overall
- Averaged 17.6 yards per catch
- Helped lead the Spartans to back-to-back Class 5A state title games (2019 and 2020)
- Led the Spartans with six catches for 111 yards and two scores in the state title game in 2020
- Earned first-team Birmingham All-Region by AL.com
- Named a 2020 Sports Illustrated First-Team All-American
- Earned honorable mention All-State honors by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
- Caught four passes for 57 yards and two scores in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Classic in 2020
- Named Birmingham Area Athlete of the Week after finishing with six catches for 84 yards and two scores in the Spartans' win over Ramsay to advance to the AHSAA 5A state championship game
- Totaled 75 catches for 1,398 yards and 20 touchdowns as a junior
- Two-year starter for head coach Darrell LeBeaux
- Also played basketball at Pleasant Grove, averaging 15 points, 11 rebounds, three blocks and three assists per game as a small forward in 2020-21
- Earned second-team All-State in basketball and was named the 2021 Birmingham Athlete of the Year by AL.com
- Inducted into the PGHS Hall of Fame which is an award voted on by teachers

- Had more than 47 offers but ultimately chose Kentucky over Texas A&M, Ole Miss and Notre Dame

Personal

- Born in Pleasant Grove, Alabama
- Son of Camilla and Detrick Lewis
- Siblings are Erica Johnson and Detrick Lewis II
- Major is kinesiology

Chris Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt at home and wanted to help change the offense
- After football, his dream job is to be an NFL coach
- Three words to describe him are outgoing, funny, and determined
- The best part of being a Kentucky Wildcat is that he gets to play in the best conference (SEC), for the best head coach in Mark Stoops



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RAHSAAN
LEWIS

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 184 • Junior-SQ
 Orlando, Fla. (FAU/Central Fla./Windermere Prep)

2021 - Junior

- Has seen action in five of 12 games, missing action due to a knee injury
- Has two catches for four yards
- Got his first collegiate reception vs. ULM

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2019 - r-Freshman (at FAU)

- Saw action in four games
- Added to the team's 41-31 Ball State victory
- Had an eight-yard kick return in the Wagner victory
- Contributed in FAU's 45-27 C-USA win over Charlotte
- Saw action in the Owls' Middle Tennessee win
- Redshirt season

2018 - Freshman (at UCF)

- Appeared in seven games as a defensive back and totaled four tackles
- Made his collegiate debut vs. SMU on Oct. 6
- Recorded his first collegiate tackle vs. Temple on Nov. 1

High School

- Helped guide Windermere Prep to the Sunshine State Championship Game as a senior in 2017, his lone season of football
- Rushed for 359 yards and six touchdowns, while recording 306 yards receiving and three scores
- Posted 154 kick return yards and 156 punt return yards with one touchdown as a senior





- Made 83 tackles with three sacks, one interception and two fumble recoveries, including a fumble recovery for a touchdown as a senior
- Took the Lakers to the state semifinals
- Two-sport athlete (football and basketball)
- Played two seasons of basketball

Personal

- Born in Orlando, Florida
- Son of Tatyana McCall and Ray Lewis
- Siblings are Diaymon, Ray, Rayshad, Rayven, and Ralin
- Father, Ray, played 17 seasons in the NFL and was a 13-time Pro Bowler, 10-time All-Pro, two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year, a member of the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team, two-time Super Bowl champion and Super Bowl XXXV MVP, as well as a two-time All-American at the University of Miami
- Major is community and leadership development

Rahsaan Says

- His nickname is "Fat"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a great opportunity
- Three words to describe him are funny, purpose-driven, and real
- His sports heroes are his dad and Kobe Bryant because of their mentality and love of the game
- The three famous people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Kobe Bryant, Bob Marley, and Steve Jobs

LEWIS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
*2018	DB	7-0	4	0	0	0	0	0
#2019	WR	4-0	-	0	0	0	0	0
2020	WR	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2021	WR	5-0	0	2	4	2.0	0	4
Totals		16-0	4	2	4	2.0	0	4

*at UCF

at FAU

LEWIS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR/Yds	TD	Long
vs ULM	1	4	0	0	0/0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
vs. NMST	0	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0	0	0	0/0	0	0
Totals	2	4	0	0	0/0	0	0

LEWIS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (FAU)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR/Yds	TD	Long
at Ball State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0
vs. Wagner	0	0-0	0-0	0	1/8	0	8
at Charlotte	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0
vs. Middle Tenn.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	1/8	0	0

LEWIS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME (UCF)

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. SMU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Temple	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Navy	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Cincinnati	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USF	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Memphis	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

LEWIS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Receiving yards: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Long reception: 4, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Tackles: 3, vs Memphis, Dec 1, 2018
 Kick returns: 1, vs Wagner, Sept 21, 2019
 Kick return yards: 8, vs Wagner, Sept 21, 2019



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CONNER LONG

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-3 • 210 • Freshman-HS
East Lansing, Mich. (East Lansing)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- A dual-sport standout (football and track & field) at East Lansing High School
- Two-year starter at outside linebacker for head coach Bill Feraco
- Helped the Trojans win three straight Capital Area Activities Blue Conference championship titles
- Led the conference with 65 tackles, 15 sacks and three fumble recoveries in nine games as the Trojans finished 8-1 in a COVID-shortened 2020 season
- Earned first-team All-Conference, All-Region and All-State as a senior
- Selected to play in the 2020 Xenith Senior All-Star Game and the 2021 Offense-Defense All-American Bowl
- Also an all-state performer in track in the 200-meter and 400-meter dash
- Choose to play football at UK over scholarship offers to run track
- Member of the National Society of High School Scholars and the Black Student Union
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Lansing, Michigan
- Son of Octavis and Lynette Long
- Has one sister, Nia
- Father, Octavis, was a wide receiver at Michigan State from 1995-97, while his mother, Lynette ran track for the Spartans

- Major is political science

Conner Says

- He chose Kentucky because of the coaches, the fanbase and it's a great program
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a lobbyist
- Besides football, he's also good at track and public speaking
- One word to describe him on the field is "relentless"
- His sports hero is LeBron James



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JORDAN LOVETT

SAFETY

6-2 • 200 • Freshman-HS
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Missouri
- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star prospect by ESPN, Rivals.com and 247sports.com
- Rated as high as the No. 38 safety nationally by 247 and No. 4 prospect in the commonwealth of Kentucky
- Rangy defensive back with an interesting progression in high school
- Did not play safety until his junior season, then made 15 interceptions and 21 tackles in his first campaign at the position ... Ranked second nationally in interceptions
- Ranks second in KSHAA history for interceptions in a single season (15 in 2019)
- Tied for third in KSHAA history for interceptions in a game with four vs. Barren County (11/8/19)
- Followed that with another impressive season as a senior, totaling 60 tackles and three interceptions for 55 total yards
- Named first-team all-state, the AP, the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and Kentucky Sports Radio in 2020
- Helped take North Hardin to a 9-1 record and a berth in the state quarterfinals in 2020
- As a junior, earned first-team all-state honors from The Associated Press and *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- Helped lead North Hardin HS to a 13-1 record, reaching the state semifinals in Class AAAAAA in 2019
- High school teammates of current UK defensive lineman Octavious Oxendine and fellow signee La'Ve'll Wright
- Coached by Brent Thompson
- Also a two-year letter winner in basketball
- Named academic all-state as a junior
- Chose Kentucky over Cincinnati, Louisville, Missouri and West Virginia



Personal

- Born in Atlanta, Georgia
- Son of Tameka Herriot and Rodney Lovett
- Mom, Tameka, is a Sergeant Major in the U.S. Army
- Siblings are Caleb Walls and Lex Lovett
- Major is undecided

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "J Love"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him
- Besides playing football, he's also good at basketball, video games and swimming
- One word to describe him on the field is "lit"



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CHAUNCEY
MAGWOOD

WIDE RECEIVER

6-0 • 190 • Freshman-HS
Albany, Ga. (Lee County)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Has seen action in all 12 games this season
- Caught his first career pass vs. Tennessee, a 17-yard catch
- Had a kick return for 11 yards vs. UTC
- Got a tackle against New Mexico State

High School

- Three-star prospect who ranks as one of the nation's top-100 receivers by ESPN and Rivals.com
- Rated as high as No. 48 in Georgia by Rivals
- Started every game in his four years at Lee County High School (58 straight), helping lead the Trojans to a 52-6 overall record with four straight 1-AAAAAA Region championship titles with three state championship appearances and two state titles
- Played wide receiver his first three seasons, switched to quarterback as a senior and guided his team to the state runner-up finish with a 12-2 record in 2020
- Named Athlete of the Year for Region 1-AAAAAA in 2020
- Earned All-State HM in 2020 as an athlete by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* in Class 6A
- Threw for 938 yards with 12 touchdowns and only three interceptions in 2020, while rushing for 643 yards on 120 carries with six TDs
- Named a *Sports Illustrated* All-America nominee
- Spent some time at receiver, with 11 catches for 141 yards and two TDs
- First-team all-state as a sophomore, junior and senior by the Georgia Coaches Association
- Caught 53 passes for 700 yards and 10 TDs as a junior

- Sophomore season featured 68 catches for 958 yards and seven TDs in helping the Trojans win their second straight state title
- Team won state championship as a freshman when he had 33 receptions for 388 yards
- Played for head coach Dean Fabrizio
- Narrowed his choices to Arkansas, Florida State, Louisville, Nebraska and South Carolina before picking Kentucky

Personal

- Born in Albany, Georgia
- Son of Shontay Magwood and Khamal Magwood
- Siblings are Vincent Spurling, Jala Spurling, Jalen Spurling and Kaden Magwood
- Major is pre-civil engineering

Chauncey Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an engineer
- He chose Kentucky because he saw a better future
- If he could only eat three foods for the rest of his life he would choose burgers, hibachi grill food, and chicken
- One word to describe him on the field is "versatile"
- The best advice he's ever received is "never look back"



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TYLER
MARKRAY

RUNNING BACK

5-10 • 223 • Junior-SQ
West Bloomfield, Mich. (Walled Lake Central)

2021 - Junior

- Saw action on special teams at Georgia
- Had two carries for 10 yards vs. New Mexico St.

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin and had two carries for 52 yards, including a 45-yard touchdown run

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Transferred to Walled Lake Central in Walled Lake, Mich., for his senior season, playing both RB and LB
- In just five games, totaled 79 carries, 720 yards and 10 touchdowns before a knee injury sidelined him for the remainder of the season
- Won three state titles at St. Mary's High School
- 2017 *Detroit Free Press*' All-North honorable mention
- A three-year starter at running back
- Coached by Bob Meyer
- Chose Kentucky over Oregon

- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a point guard
- Honor Roll student

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
- Son of Terri Markray and Triando Markray
- Siblings are Tiffany and T.J.
- Father, Triando, was a wide receiver at Michigan from 1983-84
- Graduated in August of 2021 with a degree in communication and is currently working on a master's degree in sport leadership

Tyler Says

- His nickname is "Ty"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to own his own sports agency
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he used to play ice hockey
- One word to describe him on the field is "ferocious"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home



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MARQUAN
MCCALL

NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 344 • Senior-3L
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)

2021 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Has played in 39 career games with 10 starts
- Has played in eight of 12 games this season with seven starting assignments
- Has totaled seven tackles, 3.5 tackle for loss and two quarterback hurries
- Missed a majority of the Florida game with an ankle injury on the second drive in the first quarter and did not play vs. LSU, at Georgia, at Mississippi State or vs. Tennessee
- Returned to action at Vanderbilt
- Dropped approx. 40 lbs in the off season (381 to 344)
- Preseason third-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Blg Board

2020 - Junior

- Played in 10 games, starting three at nose tackle (Missouri, Georgia and South Carolina)
- Totaled 22 tackles, a TFL, a fumble recovery and a half-sack
- Made his first collegiate start at Missouri and had a career-high six tackles

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Had 21 tackles, along with 4.0 TFL, a fumble recovery, a quarterback hurry and a PBU
- Charted a career-best 2.0 TFL vs. UT Martin to go along with a career-high four tackles and a QBH



2018 - Freshman

- Saw action in eight games and totaled five tackles, 1.5 TFL and a forced fumble
- Totaled three tackles, a quarterback sack, another one-half tackle for loss, and a forced fumble vs. Murray State
- His QB sack caused a fumble
- Combined on a one-yard tackle for loss in a series that ended with a punt

High School

- One of Kentucky's highest-rated recruits in the 2018 class
- A four-star recruit by 247Sports, Rivals and ESPN
- Rivals rated him the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation
- 247Sports also listed him as the No. 4 offensive guard in the nation, as well as the top player in Michigan and No. 135 overall player in the Class of 2018
- Named first-team All-State by the *Detroit Free Press* and the *Associated Press*
- Helped Oak Park reach the Division 2 regional final
- All-State player and rated the No. 1 offensive guard in the Midwest
- Regarded as a tremendous technician on the offensive line
- Played for Greg Carter at Oak Park High School in Oak Park, Mich.
- Carter said "For a guy his size, 325 pounds, he's extremely quick and athletic and has great hands"
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan, Michigan State, Ole Miss, Penn State, Pitt, Wisconsin, Missouri and Minnesota

Community Cats

- Volunteered at William Wells Brown Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
- Son of Marenthia McCall
- Siblings are Julius, Marquezy, and Nuavia
- Major is community and leadership development

Marquan Says

- His nickname is "Bully"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like home from the start
- After his football career, he would like to travel
- One thing people might not know about him is that he loves dogs
- His passion in life is traveling

MCCALL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2018	8-0	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	0
2019	13-0	21	4.0-7	0-0	1	0	1	1
2020	10-3	22	1.0-3	0.5-2	0	0	1	0
2021	8-7	7	3.5-7	0-0	0	0	0	2
Totals	39-9	54	10.0-19	1.5-3	1	1	2	3

MCCALL'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

at USC*	1	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	(Injury)	DNP						
at Georgia	(Injury)	DNP						
at Mississippi State	(Injury)	DNP						
vs. Tennessee	(Injury)	DNP						
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Louisville*	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	3.5-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	2

MCCALL'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Mississippi St.			DNP					
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
at Missouri*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	1.0-3	0.5-2	0	0	1	0	0

MCCALL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	1.0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	4	2.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Louisville	2	1.0-10	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	21	4.0-7	0-0	1	0	1	0	1

MCCALL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	3	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	1.5-2	1.0-1	0	1	0	0	0

MCCALL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020 (5-1)
Sacks: 1.0, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (1 yard)
Tackles for loss: 1.5, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 yards)
Forced fumble: 1, vs Murray State, Sept 15, 2018
Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs Tennessee, Oct 17, 2020
Pass breakups: 1, vs. Florida, vs. Florida, Sept 14, 2019
Quarterback hurry: 1, 3x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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JUTAHN MCCLAINE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 187 • Sophomore-1L
Fairfield, Ohio (Fairfield)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in 19 career games, including eight of 12 games this season
- Has 24 rushes for 137 yards and six receptions for 42 yards and a score
- Averaging 5.7 yards per carry
- Set career highs at Vanderbilt with 10 carries for 69 yards, averaging 6.9 per carry
- Caught a season-high two passes and had a season-high four rushes at No. 1 Georgia
- Saw his first action of the season vs. Florida
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown in the win over LSU, a 25-yard TD reception in the fourth quarter

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January, 2020
- Played in all 11 games
- Totaled 16 carries for 62 yards, also had one kick return for 26 yards and two tackles on special teams
- Had a career-high seven carries for 23 yards in the win over Tennessee
- Charted a tackle in his first collegiate game at Auburn

High School

- Four-star prospect by ESPN
- Three-star prospect by 247Sports
- Rated the No. 8 all-purpose back by 247Sports
- In three seasons at Fairfield, rushed for 4,406 yards and 53 touchdowns while catching 48 passes for 680 yards and seven scores
- As a senior, rushed for 1,947 yards and 21 touchdowns
- Voted 2019 Offensive Player of the Year and First-Team Offense on the Division I All-Ohio team as voted on by the Ohio Prep Writers Association
- In 2018, he totaled 1,754 yards with 25 touchdowns in addition to catching 24 passes for 415 yards and five scores and returning a kick-off 92 yards for a touchdown
- Coached by Jason Krause
- Krause said, "Not only does he have that high-class level of speed that you've got to have to play in the Power Five, but he gets to that top speed





in two or three steps. He's a guy that can go the distance any time he touches it."

- Chose Kentucky over Ohio State, Penn State, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State and Nebraska
- Also was a four-year letter winner as a sprinter and long jumper on the track team

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Brenda Cowan Elementary (2020)

Personal

- First name pronounced "juh-TAWN"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Qulita Glover and Robert McClain
- Siblings are Juwan Glover, Qiersten McClain, and Jumahl McClain
- Major is undecided

JuTahn Says

- His nickname is "Tahn"
- He chose Kentucky because he loves it
- His hidden talent is doing back flips
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is growing mentally, physically, and creating bonds
- One word to describe him on the field is "patient"

MCCLAIN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2020	11-0	16	62	3.9	0	17	0	0	0	0	0
2021	8-0	24	387	5.7	0	22	6	42	7.0	1	25
Totals	19-0	40	199	5.0	0	22	6	42	7.0	1	25

MCCLAIN'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	1	-4	0	0
vs. LSU	1	5	0	5	1	25	1	25
at Georgia	4	12	0	9	2	12	0	9
at Mississippi St.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	1	16	0	16	1	2	0	2
at Vanderbilt	10	69	0	22	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	2	0	3	1	7	0	7
at Louisville	6	33	0	10	0	0	0	0
Totals	24	387	0	22	6	42	1	25

MCCLAIN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	17	0	17	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	7	23	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	4	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	9	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	6	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	62	0	17	0	0	0	0

MCCLAIN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 10, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Rush yards: 69, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (10 carries)
 Long rush: 22, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Reception: 1, 4x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
 Receiving yards: 25, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Receiving touchdowns: 1, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Tackles: 1, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
 Kick returns: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
 Kick return yards: 26, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
 All-purpose yards: 30, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021



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K.D.
MCDANIEL

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 225 • Sophomore-1L
Tifton, Ga. (Tift County)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has totaled 11 tackles and three quarterback hurries in nine games played this season
- Got all three quarterback hurries in the win over New Mexico State
- Charted a career-high three tackles at Vanderbilt

2020 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in five games this season and totaled one tackle

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in four games (Missouri, Tennessee, UT Martin and Virginia Tech) and totaled three tackles and two quarterback hurries
- Charted a career-high two tackles and two QBH vs. UT Martin
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Missouri and charted a tackle

High School

- Consensus pick as one of the nation's top-40 outside linebackers and one of the top-61 players in Georgia by Rivals, 247sports and ESPN
- First-team all-region as a junior and senior
- Helped lead Tift County to the state playoff quarterfinals in Class AAAAAA (largest classification) as both a junior and senior
- Totaled 66 tackles, 7.0 TFL, two PBUs, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble as a senior
- Had 84 tackles, six sacks, three TFL and 12 QB hurries in 2017 a first-team all-region performer
- Coached by Ashley Anders
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Tennessee and South Carolina

Personal

- Born in Tifton, Georgia
- Son of Regina Burse
- Has one sister, Denikwa
- Major is community and leadership development

K.D. Says

- He chose UK because it felt like a second home

- After his football career, he would like to be a fire fighter
- His sports hero is Josh Allen because he models his game like him
- The best advice he's ever received is "be humble and be patient"
- Kevin Hart would play him in a movie about his life

MCDANIEL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	QBH	PBU
2019	OLB	4-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0
2020	OLB	5-0	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0
2021	OLB	9-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	3	0
Totals	OLB	18-0	15	0-0	0-0	0/0	5	0

MCDANIEL'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. ULM	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3

MCDANIEL'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Mississippi St.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

MCDANIEL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Virginia Tech	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2

MCDANIEL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Quarterback hurries: 3, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021





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TRE'VON MORGAN

WIDE RECEIVER

6-6 • 218 • Sophomore-TR
Massillon, Ohio
(Michigan State/Massillon Washington)

2021 - Sophomore

- Transfer from Michigan State
- Has four seasons of eligibility remaining as each student-athlete was granted an extra year due to COVID-19
- Has not seen action this season battling hamstring injuries in both legs

2020 - r-Freshman (Michigan State)

- Saw action in three of Michigan State's seven games during a COVID-shortened 2020 season
- Totaled two catches for 46 yards and a score, his first collegiate catch coming on a 26-yard TD at Penn State

2019 - Freshman (Michigan State)

- Redshirted in 2019

High School

- Ranked as the No. 1 wide receiver in the state of Ohio by Rivals.com and ESPN.com coming out of Massillon Washington High School in 2018
- Listed among the top wide receivers in the nation by Rivals.com (No. 44) and 247Sports (No. 73) and ranked one of the best overall prospects in Ohio by Rivals.com (No. 9), 247Sports (No. 23) and ESPN.com (No. 27)
- As a senior under head coach Nate Moore, helped lead Massillon Washington post an impressive 14-1 overall record and average 44.7 points per game and 416.3 yards of total offense
- Led Tigers to a berth in the Ohio Division II state championship game vs. Akron Archbishop Hoban, in which he hauled in two receptions for 29 yards, including a 25-yard catch
- Had 37 catches for 691 yards and 12 touchdowns on the season and totaled 12 punt returns for 147 yards and one TD on special teams
- Defensively, charted nine tackles, including one for a 1-yard loss
- Named to the 2018 Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association All-State Third Team in Division II
- Named the North Offensive Player of the Game after snagging five catches for 93 yards and a touchdown in the annual Ohio North-South All-Star Classic on April 27, 2018
- Collected 36 receptions for 489 yards and two TDs as a junior in 2017
- Helped Massillon Washington to a 10-4 record in 2017 and a berth in the Ohio Division II state semifinals
- Caught a season-best five passes for 49 yards in the regional title game victory over New Albany, Washington's first regional championship since 2009

Personal

- Born in Massillon, Ohio
- Son of Eboni Richardson and Christian Morgan
- Siblings are Kennedy, Kingston, Knia, Shantel, and Brooklyn
- Cousin, Brandon Jackson, was an offensive lineman at Kentucky from 1994-95
- Major is pre-communication

Tre'Von Says

- His nickname is "T-Mo"
- His dream job is to be a sports analyst
- Three words to describe him are tough, happy, and outgoing
- The person he most admires is his mom because of her strength
- Meditating helps calm butterflies before a game

MORGAN'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2020*	WR	3-0	2	46	23.0	1	26
Totals		3-0	2	46	23.0	1	26

* at Michigan State

MORGAN'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Ohio State	0	0	0	0
at Penn State	2	46	1	26
Totals	2	46	1	26

MORGAN'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, at Penn State, Dec 12, 2020
 Receiving yards: 46, at Penn State, Dec 12, 2020 (2 receptions)
 Receiving touchdowns: 1, at Penn State, Dec 12, 2020
 Long reception: 26, at Penn State, Dec. 12, 2020



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JORDAN MORROW

LONG SNAPPER

6-1 • 226 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier HS)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Versatile player who saw action at linebacker, H-back, tight end and long snapper

- Lettered two years and was the team's starting starting long snapper as a junior and senior
- Helped the Tigers total a 38-14 overall record during his prep career, including a 12-3 mark as a junior
- Played for head coach Kevin Wallace
- Won a regional Emmy award by the Ohio Valley Broadcasting Association for broadcasting with a public service announcement on texting and driving
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville and Central Michigan

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Jeff and Julie Morrow
- Dad, Jeff, played football at Kent State and is the current director of player personnel for the Carolina Panthers
- Major is communication

Jordan Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was home away from home and the best fit for him
- His dream job is to work in an NFL front office
- Three words to describe him are reliable, respectful, and loyal
- The best advice he's ever received is "you can't control how tall you are or how fast you are but you can control your attitude, effort, and preparation"
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Walter Camp, Luke Kuechly, and Emilia Clarke



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QUANDRE MOSELY

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-2 • 192 • Senior-2L
Brunswick, Ga.
(Glynn Academy/Eastern Arizona CC)

2021 - Senior*

- Elected to return as a "Super Senior," taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in 35 career games with three starts
- This season, has played in all 12 games with one start vs. New Mexico State
- Has 21 tackles, 2.0 TFL, an interception for a touchdown and five pass breakups
- Charted a 38-yard interception return for a touchdown in the first quarter vs. New Mexico State, his first collegiate touchdown
- Got a season-best four tackles and a tackle for loss at No. 1 Georgia



- Charted a career-high three pass breakups in the win over LSU

2020 - Senior

- Played in 10 games in 2020 and had 19 tackles and two pass breakups
- Had a career-high six tackles at Alabama along with a career-best two PBUs

2019 - Junior

- Played in all 13 games with two starts vs. Miss. State and South Carolina
- Totaled 24 tackles with three PBUs, one sack, one tackle for loss and one interception
- Had a career-best five tackles in the wins over Arkansas and UT Martin
- Earned his first career start at Mississippi State ... Made his first UK interception in the second quarter, with a 39-yard return
- Mid-year enrollee

Junior College

- Signed with Eastern Arizona Community College out of high school in 2017
- As a sophomore in 2018, totaled 50 tackles, a league-high six interceptions, one for a touchdown, and a fumble recovery as a safety for the Monsters
- Earned 2017 All-WSFL All-League honors
- Helped Eastern Arizona win the Salt City Bowl game
- Chose Kentucky over Utah and Oregon

High School

- Former wide receiver in high school
- Helped Glynn Academy go 11-2 as a senior in 2017, including undefeated in region play
- Named GHSA Region 2-6A All-State Honorable Mention as a wide receiver
- Played for head coach Rocky Hidalgo

Personal

- First name pronounced "QUAN-dray"
- Born in Brunswick, Georgia
- Son of Karen and Andre Mosely
- Siblings are Shae Culpepper, Amiya Mosely, Andre Mosely and Antonio Mosely
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in community and leadership development

Quandre Says

- His nickname is "Q"
- He chose Kentucky because it was the best fit for him to become a man
- The thing he's looking forward to the most this season is playing and fulfilling his dreams
- After his football career, he would like to help kids have a better life
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #DontSleepOnQ
- His sports heroes are Michael Vick and Cam Newton

MOSELY'S CAREER STATISTICS										
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	FF/FR	QBH	PBU	INT	
2019	DB	13-2	24	1.0-1	1.0-1	0/0	0	3	1-39	
2020	DB	10-0	19	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	2	0	
2021	DB	12-1	22	2.0-5	0-0	0/0	0	5	1-38	
Totals	DB	35-3	65	3.0-6	1.0-1	0/0	0	10	2-77	

MOSELY'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH		
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. UTC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
at Georgia	4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. NMST*	1	0-0	0-0	1-38	0	0	0	1	0	
at Louisville	2	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	22	2.0-5	0-0	1-38	0	0	0	5	0	

MOSELY'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH		
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Ole Miss	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Mississippi St.	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Missouri			DNP							
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Alabama	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. South Carolina	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. NC State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2	0	

MOSELY'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME										
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	INT	FF	FR	PBU	QBH		
vs. Toledo	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Eastern Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Miss. State*	4	0-0	0-0	1-39	0	0	0	0	0	
at South Carolina*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. Arkansas	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
vs. Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. UT Martin	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Louisville	2	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
vs. Virginia Tech	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	24	1.0-1	1.0-1	1-39	0	0	0	3	0	

MOSELY'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS										
Tackles: 6, at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020										
Interceptions: 1, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021										
Touchdown: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021 (INT return)										
Pass breakups: 3, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021										
Sacks: 1.0, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019										
Tackles for loss: 1.0, 3x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021										



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WILLIAM NALTY

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-0 • 222 • Senior-1L
Metairie, La. (Metairie Park Country Day)

2021 - * Senior

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has seen action in all 12 games this season, 15 in his career
- Got a fumble recovery vs. New Mexico State and his first career tackle at Louisville

2020 - Senior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Junior

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. UT Martin
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year letter winner and starter at linebacker for head coach Joe Chango at Metairie Park Country Day
- Totaled 63 tackles, including 10 sacks as a senior, helping the Cajuns compile a 9-4 overall record
- Also had one forced fumble and a fumble recovery
- Earned All-District honors
- Member of the United States Saddle Seat Team who captured the Gold Medal in the 2014 US Saddle Seat Equitation World Cup
- Also a member of the junior team from 2012-13
- Competed in his first equestrian show at the age of five
- Chose UK over North Carolina

Personal

- Born in Metairie, Louisiana
- Son of Donald J. Nalty Jr. (dad) and Holly (mom); and James Nichols (stepdad)
- Dad, Donald, played football at Tulane from 1982-86
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degrees in marketing and management

William Says

- His nickname is "Nalty"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great area with great people
- When he's not on the field he enjoys riding horses and meeting new people





- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't count the days, make the days count"



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CHRIS OATS

LINEBACKER

6-3 • 232 • Senior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Winton Woods)

2021 - Senior

- Missed the season due to a medical issue
- Please visit 22oatsstrong.org for more information

2020 - Junior

- Missed the season due to a medical issue

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in 12 of UK's 13 games, with two starting assignments (Miss. State and Missouri)
- Did not see action vs. UT Martin
- Totaled 46 tackles (fifth on the team)
- Also had 2.5 tackles for loss, one PBU and one forced fumble
- Had five tackles, including two for loss (a career high), in the win over Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl
- Led the team with eight tackles (six solo) and also caused a crucial fumble in Kentucky's 29-7 win over Missouri
- Spearheaded a defense that held Missouri to season lows of seven points and 289 yards total offense ... On 4th-and-1 from the UK 49, Oats' tackle knocked loose a fumble that was recovered by the Wildcats ... Two of his eight tackles came on third down, one forcing a punt and the other preceding a UK stop on fourth down
- Also totaled a career-high eight tackles at South Carolina
- Had seven tackles and 0.5 TFL at Georgia
- Started vs. Mississippi State and had five tackles
- Had five tackles in the season opener vs. Toledo
- Sat out the first half of the Eastern Michigan game ... Had one tackle in the second half

2018 - Freshman

- Totaled 27 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and two fumble recoveries in 13 career games
- Posted a career-high five tackles and had his second quarterback sack of the season at Louisville
- Earned his first collegiate start at Texas A&M, charting his first collegiate sack in the second quarter ... Ended the game with four tackles, including 1.5 for loss
- Also had four tackles in the win over South Carolina
- Made the game-clinching fumble recovery on the final play of the VRBO Citrus Bowl win over Penn State

- Recorded his first career tackle in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State

High School

- Four-star linebacker by all the major recruiting services
- Ranked the No. 22 outside linebacker in the 2018 class by 247sports
- Led Winton Woods to a 13-2 overall record and an appearance in the Division II state championship game as a senior
- Coached by Andre Parker
- Named the Division II Defensive Player of the Year and first-team All-Ohio by the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association
- Totaled 79 tackles during the regular season and in five playoff games, had 60 tackles, including three interceptions and two touchdowns
- Also a four-year letter winner in basketball as a center
- Chose Kentucky over Ole Miss, Oklahoma, Michigan State and Ohio State

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Kemberly Gamble
- Siblings are Aliyah, Ke'airra, Kelain, Willie and Mikele
- Major is community and leadership development

Chris Says

- His nickname is "Deuce Deuce"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports analyst
- Three words to describe him are kind-hearted, hardworking, and determined
- One thing people might not know is he likes to play the piano
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he wants the best out of his players"

OATS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	LB	13-1	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0
2019	LB	12-2	46	2.5-4	0-0	1	1/0	0
Totals		25-3	73	5.5-15	2.0-9	1	2/2	0

OATS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	8	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	7	0.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin			DNP					
vs. Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	5	2.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	46	2.5-4	0-0	1	1/0	0	0	0

OATS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU*	4	1.5-3	1.0-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	4	0-0	0-0	0	1/1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/1	0	0	0
Totals	27	3.0-11	2.0-9	0	1/2	0	0	0

OATS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 27, 2019
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019 (4 yards)
 Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 24, 2018 (7 yards)
 Forced fumble: 1, twice, last vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
 Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs Penn State, Jan 1, 2019
 Pass breakups: 1, vs Tennessee, Nov 9, 2019



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OCTAVIOUS OXENDINE

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 302 • Sophomore-1L
Radcliff, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Played in six games with three starts before a knee injury vs. LSU sidelined him for the remainder of the season
- Named SEC Co-Defensive Player of the Week after charting three tackles, including the first two quarterback sacks of his career (-16 yards), in Kentucky's 42-21 win over LSU
- Totaled 15 tackles, 3.5 tackle for loss, 2.0 sacks and quarterback hurry in six games
- Made three tackles, including the first two quarterback sacks of his career, good for 16 yards of loss, in the win over LSU
- Made his first collegiate start at South Carolina and had two tackles
- Also started against Florida and had three tackles and a tackle for loss in the win
- Charted a career-high five tackles and one tackle for loss in the season opener vs. ULM
- Got his first quarterback hurry vs. UTC

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2020
- Redshirt season
- Played in three games (Mississippi State, Tennessee and Alabama)





High School

- Four-star prospect by Rivals
- Considered one of the top recruits from Kentucky and a top-25 defensive tackle in the country for the class of 2020
- Named to the Kentucky All-State first team
- Named to the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Produced 62 tackles, including 17 tackles for loss
- Also recovered two fumbles, one for a 25-yard touchdown during his senior season
- Important piece of North Hardin's defense, who finished the season 13-1 and won the region and district championship before advancing to the KHSAA Class 6-A state semifinals
- Played for head coach Brent Thompson
- High school teammates with fellow Wildcats Isaiah Beasley and Darren Green
- Picked the Wildcats over Tennessee and Texas

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)
- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Volunteered at William Wells Brown Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Fort Polk, Louisiana
- Son of Mary and Kirk Oxendine
- Dad, Kirk, is a retired U.S. Army Sergeant First Class
- Major is pre-social work

Octavious Says

- His nickname is "Ox" or "Double O"
- He chose Kentucky because it's a great school and he loves the people
- His hidden talent is drawing
- His dream job is to be a NFL business owner
- Hobbies are drawing and fishing

OXENDINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2020	DE	3-0	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0
2021	DE	6-3	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	1
Totals		9-3	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	1

OXENDINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	5	1.0-5	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	3	.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	3	2.0-16	2.0-16	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	15	3.5-21	2.0-16	0	0/0	0	0	1

OXENDINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

OXENDINE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (5 yards)
 Quarterback hurries: 1, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021



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LUCAS
PADGETT

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 320 • Freshman-HS
Birmingham, Ala. (La Cueva - N.M.)

2021 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico for his senior season but only played in three games due to a COVID-shortened 2020
- Prior to moving to New Mexico, was a two-year starter at center for head coach Ben Bergusen at Homewood High School in Birmingham, Alabama
- Rated one of the top 10 centers in Alabama for the spring of 2020 by Playmakers Elite Sports
- Named second-team 6A All-State in 2019 by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Earned a spot on the 2019 All-South Metro Team
- Named to the Over The Mountain Journal's All-OTM High School Football Team in 2019
- Participated in the 2021 Blue-Grey All-American Bowl
- An all-around athlete who also lettered in basketball (center) and track & field (shot put)
- National Honor Society

Personal

- Born in Salt Lake City, Utah
- Son of Scott and Cynthia Padgett
- Siblings are Logan and Layla
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Scott, played basketball at Kentucky from 1995-99, helping the Wildcats advance to two Final Fours, including a national title in 1998 ... Went on to play eight years in the pros ... Mom, Cynthia, was a four-year letter winner on UK's volleyball team from 1994-97 ... Older brother, Logan, currently plays basketball at Shelton State Community College
- Major is undecided

Lucas Says

- He chose Kentucky because it has great academic programs and he likes the culture around the entire athletic department
- After football, his dream job is to be a coach
- Three words to describe him are smart, funny, and calm
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't change who you are to impress others"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's a huge superhero fan

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JOSHUA
PASCHAL

DEFENSIVE LINE



6-3 • 275 • Senior-3L
Prince George's County, Md.
(Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2021 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Fourth-team All-American (Phil Steele)
- First-team All-SEC (AP, Phil Steele)
- Second-Team All-SEC (PFF)
- Jason Witten Collegiate Man of the Year finalist (winner announced Feb. 17)
- "The most underappreciated defensive player in the SEC" as described by SEC Network analyst Gene Chizik
- Only three-time full-season captain in school history
- Has played in 52 career games with 37 starts
- Has totaled 139 career tackles, 37.0 tackles for loss, 13.5 sacks, 12 quarterback hurries, three forced fumbles and three blocked kicks
- His 37.0 tackles for loss in his career, ranks tied for third in UK history
- After 12 games this season, has 53 tackles, a team-high 15.5 tackles for loss, 5.5 sacks, a team-high eight quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and a blocked kick
- Ranks second in the SEC and 16th nationally in tackles for loss (15.5)
- Has a TFL in 10 of 12 games, and eight in a row
- Has six or more tackles in six games
- Had seven tackles, including a career-high two sacks (-12 yards), in UK's win at Vanderbilt
- Named SEC Co-Special Teams Player of the Week and Reese's Senior Bowl Defensive Player of the Week after his defensive performance in the win over No. 10/9 Florida ... Totaled seven tackles, including 2.5 for loss (-6 yards), plus the game-changing blocked field goal ... His TFL for a four-yard loss in the second quarter forced a punt ... His blocked field goal in the third quarter was returned for a touchdown, giving UK a lead that they did not relinquish
- Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media and Athlon)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List
- NFLPA Collegiate Bowl Preseason Blg Board
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

2020 - Junior (Team Captain)

- All-SEC Honorable Mention (PFF)
- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Semifinalist for Witten Collegiate Man of Year Award
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Played in all 11 games with 10 starting assignments
- Totaled 32 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 1.0 sacks, one QBH and one INT
- Has 21.5 career TFL





- Made his first career interception in the second quarter with Mississippi State threatening to score and returned it 76 yards to the two-yard line, setting up Chris Rodriguez' two-yard TD
- Marked the longest interception return by a Kentucky player since Josh Forrest on Nov. 28, 2015 against UofL, which was 81 ... Kentucky's longest interception return at home against an SEC opponent in Kroger Field history (since 1973)
- Career-high seven tackles and at TFL vs. Ole Miss
- Elected as one of 10 team captains, his second straight season to be named a captain by his peers

2019 - r-Sophomore (Team Captain)

- Named to the inaugural 2019 Uplifting-Athletes Rare Disease Champion Team
- One of six who were named honorable mention for CoSIDA's 2019 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year Award
- FWAA-Orange Bowl Courage Award nominee
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)
- Named N4A's Student-Athlete of the Month for February
- Started in all 13 games
- Totaled 34 tackles (eighth on the team), including 9.5 tackles for loss (tied for second on the team with Calvin Taylor Jr.), 3.5 sacks (third on the team), one PBU, two forced fumbles, one PBU and one blocked kick (vs. UT)
- Totaled a career-high two tackles for loss in the win over Louisville and Eastern Michigan

2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- Named to the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Played in three games with one starting assignment vs. Middle Tennessee
- In July of 2018, was diagnosed with malignant melanoma ... underwent three surgeries, followed by ongoing monthly immunotherapy treatments
- Recovered sufficiently to play against Middle Tennessee ... started the game and saw occasional action throughout
- In the second quarter, made a tackle on a third down play that forced a punt ... When his name was called as the tackler, the Kroger Field crowd gave him a rousing ovation while his teammates swarmed him with congratulations
- Named SEC co-Defensive POW (11/19)
- Had two tackles and a TFL at Louisville

2017 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with one start
- Earned his first career start vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl
- Totaled 17 tackles, 4.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, 3 QBH and 1 blocked kick
- Named SEC Special Teams Player of the week for his game-changing blocked punt vs. EMU
- First UK player to block a punt since Josh Forrest vs. Alabama State in 2013
- With UK clinging to a 17-14 lead in the fourth quarter, Paschal deftly broke through the line and punter shield, also deducing the correct place and time to block a running rugby punt
- The blocked punt went for an 18-yard loss back to the EMU 12-yard line, setting up Benny Snell's 12-yard TD run on the next play

- Athlon Sports Preseason SEC All-Freshman Third Team

Community Cats

- Frequent speaker at local churches, sharing his faith and how it helped him overcome cancer (2018-2021)
- Volunteered at Winburn Middle School (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Washington, D.C.
- Son of Clayton and LaTauna Paschal
- Has one sister, Kristian, and an older brother, Travaughn, who was a linebacker for the Wildcats from 2011-14
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in family science and a minor in health promotion ... Currently working on a second degree in communication
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) and is UK's rep on the SEC's Football Leadership Council
- Completed a year-long immunotherapy treatment plan for melanoma found on the bottom of his right foot on Aug. 7, 2018

Josh Says

- Nickname is "J.P."
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or counselor
- The last time he was starstruck was when he saw Jennifer Lopez in person at the Today Show
- His passion in life is serving others
- Three word to describe him are vibe, quiet and thoughtful

PASCHAL'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	Blks	Int	FF/FR	QBH
2017	LB	13-1	17	4.5-26	3.5-23	0	1	0	0/0	3
2018	LB	3-1	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0/0	0
2019	LB	13-13	34	9.5-36	3.5-18	1	1	0	2/0	0
2020	DE	11-10	32	6.5-25	1.0-6	0	0	1-76	0/0	1
2021	DE	12-12	53	15.5-64	5.5-39	0	1	0	1/0	8
Totals		52-37	139	37.0-153	13.5-86	1	3	1-76	3/0	12

PASCHAL'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
vs. ULM*	8	2.5-17	1.5-13	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	2
vs. UTC*	2	1.5-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	3
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	7	2.5-6	0-0	0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. LSU*	3	1.0-6	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	6	1.0-2	0-0	0	1/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	6	2.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	1	0.5-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	7	2.0-12	2.0-12	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	6	1.5-7	1.0-5	0	0/0	0	0	1
at Louisville*	2	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	53	15.5-64	5.5-39	0	1/0	1	0	8

PASCHAL'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
at Auburn*	4	1.5-10	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	7	0.5-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	1-76	0
at Tennessee*	1	0.5-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt*	3	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. USC*	2	2.0-7	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. NC State*	4	0.5-4	0.5-4	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	32	6.5-25	1.0-6	0	0/0	0	1-76	1

PASCHAL'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
vs. Toledo*	4	1.0-10	1.0-10	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU*	5	2.0-7	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	1	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	1.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	1.0-3	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	1.0-1	1.0-1	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	1	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	2	1.5-7	1.5-7	0	1/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	3	2.0-4	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	34	9.5-36	3.5-18	1	2/0	1	0	0

PASCHAL'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
vs. MTSU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0

PASCHAL'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	Blks	Int	QBH
at Southern Miss	1	1.0-3	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	1	0.5-2	0.5-2	0	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	3	0.5-3	0.5-3	0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern*	3	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	0/0	0	0	1
Totals	17	4.5-26	3.5-23	0	0/0	1	0	3



PASCHAL'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 8, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
 Sacks: 2.0, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Tackles for loss: 2.5, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (6 yards)
 Quarterback hurry: 3, vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
 Blocks: 3, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (field goal)
 PBUs: 1, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
 Forced fumble: 1, 3x, last at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
 Interceptions: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020



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CLAY
PERRY

LONG SNAPPER

6-0 • 187 • Sophomore-Sq
Upton, Ky. (Central Hardin)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team

High School

- Three-year starter at Central Hardin High School for head coach Tom Mattingly as a long snapper and outside linebacker
- Finished with 45 tackles, including 6.0 tackles for loss, in helping Central Hardin go 9-3 and finish in the second round of the 2019 Class 6A playoffs
- Earned first-team All-District as a senior
- Excellent in the classroom as an honor roll student all four years of high school
- Also on the track and field team
- Earned Ray Guy Prokicker.com Top Prospect Award as a long snapper

Personal

- Born in Elizabethtown, Kentucky
- Son of Ginger and Matthew Perry
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Matthew, played football at Western Kentucky, uncle, Mark Perry, played football at Northwestern, uncle, Todd Perry, is a former Wildcat who played from 1988-92 and went on to an 11-year career in the NFL with the Chicago Bears (eight years) and the Miami Dolphins (three years) as a guard
- Major is pre-civil engineering

Clay Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's close to home, it has an amazing campus and college life, and his family members attended UK
- After football, his dream job is to be a surveyor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that his first name is Remington
- Three words to describe him are hard-working, dedicated, and witty
- Besides playing football he also loves to fish



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ANDRU
PHILLIPS

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 182 • Freshman-RS
Mauldin, S.C. (Mauldin)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in eight games and has two tackles (vs. Georgia and New Mexico State)

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State and also played vs. Vanderbilt, Florida and South Carolina
- Got his first career tackle vs. the Gamecocks

High School

- Three-star recruit who has been rated the No. 8 overall player in South Carolina by 247Sports and Rivals
- As a senior, had 38 total tackles, eight pass breakups, two interceptions and a fumble recovery under head coach Harris Cabaniss
- Earned 5A first-team All-State by the South Carolina Football Coaches Association
- Selected to the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas
- Also a three-year letter winner in track and field as a triple jumper, ranking No. 1 nationally in 2020
- Two-time All-State and three-time All-Region selection for the triple jump
- Won the 2019 spring state championship title with a jump of 49'4"
- Picked Kentucky over Tennessee, Virginia Tech, Louisville, N.C. State and Georgia

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Catholic Action Center (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food at God's Pantry (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Birmingham, Alabama
- Son of Carlos and LaTonya Phillips
- Siblings are C.J., Ben and Shelby
- Comes from a family of athletes as father, Carlos, played linebacker at Kentucky under Jerry Claiborne; mom, LaTonya, was a standout athlete at Danville High School; brother, C.J., played football at Morehead State in 2015
- Originally from Louisville, Kentucky
- Major is pre-integrated strategic communication

Andru Says

- His nickname is "Dru"
- He chose Kentucky because it's felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "explosive"

- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Tyrann Mathieu
- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is making plays



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CHARLEY "CHANCE"
POORE

KICKER

6-2 • 219 • Junior-2L
Anderson, S.C. (Westside High School)

2021 - Junior

- Handled kickoffs for the Wildcats
- Has a streak of three straight made FGs

2020 - Sophomore

- Named Special Teams Player of the Week after his performance vs. Vanderbilt ... Enjoyed a perfect day, making a 28-yard field goal on the final play of the first half, along with all five extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - r-Freshman

- Hit 5-of-9 field goals with a career long of 46 vs. Toledo
- Hit 24-of-26 extra points
- Totaled 39 points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games, his first collegiate game was at Missouri
- Hit 2-of-4 field goal attempts

High School

- Rated as the No. 1 punter/kicker in the 2018 class by Prokicker.com
- Named South Carolina 5A Specialist of the Year after hitting 8 of 11 field goals and 26 of 27 PATs as a senior
- Prokicker.com's Rick Sang said "A very talented athlete who dominates his position and has shown great work ethic. He is already capable of launching NFL caliber kickoffs and punts"
- As a junior, converted 16 of 20 field goals with a long of 48, made all 44 extra-point attempts and had 63 percent of his kickoffs go for touchbacks
- Earned the top prospect award for 2017 at the Ray Guy Prokicker.com Kicking Camp
- Selected to play in the prestigious Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas game, pitting the top seniors from North and South Carolina against one another
- Member of two regional title teams coached by Scott Earley
- Also a lettered in soccer and tennis
- Picked Kentucky early and never really considered other offers



Community Cats

- Volunteer speaker at Cardinal Valley Rehabilitation Hospital (2020)

Personal

- Born in Anderson, South Carolina
- Son of Lewis and Jodi Poore
- Siblings are Kara Poore and Kinsley Bailey
- Major is consumer economics and family financial counseling

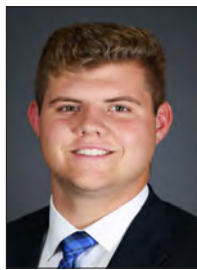
Chance Says

- Nickname is "Chance"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a mortgage broker
- The person who has most influenced him in life is his dad because he pushed him to be the man he is today
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are LeBron James, Alex Caruso and Adam Sandler
- His sports hero is Chandler Catanzaro

POORE'S CAREER STATISTICS			
Year	FG	Points	Long FG
2018	2-4	9	34
2019	5-9	39	46
2020	1-1	8	28
Totals	8-14	56	46

POORE'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE							
Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2018	0-0	0-0	2-3	0-0	0-1	2-4	34
2019	0-0	1-1	1-2	4-6	0-0	6-10	46
Totals	0-0	1-1	3-5	4-6	0-1	8-14	46

POORE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS	
Points scored: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020	Points by kicking: 8, 3x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020
Field goals made: 1, 8x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 14, 2020	Field goal attempts: 2, 3x, last at Mississippi State, Sept 21, 2019
Longest field goal: 46, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019	Consecutive FGs made: 3, Nov. 9 vs. Tennessee - Present



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JAKE POPE

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-7 • 301 • Sophomore-Sq Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

2021 (Sophomore)

- Did not play during the regular season with injury

2020 (r-Freshman)

- Practiced with the team

2019 (Freshman)

- Redshirt season

- Practiced with the team

High School

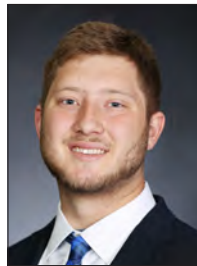
- A three-star tackle by the major recruiting services
- Listed as one of Florida's top 100 players
- Helped lead perennial powerhouse St. Thomas Aquinas to a 13-2 overall record, a district championship and the 7A state championship runner-up title in 2018
- Selected to play in the Blue-Grey All American Bowl on Jan. 5, 2019 in Tampa, Florida
- Didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- Coached by Roger Harriott
- Chose Kentucky over Florida State, Louisville, Pittsburgh, Purdue and Virginia

Personal

- Born in Plantation, Florida
- Son of John and Michelle Pope
- Has one sister, Madelyne
- Major is pre-finance

Jake Says

- His nickname is "Jake" as his real name is John, like his dad
- He chose Kentucky because he truly loves it
- One thing people might not know about him is he loves the ocean and fishing
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- His hidden talent is spearfishing



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JUSTIN RIGG

TIGHT END

6-6 • 261 • Senior-3L Springboro, Ohio (Springboro)

2021 - Senior *

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has played in a school-record 62 career games with 34 starts, including 15 in a row
- Career totals include 48 catches for 536 yards and five scores, averaging 11.2 yards per catch
- In 12 starts this season, has 18 receptions (third on the team) for 178 yards (9.9) and four scores
- Celebrated Senior Day with two catches for 34 yards and a career-high two TDs in the win over New Mexico State ... First time a UK tight end had multiple TDs in a game since C.J. Conrad caught three touchdowns vs. New Mexico State in 2016
- Caught a season-high four passes for 24 yards, including a one-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter at No. 1 Georgia

2020 - Senior

- Played in nine games with eight starts

- Fifth on the team in receptions with 12 for 145 yards and a score ... Averaged 12.1 yards per catch
- Caught three passes for a career-high 79 yards in the win over South Carolina on Senior Day
- Caught a 15-yard TD pass on UK's first offensive possession vs. Vanderbilt, his first career TD reception ... It was his second career TD after a fumble recovery for a score in 2019

2019 - Junior

- Started in 12 of 13 games played
- Had at least one catch in six games, totaling 11 catches for 128 yards
- Integral blocker for UK's explosive running game which led the SEC and ranked fourth nationally with 278.8 rushing yards per game
- Had a career-high five receptions for 50 yards vs. UF
- Scored his first collegiate touchdown on a fumble recovery in the end zone vs. Toledo

2018 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games with two starts vs. MTSU and Louisville
- Had four catches for 45 yards
- Earned his first career start vs. MTSU

2017 - r-Freshman

- Played in all 13 games
- Caught three passes for 40 yards, including a career-high two catches for 34 yards vs. Northwestern in the Music City Bowl

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Played in two games before suffering a rib injury during the third week of the season
- Returned to practice for the bowl game but did not see action
- SEC First-year Academic Honor Roll (2016-17)

High School

- A 3-star tight end rated the No. 47 tight end and No. 43 player in Ohio by 247sports
- Voted team captain as a senior and hauled in 35 catches for 394 yards and a touchdown
- Helped Springboro finish 11-3 and advance to the second round of the Division I, Region 2 playoffs
- Named Greater Western Ohio All-Conference
- Earned an invitation to the 2016 Ohio High Football Coaches Assoc. North-South All-Star Classic
- Coached by Ryan Wilhite
- Also a letter winner and team captain on the basketball team, averaging 9.4 points and 8.0 rebounds per game as a senior
- Excelled in the classroom as he was a three-time Basketball Scholar Athlete and earned the United States Marine Corps' Distinguished Athlete Award
- Picked UK over Bowling Green, Cincinnati, West Virginia, Eastern Michigan, Miami (Ohio), Ohio, Pittsburgh, Toledo and Wake Forest

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of Jay and Robin Rigg
- Has two brothers, Jake and Jordan
- Grandfather, Joe Miko, played football at Ohio, while brother, Jordan, played at Miami (Ohio) and brother, Jake, played at Walsh University
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in agricultural economics ... Graduated with a second degree in communication on December 17, 2021





Justin Says

- His nickname is "Rigg"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Shaun Alexander
- One word to describe him on the field is "focused"
- His hidden talent is card tricks

RIGG'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2016	TE	2-0	0	0	0	0	0
2017	TE	13-0	3	40	13.3	0	18
2018	TE	13-2	4	45	11.2	0	29
2019	TE	13-12	11	128	11.6	1*	31
2020	TE	9-8	12	145	12.1	1	36
2021	TE	12-12	18	178	9.9	4	34
Totals		62-34	48	536	11.2	6	36

* TD in 2019 was a fumble recovery in the end zone

RIGG'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	1	5	0	5
vs. Missouri*	1	28	0	28
vs. UTC*	3	18	0	8
at USC*	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	1	34	0	34
at Georgia*	4	24	1	12
at Miss. State*	1	4	0	4
vs. Tennessee*	3	20	1	14
at Vanderbilt*	1	7	0	7
vs. NMST*	2	24	2	32
at Louisville	1	4	0	4
Totals	18	178	4	34

RIGG'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn*	1	3	0	3
vs. Ole Miss*	2	20	0	14
vs. Miss. State*	1	12	0	12
at Tennessee*	1	8	0	8
at Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	2	7	0	5
vs. Vanderbilt*	1	15	1	15
at Alabama		DNP		
at Florida		DNP		
vs. South Carolina*	3	72	0	36
vs. NC State*	1	8	0	8
Totals	12	145	1	36

RIGG'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo*	0	0	1	0
vs. Eastern Mich.	1	9	0	9
vs. Florida*	5	50	0	23
at Miss. State*	0	0	0	0
at USC*	1	5	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	43	0	31

at Georgia*	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	1	5	0	5
at Vanderbilt*	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech*	1	16	0	16
Totals	11	128	1	31

RIGG'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Michigan	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	5	0	5
vs. Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	7	0	7
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU*	1	29	0	29
at Louisville*	1	4	0	4
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	45	0	29

RIGG'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

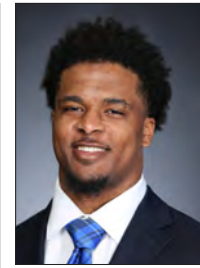
Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	2	34	0	18
Totals	3	40	0	18

RIGG'S 2016 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
Southern Miss	0	0	0	0
New Mexico State	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0	0	0

RIGG'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 5, vs Florida, Sept 14, 2019
 Receiving yards: 72, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020 (3 receptions)
 Long reception: 36, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
 Touchdowns: 2, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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DAVONTE
ROBINSON

SAFETY

6-2 • 210 • Senior-3L
 Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2021 - Senior *

- Elected to return for a sixth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Has played in 49 career games with 19 starting assignments
- Has played in all 12 games with 11 starting assignments this season
- Career totals include 131 tackles, 9.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, five pass breakups, two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble
- Has 43 tackles, 4.0 tackles for loss, 1.0 sacks, a pass breakup and a forced fumble
- Got his first career sack and forced fumble in the win at Vanderbilt
- Had a season-high tying six tackles in the win over Florida along with a tackle for loss

2020 - Senior

- Played in all 11 games with five starts
- Totaled 27 tackles and 2.0 TFL
- Had a season-high six tackles in the win over South Carolina

2019 - Junior

- Missed the season with a quadriceps injury

2018 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games with three starts at safety
- Totaled 42 tackles, 3.0 TFL, four PBUs and two fumble recoveries
- Recorded a career-best nine tackles vs. Georgia, including a two-yard tackle for loss
- Had three tackles and a PBU in the win over No. 14 Mississippi State
- Recovered a Feleipe Franks fumble after he was sacked by Josh Allen and returned it 30 yards for a touchdown on the final play of the game at Florida sealing the win

2017 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Totaled 19 tackles, including a career-high five tackles in the win over Vanderbilt

2016 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- On top of being one of the best cornerbacks in the state as a senior, he also was a running back, using his speed to score seven touchdowns (four rushing, two receiving and one 91-yard kickoff return)





- Led the team in tackles three straight seasons, including a team-high 100 tackles and one interception in 2015
- Named Defensive Player of the Year and first-team all-city by the *Lexington Herald-Leader* as a senior
- A 2015 *Herald-Leader* "Class of Commonwealth" honoree
- Helped the Blue Devils advance to the second round of the playoffs with a 7-5 record in 2015
- Four-year letter winner in track, helping the Blue Devils win the 2015 and 2016 state title
- Class 3A state track champion in the 100 meters (10.85) as a sophomore
- Finished second in the state in 2015 in the 4x400 relay
- Winner of the 400-meter dash and second in the 100 meters at the 2015 Fayette County Public Schools Track and Field Championships
- Picked UK over Georgia, Louisville, Notre Dame and Ohio State

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Tara Lancaster and Derek Robinson
- Siblings are Brandon, Derek Jr., Delmar, Dequan, Destiny, Deteria and Dorian
- Grandfather, Tony Lancaster, played football at Murray State
- Graduated in August of 2021 with a degree in health promotion

Davonte Says

- His nickname is "D-Rob."
- He chose Kentucky because it's in his hometown and he bleeds blue
- One word to describe him on the field is "fearless"
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach and real estate investor
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Will Smith, Ed Reed, and Kevin Hart

D. ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PD	FF	FR	QBH
2017	13-0	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
2018	13-3	42	3.0-5	0-0	4	0	2	0
2020	11-5	27	2.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0
2021	12-11	43	4.0-8	1.0-3	1	1	0	0
Totals	49-19	131	9.0-13	1.0-3	5	1	2	0

D. ROBINSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
vs. ULM*	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	5	0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	6	.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	3	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	1	0
vs. NMST*	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
at Louisville*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	43	4.0-8	1.0-3	1	0	1	0

D. ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
at Auburn	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	2.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0

D. ROBINSON'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	1-30	0	0
vs. Murray State	1	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at TAMU	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	7	1.0-1	0-0	1	0	0	0
at Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	9	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee*	4	1.0-2	0-0	1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	5	0-0	0-0	0	1-0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	42	3.0-5	0-0	4	2-30	0	0

D. ROBINSON'S 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks	PBU	FR	FF	QBH
at Southern Miss	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. ECU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
vs. Northwestern	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	19	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0

D. ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 9, vs Georgia, Nov 3, 2018 (5-4)
 Tackles for loss: 1.0, 8x, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (3)
 Sacks: 1.0, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (3)
 Fumble forced: 1, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Fumble recovery: 1, twice, last vs MTSU, Nov 17, 2018 (0 yds)
 Touchdowns: 1, at Florida, Sept 8, 2018 (FR)
 Pass breakups: 1, 5x times, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021



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WAN'DALE ROBINSON

WIDE RECEIVER

5-10 • 183 • Junior-Tr
Frankfort, Ky. (Nebraska/Western Hills)

2021 - Junior

- Paul Hornung Award Watch List (nation's most versatile player)
- Biletnikoff Award Watch List (nation's top receiver)
- Second-Team All-American (PFF)
- First-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele, PFF)
- Second-Team All-SEC (AP, Coaches)
- Returned to his home state after playing two seasons at Nebraska
- Career totals include 141 carries for 691 rushing yards, 185 receptions for 2,078 receiving yards and 3,020 all-purpose yards
- Ranks sixth nationally and second in the SEC in receptions per game (7.8)
- Ranks 18th nationally and second in the SEC in total receiving yards (1,164)
- Ranks 17th nationally and second in the SEC in receiving yards per game (97.0)
- Ranks ninth in the SEC in receiving TDs (7)
- Ranks seventh in the SEC in all-purpose yards per game (107.92)
- His 94 catches is a school record ... Broke James Whalen's single-season record who had 90 catches in 1999
- Just the sixth player in UK history to reach the millennium mark in one season ... Now has 1,164 receiving yards, second in UK single-season history ... Needs 147 more yards to tie Craig Yeast's single-season record (1,311 receiving yards in 1998)
- One of only two players in school history (Randall Cobb) to have multiple games of at least 12 receptions
- In 12 games at UK, leads the team in receptions (94), receiving yards (1,164) and receiving TDs (7)
- Has five 100-yard games this season which ties with James Whalen (1999) for second place on the UK single-season list
- Has caught at least four passes in 12 straight games for the Wildcats
- Caught eight passes for a career-best 181 yards in the win over New Mexico State ... 181 yards is the fourth-highest single-game total in school history and most since Craig Yeast's school-record 269 vs. Vanderbilt in 1998 ... Caught a career-long 79-yard pass in the second quarter



- Had nine-plus catches in three straight games (Georgia, Miss. State, Tennessee), the first UK player to do that since since Anthony White in 1998
- Set career highs vs. Tennessee with 13 receptions for 166 yards, including a touchdown ... 13 catches ties for second-most in a game in UK history, most since Lynn Bowden Jr. at Missouri in 2018
- Caught a team-high 12 passes for 39 yards at No. 1 Georgia, including a one-yard touchdown catch ... His 12 receptions are the most for a UK player vs. a No. 1-ranked opponent in school history
- Led the receivers with eight catches for 60 yards and one touchdown in the win over LSU
- Led the receivers with four catches for 65 yards and a touchdown in the win over No. 10/9 Florida ... In the first quarter, caught a wide receiver screen, and with the help of a springing block by Kavosiey Smoke, weaved his way through traffic for a 41-yard touchdown
- Led the receivers with seven catches for 65 yards in the road win over South Carolina
- Caught eight passes for 111 yards vs. UTC, becoming the first Wildcat to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games since Derek Abney in 2001 ... Also the first Wildcat to have three-straight 100-yard receiving games to begin a season
- Caught five passes for 101 yards vs. Missouri ... Also had a career-long 64-yard run on the first possession, setting up a touchdown pass to Chris Rodriguez ... Finished with three carries for 73 rushing yards ... Became the first Wildcat to have back-to-back 100-yard receiving games since Jeff Badet in 2016 ... Also first Wildcat to have 100-yard receiving games in the first two games of a season since Craig Yeast in 1998
- First Cat with a 100-yard receiving game in an SEC opener since Garrett Johnson at Florida in 2014
- Had five receptions for a career-high 125 yards and tied his career high for touchdowns with two (also at Illinois in 2019) in the season opener vs. ULM ... Marked the most receiving yards for any Wildcat in his first game at UK
- After this season, will have two seasons of eligibility remaining
- Chose Kentucky over Alabama, Ohio State, and Purdue
- Preseason Third-Team Offense All-SEC (Athlon, Phil Steele)

2020 - Sophomore (Nebraska)

- Started in all eight games played
- Led the Huskers with 51 catches and 461 receiving yards despite playing only eight games and splitting duties at running back
- Led Nebraska with 696 all-purpose yards
- Fourth on the team with 240 rushing yards
- Named to the Paul Hornung Award Watch List for the nation's most versatile athlete
- Earned honorable-mention All-Big Ten honors from the conference coaches
- Ranked fourth in the Big Ten and 23rd nationally with 6.4 receptions per game, the fourth-highest average in the country for an underclassman

2019 - Freshman (Nebraska)

- Played in 10 games with four starting assignments
- Key member of the Husker offense, playing in 10 games and earning three starting assignments at receiver and one at running back

- Named a second-team freshman All-American, an honorable-mention All-Big Ten selection, and was a two-time Big Ten Freshman of the Week
- One of four national finalists for the Paul Hornung Award, given to the nation's most versatile player
- Caught 40 passes for 443 yards and two touchdowns while rushing for 340 yards and three scores ... 40 catches and 443 receiving yards were the most by any true freshman in Nebraska history
- Ranked second on the team in receptions, receiving yards and receiving touchdowns, while ranking third in carries, rushing yards and rushing touchdowns
- Totaled 1,029 all-purpose yards as a true freshman, which ranked second on the team and was the third-highest total ever by a Husker true freshman
- Ranked fourth nationally among all FBS freshmen in all-purpose yards per game in 2019 with the second-highest total among Power Five freshmen
- One of only two FBS players to total 400 receiving yards, 300 rushing yards and 200 kickoff return yards in 2019

High School

- State's consensus top player as a senior at Western Hills High School in Frankfort, Kentucky
- Totaled career 8,582 yards from scrimmage with 118 offensive touchdowns
- Gained 6,795 yards, averaging more than 11 yards per carry while scoring 97 rushing touchdowns
- Caught 102 passes in his career for 1,787 yards and 21 touchdowns
- Totaled 781 career points, which ranks No. 2 all-time in Kentucky history
- Won the Paul Hornung Award, as the state's player of the year
- Kentucky's Mr. Football
- Gatorade Kentucky Player of the Year
- One of five finalists for the 2019 All-American Bowl Player-of-the-Year award, which is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding high school senior
- A consensus four-star recruit coming out of high school, ranked as the nation's No. 2 all-purpose back and was the top player in Kentucky by 247Sports
- Played for head coach Don Miller

Personal

- Born in Frankfort, Kentucky
- Son of Victoria Davis and Dale Robinson
- Dad, Dale, played football at Western Kentucky
- Has one younger sister, Eliza
- Major is communication

Wan'Dale Says

- His nickname is "Dale"
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to work for himself
- He chose Kentucky to get closer to home and closer to his dream
- The best advice he's ever received is "do what's best for you"
- One word to describe him on the field is "electric"
- The best thing about being a Kentucky Wildcat is being back home to play in front of friends and family

W. ROBINSON'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Att	Yds.	Long	TD
2019*	10-4	40	453	11.3	2	49	88	340	42	3
2020*	8-8	51	461	9.0	1	38	46	240	47	1
2021	12-12	94	1164	12.4	7	79	7	111	64	0
at UK	12-12	94	1164	12.4	7	79	7	111	64	0
Totals	30-24	185	2078	11.2	10	79	141	691	64	4

* at Nebraska

CAREER ALL-PURPOSE STATISTICS

Year	Rush	Rec.	PR	KR	IR	Total	Avg.
2019*	340	453	0	236	0	1029	102.9
2020*	240	461	-5	0	0	696	87.0
2021	111	1164	20	0	0	1295	107.9
at UK	111	1164	20	0	0	1295	107.9
Totals	691	2078	15	236	0	3020	100.7

* at Nebraska

W. ROBINSON'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg
vs. ULM*	5	125	2	62	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	101	0	49	3	73	0	64	24.3
vs. UTC*	8	111	0	39	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	7	65	0	17	1	5	0	5	5.0
vs. Florida*	4	65	1	41	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	8	60	1	16	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	12	39	1	14	1	6	0	6	6.0
at MSU*	9	79	0	21	1	4	0	4	4.0
vs. Tennessee*	13	166	1	31	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	6	75	1	39	1	23	0	23	23.0
vs. NMST*	8	181	0	70	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	9	97	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	94	1164	7	79	7	111	0	64	15.9

* started game

W. ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME (AT NEB)

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att	Yds	TD	Long	Avg.
at Ohio State	6	49	0	21	-	-	-	-	-
at Northwestern	4	32	0	14	-	-	-	-	-
vs. Penn State	5	11	0	5	16	60	0	14	3.75
vs. Illinois	6	60	0	31	7	60	0	32	8.57
at Iowa	9	75	0	28	6	42	0	13	7.00
at Purdue	9	114	0	25	2	5	0	4	2.50
vs. Minnesota	6	41	0	10	8	58	0	47	6.12
at Rutgers	6	79	1	38	7	24	1	8	3.43
Totals	51	461	1	38	46	240	1	47	5.22

W. ROBINSON'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Opponent	PR	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
at Ohio State	0	0	0	0	0
at Northwestern	0	-5	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Illinois	0	0	0	0	0
at Iowa	0	0	0	0	0
at Purdue	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0
at Rutgers	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	-5	0	0	0





W. ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME (AT NEB)

Table with columns: Opponent, Rec., Yds., TD, Long, Att, Yds, TD, Long, Avg. Rows include games vs. South Alabama, Colorado, Northern Ill., Illinois, Ohio State, Northwestern, Minnesota, Indiana, Purdue, Wisconsin, Maryland, Iowa.

W. ROBINSON'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME CONT.

Table with columns: Opponent, KR, Yds., Avg., Long, TD. Rows include games vs. South Alabama, Colorado, Northern Ill., Illinois, Ohio State, Northwestern, Minnesota, Indiana, Purdue, Iowa.

W. ROBINSON'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 13, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021
Receiving yards: 181 vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021 (8 receptions)
Receiving touchdowns: 2, twice, last vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Long reception: 79, vs. New Mexico State, Sept 20, 2021
Rush attempts: 22, vs. Indiana, Oct 26, 2019
Rush yards: 89, at Illinois, Sept 21, 2019
Rush touchdowns: 1, 3X, last at Rutgers, Dec 18, 2020
Punt Returns: 3, twice, last vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021
Long rush: 47, vs Minnesota, Dec 12, 2020
Kickoff return yards: 77, vs South Alabama, Aug 31, 2019
Long kickoff return: 39, vs South Alabama, Aug 31, 2019



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CHRIS
RODRIGUEZ
JR.

RUNNING BACK

5-11 • 224 • Junior-2L
McDonough, Ga. (Ola)

2021 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Maxwell Award Watch List
Doak Walker Award Watch List
First-Team All-SEC (AP, USA Today Network)
Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Phil Steele)
Third-Team All-SEC (PFF)
SEC Co-Offensive Player of the Week (Week 2)
CFPA Honorable Mention (Week 2)
On3's SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
College Sports Madness Offensive SEC Player of the Week (Week 2)
Ranks 12th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards (1,272)
Ranks 12th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards per game (106.0)
Ranks 15th nationally and second in the SEC in rushing yards per carry (6.20)
Ranks sixth in the SEC in all-purpose yards per game (110.67)
Became the 10th player in school history to have 2,000 or more rushing yards
Has 2,633 career rushing yards which ranks seventh on UK's career rushing list ... Needs 15 more to tie George Adams (2,648 from 1981-84) at No. 6
Has 1,272 yards this season, seventh on UK's single-season list ... Needs six more to move up to No. 6 with Mark Higgs (1,278 in 1987) and 61 yards to jump two spots and tie Benny Snell Jr., at No. 5 (1,333 in 2017)
Has 14 100-yard games in his career, tied for third in school history ... Needs four more 100-yard games to tie Sonny Collins at No. 2 with 18 (1972-75)
Has a school-record tying eight 100-yard games this season, also Artose Pinner in 2002
Became just the 10th player in school history to rush for 1,000 yards in a season and the 14th total time a Wildcat has accomplished that feat
Has eight rushing TDs this season and 25 in his career ... Just the 10th player in school history with at least 20 rushing touchdowns (24)
His 25 career rushing TDs are tied for fourth in school history ... Needs one more to move up to No. 2 with Moe Williams and Sonny Collins
Rushed 16 times for 121 yards and one touchdown in the win at Louisville
Rushed 16 times for 114 yards and one touchdown in the win over Vanderbilt, averaging 7.1 yards per carry ... He played less than three quarters of the game
Caught a career-high four passes at No. 1 Georgia
Rushed 16 times for 147 yards and UK's final touchdown in the win over LSU ... Averaged 9.2 yards per carry ... Also caught a three-yard

touchdown pass on UK's first offensive possession, his second receiving TD of the season ... Marked the most rushing yards for a Wildcat vs. LSU since Al Baker (159) in 1990

- Rushed 19 times for 99 yards and one touchdown in the win over No. 10/9 Florida ... It is the most rushing yards for a Wildcat vs. Florida in Lexington since Moe Williams in 1993 (109 yards)
Had a streak of five consecutive games with a rushing TD, the second-longest streak in school history
First player since Benny Snell Jr. in 2018 to rush for 100 yards in each of the first two games
Rushed 27 times for 206 yards vs. Missouri - both career highs ... Had three rushing TDs and also caught a five-yard touchdown pass on the first possession, his first collegiate receiving TD
Preseason Second-Team All-SEC (Coaches, Media and Athlon)
Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
Preseason All-America Honorable Mention (PFF)

2020 - Sophomore

- First-Team All-SEC (Pro Football Focus)
Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
Played in nine of 11 games
Team's leading rusher with 785 yards on 119 carries along with a team-high 11 touchdowns
Averaged an SEC-high 6.6 yards per carry (17th nationally)
Ranked fifth in the SEC in rushing (87.2 ypg)
Had four 100-yard games with a career-best 149 yards vs. Vanderbilt
Carried the ball 17 times for 84 yards, including both of UK's touchdowns, in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
Rushed 14 times for 139 yards and a career-high three touchdowns in the win over South Carolina ... His 79-yard touchdown run clinched the game in the fourth quarter and marked his career long run and the fifth-longest run in school history against an SEC opponent
Became just the second player in school history, also Mark Higgs, to have two runs of at least 74 yards in the same season (had a 74-yard run vs. Vanderbilt)
Also had a career-high 151 all-purpose yards vs. South Carolina
Rushed 13 times for a career-high 149 yards and a career-high-tying two touchdowns vs. Vanderbilt
Averaged 11.5 yards per attempt, best for a UK rusher against an SEC opponent (min. 10 carries) since Randall Cobb averaged 17 yards (10 for 170) vs. Vanderbilt in 2010
Rushed a career-high 20 times for 108 yards vs. No. 5 Georgia
Led the Wildcats on the ground in the win over Tennessee with 13 carries for 73 yards, including a two-yard touchdown run that closed the scoring

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
Totaled 71 carries for 533 yards and six scores, ranking fourth on the team in all categories
Averaged 7.5 yards per carry (second on the team behind Lynn Bowden's school record 7.9 ypc)
His 41.0 yards per game average ranked ninth among SEC freshmen
Ranked tied for eighth with teammate Kavosiey Smoke in scoring (TDs) among SEC freshmen (2.8)



- Had two 100-yard rushing games
- Rushed six times for 18 yards in the Belk Bowl win over Virginia Tech ... Had a two-yard TD run late in the second quarter, his sixth TD of the year
- Rushed nine times for 125 yards, including a career-long 64-yard touchdown in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville
- Rushed 15 times for a career-high 129 yards and two touchdowns in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games
- Appeared in his first collegiate game vs. Murray State and bulldozed two carries for 43 yards

High School

- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played on both sides of the ball as a running back and strong safety
- Ran for 1,669 yards on 233 carries with 25 touchdowns as a senior
- Averaged 7.2 yards per carry
- Named Henry County Offensive Player of the Week in November after running for 236 yards and five touchdowns in a win over Union Grove
- Rushed for 1,401 yards and 15 touchdowns with eight separate games of 100-plus yards rushing as a sophomore
- Increased his numbers to 1,660 yards rushing and 26 touchdowns as a junior
- Earned All-State, All-Region and All-County honors
- Named the Ola 2015 Player of the Year by MaxPreps
- Coached by Jared Zito
- Also lettered in basketball and track
- Chose UK over offers from Ole Miss and Mississippi State

Personal

- Born in Riverdale, Georgia
- Son of Stephanie Thornton and Chris Rodriguez
- Siblings are Chyna Thornton and Gabbi Rodriguez
- Major is community and leadership development

Chris Says

- His nickname is "C-Rod"
- Most people don't know he likes country music
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Chance the Rapper, Drake, and Odell Beckham Jr.
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Marshawn Lynch
- Michael B. Jordan would play him a movie about his life

RODRIGUEZ'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018	3-0	2	43	21.5	0	27	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13-0	71	533	7.5	6	64	1	2	2.0	0	6
2020	9-0	119	785	6.6	11	79	1	12	12.0	0	12
2021	12-11	205	1272	6.2	8	41	12	56	4.7	2	12
Totals	37-11	397	2633	6.6	25	79	14	70	0.4	2	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM*	19	125	1	31	2	10	0	5
vs. Missouri*	27	207	2	31	1	5	1	5
vs. UTC*	13	46	0	9	0	0	0	0
at USC*	26	144	0	13	2	5	0	4
vs. Florida*	19	99	1	16	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	16	147	1	22	1	3	1	3
at Georgia*	7	7	0	4	4	10	0	11
at Miss. State*	8	34	0	15	2	23	0	12
vs. Tennessee	22	109	0	18	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	16	114	1	30	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	16	119	1	29	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	16	121	1	41	0	0	0	0
Totals	205	1,272	8	41	12	56	2	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	9	13	0	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	17	133	2	22	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	7	38	1	12	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	13	73	1	25	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	9	48	0	17	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	20	108	0	23	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	13	149	2	74	0	0	0	0
at Alabama					DNP			
at Florida					DNP			
vs. South Carolina	14	139	3	79	1	12	0	12
vs. NCState	17	84	2	26	0	0	0	0
Totals	119	785	11	79	1	12	0	12

RODRIGUEZ'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	5	34	0	21	1	2	0	6
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	6	65	1	44	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	6	19	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	6	13	0	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	12	81	0	23	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	15	129	2	27	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	6	49	1	26	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	9	125	1	64	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	6	18	1	6	0	0	0	0
Totals	71	533	6	64	1	2	0	6

RODRIGUEZ'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Murray State	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	43	0	27	0	0	0	0

RODRIGUEZ'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 27, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
 Rush yards: 206, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021 (27 carries)
 Long rush: 79, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
 Rushing TDs: 3, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
 Total TDs: 3, twice, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
 Receptions: 4, at Georgia, Oct 16, 2021
 Receiving yards: 23, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
 Long reception: 12, twice, last at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
 Receiving TDs: 1, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Kickoff returns: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Kickoff return yards: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 Long kick return: 20, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019
 All-purpose yards: 211, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021



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PAUL
RODRIGUEZ

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-5 • 330 • Freshman-HS
Mason, Ohio (William Mason)

2021- Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star recruit, who is considered a top-60 offensive tackle nationally by 247sports and Rivals
- Touts a 100.25-inch standing reach and an 81-inch wingspan
- Three-year letterwinner and starter for head coach Brian Castner at William Mason
- Helped lead the Comets to a 5-3 overall record, including a 4-2 mark in the Greater Miami Conference (GMC) in 2020
- Also played on the d-line as a defensive tackle
- Named first-team All-Conference by the GMC
- Earned a spot on the Enquirer's Greater Cincinnati/ Northern Kentucky 2020 Fall Sports All-Stars First Team
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by *Sports Illustrated*
- Earned 2020 Preseason All-TriState Football First-Team Offense recognition
- Chose Kentucky over Duke, Iowa State, Purdue, and Maryland

Personal

- Born in Lebanon, Missouri
- Son of Wendy Rodriguez and the late Abel Rodriguez
- Siblings are Nick, Victoria, Abel Jr. and Maria
- Mother, Wendy, played softball and basketball at Davis & Elkins College from 1985-89
- Majoring in natural resources and environmental sciences

Paul Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and he would have the opportunity to play in the SEC
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he lost his dad when he was in the eighth grade
- Three words to describe him are loving, hardworking, and friendly





- In one sentence he would describe Coach Stoops as "one of the nicest people I've ever met and real with me and my family"
- The Rock would play him in a movie about his life



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JUSTIN ROGERS

NOSE GUARD

6-3 • 328 • Sophomore-1L
Detroit, Mich. (Oak Park)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season with four starting assignments
- Has 16 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and 1.5 sacks this season
- Made a career-high four tackles, including a nine-yard quarterback sack and a one-yard tackle for loss in the win over Vanderbilt
- Totaled three tackles in the win over Florida and also had three at Georgia and vs. Mississippi State

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in seven games and totaled nine tackles and a TFL
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State and charted two tackles in his debut
- Recorded a career-high three tackles at Alabama
- Got his first career TFL in the win over South Carolina

High School

- Elite five-star prospect and the No. 10 overall prospect by Rivals
- Ranked the No. 1 player in the state of Michigan by 247Sports Composite
- Considered the second-best defensive tackle in the 2020 class by Rivals
- Four-year starter who dominated both sides of the ball — offensive tackle and defensive end - for head coach Greg Carter
- As a senior, did not give up a sack offensively, while defensively he charted six sacks, forced three fumbles and recovered two fumbles
- Named to the Detroit News Football Dream Team and the All-North Football Team in 2019
- Totaled 22 TFL, seven sacks and four forced fumbles to help Oak Park win the OAA White Division championship as a junior
- One of seven boys in his family
- Played high school football with Marquan McCall
- His first college offer came from Kentucky when he was in the eighth grade
- Picked Kentucky over Georgia, LSU Michigan, Tennessee

Personal

- Born in Detroit
- Son of Joya Townsel
- Siblings are Jeremiah Townsel and Raychard White
- Major is undecided

Justin Says

- He chose Kentucky because he felt an instant connection
- The person he most admires is his mom because of her strength and how she deals with five sons
- Besides being good at football, he's also a good cook
- Three words to describe him are team player, reliable, and trustworthy
- In one sentence he would describe Coach Stoops as "an amazing person who has a heart of gold for his players"

ROGERS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	PBU	FF	FR	QBH
2020	7-0	9	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0
2021	12-4	16	2.5-10	1.5-9	0	0	0	0
Totals	19-4	25	3.5-12	2.5-11	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	4	2.0-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0.5-0	0.5-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	16	2.5-10	1.5-9	0	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Mississippi St.	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	1	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	1.0-2	1.0-2	0	0	0	0	0

ROGERS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 4, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021
 Sacks: 1.0, twice, last at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (1 yards)
 Tackles for loss: 2.0, at Vanderbilt, Nov 13, 2021 (9 yards)



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DARE ROSENTHAL

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-7 • 327 • Junior-Tr
Ferriday, La. (Ferriday)

2021 - Junior

- Has started in all 12 games at left tackle
- All-SEC Third Team (PFF)

2020 - Sophomore (LSU)

- Played in seven of LSU's 10 SEC-only games with five starting assignments vs. Mississippi State, Missouri, Alabama, Florida and Ole Miss

2019 - r-Freshman (LSU)

- Appeared in five games with three starting nods
- Helped the Tigers go undefeated at 15-0 and win the CFP National Championship
- Started at left guard in wins over Northwestern State, Utah State and Mississippi State
- Played a total of 229 snaps with career-high 92 snaps coming against Utah State
- In the three games he started, the Tigers outscored their opponents 143-33

2018 - Freshman (LSU)

- Redshirt season

High School

- Top-rated defensive tackle prospect in Louisiana
- Nation's No. 18 overall defensive tackle
- Consensus four-star recruit who helped lead his team to the semifinals of the 2A state playoffs as a senior in 2017
- A two-way player who also played on the offensive line for head coach Stanley Smith at Ferriday High School
- Senior season totals were eye-popping as he charted 60 tackles, 30 tackles for loss, six sacks, five quarterback hurries, recovered four fumbles (two for TDs), blocked a field goal and registered an interception
- Participated in the New Orleans Regional for The Opening in both 2016 and 2017
- First-team All-State selection for Class 2A by the Louisiana Football Coaches Association as a senior

Personal

- Born in Ferriday, Louisiana
- Son of Latasha Rosenthal and Chad Ellis
- Siblings are Zamarion Rosenthal, Chasity Ellis, Chad Ellis, Tristan Ellis and Cydney Ellis
- Major is community and leadership development

Dare Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was the best opportunity to get to the next level and improve as a man off the field
- Three words to describe him are honest, kind, and respectful



- After football, his dream job is to host a talk show
- One word to describe him on the field is "nasty"
- The best advice he's ever received is "don't ever give up, always keep pushing"



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MATT RUFFOLO

KICKER

5-11 • 210 • Senior-2L
Centerville, Ohio (Archbishop Alter)

2021 - Senior *

- Elected to return for a fifth year, taking advantage of the NCAA's ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Lou Groza Award Watch List (nation's top place kicker)
- Burlsworth Trophy nominee (award presented annually to the most outstanding player who began his career as a walk-on)
- CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team
- Career totals include 24-of-30 field goals and 92-of-97 extra points for 164 total points
- Has hit 8-of-11 field goals this season and 52-of-53 extra points for 76 points
- His 52 extra points set a new single-season school record, previously held by Lones Seiber (51 in 2007)
- Has a streak of three consecutive field goals, dating back to Nov. 13 at Vanderbilt (2-2 vs. Vandy, 1-1 at Louisville)

2020 - Senior

- Hit 22-of-23 extra points and 12-of-14 field goal attempts, totaling 58 points, UK's second-leading scorer
- Set a UK bowl record with three field goals, from 25, 26 and 20 yards, in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Made all of his kicks in the win over South Carolina, including field goals of 22 and 41 yards, along with all five extra points
- Connected a 50-yard field goal in the second quarter at Missouri, tying his career long set last season vs. Arkansas
- Scored 10 points in Kentucky's 34-7 win at No. 18/17-ranked Tennessee ... Made a then-career-high 2-of-2 field goals, from 30 and 27 yards ... Also made all four extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Junior

- Hit 4-of-5 field goals and 18-of-20 PATS
- Totaled 30 points
- Nailed a career-long 50-yard field goal in Kentucky's 24-20 win over Arkansas
- His field goal came on the first drive of the second half, keeping UK's momentum going after trailing 13-0 early in the game ... Also made all three extra points
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2017)

High School

- Two-year starter and letter winner at kicker for Archbishop Alter
- Coached by Ed Domsitz
- Did not miss an extra point for two straight seasons (2016 and 2015)
- Ranks second all-time in Ohio for consecutive PATS made with 103
- Hit 4 of 5 field goals, 79 of 79 PATS, 73 of 85 kicks were touchbacks and averaged 40.0 yards per punt as a senior
- Helped the Knights finish as conference champs and state runner-up with a 13-1 record in 2016
- Named to the All-Greater Catholic League First Team and was named to the Miami Valley Football Coaches Association (MVFCA) All-Star Team
- Honorable mention Southwest Ohio
- Member of the National Honors Society, graduating with honors
- Member of the Student Council, Key Club, University Club and German Club
- Chose UK over Dayton, Ball State and Toledo

Personal

- Born in Dayton, Ohio
- Son of John and Susie Ruffolo
- Sister, Kara, played soccer at Loyola, while brother, Michael, was a kicker at Dayton
- Graduated in May of 2021 with a degree in finance .. Currently working on his MBA at UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics

Matt Says

- His nickname is "Big Foot"
- Other than playing for the NFL, his dream job is to be a CFO of a company
- The three people he would invite to his fantasy dinner are Peyton Manning, Donald Trump and Pat McAfee
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "National Spicy Italian Meatball Day" and everyone would eat meatballs

RUFFOLO'S CAREER STATISTICS				
Year	FG	Long FG	PAT	Points
2019	4-5	50	18-20	30
2020	12-14	50	22-23	58
2021	8-11	45	52-53	76
Totals	24-30	50	92-97	164

RUFFOLO'S FIELD GOALS BY DISTANCE							
Year	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Total	Long
2019	0-0	1-1	0-0	2-3	1-1	4-5	50
2020	0-0	6-6	4-4	1-3	1-1	12-14	50
2021	0-0	3-3	1-3	4-4	0-1	8-11	45
Totals	0-0	10-10	5-7	7-10	2-3	24-30	50

RUFFOLO'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Points scored: 11, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
 Points by kicking: 11, twice, last vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021
 Field goals made: 3, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
 Field goal attempts: 3, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
 Longest field goal: 50, twice, last at Missouri, Oct 24, 2020
 Consecutive FGs made: 7 - Florida, Nov 28, 2020 - Missouri, Sept. 11, 2021



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TRE'VONN RYBKA

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-4 • 301 • Freshman-RS
Dickson, Tenn. (Dickson County)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Has 11 tackles and two quarterback hurries in 11 games played
- Had a career-best three tackles in the win over LSU

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Mississippi State

High School

- Highly recruited defensive lineman who drew national attention
- Consensus top-50 defensive tackle recruit, as high as No. 28 by Rivals.com
- Four-star recruit by Rivals, which listed him the No. 10 recruit in Tennessee
- 247sports has him as the No. 40 defensive tackle in the US, ESPN has him at No. 44
- Totaled 170 tackles, including 25 for loss, during his career at Dickson County HS
- Named to the 2019 All-Dickson County football team by *The Dickson Post* and was on the Region 6-6A All-Region team
- Played in the Tennessee East-West All-Star game and tied for the team lead with eight total tackles, including five solo tackles, and a fumble recovery
- Also participated in track and field in the shot put
- Four-year starter for head coach Randy Murphree
- Decided on Kentucky over Oregon

Personal

- First name pronounced "TREY-vee-on"
- Born in Nashville, Tennessee
- Son of Ricky and Elaine Newsom
- Siblings are Maya Rybka, Toni Dunn, Malachi Rybka, Nehemiah Joiner, Nazare Battiste
- A cousin, Demonta Daniel, played football at Memphis and Tennessee Martin
- Major is undecided

Tre'Vonn Says

- His nickname is "Chunky"
- He chose Kentucky because he loved the atmosphere and the vibe of the coaching staff
- Other than playing for the NFL, his dream job is to be a collegiate football coach





- One thing most people may not know about him is that he was adopted by his grandparents
- Besides football he's also good at tennis, fishing and longboarding

RYBKA'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020	DT	1-0	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	DT	11-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
Totals		12-0	11	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0

RYBKA'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. LSU	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee			DNP					
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2

RYBKA'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

RYBKA'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Quarterback hurry: 1, twice, last vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021



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EARNEST SANDERS IV

WIDE RECEIVER

6-1 • 218 • Freshman-RS
Beecher, Mich. (Beecher)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw his first collegiate action at Auburn and also saw action vs. Vanderbilt
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Explosive, all-round athlete who excelled in football, basketball and track

- One of the top 20 recruits in Michigan as evaluated by ESPN and 247sports
- Also one of the nation's top-100 wide receivers by the same two services
- First-team all-state as a senior by The Associated Press and Detroit News after catching 19 passes for 522 yards and seven touchdowns
- Also first-team all-state as a junior when he caught 42 passes for 1,047 yards and 15 touchdowns, rushed for six touchdowns, returned two kickoffs and one punt for TDs
- A four-year starter who helped lead Beecher HS to state playoff berths each of his last two seasons
- Coached by Courtney Hawkins
- Also a two-time all-state basketball player as a junior and senior
- Averaged a double-double in 2019 with 15.5 points and 10.2 rebounds per game ... Added 3.3 assists and 3.3 steals per game
- Averaged 17.5 points and 11 rebounds per game for a team that advanced to the final eight of the state tourney
- Candidate for Michigan Mr. Basketball
- Competed in the 200-meter dash, high jump and long jump for the track team, earning All-State honors
- Chose Kentucky over Michigan State

Personal

- Born in Flint, Michigan
- Son of Danielle Kelly and Ernest Sanders III
- His seven siblings are JaQualyn Kelly, Malik Wilbanks, Jacoby Sanders, Emiyah Sanders, Jamari Sanders, Emelia Sanders and JaCaylah Sanders
- Father, Earnest, played football as a strong safety at Michigan (1993-95)
- Major is undecided

Ernest Says

- His nickname is "E"
- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home and UK was a place he could better himself as a person and as a student-athlete
- Three words to describe him are fun, cool, and loving
- One thing most people may not know about him is that he can't swim
- After football his dream is to be his own boss and run his own business



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KAHLIL SAUNDERS

DEFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 270 • Freshman-HS
Huntsville, Ala. (Grissom)

2021 - Freshman

- Has played in three games (ULM, NMST, Louisville)
- Got his first career tackle for loss at Louisville
- Redshirt season

High School

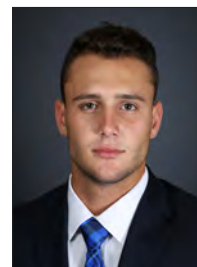
- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services
- Considered a top 50 strong-side defensive end by 247sports
- A two-way player at Grissom High School also playing on the offensive line
- A three-year starter for head coach Chip English
- Totaled 80 tackles, including 14.0 tackles for loss, 8.0 sacks and 17 quarterback hurries as a senior at Grissom
- Helped lead Grissom to the AHSAA High School Football Class 7A playoffs for the first time since 2004
- Named to the 2020 Alabama Sports Writers Association All-State football Class 7A Second Team
- Earned 7A Region 4 first-team honors ... Also an all-city first-team member
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
- Chose Kentucky over Indiana, Virginia, and Virginia Tech

Personal

- Born in Huntsville, Alabama
- Son of Toshiba Burton
- Major is undecided

Kahlil Says

- He chose Kentucky because it would give him the best opportunity to go to the NFL
- After football his dream is to be an exotic animal veterinarian
- Three words to describe him are chill, goofy, and competitive
- The person he admires the most is his mom because she's a strong, independent woman
- One thing most people may not know about him is that he draw



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NIK SCALZO

QUARTERBACK

6-0 • 195 • Soomore-Sq
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Cardinal Gibbons)

2021 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. New Mexico State

2020 - r-Freshman

- Practiced with the team

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Did not see action in any games due to a torn ACL suffered in fall camp
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll



High School

- A three-star prospect by all of the major recruiting services
- Rated one of Florida's top-10 quarterbacks
- A dual-threat passer who led Cardinal Gibbons to a combined 32-6 record in his three seasons as a starter
- Completed 59.6 percent of his passes (522 for 876) for 6,471 yards with 74 touchdowns to only 23 interceptions in three seasons
- Also rushed for 613 yards on 147 carries with four scores in his career
- Helped lead the Chiefs to their first Florida 5A state championship as a senior, completing 173-of-279 passes for 2,185 yards and 24 touchdowns before injury sidelined him in the regional semifinal
- Earned first-team All-State and first-team All-County honors by the *Sun Sentinel*
- As a junior, completed 175-of-307 passes for 2,065 yards and 23 touchdowns in leading the Chiefs to an 11-2 overall record and his second straight FHSAA Class 5A playoff appearance
- As a sophomore, threw for 2,221 yards and 27 touchdowns in leading the Chiefs' Air-Raid offense to a 9-2 season and regional semifinal appearance
- High school teammate of fellow signee Nik Ogenovic
- The pair teamed together to win the Adidas 7-on-7 National Championship with South Florida Express in the spring of 2018
- Coached by Matt DuBuc
- Chose Kentucky over Harvard and Georgia State

Community Cats

- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Amber and Jerry Scalzo
- Has one sister, Jensen, who is a sophomore on the Arkansas gymnastics team
- Dad, Jerry, was a wide receiver at Clemson in 1993
- Major is pre-marketing

Nik Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home the minute he stepped on campus
- Most people don't know he's a dare devil
- When he played football as a kid he pretended to be Johnny Manziel
- One word to describe him on the field is "leader"
- His sports hero is Baker Mayfield because he paved the way for smaller quarterbacks



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KAIYA
SHERON

QUARTERBACK

6-3 • 203 • Freshman-HS
Somerset, Ky. (Somerset)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee in January 2021
- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-star prospect who ranked as one of the top-10 players in the commonwealth as evaluated by 247, Rivals.com and ESPN
- Ranked as the nation's No. 21 pro-style quarterback by 247sports.com
- A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter for head coach Robbie Lucas at Somerset
- Guided team to a 9-3 record as a senior and the second round of the state playoffs
- Completed 111 passes for 2,016 yards and threw 15 touchdown passes ... Also rushed for 465 yards and scored 10 rushing touchdowns
- Two-time Class AA Player of the Year as chosen by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association (2019 and 2020)
- First-team all-state by Kentucky Sports Radio, named to the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" list of the top seniors in Kentucky
- Named 2020 *Commonwealth Journal* Offensive Player of the Year
- Nominated for the *Lexington Herald-Leader's* 2020 Kentucky Sports Figure of the Year
- AP All-State honorable mention
- As a junior, led Somerset (Ky.) High School to a 14-1 record and the 2019 state championship in Class AA
- Most Valuable Player of the state title game as he guided the Briar Jumpers on a five-play, 86-yard TD drive in the game's final 28 seconds
- Overall, threw for 3,218 yards and 28 touchdowns while rushing for 959 yards and nine TDs
- Named second-team all-state by The Associated Press and honorable mention by the *Louisville Courier-Journal*
- 2019 *Commonwealth Journal* Football Player of the Year
- Strong arm paired with good mobility
- Also played basketball, earning three letters
- Member of the student council
- An early commitment to Kentucky, he selected the Wildcats over Arizona State and Cincinnati

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ki-yah Sharon"
- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Melissa and Kevin Sheron
- Has one sister, Kallie Sheron
- Major is pre-communication

Kaiya Says

- His nickname is "K.B."
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he throws with his right hand but kicks with his left foot
- Besides playing football, he's also good at ping pong
- The best advice he's ever received is "nothing good happens after midnight"



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KAVOSIEY
SMOKE

RUNNING BACK

5-9 • 202 • Junior-2L
Wetumpka, Ala. (Wetumpka)

2021 - Junior

- Has seen action in 34 career games with one start
- Has played in all 12 games this season and earned his first career start at Mississippi State
- Has 1,306 career rushing yards, 30th place on the UK career rushing list.
- Rushed eight times for 31 yards and one touchdown in the win over Louisville
- Rushed 12 times for a career-high 104 yards, averaging 8.7 per attempt in the win over LSU
- Switched jersey numbers from 20 to 0 in fall camp

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in seven of 11 games
- Had 47 carries for 229 yards and one score ... Also had five receptions for 25 yards
- Totaled 45 yards on nine attempts in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Led the Wildcats with seven carries for 62 yards, including a 35-yard touchdown run on UK's first possession at Auburn
- Had five carries for 29 yards vs. Ole Miss before leaving the game with injury

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games
- UK's third-leading rusher with 616 yards on 101 attempts and six scores
- Averaged 6.1 yards per attempt
- Had two receptions for 26 yards
- Ranked in the top 10 among SEC freshman leaders in the following categories: fifth in rushing (47.47), ninth in all-purpose yards (50.7) and 10th in total offense (47.4) and scoring (2.8)
- Rushed twice for 75 yards in UK's 45-13 win over Louisville
- Ran 15 times for a career-high 95 yards in the win over Vanderbilt

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season



- Saw action in two games vs. Louisville and Penn State and totaled four carries for 45 yards and a score
- Got his first collegiate carries at Louisville, rushing four times for 45 yards, including a 37-yard scoring dash

High School

- A three-star recruit by all the major recruiting services ... Ranked the 29th-best running back in the nation by Rivals
- Four-year starter for the Indians
- Selected to play in the 31st annual Alabama-Mississippi Football All-Star Classic
- Helped Wetumpka advance to the 6A Alabama state championship game for the first time in the school's 115-year history
- Finished his senior season with 1,508 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns
- Earned Class 6A second-team All-State honors by the Alabama Sports Writers Association
- Chose UK over offers from South Carolina, Auburn, North Carolina, Georgia Tech, Missouri, Florida and Virginia Tech
- Also a four-year starter as a small forward/power forward on the basketball team
- Coached by Tim Perry

Personal

- Name is pronounced "kah-VAH-see-ay"
- Born in Montgomery, Alabama
- Son of Helen Smoke
- Siblings are Iesha, Miranda, Nadia and Tay
- Major is community and leadership development

Kavosiey Says

- His nickname is "Smoke"
- Most people don't know he's part Native American
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it felt like home
- After his football career, he would like to be a coach
- His sports hero is Bo Jackson

SMOKE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2018	2-0	4	45	11.2	1	37	0	0	0	0	0
2019	13-0	101	616	6.1	6	70	2	26	13.0	0	28
2020	7-0	47	229	4.9	1	35	5	25	5.0	0	9
2021	12-1	81	416	5.1	4	32	1	17	17.0	0	3
Totals	34-1	233	1306	5.6	12	70	8	68	8.5	0	28

SMOKE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	5	26	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	8	39	0	14	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC	7	27	0	11	0	0	0	0
at USC	9	50	1	15	1	3	0	3
vs. Florida	4	17	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	12	104	0	32	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	5	14	0	9	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	8	19	0	6	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	11	53	1	18	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	3	35	1	23	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	8	31	1	13	0	0	0	0
Totals	81	416	4	32	1	3	0	3

SMOKE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	7	62	1	35	2	10	0	8
vs. Ole Miss	5	29	0	19	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. St.				DNP				
at Tennessee				DNP				
at Missouri				DNP				
vs. Georgia	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	6
vs. Vandy	3	20	0	15	1	9	0	9
at Alabama	9	26	0	8	1	0	0	0
at Florida	14	47	0	13	0	0	0	0
vs. USC				DNP				
vs. NC State	9	47	0	18	0	0	0	0
Totals	47	229	1	35	5	25	0	9

SMOKE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

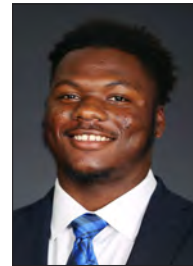
Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	7	78	1	40	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	11	92	1	32	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	16	81	0	16	1	-2	0	0
at Miss. State	10	25	1	12	0	0	0	0
at USC	2	7	0	7	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	11	45	0	25	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	5	0	5	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	3	8	1	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	8	58	1	22	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	15	95	1	21	1	28	0	28
vs. UT Martin	11	40	0	9	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	2	75	0	70	0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	4	7	0	5	0	0	0	0
Totals	101	616	6	70	2	26	0	28

SMOKE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Louisville	4	45	1	37	0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	45	1	37	0	0	0	0

SMOKE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 16, twice, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Rush yards: 104, vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021 (16 carries)
 Long rush: 70, vs Louisville, Nov 30, 2019
 Rushing TDs: 1, 12x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
 Receptions: 2, at Auburn, Sept 26, 2020
 Receiving yards: 28, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 Long reception: 28, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
 All-purpose yards: 123, at Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019



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DEANDRE SQUARE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-1 • 221 • Senior-3L
Detroit, Mich. (Cass Tech)

2021 - Senior (Team Captain)

- Fourth-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Elected two-time team captain
- Has played in 48 career games with 34 starting assignments
- Second on the team behind Jacquiez Jones (86) in total tackles (74)
- Third on the team behind Josh Paschal (15.0) and J.J. Weaver (10.0) in tackles for loss (9.0)
- Also has 3.0 sacks (third on the team), one pass breakup, three quarterback hurries and a forced fumble in 12 games this season
- Made 12 tackles, including one for loss, at Mississippi State, his second double-figure tackle game of the season (13 vs. Florida)
- Had eight tackles, including a quarterback sack in the win over LSU ... His sack in the first quarter caused a fumble, recovered by Josaih Hayes, setting up a TD drive
- Had a career-high 13 tackles in the win over No. 10/9 Florida, the second double-figure tackle game of his career (also vs. Toledo in 2019)
- Led the Cats with eight tackles in Kentucky's 16-10 win at South Carolina ... In the second quarter, with USC at the Kentucky 47-yard line, he made consecutive stops for no gain on 3rd-and-1 and 4th-and-1 to turn the ball over on downs ... In the fourth quarter, he made a third-down tackle that set up another fourth-down stop by the UK defense
- Had six tackles, including a career-high 3.5 TFL (-7 yards) in the opener vs. ULM ... Included in the TFL was a one-yard sack
- Preseason Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Preseason Fourth-Team All-SEC (Athlon)
- Reese's Senior Bowl Watch List

2020 - Junior (Team Captain)

- Started in 10 of 11 games played
- Third on the team in total tackles with 60, second with four QBH
- Also had 2.5 TFL, a pass breakup and a fumble recovery
- Had a season-high nine tackles vs. Mississippi State
- Had six tackles and shared a one-yard tackle for loss at Florida ... His fumble recovery in the second



- quarter on the UF 38 set up a UK touchdown drive ... It was the first recovery of his career
- Elected one of 10 team captains

2019 - Sophomore

- Started in 12 games
- Second on the team in tackles with 69
- Also had 4.0 TFL, 1.5 sacks, three QBHs, a PBU, an interception and a forced fumble
- Had a career-best 11 tackles and had his first career interception in his first career start vs. Toledo in the season opener
- First UK player with at least 10 tackles, a half sack, 1 TFL and an interception since Josh Forrest vs. Louisiana on Sept. 5, 2015

2018 - Freshman

- Played in all 13 games with one start vs. Penn State
- Earned Freshman All-SEC honors by the league coaches after totaling 35 tackles, 3.5 TFL, three QBHs, one PBU and one forced fumble
- In his first collegiate start vs. Penn State in the VRBO Citrus Bowl, tied his career-high of six tackles, including a six-yard quarterback sack
- Charted three tackles in his collegiate debut

High School

- A hard-hitting linebacker at powerhouse Cass Tech
- Rated a four-star player and No. 20 outside linebacker nationally
- Played both sides for head coach Thomas Wilcher
- Had 94 tackles, two interceptions and forced four fumbles to help Cass Tech advance to the Division 1 state semifinals as a senior
- Named first-team All-State by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association and the AP
- Played in the Offensive-Defense All-American Bowl in New Orleans, charting eight tackles
- Helped his team capture the Division I state title with a perfect 14-0 record in 2016, the first undefeated season in program history
- Won the 2014 and 2016 conference championship
- Chose Kentucky after considering LSU, Michigan State, Purdue, Wisconsin and Cincinnati

Personal

- Born in Detroit, Michigan
- Son of Florence Square and Tyrone and Miranda Square
- Siblings are Brian Linley, Andrea Square, Pamela Square and Tyler Square
- Majoring in health promotion

DeAndre Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach or athletic trainer
- He chose UK because it was the best place for him to play and he loved the atmosphere and the fans
- The person he admires most is his mom because she works so hard
- Three words to describe him are quiet, shy, and funny

SQUARE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2018	LB	13-0	35	1.0-6	3.5-10	1/0	3	0	1
2019	LB	12-12	69	1.5-13	4.0-23	1/0	3	1-3	1
2020	LB	11-10	60	0-0	2.5-4	0/1	4	0	1
2021	LB	12-12	74	3.0-14	9.0-30	1/0	3	0	1
Totals		48-34	238	5.5-33	19.0-67	3/1	13	1-3	4

SQUARE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	6	3.5-7	1.0-1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC*	5	2.0-5	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
at USC*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	13	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	8	1.0-9	1.0-9	0	1	0	0	0
at Georgia*	4	1.0-4	1.0-4	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	12	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST*	4	0.5-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	74	9.0-30	3.0-14	1	1	0	0	3

SQUARE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn*	5	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss*	7	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State*	9	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
at Tennessee*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	2
vs. Georgia*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	1	0	0
vs. South Carolina*	4	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	60	2.5-4	0-0	1	0	1	0	4

SQUARE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

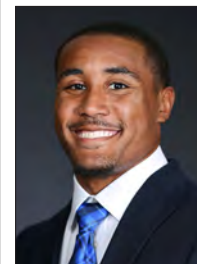
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo*	11	1.5-6	1.5-4	0	0	0	1-3	0
vs. EMU*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Miss. State*	9	1.5-10	1.0-9	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
vs. Arkansas*	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	9	1.0-7	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin		DNP	(Injury)					
vs. Louisville*	7	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	69	4.0-23	1.5-13	1	1	0	1-3	3

SQUARE'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Central Mich.	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	0.5-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at TAMU	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	5	1.0-2	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
vs. MTSU	2	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	9	0
vs. Penn State*	6	1.0-6	1.0-6	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	3.5-10	1.0-6	1	1	0	0	3

SQUARE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 13, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (5-8)
 Tackles for loss: 3.5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (17 yards)
 Sacks: 1.5, vs ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (1 yard)
 Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020
 Quarterback hurry: 2, twice, last vs UTC, Sept 18, 2021
 Forced fumbles: 1, 3x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
 Fumble recovery: 1, at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
 Interceptions: 1, vs Toledo, Aug 31, 2019



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CLEVAN
THOMAS JR.

WIDE RECEIVER

5-11 • 190 • Senior-2L
 Miami, Fla. (Charles W. Flanagan)

2021 - Senior

- Has seen action in 29 games with eight starting nods
- Rehabbing from a torn ACL suffered in spring practice and did not action this season

2020 - Junior

- Saw action in four games with one start in the season opener at Auburn
- Caught one pass for three yards vs. Ole Miss
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - r-Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games, starting in seven straight
- Had 11 catches (tied for fourth on the team) for 99 yards (fifth on the team) and a score
- Had at least one catch in nine of the last 10 games
- Caught two passes for 45 yards in the win over Vanderbilt, including a 40-yarder that tied the longest reception of his career
- Made his first collegiate start vs. Arkansas and caught two passes for 10 yards and his first collegiate touchdown
- SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll





2018 - Sophomore

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games early
- Caught two passes for a career-high 51 yards vs. Murray State
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2017 - Freshman

- Saw action in nine games
- One of seven true freshmen to see action in the opening game vs. Southern Miss and had his first career catch for four yards
- Graduated a semester early and enrolled at Kentucky in January of 2017

High School

- Three-star recruit who ranked as one of the nation's top 100 receivers by every major scouting service
- Contributed at several positions for the District 12-8A champions and regional semifinalist Falcons, playing defensive back, wide receiver and tight end
- Named to the Broward Football 8A-6A Offense First Team as a receiver
- Caught nine TD passes as a junior in helping lead the Falcons win the 2015 Class 8A state championship
- A three-year letter winner and starter for coach Stanford Samuels Jr.
- Chose UK over Michigan, Louisville and Syracuse

Community Cats

- Participated in the Read Across America event at Fayette Mall (2017)

Personal

- Born in Miami, Florida
- Son of Yera and Clevan Thomas
- Father, Clevan Thomas, was a defensive back at Florida State from 1997-2000; Inducted into the AFL Hall of Fame in 2012
- Has two sisters, Infinity and Destiny
- Graduated in May of 2020 with a degree in community and leadership development ... Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a master's degree in sport leadership

Clevan Says

- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in the FBI
- One word to describe him on the field is "physical"
- If he had a hashtag to describe himself it would be #GodFirst
- His sports hero is his dad, who he grew up watching and learning from
- Most people don't know he can draw

THOMAS' CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
2017	WR	9-0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0	0
2018	WR	3-0	3	63	21.0	0	40	0	0	0	0
2019	WR	13-7	11	99	9.0	1	40	3	-1	0	4
2020	WR	4-1	1	3	3.0	0	3	0	0	0	0
Totals		29-8	16	169	10.6	1	40	3	-1	0	4

THOMAS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	3	0	3	0	0	0	0

THOMAS' 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas*	2	10	1	10	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	1	9	0	9	2	-5	0	1
vs. Tennessee	1	8	0	8	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	45	0	40	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville*	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech*	1	5	0	5	1	4	0	4
Totals	11	99	1	40	3	-1	0	4

THOMAS' 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Central Mich.	1	12	0	12
at Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. Murray State	2	51	0	40
Totals	3	63	0	40

THOMAS' 2017 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Southern Miss	1	4	0	4
vs. ECU	0	0	0	0
at South Carolina	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0	0	0
vs. E. Michigan	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	4	0	4

THOMAS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 2, twice, last vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Receiving yards: 51, vs. Murray State, Sept 15, 2018 (2 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, vs Arkansas, Oct 12, 2019
Long reception: 40, twice, last vs Vanderbilt, Nov 16, 2019
Rush attempts: 2, vs Missouri, Oct 26, 2019
Rush yards: 4, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019
Long rush: 4, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019



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MARTEZ THROWER

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 212 • Freshman-HS
Rochelle, Ga. (Wilcox County)

2021 - Freshman

- Has seen action in seven games and has five tackles and a quarterback hurry
- Totaled a career-high three tackles at Mississippi State
- Charted his first career tackle and a quarterback hurry in his collegiate debut vs. ULM

High School

- Three-star prospect by the major scouting services
- Rated the No. 38 outside linebacker nationally and No. 54 overall prospect in Georgia by the 247Sports Composite
- Totaled 120 tackles, including 92 solo, 9.5 tackles for loss, four forced fumbles and one fumble recovery for a touchdown as a senior
- Named first-team All-State by the AJC
- Earned a spot on the Class A South defensive team by the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association
- Named to the 2020 Class 1A Public All-State First Team by the GHSF Daily
- "Martez is an explosive hitter. He brings the hammer. He broke three facemasks in one game. Long story short, the guy will hit you. He will light you up," Wilcox County coach Rob Stowe said
- Named the 2020 Atlanta Journal-Constitution Preseason Player of the Year for Class A
- Named a preseason All-America candidate by Sports Illustrated
- Picked Kentucky over Arkansas and Nebraska

Personal

- Born in Hawkinsville, Georgia
- Son of Norma Brown
- Siblings are Deauntay Legrier, Britney Legrier and Shaina Legrier
- Major is kinesiology

Martez Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "determined"
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he likes to fish and hunt
- The person he admires most is his brother because he leads him the right way
- His passion in life is to be the best person he can be

THROWER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	ILB	7-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
Totals		7-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0



THROWER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1

THROWER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 3, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (0-3)



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**TRAVIS
TISDALE**

RUNNING BACK

**5-9 • 180 • Sophomore-1L
Valdosta, Ga. (Lowndes)**

2021 - Sophomore

- Had one rush for four yards vs. ULM

2020 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in seven games
- Totaled six carries for 21 yards
- Also had three kick returns for 42 yards
- Recorded three carries for five yards at Alabama
- Also had three carries for 16 yards in the win over Tennessee

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Played in two games (Vanderbilt and UT Martin)
- Rushed four times for 60 yards vs. UT Martin, including a 53-yard run ... Also scored his first collegiate touchdown on a one-yard run
- Saw his first collegiate action at Vanderbilt and had one carry

High School

- A four-star recruit and one of the nation's top-300 players by ESPN
- Ranked the nation's No. 18 running back by ESPN and the No. 11 all-purpose back nationally by Rivals
- Rated as high as the No. 33 prospect in Georgia
- Region Player of the Year as a senior as he rushed for 1,903 yards and 21 touchdowns
- Led Lowndes HS to a 10-4 record and a berth in the Class AAAAAA (largest classification) state playoff semifinals
- Named to the 2018-19 Georgia Athletic Coaches Association Class 7A All-State team and the 2018 *Atlanta Journal Constitution* All-State team
- Senior season was highlighted by 413 yards and six rushing touchdowns – both of which are school

records – against crosstown rival Valdosta High School

- Also a 1,000-yard rusher as a sophomore with 1,029 yards
- Set the LHS career record for rushing touchdowns with 46, breaking Darriet Perry's previous career record of 40
- Coached by Randy McPherson
- Chose Kentucky over Nebraska, Ole Miss and Penn State

Personal

- Born in Andrews, South Carolina
- Son of Emmanuel and Jeniker McBride
- Dad serves in United States Air Force
- Siblings are Qusha Jackson, Emyriah McBride, and Emya McBride
- Major is community and leadership development

Travis Says

- His nickname is "Tizzy"
- Three words to describe him are fun, quiet and smooth
- His dream job is to be a little league football coach
- The person he admires most is his mom because she pushes him to be great
- The best advice he's ever received is "you can do or be whatever you want in life"

T. TISDALE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2019	2-0	5	57	11.4	1	53	0	0	0	0	0
2020	7-0	6	21	3.5	0	6	0	0	0	0	0
2021	1-0	1	4	4.0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	10-0	12	82	6.8	1	53	0	0	0	0	0

T. TISDALE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Totals	1	4	0	4	0	0	0	0

T. TISDALE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	KR	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Ole Miss	0	0	0	0	1	13	0	13
at Tennessee	3	16	0	6	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	3	5	0	4	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC	0	0	0	0	2	29	0	22
Totals	6	21	0	6	3	42	0	22

T. TISDALE'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Vandy	1	-3	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	4	60	1	53	0	0	0	0
Totals	5	57	1	53	11	67	0	13

T. TISDALE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 5, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Rush yards: 60, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Long rush: 53, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Rushing TDs: 1, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 All-purpose yards: 60, vs UT Martin, Nov 23, 2019
 Kick returns: 3, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
 Kick return yards: 42, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
 Long return: 22, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020



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**VITO
TISDALE**

NICKELBACK

**6-1 • 188 • Sophomore-1L
Bowling Green, Ky. (Bowling Green)**

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in eight games and got first career start vs. Vanderbilt
- Has totaled 18 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry
- Led the Wildcats in tackles with six vs. Tennessee
- Had his first career sack and first career pass breakup at Mississippi State ... Also finished with a season-high five tackles

2020 - Freshman

- Had 20 tackles, and 0.5 TFL in 10 games played
- Totaled a career-high six tackles in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl

High School

- Ranked the No. 3 Kentucky prospect and a top-20 safety in the class of 2020 by 247sports
- Announced his decision during the U.S. Army All-American game in San Antonio, Texas
- Named a U.S. Army All-American and first-team All-State member after totaling 88 total tackles (26 solo), four interceptions and two fumble recoveries during his senior season
- Named honorable mention for the 2019 Class of the Commonwealth by the Lexington Herald-Leader
- Four-year starter for head coach Mark Spader at Bowling Green High School
- Also returned kicks
- His defensive prowess helped lead the Purples to a 9-4 record and a semifinal appearance in the Class 5A playoffs in 2019
- Also participated in track at BGHS
- Chose UK over Alabama, Georgia and Texas A&M

Personal

- Born in Bowling Green, Kentucky





- Son of Vito Tisdale and Erica Cherry
- Siblings are Napoleon, Sydney, Blue, and Meadow
- Major is undecided

Vito Says

- He chose Kentucky because it's home
- Three words to describe him are chill, calm, and sweet
- One word to describe him on the field is "dangerous"
- If he could eat one thing for the rest of his life he would eat tacos
- His sports hero is Sean Taylor

V. TISDALE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020	S	10-0	20	0-0	0.5-1	0/0	0	0	0
2021	S	8-1	18	1.0-7	1.5-8	0/0	1	0	1
Totals		18-1	38	1.0-7	2.0-9	0/0	1	0	1

V. TISDALE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	5	1.0-7	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	6	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	18	1.5-8	1.0-7	1	0	0	0	1

V. TISDALE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn			DNP					
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	3	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0

V. TISDALE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021 (3-3)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
Sacks: 1.0, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
Pass breakup: 1, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021 (7 yards)
Quarterback hurry: 1, at Louisville, Nov. 27, 2021



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KEATON
UPSHAW

TIGHT END

6-6 • 250 • Junior-2L
Lima, Ohio (Lima Senior)

2021 - Junior

- Suffered a season-ending injury during fall camp

2020 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 11 games, with four starting assignments
- Totaled 16 catches for 193 yards and three scores
- Caught a career-high tying three passes for 28 yards, including a four-yard touchdown in the second quarter at Florida
- Also caught three passes for 44 yards at Alabama, both were career highs
- Had a 21-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter vs. Vanderbilt
- Had a 12-yard touchdown catch in the second quarter vs. Mississippi State

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in all 13 games with two starts (South Carolina and Tennessee)
- Made his first collegiate start at South Carolina and totaled seven catches for 78 yards and a score
- Got his first collegiate touchdown with a 13-yard catch in the third quarter vs. Florida
- Charted his first collegiate pass receptions vs. Toledo with two catches for 19 yards
- Critical blocker for UK's impressive run game which ranked fourth nationally with 278.8 yards per game

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star tight end in most of the major recruiting services
- Rated as the 25th-best tight end in the 2018 class
- A three-year starter who earned first-team All-Northwest Ohio District and second-team All-State honors by Three Rivers Athletic Conference after totaling 786 receiving yards on 46 catches with four touchdowns as a senior
- Also was a third-team Division II Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association (OPSWA) All-Ohio selection
- Caught 48 passes for 758 yards and four touchdowns as a junior, earning him a spot on the All-Northwest Ohio and TRAC first team
- Also named second-team All-Ohio
- Coached by Andre Griffin
- Also an excellent basketball player, lettering three seasons as a power forward
- Lettered one season in track & field, participating in the 4x400, 4x200 and the high jump
- Picked Kentucky over offers from Louisville, West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Cincinnati and Auburn

Personal

- Born in Lima, Ohio
- Son of Jessica Kahle
- Siblings are Aaron Godsey, Kearre Upshaw, and Teysha Upshaw
- Major is community and leadership development

Keaton Says

- His nickname is "Keat"
- His hidden talent is bowling
- The most influential person in his life is his mother because she pushes him everyday
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be a personal trainer
- Three words to describe him are funny, chill and hardworking

UPSHAW'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long
2019	TE	13-2	7	78	11.1	1	19
2020	TE	11-4	16	198	12.4	3	23
Totals		24-6	23	276	12.0	4	23

UPSHAW'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
at Auburn	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	1	5	0	5
vs. Mississippi State	1	12	1	12
at Tennessee	2	22	0	18
at Missouri*	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	1	10	0	10
vs. Vanderbilt	2	41	1	21
at Alabama*	3	44	0	17
at Florida*	3	28	1	13
vs. South Carolina	1	11	0	11
vs. NC State	2	25	0	23
Totals	16	198	3	23

UPSHAW'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. Toledo	2	19	0	17
vs. EMU	2	19	0	10
vs. Florida	1	13	1	13
at Miss. State	1	19	0	19
at South Carolina*	0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	8	0	8
vs. UT Martin	0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	0	0	0	0
vs. Virginia Tech	0	0	0	0
Totals	7	78	1	19

UPSHAW'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Receptions: 3, twice, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
Receiving yards: 44, at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020 (3 receptions)
Receiving TDs: 1, 4x, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020
Long reception: 23, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021



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CARRINGTON
VALENTINE

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 188 • Sophomore-1L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Moeller)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has played in 22 career games with 12 starting assignments
- Has started in 11 of 12 games played this season
- Ranks fourth on the team with 59 tackles ... Also has one sack, 1.5 tackles for loss, five pass breakups (tied for second on the team) and a QBH
- Had the second-most tackles on the team in the win at Louisville with seven
- Had eight tackles and a tackle for loss in the win over No. 10/9 Florida
- Made four tackles, including a seven-yard quarterback sack that forced a punt in the road win at South Carolina ... Marked the first sack of his career
- Totaled a career-high 11 tackles vs. UTC

2020 - Freshman

- Saw action in 10 games with one starting assignment vs. NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Totaled 10 tackles, a PBU and a forced fumble
- Made a career-best six tackles and caused a fumble in the win over NC State
- Got his first career PBU in the win at Tennessee and his first tackle in the win over Vanderbilt
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- One of nation's top-100 cornerbacks as rated by Rivals.com, 247sports.com and ESPN
- Rated as high as No. 23 in the state of Ohio by Rivals
- A versatile athlete, he began his career as a wide receiver before moving to cornerback as a junior
- Named first-team All-Southwest Ohio as a senior by area coaches
- Made 32 tackles, had five pass breakups and blocked two kicks
- Speed showed on his kickoff returns, averaging 31.7 per runback, including two for touchdowns
- Played at Moeller High School for Coach Todd Naumann, John Rodenberg, and Doug Rosfeld
- Also an outstanding basketball player, winning a state championship in 2019
- Fielded many offers, narrowing his choices to Kentucky, Michigan State and Pittsburgh before tabbing the Wildcats

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Ericka and Jerry Valentine
- Siblings are Shala, Jerry, and Jerrick

- Sister, Shala, played basketball at UMass Lowell and brother, Jerrick, played soccer at Bellermine
- Major is pre-journalism

Carrington Says

- His nickname is "Carri"
- He chose Kentucky because he wanted to be developed
- One thing most people don't know about him is before coming to UK, he only played the defensive back position for one year
- The person he admires the most is his mom because she pushes him to reach his goals
- Three words to describe him are athlete, respectful, and funny

VALENTINE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2020	DB	10-1	10	0-0	0-0	1/0	0	0	1
2021	DB	12-11	59	1.0-7	1.5-8	0/0	1	0	5
Totals		22-12	69	1.0-7	1.5-8	1/0	1	0	6

VALENTINE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

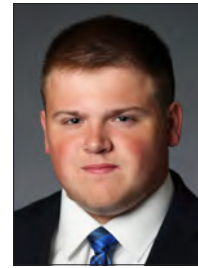
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC*	4	1.0-7	1.0-7	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida*	8	0.5-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	7	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Georgia*	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	5	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	2	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	1
at Louisville*	7	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	59	1.5-8	1.0-7	5	0	0	0	1

VALENTINE'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	1	0	0	0	0
at Missouri			DNP					
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NC State*	6	0-0	0-0	0	1	0	0	0
Totals	10	0-0	0-0	1	1	0	0	0

VALENTINE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 11, vs UTC, Sept 19, 2021 (7-4)
Sacks: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (7 yards)
Tackles for loss: 1.0, at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021 (7 yards)
Pass breakup: 1, 6x, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs. New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Forced fumble: 1, vs NC State, Jan 2, 2021



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JACK
VARGA

FULLBACK

5-11 • 235 • Junior-SQ
Louisville, Ky. (St. Xavier)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Sophomore

- Saw his first collegiate action vs. Vanderbilt
- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

High School

- Played three different positions during his prep career, including offensive lineman as a freshman, fullback during his sophomore and junior seasons and defensive lineman as a senior
- Three-year letter winner and two-year starter for head coach Will Wolford and Kevin Wallace
- Helped lead the Tigers to three straight district championship titles
- Averaged 4.0 tackles per game as a senior
- Earned the Grey Horton Award for character as a senior at St. Xavier
- Also a two-year letter winner on the lacrosse team
- Excellent in the classroom, earning a spot on the Principal's List as a senior ... Also won the Optimist Essay Award
- Active in community service for St. Xavier, volunteering to give blood five times
- Chose UK over Centre College

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of John and Tracy Varga
- Comes from a tennis family as dad, John, uncle Andrew Varga, uncles Paul and Andrew Varga, and aunt, Julie Hale, all played tennis at UK
- Double major in finance and marketing

Jack Says

- His nickname is "Meat"
- He chose Kentucky because it is his dream school and has a strong family tradition
- Besides playing football, he's also enjoys golf, video games, horse racing and movies
- If he could create a holiday he would call it "Mandatory Beach Day"
- The person he admires most is his dad because of his work ethic and dedication to excellence in everything he does





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GRAHAM WALD

KICKER

6-0 • 176 • Sophomore-SQ
Lexington, Ky. (Henry Clay)

2021 - Junior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Freshman

- Practiced with the team
- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Three-year starting kicker at Henry Clay High School for head coach Sam Simpson
- Three-time first-team All-City kicker (2017-19)
- Named first-team All-State in 2018 by the *Courier-Journal*
- Earned special teams Player of the Year at Henry Clay and was a second-team kickoff All-American in 2017
- As a junior, led the state with nine made field goals on 11 attempts, with his longest being from 36 yards ... Converted 27 of 30 extra-point attempts
- Also served as the Blue Devils' punter (34.7-yard average) and had 23 touchbacks on 49 kickoffs
- Also a member of the soccer team
- An excellent student with a 4.2 weighted GPA
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Darrin and Anne Wald; Julia and Brian Hunt
- Siblings are Laine and Grace
- Major is pre-finance

Graham Says

- His nickname is "Tilo"
- He chose Kentucky because it's in his hometown, has excellent academic programs, and he loves the football program and coaching staff
- After football his dream job is to be a financial advisor
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has broken both collarbones
- Three words to describe him are amiable, considerate, and hardworking



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TREVIN WALLACE

INSIDE LINEBACKER

6-2 • 220 • Freshman-HS
Jesup, Ga. (Wayne County)

2021 - Freshman

- Named to All-SEC Freshman Team
- Has seen action in all 12 games this season with one starting assignment at Mississippi State
- Has recorded 32 total tackles with 4.0 tackles for loss, two sacks, a forced fumble, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry this season
- Named SEC Freshman of the Week after charting a career-high 12 tackles, including 2.0 for loss, in his first collegiate start at outside linebacker at Mississippi State
- Scored the game-changing touchdown, off a blocked field goal, in UK's 20-13 win over No. 10/9-ranked Florida ... With UK trailing 10-7 in the third quarter, he caught a blocked field goal, weaved his way through traffic, then sprinted for a 76-yard touchdown ... His first collegiate score put UK in the lead and the Wildcats never trailed again ... Also made two tackles during the game

High School

- A four-star prospect by all of the national recruiting analysts
- Ranked as the nation's 35 overall prospect and No. 2 inside linebacker by 247Sports
- Rated as the state of Georgia's No. 6 overall player
- A two-way difference-maker and four-year letter winner for head coach Ken Cribb at Wayne County High School
- Saw action at receiver, running back, quarterback, and multiple linebacker spots, plus had reps as a kick and punt returner during his prep career
- Totaled 96 tackles, 12.0 tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks, three forced fumbles and an interception on defense as a senior
- Had 78 rushes for 910 yards and seven touchdowns and 10 catches for 79 receiving yards playing on the offensive side of the ball
- Had an incredible performance in his final high school game, rushing 28 times for 382 yards and three touchdowns
- Also played every snap at OLB in the game
- Earned WCHS Varsity Offensive Player of the Week for his performance in the playoffs
- Named the Gibson Animal Clinic Defensive Player of the Year in 2020
- Named a *Sports Illustrated* All-American
- Played in only four games as a junior due to injury
- Also a four-year letter winner on the track team for the Yellow Jackets in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, 110m hurdles, high jump, long jump, and shot put
- Broke the WCHS long jump record with a jump of 23' 4.25", a record that stood for 44 years

- Won the state weightlifting championship with a power clean of 335 pounds
- Chose Kentucky over Auburn and Ole Miss

Personal

- Born in Jesup, Georgia
- Son of Adrian and Trevor Wallace
- Siblings are Kolby, Tionne, Tavion, and Titus
- Uncle, Robert Bryant, was a linebacker at Oklahoma from 2009-11
- Major is animal sciences

Trevin Says

- His nickname is "Dooda"
- He chose Kentucky because of its great academic programs
- After football his dream job is to be a veterinarian
- The last time he was starstruck was when he saw his sister when she came home from the military
- Three words to describe him are calm, cool, and collected

WALLACE'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls.	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	QBH	Int.	PBU
2021	ILB	12-1	32	2.0-5	4.0-11	1/0	1	0	1
Totals		12-1	32	2.0-5	4.0-11	1/0	1	0	1

WALLACE'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF	FR	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. UTC	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	1	1.0-3	1.0-3	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	12	2.0-6	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	5	1.0-4	1.0-4	1	1	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	32	4.0-13	2.0-7	1	1	0	0	1

WALLACE'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Tackle for loss: 2.0, 12, at Mississippi State, Oct 30, 2021
Sacks: 1.0, twice, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Quarterback hurries: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Pass breakups: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Forced fumbles: 1, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Special teams touchdown: 1, vs Florida, Oct 2, 2021 (picked up blocked field goal)



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NAASIR
WATKINS

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-5 • 300 • Senior-3L
Laurel, Md. (Our Lady of Good Counsel)

2021 - Senior

- Practiced with the team

2020 - Junior

- Saw action in only one game (Tennessee) due to a knee injury

2019 - Sophomore

- Saw action in all 13 games
- Valuable reserve who was the backup for both the left and right tackle positions all season
- Had 12 knockdown blocks and allowed only one quarterback sack
- Helped UK set single-season school records with 3,624 rushing yards, 36 rushing touchdowns, and 6.3 yards per carry

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in 11 games and earned his first career start at left tackle in the season opener vs. Central Michigan
- Missed the Texas A&M game with injury

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star offensive line prospect by all four major recruiting services
- Played tackle and tight end in high school as he possessed an uncommon level of athleticism for a high school lineman
- Ranked as the No. 19 recruit in the state of Maryland and the No. 92 overall offensive tackle in his class according to 247 Sports
- ESPN.com listed him as the 94th-best OT nationally
- Second-team All-Sentinel by *The Sentinel*
- Named second-team All-Conference defense by the WCAC
- Coached by Bill Milloy
- Chose UK over offers from Baylor, Temple and Old Dominion
- High school teammate of fellow 2017 signee Josh Paschal

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Kentucky Children's Hospital (2020)
- Volunteered at Deep Springs Elementary

Personal

- Name pronounced "Naasir (nah-SEAR)"
- Born in Bowie, Maryland
- Son of Michelle Owens and Kevin Watkins
- Siblings are Taajwar and Aubrey

- Father, Kevin, played football at Norfolk State, while an uncle, Bryan Watkins, played at Pitt and another uncle, Randal Henry, played at Navy
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in economics

Naasir Says

- His nickname is "Nas"
- He chose Kentucky because of the hospitality and the competition
- Most people don't know his middle name is Aakbar
- One word to describe him on the field is "smooth"
- The best advice he's ever received is "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."



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J.J.
WEAVER

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 231 • Sophomore-1L
Louisville, Ky. (Moore Traditional)

2021 - Sophomore

- Named one of the three award winners for the 2021 Mayo Clinic Comeback Player of the Year
- Capital One Orange Bowl Courage Award nominee
- Third-Team All-SEC (Phil Steele)
- Has seen action in 24 career games with seven career starts, including five straight
- Has played in all 12 games this season with six starts
- Has 73 career tackles, including 16.5 tackles for loss and 6.5 sacks in just 24 games played ... Also has two interceptions
- This season, has 34 tackles, 10.0 tackles for loss, a team-high 6.0 sacks, four quarterback hurries, two interception, one forced fumble and one pass breakup
- Has made at least one TFL in eight of 12 games
- Had four tackles, including a career-high 2.5 sacks vs. Tennessee
- Made his first career interception in the fourth quarter in the win over No. 10/9 Florida and returned it 20 yards ... Also had two tackles, including a shared tackle for loss, and a quarterback hurry
- Had a crucial eight-yard sack on Missouri's final possession of the game ... Also had a three-yard tackle for loss and caused a fumble in the win
- In his first game since returning from a torn ACL, totaled two tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss and a career-high 1.5 sacks in the season opener vs. ULM

2020 - r-Freshman

- All-SEC Freshman Team (Coaches)
- Suffered a torn ACL in his right knee at Florida (11/28) and missed the final two games of the season

- In nine games, had 33 tackles, 6.5 TFL, 0.5 sacks, two quarterback hurries and a pass breakup
- Totaled a career-high tying six tackles in his first collegiate start at Florida
- Earned SEC Freshman of the Week after totaling a career-high six tackles in Kentucky's 34-7 win at No. 18/17-ranked Tennessee ... Made two tackles for loss, totaling -8 yards ... Had a three-yard TFL in the third quarter, helping force a punt that preceded a UK touchdown drive on the ensuing possession
- FWAA Freshman All-America Team Watch List

2019 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Saw action in three games (Missouri, Vanderbilt and Louisville)
- Had six tackles, two PBUs and a quarterback hurry
- Totaled five tackles, along with a tackle for loss and a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt
- Made his collegiate debut vs. Missouri and totaled a tackle and a PBU

High School

- One of the nation's best linebacker prospects, ranking as the 213th best player in the nation according to Rivals
- The site also has Weaver as the 14th best player in the class at his position and the fourth-best prospect in the state of Kentucky
- Rated as a four-star prospect by Rivals and 247sports
- Recorded 70 tackles, 10 sacks, three interceptions and a fumble recovery as a senior
- His strong performance helped Moore win 11 games and advance to the quarterfinals of the state championships
- Also played tight end in high school and caught six passes for 102 yards and three touchdowns in 2018
- Was named to the 2018 *Lexington Herald-Leader* Class of the Commonwealth
- An all-state honoree
- Coached by Carlo Stallings
- Chose Kentucky over Louisville, Miami and Purdue

Personal

- Born in Fort Lauderdale, Florida
- Son of Stacey Sherrell and the late Terrance Weaver
- Brothers are Terrance Weaver and Bruce Sherrell
- Born with six fingers on his right hand
- Majoring in community leadership and development

J.J. Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like home
- One word to describe him on the field is "motor"
- After football, his dream job is to be a football coach
- One sentence to describe Coach Stoops is "he's a father figure more than a coach"
- The best advice he's ever received is "just be yourself"



WEAVER'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2019	OLB	3-0	6	1.0-1	0-0	0/0	2	1	0
2020	OLB	9-1	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0/0	1	2	0
2021	OLB	12-6	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1/0	1	4	2-21
Totals		24-7	73	16.5-58	6.5-40	1/0	4	7	2-21

WEAVER'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. ULM	2	1.5-14	1.5-14	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	3	2.0-11	1.0-8	1	0	0	0	0
vs. UTC*	4	1.0-3	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at USC	2	1.0-5	1.0-5	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Florida	2	0.5-0	0-0	0	0	1-20	0	1
vs. LSU	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	6	0.5-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee*	4	2.5-12	2.5-12	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt*	3	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. NMST*	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	1
at Louisville*	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	1-1	0	0
Totals	34	9.0-43	6.0-39	1	0	2-21	1	4

WEAVER'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

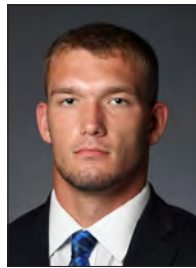
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
at Auburn	1	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	1	0.5-1	0.5-1	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Tennessee	6	2.0-8	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	4	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	4	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
at Alabama	3	1.0-2	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida*	6	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. USC			DNP					
vs. NC State			DNP					
Totals	33	6.5-14	0.5-1	0	0	0	1	2

WEAVER'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds.	Sacks-Yds.	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH
vs. Missouri	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
at Vanderbilt	5	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	0	1
vs. Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	1	0
Totals	6	1.0-1	0-0	0	0	0	2	1

WEAVER'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 6, twice, last at Florida, Nov 28, 2020 (3-3)
Sacks: 2.5, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (12 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.5, vs Tennessee, Nov 6, 2021 (12 yards)
Pass breakups: 1, 4x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Quarterback hurry: 1, 7x, last vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Forced fumble: 1, vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Interceptions: 1, twice, last at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021 (1 yards)



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DILLON
WHEATLEY

FULLBACK

6-1 • 201 • Senior-SQ
Richmond, Ky. (Pikeville/Lexington Christian)

2021 - Senior

- Saw his first collegiate action on Senior Day vs. New Mexico State

2020 - Junior

- Practiced with the team
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll

2019 - Sophomore

- Practiced with the team
- Transferred to Kentucky after playing one season at Pikeville College in Pikeville, Kentucky

2018 - Freshman (Pikeville)

- As a running back, played in eight games and had 23 carries for 142 yards and three scores

High School

- A four-year letter winner at Lexington Christian Academy for head coach Ethan Atchley
- Was part of the first team in school history that went undefeated in the regular season (2016) and was part of three straight region finalists
- Had a fantastic prep career statistically, finishing sixth all-time in KHSAA history with 107 career TDs, (101 rushing), 11th in points scored with 614 and 20th in rushing yards with 6,204 ... Also had 161 career tackles as a linebacker
- As a senior in 2017, compiled 1,747 yards rushing with 31 rushing touchdowns, helping LCA go 11-2
- 2017 Lexington Player of the Year and "Class of the Commonwealth" by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Named one of the Commonwealth's top 36 players in 2017 by BluegrassPreps.com
- Earned offensive MVP in the Best of the Bluegrass game vs. Louisville
- Three-time All-State and four-time All-City selection by the *Herald-Leader*
- Also a three-year letter winner as a sprinter on the track team ... Helped LCA win the 2016-17 Class A Track championship
- Finished second in the state in the 100-meters
- Member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Personal

- Born in Lexington, Kentucky
- Son of Dwayne and Tracy Wheatley
- Has two brothers, Dalton and Dustin
- Major is agricultural economics

Dillon Says

- He chose to play football at Kentucky because his dad is a Kentucky alumnus and it was his favorite school growing up
- After football, his dream job is to be in an engineer

- Three words to describe him are humble, driven, and hard-nosed
- Best advice he's ever received is from his high school football coach, Ethan Atchley, "no one cares" aka, "no excuses"
- Hobbies include fishing, hunting, and riding four-wheelers



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JAI
WILLIAMS

TIGHT END

6-5 • 195 • Freshman-HS
Lake Forest, Ill. (Lake Forest)

2021 - Freshman

- 2020-21 First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll

High School

- Two-year starter for head coach Chuck Spagnoli
- A two-way player who lined up at linebacker and tight end and was a member of all four special teams units
- Lake Forest's 2020 season was postponed to the Spring of 2021 due to COVID-19 restrictions
- Voted a senior co-captain
- As a junior, helped Lake Forest finish 7-5 and reach the Class 6A state quarterfinals
- Earned All-North Suburban Conference honors as a junior
- Selected to play in the 2019 Illinois High School All-Star Shrine football game in Bloomington
- Also on the wrestling and rugby teams at LFHS
- Three-time All-State wrestler (2017, 2018, 2019)
- Chose Kentucky over Tennessee and Western Michigan

Personal

- Name is pronounced "Ji"
- Born in Lake Forest, Illinois
- Son of Joi Artis and James Williams
- Dad, James, also known as "Big Cat," played 12 seasons (1991-2003), mostly as an offensive tackle, with the Chicago Bears and is known as one of the "100 Greatest Bears of All-Time"
- Has one younger sister, Jia
- Major is architecture

Jai Says

- He chose Kentucky because of its architecture program and top-tier football program
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be an architect
- Besides playing football, he's also good at dodge ball and snowboarding
- If he could have dinner with three famous people, living or dead, he would choose Michael Jackson, Elvis Presley, and Bob Marley
- The best advice he's ever received is "bet on yourself"



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JOEL
WILLIAMS

NICKELBACK

6-1 • 213 • Sophomore-1L
Baton Rouge, La. (Madison Prep Academy)

2021 - Sophomore

- Has season action in seven games and has two tackles (in the win over Florida and vs. New Mexico State)

2020 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee
- Played in nine games and had three tackles
- Charted his first career tackle in the win over Tennessee

High School

- Four-star recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Ranked as the No. 26 safety nationally by Rivals
- Ability to play both sides of the ball, as he spent time at wide receiver in high school and totaled 988 receiving yards
- Had five interceptions and helped lead the Chargers to an 13-2 record and an appearance in the 3A playoffs as a senior
- Earned first-team All-State, All-Metro and All-District
- Had 10 TD catches, 35 tackles, 13 pass break-ups and three interceptions as a junior
- Three-year starter for coach Landry Williams
- Ran the 4x100-meter, 4x200-meter and 4x400-meter relays, and competed in the high jump as a junior on the track and field team
- Picked Kentucky over Alabama, Auburn, LSU, Florida, and Georgia

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)

Personal

- Born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
- Son of Tangi and Joseph Williams
- Siblings are Italy Hayes, Avril Holmes, Megan Justine, Ariel Williams, Jeremy Williams, Joseph Williams Jr., and Joshua Williams
- Dad, Joseph, was a tight end at Grambling State from 1983-86 and went on to play with the Pittsburgh Steelers for two seasons
- Major is undecided

Joel Says

- His nickname is "Joe"
- He chose Kentucky because it is the best school and the people care
- One thing people may not know about him is that he never quits
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Troy Polamalu

- The thing he looks forward to the most this season is taking over

WILLIAMS' CAREER STATISTICS									
Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tkls	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF/FR	PBU	QBH	INT
2020	CB	9-0	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
2021	CB	7-0	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals		16-0	5	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' 2021 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH	
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. LSU	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' 2020 GAME-BY-GAME									
Opponent	Tkls.	TFL-Yds	Sacks-Yds	FF	FR	Int.	PBU	QBH	
at Auburn	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Ole Miss	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Tennessee	1	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Alabama	2	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
at Florida	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0

WILLIAMS' SINGLE-GAME HIGHS	
Tackles:	2, at Alabama, Nov 21, 2020



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QUINTIN
WILSON

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-1 • 296 • Junior-2L
Cincinnati, Ohio (Turpin)

2021 - Junior

- Has seen action in eight of 12 games
- Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District First Team

2020 - Sophomore

- Played in five games
- Saw his first action of the season vs. Vanderbilt and also saw action at Alabama, at Florida, vs. South Carolina and vs. NC State
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)

- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Named to CoSIDA Academic All-District Team

2019 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in five games
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Dean's List (Fall 2019)

2018 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2018)
- Dean's List (Spring 2019)
- First-Year SEC Academic Honor Roll
- Played in one game vs. Louisville

High School

- Considered one of the top OL prospects in Ohio
- Rated as the nation's No. 5 center by Rivals and No. 9 center by 247sports in the Class of 2018
- A three-star prospect by all the major recruiting services
- Played three seasons at Walnut Hills High School before transferring to Turpin his senior season
- Earned first-team Division II OPSWA All-Ohio honors in 2017
- Coached by Kent McCullough at Turpin
- Excelled in the classroom, graduating cum laude and as a Ohio All-Academic First Team member
- Chose Kentucky over offers from Virginia, Boston College, Cincinnati, Minnesota and Duke

Community Cats

- Volunteered at Deep Springs Elementary (2020)

Personal

- Born in Cincinnati, Ohio
- Son of Terri and Lloyd Johnson and Ken Wilson
- Has one sister, Calais Pitman
- Graduated in December of 2020 with a degree in management ... Completed his bachelor's degree in two and one-half years with the help of advanced placement credits earned in high school ... Currently working on his MBA at UK's Gatton College of Business and Economics
- One of three representatives for UK football on the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Quintin Says

- His nickname is "Q"
- He chose to play football at Kentucky because it's a family environment
- Other than playing in the NFL, his dream job is to be in sports management
- Most people would be surprised to know he didn't start playing football until his freshman year of high school
- One word to describe him on the field is "smart"





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DAVID
WOHLBAUGH JR.

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 283 • Freshman-HS
Stow, Ohio (Walsh Jesuit)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee In January 2021
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and also played at Mississippi State
- Redshirt season

High School

- Three-start recruit by all of the major recruiting services
- Rated the nation's No. 53 offensive guard by ESPN, the No. 67 tackle by 247sports and the No. 69 tackle by Rivals.com
- The No. 25 player in Ohio by 247, No. 30 by ESPN and No. 31 by Rivals
- First-team all-state as a senior by the Ohio Sportswriters Association
- Helped lead Walsh Jesuit High School to a 5-2 record and the second round of the Division II state playoffs
- His size is enhanced by the ability he has shown to make blocks in space
- Coached by Nick Alexander
- Also lettered two seasons in ice hockey
- Chose Kentucky over Arizona State, Penn State and West Virginia

Personal

- Named is pronounced "WUL-uh-bah"
- Born in Cleveland, Ohio
- Son of Dave and Virginia Wohlbaugh
- Comes from a football family, as his father, Dave, played at Syracuse and went on to a nine-year NFL career with New England (1995-98), Cleveland (1999-2002) and St. Louis (2003) ... The elder Wohlbaugh was a member of the 1995 All-Rookie Team, played in the 1997 Super Bowl, and started all 128 games of his NFL career ... Dad was a teammate with former Kentucky quarterback Tim Couch with the Cleveland Browns ... Brother, Jack, is currently a center at Duke
- Major is pre-management

David Says

- He chose Kentucky because it felt like family
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he's red-green color blind
- Besides playing football, he's also good at spike ball
- The person he admires most is his dad because he's a great role model
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would choose chicken, bacon, and waffles



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JORDAN
WRIGHT

OUTSIDE LINEBACKER

6-5 • 225 • Senior-3L
Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (Dillard)

2021 - Senior

- Has played in 41 career games with 11 starts
- Has 96 career tackles with 14.5 TFL and 7.5 sacks ... Also has 11 pass breakups, four forced fumbles, four fumble recoveries and six quarterback hurries
- Played in 18 of 12 games this season, missing three games of the last four with injury
- Has 20 tackles, 3.0 tackles for loss, a sack and five pass breakups this season
- Went out of the game late in the first half at Mississippi State with injury and did not return until the Louisville game on Nov. 27
- Had a career-high tying two PBUs in the road win over South Carolina
- Had six tackles, with a career-high-tying two tackles for loss (-9), an eight-yard sack and a pass breakup, vs. ULM in the season opener
- Preseason fourth-team All-SEC (Phil Steele)

2020 - Junior

- Started in 11 games in 2020
- Named SEC Defensive Player of the Week for win over Mississippi State
- Totaled 45 tackles, 5.5 TFL, 3.5 sacks, four PBUs, two QBHs, three forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and an interception
- Named to SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll
- Had five tackles, including a 12-yard sack, and caused a fumble in the win over NC State in the TaxSlayer Gator Bowl
- Made four tackles, caused a fumble, recovered two fumbles, had two pass breakups and a quarterback hurry in Kentucky's 41-18 win over South Carolina ... His two turnover plays helped produce 10 Kentucky points ... In the first quarter, he snatched the ball away from a Gamecock receiver and returned it four yards, setting up the first touchdown of the game ... Recovered a fumble in the second quarter, setting up a field goal
- Recorded a career-high seven tackles vs. Georgia
- Was a key part of the Kentucky defense that held Mississippi State without an offensive score in UK's 24-2 win ... Game totals featured a pass interception returned for a touchdown; career-high tying six tackles; career-best two tackles for loss (-9 yards), including a quarterback sack; and a pass breakup

2019 - Sophomore

- Played in all 13 games
- Totaled 27 tackles, 6.0 TFL (tied for third on the team), 3.0 sacks (fourth on the team), team-high tying two fumble recoveries one which resulted in a touchdown, one forced fumble, one PBU and a quarterback hurry

- Put the icing on the cake in the win over Virginia Tech in the Belk Bowl with a 28-yard fumble return for a TD on the game's final play ... Also had three tackles, including one for loss, and a pass breakup
- Totaled a career-best six tackles and a tackle for loss in the season opener vs. Toledo

2018 - r-Freshman

- Saw action in nine games, totaling four tackles
- Charted a career-high three tackles vs. Murray State, along with a pass breakup and QBH
- Also had a QBH in the win over Vanderbilt

2017 - Freshman

- Redshirt season

High School

- Dual-sport standout in football and basketball
- A three-star football recruit
- Rivals ranked him as the 25th-best defensive end and the 80th-best prospect in Florida, while 247Sports had him as the No. 28 weakside defensive end in the country and the No. 67 player in the state of Florida
- The 46th-best DE in the class of 2017 by ESPN
- Coached by Lorenzo Davis
- Compiled 25 sacks as a senior
- Doubled as a tight end in the red zone, catching six touchdowns, including a critical score against Boynton Beach in the District 15-6A three-team tiebreaker to lead Dillard to the district title
- Earned *Sun Sentinel's* All-Broward first-team defensive honors
- As a shooting guard, was a back-to-back preseason Fab Five selection and was an All-County pick
- Led the Panthers' hoops team to a Class 6A state title as a junior
- Named Mr. Dillard High School
- Chose Kentucky over Miami, Arkansas and Florida

Personal

- Born in Lauderhill, Florida
- Son of Wanda Burns-Wright and Louis Wright
- Has one sister, Kayla
- Comes from an athletic family as older sister, Kayla, played basketball at Nova Southeastern, while cousin, RaiQuan Gray, currently plays basketball at Florida State, and another cousin, Kenneth Ruff, was a defensive lineman at Syracuse
- Graduated on December 17, 2021 with a degree in community and leadership development

Jordan Says

- His nickname is "Jay Dub"
- He chose Kentucky because it was a perfect fit for himself and his family, and it felt like home
- His sports heroes are his parents because they push him to be the best he can be
- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a sports trainer
- One word to describe him on the field is "beast"

J. WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	Pos.	G-GS	Tackles	TFL-Y	Sacks-Y	PBU	FF/FR	QBH
2018	OLB	9-0	4	0-0	0-0	1	0/0	2
2019	OLB	13-0	27	6.0-33	3.0-25	1	1/2	1
2020	OLB	11-5	45	5.5-39	3.5-30	4	3/2	2
2021	OLB	8-6	20	3.0-9	1.0-8	5	0/0	1
Totals		41-11	96	14.5-81	7.5-63	11	4/4	6



J. WRIGHT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. ULM*	6	1.0-8	2.5-9	0/0	1	0	0
vs. Missouri*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
vs. UTC		(Injury)	DNP				
at USC*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	2	0	0
vs. Florida*	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. LSU*	6	0-0	1.0-0	0/0	1	0	1
at Georgia*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State*	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee		(Injury)	DNP				
at Vanderbilt		(Injury)	DNP				
vs. NMST		(Injury)	DNP				
at Louisville	0	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	1.0-8	3.0-9	0/0	5	0	1

J. WRIGHT'S 2020 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
at Auburn	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Ole Miss	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Miss. St.	6	1.0-4	2.0-9	0/0	1	1-8	0
at UT*	3	1.0-9	1.0-9	0/0	0	0	0
at Missouri*	4	0-0	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia*	7	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vandy*	6	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Alabama*	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	0
at Florida	4	0.5-5	0.5-5	1/0	0	0	0
vs. USC	4	0-0	0-0	1/2	2	0	1
vs. NC State	5	1.0-12	1.0-12	1/0	0	0	0
Totals	45	3.5-30	5.5-39	3/2	4	1-8	2

J. WRIGHT'S 2019 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks-Y	TFL-Y	FF/FR	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Toledo	6	0-0	1.0-3	0/0	0	0	0
vs. EMU	2	1.0-13	1.0-13	0/0	0	0	1
vs. Florida	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at USC	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Arkansas	2	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Georgia	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Missouri	2	1.0-8	1.0-8	1/1	0	0	0
vs. Tennessee	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at Vanderbilt	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. UT Martin	3	1.0-4	1.0-4	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Louisville	5	0-0	1.0-1	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Va. Tech	3	0-0	1.0-4	0/1*	1	0	0
Totals	27	3.0-25	6.0-33	1/2	1	0	1

J. WRIGHT'S 2018 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Tackles	Sacks	TFL-Y	FR/FC	PBU	Int.	QBH
vs. Murray State	3	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	1
vs. Miss. State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. South Carolina	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
at TAMU	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Vanderbilt	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	1
at Missouri	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Georgia	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0

at Louisville	1	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
vs. Penn State	0	0-0	0-0	0/0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0-0	0-0	0/0	1	0	2

J. WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Tackles: 7, vs Georgia, Oct 31, 2020
Sacks: 1.5, vs. ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (13 yards)
Tackles for loss: 2.5, ULM, Sept 4, 2021 (17 yards)
Pass breakups: 2, twice, last at South Carolina, Sept 25, 2021
Quarterback hurry: 1, 6x, last vs LSU, Oct 9, 2021
Forced fumbles: 1, 5x, last vs Missouri, Sept 11, 2021
Fumble recovery: 2, vs South Carolina, Dec 5, 2020
Fumble return for a touchdown: 1, vs Virginia Tech, Dec 31, 2019
Interceptions: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020
Interception return for TD: 1, vs Mississippi State, Oct 10, 2020



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LA'VELL
WRIGHT

RUNNING BACK

6-0 • 195 • Freshman-HS
Louisville, Ky. (North Hardin)

2021 - Freshman

- Mid-year enrollee In January 2021
- Saw his first collegiate action vs. ULM and has played in three games this season
- Has nine carries for 118 yards and one score ... Also has a tackle
- Got his first collegiate carries in the win over New Mexico State, carrying six times for 75 yards, including a 52-yard jaunt
- Rushed three times for 43 yards in the win over Louisville, including a 41-yard jaunt for his first collegiate touchdown
- Redshirt season

High School

- A three-star prospect who ranked as the No. 12 all-purpose back nationally by Rivals.com and the No. 6 player in Kentucky
- Rated the No. 7 player in Kentucky and No. 51 running back nationally in the 247Sports Composite
- A four-year starter who rushed for 4,396 yards and 56 touchdowns at North Hardin for head coach Brent Thompson
- Also proved to be a quality pass catcher with 1,260 receiving yards and six receiving TDs during his career
- As a senior, rushed for 884 yards on 127 carries (6.96 yards per carry) with 11 touchdowns in seven games
- Named Class 6A Player of the Year by the Kentucky Football Coaches Association
- Was a second-team All-State selection by the *Louisville Courier-Journal* and the AP in 2019 and 2020
- Chosen for the *Lexington Herald-Leader* "Class of the Commonwealth" listing of the top seniors in Kentucky

- In 2019, rushed for 1,819 yards and 25 touchdowns while averaging 7.0 yards per carry
- In 2018, rushed for 1,316 yards and 17 scores
- High school teammates of current UK defensive lineman Octavious Oxendine and fellow signee Jordan Lovett
- Opted to stay home and play for the Wildcats over Maryland, Northwestern, and West Virginia

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Latarsha Wright and Theodore Wright
- Major is undecided

LaVell Says

- Other than play in the NFL, his dream job is to be a coach
- One thing most people don't know about him is that he has a pet lizard, Dash
- Besides playing football, he's also good at drawing
- Three words to describe him are quiet, funny, and chill
- If he could eat only three foods for the rest of his life he would choose salmon croquettes, Fruity Pebbles, and gumbo

WRIGHT'S CAREER STATISTICS

Year	G-GS	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG	Rec.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	LG
2021	3-0	9	118	13.1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3-0	9	118	13.1	1	52	0	0	0	0	0

WRIGHT'S 2021 GAME-BY-GAME

Opponent	Att.	Yds.	TD	Long	Rec.	Yds.	TD	Long
vs. ULM	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
vs. NMST	6	75	0	52	0	0	0	0
at Louisville	3	43	1	41	0	0	0	0
Totals	9	118	1	52	0	0	0	0

WRIGHT'S SINGLE-GAME HIGHS

Rush attempts: 6, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rush yards: 75, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021 (6 carries)
Long rush: 52, vs New Mexico State, Nov 20, 2021
Rushing touchdowns: 1, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021
Tackles: 1, at Louisville, Nov 27, 2021



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JOHN
YOUNG

OFFENSIVE LINE

6-6 • 296 • Freshman-RS
Louisville, Ky. (Christian Academy)

2021 - r-Freshman

- Has seen action in all 12 games this season on special teams

2020 - Freshman

- Redshirt season
- Dean's List (Fall 2020)
- Mid-year enrollee





High School

- Four-star recruit by 247Sports and Rivals
- Rated the No. 14 OT in the nation by Rivals
- Ranked the No. 4 player in Kentucky
- Coached by Stefan Lefors
- Helped lead Christian Academy to a 7-5 record in 2019 and an appearance in the Class 3-A District Four final
- A consensus first-team All-State member
- Named 2019 Class of the Commonwealth HM by the *Lexington Herald-Leader*
- Earned second-team All-State by the Associated Press after the 2018 season
- Picked Kentucky over Auburn, Georgia, Florida State, Louisville and others
- Also a four-year letter winner in track and field, earning All-State honors in the shot put

Community Cats

- Volunteered at LexCity Church (2020)
- Volunteered to pack food for God's Pantry (2020)
- Participated in the Fellowship of Christian Athlete's Men's Conference at Southland Christian (2020)

Personal

- Born in Louisville, Kentucky
- Son of Jill and Lawrence Young
- Has one sister, Sarah
- Major is pre-management

John Says

- He chose Kentucky because it was his favorite school growing up
- His dream job is to own a sandwich shop
- His hidden talent is sewing
- When he played football as a kid, he pretended to be Marshawn Lynch
- The best advice he's ever received is "pride comes before the fall"



2021 DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

Left Tackle

51 Dare Rosenthal, 6-7, 327, Jr-Tr
 56 Deondre Buford, 6-3, 290, Fr-RS

Left Guard

68 Kenneth Horsey, 6-3, 302, Jr-2L
 61 Austin Dotson, 6-6, 321, Sr-3L

Center

79 Luke Fortner, 6-6, 297, %Sr-4L
 60 Quintin Wilson, 6-1, 296, Jr-2L

Right Guard

61 Austin Dotson, 6-6, 321, Sr-3L
 62 Jager Burton, 6-4, 302, Fr-HS

Right Tackle

70 Darian Kinnard, 6-5, 338, Sr-3L
 77 Jeremy Flax, 6-6, 338, So-RS

Tight End

83 Justin Rigg, 6-6, 261, %Sr-3L
 80 Brenden Bates, 6-5, 255, Jr-2L
 84 Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 230, So-1L

Tight End

80 Brenden Bates, 6-5, 255, Jr-2L
 83 Justin Rigg, 6-6, 261, %Sr-3L
 84 Izayah Cummings, 6-3, 230, So-1L

Wide Receiver (Z)

1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-T
 10 Chauncey Magwood, 6-0, 190, Fr-HS

Wide Receiver (X)

86 DeMarcus Harris, 6-1, 180, So-1L
 81 Isaiah Epps, 6-2, 188, Sr-3L

Quarterback

7 Will Levis, 6-3, 232, Jr-Tr
 11 Beau Allen, 6-2, 208, So-1L

Running Back

24 Chris Rodriguez Jr., 5-11, 224, Jr-2L
 0 Kavosiey Smoke, 5-9, 202, Jr-2L

SPECIALISTS

Kicker

96 Matt Ruffolo, 5-11, 210, %Sr-2L
 12 Chance Poore, 6-2, 219, Jr-2L

Punter

93 Wilson Berry, 6-4, 193, Fr-HS
 or 94 Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 233, %Sr-1L

Long Snapper

46 Cade Degraw, 5-11, 206, Jr-1L
 55 Clay Perry, 6-0, 187, So-Sq

Punt Return

1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-Tr
 or 6 Josh Ali, 6-0, 190, %Sr-4L

Kickoff Return

28 Zach Johnson, 5-10, 195, %Sr-4L
 1 Wan'Dale Robinson, 5-10, 183, Jr-Tr

Holder

12 Chance Poore, 6-2, 219, Jr-2L
 94 Colin Goodfellow, 6-2, 233, %Sr-1L

DEFENSE

Jack Linebacker

15 Jordan Wright, 6-5, 225, Sr-3L
 13 J.J. Weaver, 6-5, 231, So-1L

Defensive End

4 Joshua Paschal, 6-3, 275, Sr-3L
 90 Tre'vonn Rybka, 6-4, 301, Fr-RS

Nose Guard

50 Marquan McCall, 6-3, 344, Sr-3L
 52 Justin Rogers, 6-3, 328, So-1L

Defensive Tackle

94 Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald, 6-6, 303, Sr-2L
 92 Kahlil Saunders, 6-5, 270, Fr-HS

Middle Linebacker

10 Jacquez Jones, 6-0, 235, Sr-Tr
 32 Trevin Wallace, 6-2, 220, Fr-HS

Weakside Linebacker

5 DeAndre Square, 6-1, 221, Sr-3L
 6 Jared Casey, 6-3, 217, So-1L
 or 44 Martez Thrower, 6-2, 212, Fr-HS

Nickelback/Sam Linebacker

9 Davonte Robinson, 6-2, 210, %Sr-3L
 7 Vito Tisdale, 6-1, 188, So-1L

Cornerback

3 Cedrick Dort Jr., 5-11, 188, Sr-3L
 37 Andru Phillips, 6-0, 182, Fr-RS

Cornerback

14 Carrington Valentine, 6-0, 188, So-1L
 21 Quandre Mosely, 6-2, 192, %Sr-2L

Strong Safety

23 Tyrell Ajian, 6-0, 190, Sr-3L
 34 Jalen Geiger, 6-1, 200, So-1L

Free Safety

29 Yusuf Corker, 6-0, 204, Sr-3L
 30 Taj Dodson, 6-1, 194, So-1L
 11 Moses Douglass, 6-2, 203, So-1L

% - Super Seniors returning for an extra year of eligibility in 2021 due to the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Game Results
All games

Team Results

	Date	Opponent		Score	Overall	Conf	Time	Attend
	09/04/2021	ULM	W	45-10	1-0	0-0	3:11	47693
*	09/11/2021	Missouri	W	35-28	2-0	1-0	3:23	58437
	09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W	28-23	3-0	1-0	3:09	55214
*	09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W	16-10	4-0	2-0	3:01	77559
*	10/02/2021	Florida	W	20-13	5-0	3-0	3:27	61632
*	10/09/2021	LSU	W	42-21	6-0	4-0	3:14	61690
*	10/16/2021	at Georgia	L	13-30	6-1	4-1	3:15	92746
*	10/30/2021	at Mississippi St.	L	17-31	6-2	4-2	3:17	49487
*	11/06/2021	Tennessee	L	42-45	6-3	4-3	3:38	61690
*	11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W	34-17	7-3	5-3	3:06	25798
	11/20/2021	New Mexico St.	W	56-16	8-3	5-3	3:22	47749
	11/27/2021	at Louisville	W	52-21	9-3	5-3	3:21	55018



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
Scoring	400	265
Points per game	33.3	22.1
Points Off Turnovers	62	57
First Downs	273	222
Rushing	129	76
Passing	127	126
Penalty	17	20
Rushing Yardage	2473	1406
Yards gained rushing	2679	1675
Yards lost rushing	206	269
Rushing attempts	449	371
Average per rush	5.5	3.8
Average per game	206.1	117.2
TDs Rushing	26	11
Passing Yardage	2701	2631
Comp-Att-Int	225-338-12	249-373-6
Average per pass	8.0	7.1
Average per catch	12.0	10.6
Average per game	225.1	219.3
TDs Passing	23	19
Total offense	5174	4037
Total plays	787	744
Average per play	6.6	5.4
Average per game	431.2	336.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	18-301	11-246
Punt returns: #-Yards	16-165	8-47
Int returns: #-Yards	6-185	12-161
Kick return average	16.7	22.4
Punt return average	10.3	5.9
Int return average	30.8	13.4
Fumbles-Lost	18-10	11-3
Penalties-Yards	60-528	74-563
Average per game	44.0	46.9
Punts-Yards	35-1574	58-2462
Average per punt	45.0	42.4
Net punt average	40.8	38.6
Kicks-Yards	73-4560	57-3405
Average per kick	62.5	59.7
Net kick average	39.4	38.1
Time of possession / game	32:09	27:50
3rd-down conversion	70/137	60/155
3rd-down pct	51%	39%
4rd-down conversion	6/14	5/17



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Overall Team Statistics
All games

	UK	OPP
4rd-down pct	43%	29%
Sacks by-Yards	29-171	18-117
Misc Yards	0	0
Touchdowns scored	54	32
Field goals - attempts	8-11	14-18
On-Side kicks	0-0	0-0
Red-zone scores	(42-50) 84%	(32-35) 91%
Red-zone touchdowns	(37-50) 74%	(24-35) 69%
PAT-attempts	(52-54) 96%	(30-32) 94%
Attendance	394105	300608
Games / Avg per game	7 / 56301	5 / 60122
Neutral site games	-	0 / 0

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	11	21	07	51	03	400
Opponents	59	60	73	73	0	265



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

Team Defense

#	Player	gp	ua	a	t	tB	/y	ds	o-y	dst	-y	lsu	pb	fr	-y	ds	kick	af
10	Jacquez Jones	12	40	46	86	3.5	9	0.5	3	1-0	4	3	1-0	1				
5	DeAndre Square	12	39	35	74	9-30	3	14			1	3		1				
29	Yusuf Corker	12	41	32	73	3.5-13	1-7				8	1						
14	Carrington Valentine	12	44	15	59	1.5-8	1-7				5	1						
4	Joshua Paschal	12	24	29	53	15.5-64	5-39					8		1		1		
9	Davonte Robinson	12	26	17	43	4-8	1-3				1			1				
23	Tyrell Ajian	12	23	16	39					1-9	5	3						
13	J.J. Weaver	12	19	15	34	10-46	6-39	2-21	1	4		1		1				
32	Trevin Wallace	12	16	16	32	4-13	2-7				1	1		1				
21	Quandre Mosely	12	17	5	22	2-5		1-38	5									
15	Jordan Wright	8	11	9	20	3-9	1-8				5	1						
7	Vito Tisdale	8	11	7	18	1.5-8	1-7				1	1						
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	12	12	5	17													
52	Justin Rogers	12	5	11	16	2.5-10	1.5-9											
34	Jalen Geiger	12	11	5	16	1-6		1-31		1								
8	Octavious Oxendine	6	6	9	15	3.5-21	2-16					1						
99	Josaih Hayes	12	3	9	12	1.5-5	1-5							1-0				
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	11	6	5	11							2						
56	D'Eryk Jackson	3	10	1	11							1						
47	K.D. McDaniel	9	6	5	11							3						
94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	5	5	10	2.5-7	2.5-7										1		
42	Marquez Bemby	12	4	5	9	1-4						1						
6	Jared Casey	11	3	5	8							1						
50	Marquan McCall	8	4	3	7	3.5-7						2						
30	Taj Dodson	10	5	1	6							1						
44	Martez Thrower	7	1	4	5							1						
96	Isaiah Gibson	6	1	3	4	0.5-1												
11	Moses Douglass	3	4		4													
37	Andru Phillips	8	2		2													
28	Zach Johnson	12	2		2													
0	Kavosiey Smoke	12	2		2													
27	Joel Williams	7	1	1	2													
91	Sam Anaele	2	1	1	2	1-2												
92	Kahlil Saunders	4	2		2	2-4						1						
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	12	1		1													
61	Austin Dotson	12	1		1													
24	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	12	1		1													
95	Jamarius Dinkins	3		1	1	0.5-2												
29	La'Veil Wright	3	1		1													
84	Izayah Cummings	12	1		1													
55	Justice Dingle	3	1		1													



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Overall Defense Statistics
All games

#	Player	gp	ua	a	t	tB	/y	ds	o-y	dst	-y	lsu	pb	fr	-y	ds	kick	af	
70	Darian Kinnard	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	Ricky Hyatt	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	William Nalty	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
10	Chauncey Magwood	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Zac Berezowitz	9	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Chance Poore	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	41	53	267	417	7-2	82	29-1	76	-18	53	6	3	7	3-0	7	1	0
Opponents		12	44	136	080	150	-18	41	8-1	17	2-16	136	23	10	-21	2	4	0	



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Team Game Highs
All games

Kentucky - Game Highs

RUSHES	52	Missouri (09/11/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	362	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	7.4	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
TD RUSHES	7	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	50	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	32	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	32	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
YARDS PASSING	459	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	13.1	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
TD PASSES	4	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	4	ULM (09/04/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	99	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	707	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	10.0	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
POINTS	56	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
SACKS BY	6	ULM (09/04/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	35	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PENALTIES	8	Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	69	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
TURNOVERS	4	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	4	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
PUNTS	7	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTING AVG	53.7	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
LONG PUNT	70	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	70	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Florida (10/02/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	74	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Opponent Match Highs
All games

Opponent - Game Highs

RUSHES	43	ULM (09/04/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	171	Florida (10/02/2021)
	171	Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	6.1	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
TD RUSHES	3	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	52	Missouri (09/11/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	36	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
YARDS PASSING	344	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	15.8	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Missouri (09/11/2021)
	4	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	76	Missouri (09/11/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	461	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	9.8	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
POINTS	45	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
SACKS BY	4	ULM (09/04/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	27	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
PENALTIES	15	Florida (10/02/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	115	Florida (10/02/2021)
TURNOVERS	2	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
PUNTS	10	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	10	ULM (09/04/2021)
PUNTING AVG	53.3	LSU (10/09/2021)
LONG PUNT	63	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Missouri (09/11/2021)
	4	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Florida (10/02/2021)



**2021-22 Kentucky Football
Team Match Lows
All games**

Kentucky - Game Lows

RUSHES	20	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	51	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	1.9	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
TD RUSHES	0	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	0	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	17	LSU (10/09/2021)
	17	Florida (10/02/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	7	Florida (10/02/2021)
YARDS PASSING	87	Florida (10/02/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	4.6	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
TD PASSES	0	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	47	Florida (10/02/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	216	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	3.5	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
POINTS	13	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
SACKS BY	0	Florida (10/02/2021)
	0	Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	13	Florida (10/02/2021)
PENALTIES	3	LSU (10/09/2021)
	3	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	3	Missouri (09/11/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	15	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	0	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	0	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	0	LSU (10/09/2021)
	0	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	0	ULM (09/04/2021)
PUNTS	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PUNTING AVG	0.0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
LONG PUNT	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	0	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	0	Missouri (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	0	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	0	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	0	Missouri (09/11/2021)



**2021-22 Kentucky Football
Opponent Match Lows
All games**

Opponent - Game Lows

RUSHES	24	Missouri (09/11/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	17	ULM (09/04/2021)
YARDS PER RUSH	0.4	ULM (09/04/2021)
TD RUSHES	0	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	0	at Vanderbilt (11/13/2021)
	0	Florida (10/02/2021)
	0	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	0	Missouri (09/11/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	20	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	20	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	20	ULM (09/04/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	11	ULM (09/04/2021)
YARDS PASSING	70	ULM (09/04/2021)
YARDS PER PASS	3.5	ULM (09/04/2021)
TD PASSES	0	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	0	ULM (09/04/2021)
TOTAL PLAYS	47	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	47	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
TOTAL OFFENSE	87	ULM (09/04/2021)
YARDS PER PLAY	1.4	ULM (09/04/2021)
POINTS	10	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	10	ULM (09/04/2021)
SACKS BY	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	0	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	0	at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
FIRST DOWNS	12	ULM (09/04/2021)
PENALTIES	3	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	3	ULM (09/04/2021)
PENALTY YARDS	18	LSU (10/09/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS BY	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	0	at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	0	LSU (10/09/2021)
PUNTS	1	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PUNTING AVG	36.7	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
LONG PUNT	40	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	0	at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	0	at Louisville (11/27/2021)
	0	New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	0	Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	0	LSU (10/09/2021)
	0	Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
	0	Missouri (09/11/2021)
	0	ULM (09/04/2021)



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Individual Game Highs
All games

Kentucky - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	27	Christopher Rodriguez Jr. vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	207	Christopher Rodriguez Jr. vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
TD RUSHES	4	Will Levis at Louisville (11/27/2021)
LONG RUSH	64	Wan'Dale Robinson vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	49	Will Levis vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	32	Will Levis at Georgia (10/16/2021)
YARDS PASSING	419	Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	4	Will Levis vs ULM (09/04/2021)
LONG PASS	79	Will Levis vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
RECEPTIONS	13	Wan'Dale Robinson vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	181	Wan'Dale Robinson vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Justin Rigg vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	2	Josh Ali vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	2	Wan'Dale Robinson vs ULM (09/04/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	79	Wan'Dale Robinson vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
PUNTS	7	Colin Goodfellow at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTING AVG	53.7	Colin Goodfellow at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
LONG PUNT	70	Colin Goodfellow at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	70	Colin Goodfellow at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	3	Colin Goodfellow vs Florida (10/02/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	74	Josh Ali at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	27	Zach Johnson vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
TACKLES	18	Jacquez Jones at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
SACKS	2.5	J.J. Weaver vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	3.5	DeAndre Square vs ULM (09/04/2021)



**2021-22 Kentucky Football
Opponent Individual Match Highs
All games**

Opponent - Individual Game Highs

RUSHES	22	Tyrion Davis-Price vs LSU (10/09/2021)
YARDS RUSHING	147	Tyrion Davis-Price vs LSU (10/09/2021)
TD RUSHES	2	Dillon Johnson at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	2	Tyrion Davis-Price vs LSU (10/09/2021)
LONG RUSH	48	Ailym Ford vs Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
PASS ATTEMPTS	51	Connor Bazelak vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
PASS COMPLETIONS	36	Will Rogers at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
YARDS PASSING	344	Will Rogers at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
TD PASSES	4	Hendon Hooker vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	4	Connor Bazelak vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
LONG PASS	75	Hendon Hooker vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
RECEPTIONS	10	Tyler Badie vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
YARDS RECEIVING	101	Brock Bowers at Georgia (10/16/2021)
TD RECEPTIONS	2	Brock Bowers at Georgia (10/16/2021)
	2	Daniel Parker vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
LONG RECEPTION	75	JaVonta Payton vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
FIELD GOALS	3	Ethan Albertson vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	3	Aaron Sears vs Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
LONG FIELD GOALS	54	Parker White at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
PUNTS	10	Josh Carlson vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	10	Devyn McCormick vs ULM (09/04/2021)
PUNTING AVG	53.3	Avery Atkins vs LSU (10/09/2021)
LONG PUNT	63	Jake Camarda at Georgia (10/16/2021)
PUNTS INSIDE 20	4	Kai Kroeger at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	4	Grant McKinniss vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
LONG PUNT RETURN	13	Xzavier Henderson vs Florida (10/02/2021)
LONG KICKOFF RETURN	33	Jimmy Holiday vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
TACKLES	15	Qwynnterrio Cole at Louisville (11/27/2021)
SACKS	2	Byron Young vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	2	Ty Shelby vs ULM (09/04/2021)
TACKLES FOR LOSS	2.5	Jalen Carter at Georgia (10/16/2021)
INTERCEPTIONS	1	J.J. Dervil vs New Mexico St. (11/20/2021)
	1	Chris Pierce at Vanderbilt (11/13/2021)
	1	Alontae Taylor vs Tennessee (11/06/2021)
	1	Shawn Preston Jr. at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	1	Cameron Young at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	1	Jalen Green at Mississippi St. (10/30/2021)
	1	Tre'Vez Johnson vs Florida (10/02/2021)
	1	Jaylan Foster at South Carolina (09/25/2021)
	1	Rashun Freeman vs Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
	1	CaMiron Smith vs Chattanooga (09/18/2021)
	1	Jaylon Carlies vs Missouri (09/11/2021)
	1	Jabari Johnson vs ULM (09/04/2021)



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Combined Team Statistics
All games

Team Results

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	47693
* 09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	58437
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	55214
* 09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W 16-10	77559
* 10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	61632
* 10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	61690
* 10/16/2021	at Georgia	L 13-30	92746
* 10/30/2021	at Mississippi St.	L 17-31	49487
* 11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	61690
* 11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W 34-17	25798
11/20/2021	New Mexico St.	W 56-16	47749
11/27/2021	at Louisville	W 52-21	55018

Game Records

Record	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
ALL GAMES	9-3	6-1	3-2	0-0
CONFERENCE	5-3	3-1	2-2	0-0
NON-CONFERENCE	4-0	3-0	1-0	0-0

Team Statistics

	UK	OPP
First Downs	273	222
Rushing	129	76
Passing	127	125
Penalty	17	20
Rushing Yardage	2473	1406
Rushing attempts	449	371
Average per rush	5.5	3.8
Average per game	206.1	117.2
TDs Rushing	26	11
Passing Yardage	2701	2631
Comp-Att-Int	225-338-12	249-373
Average per pass	8.0	7.1
Average per catch	12.0	10.6
Average per game	225.1	219.3
TDs Passing	23	19
Total offense	5174	4037
Average per play	6.6	5.4
Average per game	431.2	336.4
Kick returns: #-Yards	18-301	11-241
Punt returns: #-Yards	16-165	8-47
Int returns: #-Yards	6-185	12-166
Fumbles-Lost	18-10	11-3
Penalties-Yards	60-528	74-563
Punts-Avg	35-45.0	58-42.2
Time of possession / game	32:09	27:50
3rd-down conversion	70/137	60/151
4rd-down conversion	6/14	5/17

Rushing

Player	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Christopher Rodriguez	12	205	1284	12	1272	6.2	8	41	106.0
Kavosiey Smoke	12	81	429	13	416	5.1	4	32	34.7
Will Levis	12	92	511	124	387	4.2	9	33	32.3
JuTahn McClain	8	24	144	7	137	5.7	0	22	17.1
La'Vell Wright	3	9	119	1	118	13.1	1	52	39.3
Wan'Dale Robinson	12	7	111	0	111	15.9	0	64	9.3
Mike Drennen	6	7	21	4	17	2.4	1	9	2.8
Josh Ali	10	3	20	7	13	4.3	1	11	1.3
Tyler Markray	1	2	10	0	10	5.0	0	8	10.0
Beau Allen	3	4	26	17	9	2.3	1	23	3.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0	0	4	4.0
Team	12	14	0	21	-21	-1.5	0	0	-1.8
Total	12	449	2679	206	2473	5.5	26	64	206.1
Opponents	12	371	1675	269	1406	3.8	11	48	117.2

Passing

Player	gp	com	att	int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
Will Levis	12	149	325	12	46.5	2594	23	79	216.2
Beau Allen	3	13	12	0	66.7	92	0	31	30.7
Chauncey Magwood	2	2	1	0	100.0	15	0	15	1.3
Total	12	149	338	12	46.6	2701	23	79	225.1
Opponents	12	139	373	6	36.8	2631	19	75	219.3

Receiving

Player	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
Wan'Dale Robinson	12	94	1164	12.4	7	79	97.0
Josh Ali	10	41	601	14.7	3	62	60.1
Justin Rigg	12	18	178	9.9	4	34	14.8
Izayah Cummings	12	13	182	14.0	3	31	15.2
Christopher Rodriguez Jr	2	5	56	4.7	2	12	4.7
Isaiah Epps	11	11	171	15.5	1	57	15.5
DeMarcus Harris	12	10	122	12.2	1	17	10.2
Brenden Bates	12	10	64	6.4	1	15	5.3
JuTahn McClain	8	6	42	7.0	1	25	5.3
Rahsaan Lewis	5	2	4	2.0	0	4	0.8
Mike Drennen	6	2	3	1.5	0	8	0.5
Jordan Dingle	4	2	54	27.0	0	31	13.5
Kavosiey Smoke	12	1	17	17.0	0	14	1.4
Tae Tae Crumes	4	1	10	10.0	0	10	2.5
Will Levis	12	1	15	15.0	0	15	1.3
Chauncey Magwood	2	1	17	17.0	0	17	1.4
Total	12	225	2700	12.0	23	79	225.0
Opponents	12	249	2631	10.6	19	75	219.3

Interceptions

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
J.J. Weaver	2	21	10.5	0	20
Quandre Mosely	1	38	38.0	1	38
Jalen Geiger	1	31	31.0	1	31
Tyrell Ajian	1	95	95.0	1	95
Jacquez Jones	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	6	185	30.8	3	95
Opponents	12	161	13.4	1	56



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Field Goals

Player	fg	pc	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
Matt Ru'olo	8-11	72.7	0-0	3-3	1-3	4-4	0-1	45	2
Opponents	14-18	77.8	0-0	4-4	4-5	3-6	3-3	54	1

Scoring

Player	td	fg	PAT							pts
			kick	rush	rcv	pas	sdx	saf		
Matt Ru'olo	8	11	52	54	-	-	-	-	-	76
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	60
Will Levis	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	54
Wan'Dale Robinson	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
Josh Ali	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
Kavosiey Smoke	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Justin Rigg	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24
Izayah Cummings	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
Ju'Tahn McClain	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
La'Ve'll Wright	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Beau Allen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Mike Drennen	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Isaiah Epps	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Brenden Bates	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Tyrell Ajian	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Jalen Geiger	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
DeMarcus Harris	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Eli Cox	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Quandre Mosely	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Trevin Wallace	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
Total	54	8-11	52-54	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	400		
Opponents	32	14-18	29-30	0-1	1-1	0-0	0-0	265		

Score by Periods

Team	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	TOT
Kentucky	11	2	11	0	75	103
Opponents	5	9	6	7	3	26

Punting

Player	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
Colin Goodfellow	31	1426	46.0	70	5	8	11	9	0
Wilson Berry	4	148	37.0	39	0	4	1	0	0
Total	35	1574	45.0	70	5	12	12	9	0
Opponents	58	2462	42.4	63	3	18	19	15	0

Punt Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Josh Ali	9	133	14.8	1	74
Wan'Dale Robinson	6	20	3.3	0	5
Rahsaan Lewis	1	12	12.0	0	12
Total	16	165	10.3	1	74
Opponents	8	47	5.9	0	13

Kick Returns

Player	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
Zach Johnson	14	259	18.5	0	27
Kavosiey Smoke	2	31	15.5	0	19
Justin Rigg	1	0	0.0	0	0
Chauncey Magwood	1	11	11.0	0	11
Total	18	301	16.7	0	27
Opponents	11	246	22.4	0	33

All Purpose

Player	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	12	1272	56	0	0	0	1328	110.7
Wan'Dale Robinson	12	111	1164	20	0	0	1295	107.9
Josh Ali	10	13	601	133	0	0	747	74.7
Kavosiey Smoke	12	416	17	0	31	0	464	38.7
Will Levis	12	387	15	0	0	0	402	33.5
Zach Johnson	12	0	0	0	259	0	259	21.6
Izayah Cummings	12	0	182	0	0	0	182	15.2
Ju'Tahn McClain	8	137	42	0	0	0	179	22.4
Justin Rigg	12	0	178	0	0	0	178	14.8
Isaiah Epps	11	0	171	0	0	0	171	15.5
DeMarcus Harris	12	0	122	0	0	0	122	10.2
La'Ve'll Wright	3	118	0	0	0	0	118	39.3
Tyrell Ajian	12	0	0	0	95	95	95	7.9
Brenden Bates	12	0	64	0	0	0	64	5.3
Jordan Dingle	4	0	54	0	0	0	54	13.5
Quandre Mosely	12	0	0	0	38	38	3.2	
Jalen Geiger	12	0	0	0	31	31	2.6	
Chauncey Magwood	12	0	17	0	11	0	28	2.3
J.J. Weaver	12	0	0	0	21	21	1.8	
Mike Drennen	6	17	3	0	0	0	20	3.3
Rahsaan Lewis	5	0	4	12	0	0	16	3.2
Tyler Markray	1	10	0	0	0	0	10	10.0
Tae Tae Crumes	4	0	10	0	0	0	10	2.5
Beau Allen	3	9	0	0	0	0	9	3.0
Travis Tisdale	1	4	0	0	0	0	4	4.0
Total	12	2473	2700	165	301	185	5824	485.3
Opponents	12	1406	2631	47	246	161	4491	374.3

Total Offense

Player	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
Will Levis	12	417	387	2594	2981	248.4
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	12	205	1272	0	1272	106.0
Kavosiey Smoke	12	81	416	0	416	34.7
Ju'Tahn McClain	8	24	137	0	137	17.1
La'Ve'll Wright	3	9	118	0	118	39.3
Wan'Dale Robinson	12	7	111	0	111	9.3
Beau Allen	3	16	9	92	101	33.7
Mike Drennen	6	7	17	0	17	2.8
Chauncey Magwood	12	1	0	15	15	1.3
Josh Ali	10	3	13	0	13	1.3
Tyler Markray	1	2	10	0	10	10.0
Travis Tisdale	1	1	4	0	4	4.0
Total	12	787	2473	2701	5174	431.2
Opponents	12	744	1406	2631	4037	336.4

Team Defense

#	Player	gp	Tackles			sno-yds	pass def	fumbles	blkd						
			ua	a	tot										
10	Jacquez Jones	12	40	46	86	3.5	9	0.5	3	1-0	4	3	1-0	1	.



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#	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defen			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tû /yds	sno-yds	int-yds	disrup	qb	hfr-yds	û	kicks	af	
5	DeAndre Square	12	39	35	74	9-30	3-14	.	1	3	.	1	.	.	
29	Yusuf Corker	12	41	32	73	3.5-13	1-7	.	8	1	.	.	.	.
14	Carrington Valentine	12	44	15	59	1.5-8	1-7	.	5	1	.	.	.	.
4	Joshua Paschal	12	24	29	53	15.5-64	5.5-39	.	.	8	.	1	1	.	
9	Davonte Robinson	12	26	17	43	4-8	1-3	.	1	.	.	1	.	.	
23	Tyrell Ajian	12	23	16	39	.	.	1-9	5	3	.	.	.	.
13	J.J. Weaver	12	19	15	34	10-46	6-39	2-2	1	4	.	1	.	.	
32	Trevin Wallace	12	16	16	32	4-13	2-7	.	1	1	.	1	.	.	
21	Quandre Mosely	12	17	5	22	2-5	.	1-3	8	5	.	.	.	.
15	Jordan Wright	8	11	9	20	3-9	1-8	.	5	1	.	.	.	.
7	Vito Tisdale	8	11	7	18	1.5-8	1-7	.	1	1	.	.	.	.
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	12	12	5	17	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
52	Justin Rogers	12	5	11	16	2.5-10	1.5-9	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
34	Jalen Geiger	12	11	5	16	1-6	.	1-3	1	1	.	.	.	.
8	Octavious Oxendine	6	6	9	15	3.5-21	2-16	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
99	Josaih Hayes	12	3	9	12	1.5-5	1-5	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	
47	K.D. McDaniel	9	6	5	11	.	.	.	.	3	.	.	.	.
56	D'Eryk Jackson	3	10	1	11	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	11	6	5	11	.	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
94	Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	5	5	10	10	2.5-7	2.5-7	.	.	.	.	1	.	.
42	Marquez Bembry	12	4	5	9	1-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
6	Jared Casey	11	3	5	8	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
50	Marquan McCall	8	4	3	7	3.5-7	.	.	.	2	.	.	.	.
30	Taj Dodson	10	5	1	6	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	Martez Thrower	7	1	4	5	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
11	Moses Douglass	3	4	.	4	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Isaiah Gibson	6	1	3	4	0.5-1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	Joel Williams	7	1	1	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
91	Sam Anaele	2	1	1	2	1-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37	Andru Phillips	8	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28	Zach Johnson	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
92	Kahlil Saunders	4	2	.	2	2-4	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
0	Kavosiey Smoke	12	2	.	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	Chauncey Magwood	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
25	Jordan Lovett	1	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
29	La'Veil Wright	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
95	Jamarius Dinkins	3	.	1	1	0.5-2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	2	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Zac Berezowitz	9	.	1	1	
84	Izayah Cummings	12	1	.	1	
35	Ricky Hyatt	2	1	.	1	
70	Darian Kinnard	12	.	1	1	



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##	Player	gp	Tackles				Sacks			Pass defense			Fumbles		Blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tû /yds	no-yds	int-yds	disrup	qb	hfr-yds	û	kicks	af		
55	Justice Dingle	3	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	Chance Poore	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38	William Nalty	12	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.	.
61	Austin Dotson	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
24	Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	12	1	.	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
96	Matt Ruolo	12	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Totals		12	415	326	741	77-28	229-17	16-18	536	37	3-0	7	1	0		
Opponents		12	441	360	801	50-18	418-11	72-16	136	23	10-21	2	4	0		



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Total Tackles

Player	S-A	Total	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Jacquez Jones	40-46	86	2-2	4-3	5-4	2-2	2-7	7-2	3-1	3-15	3-2	3-3	4-4	2-1
DeAndre Square	39-35	74	4-2	5-0	4-1	5-3	5-8	5-3	3-1	1-11	2-1	3-2	2-2	0-1
Yusuf Corker	41-32	73	1-3	5-1	4-2	3-1	3-5	3-4	2-2	4-7	3-1	6-2	4-3	3-1
Carrington Valentine	44-15	59	0-1	4-1	7-4	4-0	6-2	6-1	1-2	3-1	2-0	4-1	2-0	5-2
Joshua Paschal	24-29	53	6-2	0-2	1-1	2-1	4-3	1-2	4-2	1-5	0-1	2-5	2-4	1-1
Davonte Robinson	26-17	43	2-4	5-0	3-2	2-0	5-1	1-4	0-2	2-1	-	2-1	2-0	2-2
Tyrell Ajian	23-16	39	1-2	6-2	0-3	4-0	7-1	0-2	1-1	1-4	-	0-1	1-0	2-0
J.J. Weaver	19-15	34	1-1	3-0	2-2	2-0	2-2	1-1	0-3	1-5	3-1	3-0	-	1-0
Trevin Wallace	16-16	32	-	-	2-0	1-0	0-2	1-0	2-0	3-9	1-1	2-0	3-2	1-2
Quandre Mosely	17-5	22	1-0	2-1	-	1-0	2-0	1-1	4-0	0-2	3-0	1-0	1-0	1-1
Jordan Wright	11-9	20	5-1	1-2	DNP	2-1	1-1	2-4	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Vito Tisdale	11-7	18	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-1	-	2-3	5-1	2-0	0-1	1-1
Cedrick Dort Jr.	12-5	17	-	4-0	-	2-0	1-0	0-2	1-1	1-2	-	2-0	1-0	-
Jalen Geiger	11-5	16	1-0	1-0	1-0	2-0	-	-	0-1	1-1	1-0	3-0	-	1-3
Justin Rogers	5-11	16	-	-	-	-	1-2	0-1	1-2	0-3	-	3-1	0-1	0-1
Octavious Oxendine	6-9	15	3-2	-	0-2	1-1	0-3	2-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Josaih Hayes	3-9	12	1-1	-	0-1	0-1	0-2	0-1	-	2-2	-	0-1	-	-
D'Eryk Jackson	10-1	11	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	3-0	7-1
Tre'vonn Rybka	6-5	11	0-1	0-1	1-0	-	1-1	2-1	-	-	DNP	0-1	2-0	-
K.D. McDaniel	6-5	11	2-0	-	1-1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	0-1	-	0-3	2-0	1-0
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	5-5	10	2-1	-	-	-	DNP	0-1	0-1	1-0	2-0	-	0-2	-
Marquez Bemby	4-5	9	0-1	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	1-2	1-0	-	-	0-2
Jared Casey	3-5	8	0-1	1-0	0-2	-	-	-	-	0-2	DNP	-	1-0	1-0
Marquan McCall	4-3	7	1-1	1-1	0-1	1-0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0
Taj Dodson	5-1	6	-	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	1-0	0-1	-	-	1-0	2-0
Martez Thrower	1-4	5	0-1	1-0	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	0-3	-	DNP	DNP	DNP
Moses Douglass	4-0	4	3-0	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0
Isaiah Gibson	1-3	4	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	0-1	DNP	1-0	0-1	-	-
Kahlil Saunders	2-0	2	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	1-0
Kavosiey Smoke	2-0	2	-	1-0	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Zach Johnson	2-0	2	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Andru Phillips	2-0	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	1-0	-
Joel Williams	1-1	2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-	-	-	DNP	-	0-1	-
Sam Anaele	1-1	2	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1
La'Veil Wright	1-0	1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-0
Chance Poore	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-
Ricky Hyatt	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	DNP
Wan'Dale Robinson	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justice Dingle	1-0	1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-0	-
Chauncey Magwood	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-
Austin Dotson	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-
Izayah Cummings	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamarius Dinkins	0-1	1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
William Nalty	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1
Christopher Rodriguez Jr	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-
Zac Berezowitz	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	0-1
Jordan Lovett	0-1	1	0-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Darian Kinnard	0-1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0-1	-	-



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Rushing

Player	No-Yds/TD	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Christopher Rodriguez Jr	205-1272/8	19-125/1	27-207/2	13-46/0	26-144/0	19-99/1	16-147/1	7-7/0	8-34/0	22-109/0	16-114/1	16-119/1	16-121/1
Will Levis	92-387/9	4--6/0	11-25/1	3-18/0	5-30/0	6-21/0	11-75/2	10-12/0	3-9/0	15-47/2	6-32/0	4-11/0	14-113/4
Kavosiey Smoke	81-416/4	5-26/0	8-39/0	7-27/0	9-50/1	4-17/0	12-104/0	5-14/0	8-19/0	11-53/1	1-1/0	3-35/1	8-31/1
JuTahn McClain	24-137/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-5/0	4-12/0	-	1-16/0	10-69/0	2-2/0	6-33/0
La'Vell Wright	9-118/1	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	6-75/0	3-43/1
Wan'Dale Robinson	7-111/0	-	3-73/0	-	1-5/0	-	-	1-6/0	1-4/0	-	1-23/0	-	-
Mike Drennen	7-17/1	3-16/1	-	1-1/0	-	-	3-0/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Beau Allen	4-9/1	1--10/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2--4/1	1-23/0
Josh Ali	3-13/1	-	-	1-11/1	2-2/0	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Tyler Markray	2-10/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	2-10/0	DNP
Travis Tisdale	1-4/0	1-4/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP

Receiving

Player	No-Yds/TD	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Wan'Dale Robinson	94-1164/7	5-125/2	5-101/0	8-111/0	7-65/0	4-65/1	8-60/1	12-39/1	9-79/0	13-166/1	6-75/1	8-181/0	9-97/0
Josh Ali	41-601/3	5-136/1	2-30/0	5-53/0	4-14/0	1-15/0	DNP	DNP	2-9/0	7-74/0	4-58/0	7-164/2	4-48/0
Justin Rigg	18-178/4	1-5/0	1-28/0	3-18/0	-	-	1-34/0	4-24/1	1-4/0	3-20/1	1-7/0	2-34/2	1-4/0
Izayah Cummings	13-182/3	1-7/0	1-15/0	1-31/1	-	-	-	3-22/0	1-5/0	4-75/1	2-27/1	-	-
Christopher Rodriguez Jr	12-56/2	2-10/0	1-5/1	-	2-5/0	-	1-3/1	4-10/0	2-23/0	-	-	-	-
Isaiah Epps	11-171/1	3-83/0	-	2-21/1	-	-	2-28/0	3-27/0	-	DNP	-	1-12/0	-
DeMarcus Harris	10-122/1	1-4/0	-	1-10/0	-	-	-	2-31/0	2-30/1	-	1-10/0	3-37/0	-
Brenden Bates	10-64/1	1-4/1	-	2-2/0	1-15/0	1-11/0	-	2-13/0	-	2-18/0	-	1-1/0	-
JuTahn McClain	6-42/1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1--4/0	1-25/1	2-12/0	-	1-2/0	-	1-7/0	-
Jordan Dingle	2-54/0	1-31/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	1-23/0	DNP
Rahsaan Lewis	2-4/0	1-4/0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1-0/0
Mike Drennen	2-3/0	-	-	1-8/0	-	-	1--5/0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Kavosiey Smoke	1-17/0	-	-	-	1-3/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chauncey Magwood	1-17/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-17/0	-	-	-
Will Levis	1-15/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-15/0	-	-	-
Tae Tae Crumes	1-10/0	1-10/0	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP



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Returns Game-by-Game
All games

Punt Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Josh Ali	9-133	-	-	-	-	1-6	DNP	DNP	1-74	-	2-28	4-20	1-5
Wan'Dale Robinson	6-20	3-9	-	1-4	-	-	1-4	-	1-3	-	-	-	-
Rahsaan Lewis	1-12	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	1-12	-

Kick Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Zach Johnson	14-259	1-16	-	3-63	-	1-25	-	1-23	3-50	-	2-28	2-42	1-12
Kavosiey Smoke	2-31	1-12	-	1-19	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chauncey Magwood	1-11	-	-	1-11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Justin Rigg	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Interceptions Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
J.J. Weaver	2-21	-	-	-	-	1-20	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1
Tyrell Ajian	1-95	-	-	1-95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Quandre Mosely	1-38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-38	-
Jalen Geiger	1-31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-31	-	-
Jacquez Jones	1-0	-	1-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Fumble Returns

Player	No-Yds	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
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Sacks Game-by-Game
All games

Player	UA-A	Total	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
J.J. Weaver	5-2	6	1.5-14	1-8	-	1-5	-	-	-	-	2.5-12	-	-	-
Joshua Paschal	5-1	5.5	1.5-13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2-12	1-5	1-9
DeAndre Square	3-0	3	1-1	-	-	-	-	1-9	1-4	-	-	-	-	-
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	2-6	-	0.5-1	-
Octavious Oxendine	2-0	2	-	-	-	-	-	2-16	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Trevin Wallace	2-0	2	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	-	-	-	-	1-4	-
Justin Rogers	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-9	0.5-0	-
Vito Tisdale	1-0	1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1-7	-	-	-	-
Davonte Robinson	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	-	-
Carrington Valentine	1-0	1	-	-	-	1-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jordan Wright	1-0	1	1-8	-	DNP	-	-	-	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Yusuf Corker	1-0	1	1-7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Josaih Hayes	1-0	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-5	-	-	-	-
Jacquez Jones	0-1	0.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	-



**2021-22 Kentucky Football
Tackles For Loss Game-by-Game
All games**

Player	UA-A	Total	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Joshua Paschal	12-7	15.5	2.5-17	-	1.5-2	-	2.5-6	1.0-6	1.0-2	2.0-2	0.5-1	2.0-12	1.5-7	1.0-9
J.J. Weaver	8-4	10.0	1.5-14	2.0-11	1.0-3	1.0-5	0.5-0	-	-	0.5-0	2.5-12	1.0-1	-	-
DeAndre Square	7-4	9.0	3.5-7	-	2.0-5	-	-	1.0-9	1.0-4	1.0-2	-	-	0.5-3	-
Trevin Wallace	3-2	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	2.0-6	-	-	1.0-4	-
Davonte Robinson	2-4	4.0	1.0-1	-	0.5-0	-	0.5-2	1.0-2	-	-	-	1.0-3	-	-
Marquan McCall	3-1	3.5	0.5-0	1.0-3	-	1.0-3	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	1.0-1
Octavious Oxendine	3-1	3.5	1.0-5	-	-	-	0.5-0	2.0-16	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Yusuf Corker	3-1	3.5	1.0-7	-	-	-	-	1.0-1	1.0-3	0.5-2	-	-	-	-
Jacquez Jones	2-3	3.5	-	-	-	-	1.0-2	1.0-2	-	-	0.5-3	-	-	1.0-2
Jordan Wright	2-2	3.0	2.0-9	-	DNP	-	-	1.0-0	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	2.0-6	-	0.5-1	-
Justin Rogers	2-1	2.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.0-10	0.5-0	-
Quandre Mosely	2-0	2.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	1.0-1
Kahlil Saunders	2-0	2.0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1.0-3	1.0-1
Josaih Hayes	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	-	0.5-0	-	-	1.0-5	-	-	-	-
Vito Tisdale	1-1	1.5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	1.0-7	0.5-1	-	-	-
Carrington Valentine	1-1	1.5	-	-	-	1.0-7	0.5-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jalen Geiger	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sam Anaele	1-0	1.0	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1.0-2
Marquez Bembry	1-0	1.0	-	-	-	1.0-4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jamarius Dinkins	0-1	0.5	0.5-2	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP
Isaiah Gibson	0-1	0.5	0.5-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	-	-	-



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Fumbles Game-by-Game
All games

Fumbles

Player	No-Lost	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	6-3	-	2-1	-	2-0	-	-	-	1-1	-	-	1-1	-
Will Levis	3-1	-	-	2-0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	-
Josh Ali	2-2	-	-	-	2-2	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	-	-	-
Kavosiey Smoke	1-1	1-1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Beau Allen	1-0	1-0	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	-
Tyler Markray	1-1	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	1-1	DNP

Fumbles Forced

Player	Number	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Joshua Paschal	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
DeAndre Square	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Davonte Robinson	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Jacquez Jones	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
J.J. Weaver	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trevin Wallace	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	1	-	-	-	-	DNP	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Fumbles Recovered

Player	Number	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Jacquez Jones	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
William Nalty	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Josaih Hayes	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-



2021-22 Kentucky Football
 Passing Game-by-Game
 All games

#7 Will Levis	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
ULM	18	26	1	69.2	367	4	62	3-14	230.9
Missouri	10	18	1	55.6	179	1	49	2-11	146.3
Chattanooga	23	35	2	65.7	254	2	39	1-8	134.1
South Carolina	15	22	1	68.2	102	0	17	0-0	98.0
Florida	7	17	1	41.2	87	1	41	2-13	91.8
LSU	14	17	0	82.4	145	3	34	1-6	212.2
Georgia	32	42	0	76.2	193	2	16	3-14	130.5
Mississippi St.	17	28	3	60.7	150	1	21	0-0	96.1
Tennessee	31	49	1	63.3	372	3	31	3-25	143.2
Vanderbilt	14	22	1	63.6	177	2	39	1-9	152.1
New Mexico St.	21	31	1	67.7	419	4	79	0-0	217.4
Louisville	14	18	0	77.8	149	0	27	0-0	147.3
Totals	216	325	12	66.5	2594	23	79	16-100	149.5

#10 Chauncey Magwood	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
Tennessee	1	1	0	100.0	15	0	15	0-0	226.0
Totals	1	1	0	100.0	15	0	15	0-0	226.0

#11 Beau Allen	Comp	Att	Int	Pct	Yards	TD	Long	Sacked	Effic.
ULM	4	7	0	57.1	52	0	31	1-10	119.5
New Mexico St.	3	4	0	75.0	40	0	23	1-7	159.0
Louisville	1	1	0	100.0	0	0	0	0-0	100.0
Totals	8	12	0	66.7	92	0	31	2-17	131.1



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Red-Zone Results
All games

Kentucky Inside Opponent Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	5	5	31	4	2	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	7	5	35	5	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	2	2	14	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W 16-10	3	3	13	1	1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	1	1	7	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	5	5	35	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/16/2021	at Georgia	L 13-30	3	2	13	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/30/2021	at Mississippi St.	L 17-31	2	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	5	5	35	5	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W 34-17	5	4	20	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	1
11/20/2021	New Mexico St.	W 56-16	7	4	28	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	0
11/27/2021	at Louisville	W 52-21	5	5	35	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 42 of 50 (84.0%)			50	42	273	37	23	14	5	7	1	1	3	0	1

Opponents Inside Kentucky Red-Zone

Date	Opponent	Score	Times	Times	Total	Rush			Pass	FGs	Failed to score inside RZ				
			In RZ	Scored	Pts	TDs	TDs	TDs	TDs	Made	FGA	Down	Int	Fumb	Half	Game
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	2	2	10	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	4	4	28	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	4	4	20	2	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
09/25/2021	South Carolina	W 16-10	1	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	3	2	10	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	2	2	14	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10/16/2021	Georgia	L 13-30	3	3	16	2	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
10/30/2021	Mississippi St.	L 17-31	6	5	31	4	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	3	2	14	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
11/13/2021	Vanderbilt	W 34-17	2	2	14	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
11/20/2021	New Mexico St.	W 56-16	2	2	6	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
11/27/2021	Louisville	W 52-21	3	3	21	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals 32 of 35 (91.4%)			35	32	191	24	9	15	8	9	1	0	0	0	1



2021-22 Kentucky Football
Tackles Breakdown
All games

All Tackles

Player	Total	Rush	Pass	Sack	KO	Punt	Int	Fumb	FF	Othe
Jacquez Jones	86	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	82.5
DeAndre Square	74	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	65
Yusuf Corker	73	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	69.5
Carrington Valentine	59	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	57.5
Joshua Paschal	53	0	0	15.5	0	0	0	0	0	37.5
Davonte Robinson	43	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	39
Tyrell Ajian	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
J.J. Weaver	34	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	24
Trevin Wallace	32	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	28
Quandre Mosely	22	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
Jordan Wright	20	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	17
Vito Tisdale	18	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	16.5
Cedrick Dort Jr.	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Justin Rogers	16	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	13.5
Jalen Geiger	16	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
Octavious Oxendine	15	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	11.5
Josaih Hayes	12	0	0	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	10.5
D'Eryk Jackson	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
K.D. McDaniel	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Tre'vonn Rybka	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Abule Abadi-Fitzgerald	10	0	0	2.5	0	0	0	0	0	7.5
Marquez Bembry	9	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
Jared Casey	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Marquan McCall	7	0	0	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	3.5
Taj Dodson	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Martez Thrower	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Moses Douglass	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Isaiah Gibson	4	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	3.5
Kahlil Saunders	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kavosiey Smoke	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Zach Johnson	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Joel Williams	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Andru Phillips	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Sam Anaele	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chauncey Magwood	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jordan Lovett	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
La'Ve'll Wright	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Wan'Dale Robinson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Zac Berezowitz	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Izayah Cummings	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Ricky Hyatt	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Darian Kinnard	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Justice Dingle	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chance Poore	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
William Nalty	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Austin Dotson	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Christopher Rodriguez Jr.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Jamarius Dinkins	1	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0.5
Total	741	0	0	77	0	0	0	0	0	664



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Tackles Breakdown
All games

Rushing Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Passing Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Special Teams Tackles

Player	Total	KO	Punt
Total	0	0	0

Kickoff return Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0

Punt Return Tackles

Player	No.
Total	0



2021-22 Kentucky Football
By Quarter Statistics
All games

3rd-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	6-1154.5	0-1 0.0	2-3 66.7	2-4 50.0	2-3 66.7	0-0 0.0
09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	8-1266.7	3-3100.0	3-3100.0	0-2 0.0	2-4 50.0	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	5-1145.5	2-3 66.7	1-5 20.0	1-2 50.0	1-1100.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W 16-10	6-1250.0	3-4 75.0	1-4 25.0	1-2 50.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	1-911.1	0-2 0.0	0-2 0.0	0-3 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	2-728.6	1-2 50.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
10/16/2021	at Georgia	L 13-30	9-1947.4	1-4 25.0	3-5 60.0	1-4 25.0	4-6 66.7	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	at Mississippi State	L 17-31	6-1154.5	2-3 66.7	2-5 40.0	1-1100.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	12-1770.6	3-3100.0	4-6 66.7	3-3100.0	2-5 40.0	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W 34-17	3-933.3	0-0 0.0	0-2 0.0	3-4 75.0	0-3 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	New Mexico State	W 56-16	6-966.7	1-2 50.0	1-1100.0	3-4 75.0	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0
11/27/2021	at Louisville	W 52-21	6-1060.0	3-3100.0	3-6 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
Kentucky			70-1351.1	19-3063.3	20-4544.4	15-2951.7	16-3348.5	0-0 0.0
Opponents			60-1538.7	18-3748.6	11-4226.6	21-3641.7	16-4040.0	0-0 0.0

4th-Down Conversions

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W 16-10	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	1-1100.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
10/16/2021	at Georgia	L 13-30	2-2100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	2-2100.0	0-0 0.0
10/30/2021	at Mississippi State	L 17-31	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-3 33.3	0-0 0.0
11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W 34-17	1-2 50.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	1-1100.0	0-0 0.0
11/20/2021	New Mexico State	W 56-16	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-1 0.0	0-0 0.0
11/27/2021	at Louisville	W 52-21	1-1100.0	0-0 0.0	1-1100.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0	0-0 0.0
Kentucky			6-14 42.9	1-1 100.0	1-4 25.0	0-0 0.0	4-9 44.4	0-0 0.0
Opponents			5-17 29.4	0-1 0.0	0-2 0.0	2-3 66.7	3-11 27.3	0-0 0.0

Time of Possession

Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime
09/04/2021	ULM	W 45-10	31:47	03:55	13:01	05:34	09:17	00:00
09/11/2021	Missouri	W 35-28	32:48	07:40	10:41	04:58	09:29	00:00
09/18/2021	Chattanooga	W 28-23	28:18	08:16	09:14	06:19	04:29	00:00
09/25/2021	at South Carolina	W 16-10	35:36	08:56	09:33	07:18	09:49	00:00
10/02/2021	Florida	W 20-13	23:48	07:26	05:20	03:07	07:55	00:00
10/09/2021	LSU	W 42-21	32:12	04:55	10:01	09:40	07:36	00:00
10/16/2021	at Georgia	L 13-30	37:47	09:01	10:34	06:49	11:23	00:00
10/30/2021	at Mississippi State	L 17-31	18:50	03:47	09:21	00:49	04:53	00:00
11/06/2021	Tennessee	L 42-45	46:08	08:36	15:30	12:55	09:07	00:00
11/13/2021	at Vanderbilt	W 34-17	29:46	05:37	07:35	03:16	13:18	00:00



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Date	Opponent	Score	Overall	1st Qtr	2nd Qtr	3rd Qtr	4th Qtr	Overtime	
11/20/2021	New Mexico State	W	56-16	33:53	09:48	05:22	10:02	08:41	00:00
11/27/2021	at Louisville	W	52-21	34:58	08:50	12:06	08:16	05:46	00:00
Kentucky			Total	385:51	86:47	118:18	79:03	101:43	00:00
Kentucky			Avg.	32:09	07:14	09:51	06:35	08:29	00:00
Opponents			Total	334:03	71:52	83:09	78:20	100:42	00:00
Opponents			Avg.	27:50	05:59	06:56	06:32	08:24	00:00



2021-22 Kentucky Football
All-Purpose Yards Game-by-Game
All games

Player	Total	ULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
Christopher Rodriguez	1328	135	212	46	149	99	150	17	57	109	114	119	121
Wan'Dale Robinson	1295	134	174	115	70	65	64	45	86	166	98	181	97
Josh Ali	747	136	30	64	16	21	DNP	DNP	83	74	86	184	53
Kavosiey Smoke	464	38	39	46	53	17	104	28	19	53	1	35	31
Will Levis	402	-6	25	18	30	21	75	12	9	62	32	11	113
Zach Johnson	259	16	-	63	-	25	-	23	50	-	28	42	12
Izayah Cummings	182	7	15	31	-	-	-	22	5	75	27	-	-
JuTahn McClain	179	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-4	30	24	-	18	69	9	33
Justin Rigg	178	5	28	18	-	-	34	24	4	20	7	34	4
Isaiah Epps	171	83	-	21	-	-	28	27	-	DNP	-	12	-
DeMarcus Harris	122	4	-	10	-	-	-	31	30	-	10	37	-
La'Vell Wright	118	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	75	43
Tyrell Ajian	95	-	-	95	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brenden Bates	64	4	-	2	15	11	-	13	-	18	-	1	-
Jordan Dingle	54	31	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	DNP	-	23	DNP
Quandre Mosely	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38	-
Jalen Geiger	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31	-	-
Chauncey Magwood	28	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-
J.J. Weaver	21	-	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Mike Drennen	20	16	-	9	-	-	-5	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Rahsaan Lewis	16	4	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-	12	-
Tyler Markray	10	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	10	DNP
Tae Tae Crumes	10	10	-	DNP	DNP	-	-	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP
Beau Allen	9	-10	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	-4	23
Travis Tisdale	4	4	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP	DNP



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#	Player	GP	S	L	M	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
0	Kavosiey Smoke	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
1	Wan'Dale Robinson	12/1	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
3	Cedrick Dort Jr.	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
3	Dekel Crowder	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	Joshua Paschal	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
5	DeAndre Square	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
5	Mike Drennen	6/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	Jared Casey	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
6	Josh Ali	10/1	START	START	START	START	START	...	...	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
7	Vito Tisdale	8/1	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX
7	Will Levis	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
8	Octavious Oxendine	6/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9	Davonte Robinson	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START
10	Jacquez Jones	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
10	Chauncey Magwood	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
11	Moses Douglass	3/0	XXX	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
11	Beau Allen	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Chance Poore	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
12	Kaiya Sheron	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	J.J. Weaver	12/6	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
13	Earnest Sanders	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	Carrington Valent	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START
14	Patrick Delahunty	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	Jordan Wright	8/6	START	START	...	START	START	START	START	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX
16	Nik Scalzo	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
17	JuTahn McClain	8/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
18	Clevan Thomas Jr.	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	Rahsaan Lewis	5/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
21	Quandre Mosely	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX
22	Chris Oats	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	Tyrell Ajian	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	XXX
24	Christopher Rodriguez	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	XXX	START	START	START	START	START
24	Zac Berezowitz	9/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
25	Jordan Lovett	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	Torrance Davis	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	Joel Williams	7/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
27	Devonte Ross	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	Zach Johnson	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
29	Yusuf Corker	12/1	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START	START
29	La'Veil Wright	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
30	Taj Dodson	10/0	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
31	Darren Edmond	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
31	Maxwell Hairston	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	Tyler Markray	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
32	Trevin Wallace	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
33	Travis Tisdale	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	Ben Drake	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34	Jalen Geiger	12/2	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	START	XXX	START	START
34	Trey Dennis	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	Ricky Hyatt	2/0	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
35	Kaleb Cheek	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Adrian Huey	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	Jai Williams	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	Andru Phillips	8/0	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
37	Luke Leeper	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	William Nalty	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
39	Dillon Wheatley	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...
39	Austin Gough	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	Luke Fulton	9/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
42	Marquez Bemby	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX



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#	Player	GP-G	SULM	Mizzou	UTC	USC	UF	LSU	UGa	MSU	UT	Vandy	NMSU	LOU
43	Darren Green	0/0
44	Martez Throver	7/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...
45	Jase Bruner	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	Parker Estes	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	Cade Degraw	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
46	Braxton Eiserman	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	K.D. McDaniel	9/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
48	Jack Varga	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	Cody Goatley	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	Shawn Lawson	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
50	Marquan McCall	8/7	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	...	...	...	...	XXX	STAR	STAR
51	Dare Rosenthal	12/1	2STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
52	Justin Rogers	12/4	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	XXX	XXX
53	R.J. Adams	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
54	Jordan Morrow	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55	Justice Dingle	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
55	Clay Perry	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
56	Deondre Buford	2/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
56	D'Eryk Jackson	3/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
57	Jonathan Berry	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
58	Lucas Padgett	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	Connor Long	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Quintin Wilson	9/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
61	Austin Dotson	12/3	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	STAR	STAR	STAR
62	Jager Burton	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
63	Alex Bascom	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
64	Richard Bascom	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
66	Naasir Watkins	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
67	Paul Rodriguez	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
68	Kenneth Horsey	12/1	2STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
69	Collin Hartmann	1/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...
70	Darian Kinnard	12/1	2STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
71	John Young	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
72	Josh Jones	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
73	Matthew Napier	2/0	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
74	David Wohlabaug	1/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
75	Eli Cox	9/9	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	...	...
76	Jake Pope	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
77	Jeremy Flax	10/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
79	Luke Fortner	12/1	2STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
80	Brenden Bates	12/6	STAR	STAR	XXX	XXX	XXX	STAR	XXX	XXX	STAR	XXX	STAR	STAR
81	Isaiah Epps	11/6	XXX	XXX	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	...	XXX	XXX
82	Tae Tae Crumes	4/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...
83	Justin Rigg	12/1	2STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
84	Izayah Cummings	12/2	XXX	STAR	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	STAR	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
85	Jordan Dingle	4/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	...	...
86	DeMarcus Harris	12/1	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	STAR	XXX	XXX
87	Tre'Von Morgan	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
88	Keaton Upshaw	0/0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
89	Chris Lewis	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
90	Tre'vonn Rybka	11/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
91	Sam Anaele	2/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	XXX
92	Kahlil Saunders	4/0	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	XXX
93	Wilson Berry	2/0	XXX	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
94	Abule Abadi-Fitzg	12/1	STAR	STAR	STAR	XXX	...	XXX	STAR	XXX	STAR	STAR	STAR	STAR
94	Colin Goodfellow	9/0	...	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX
95	Jamarius Dinkins	3/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	...	...	XXX	...
96	Isaiah Gibson	6/0	XXX	...	...	...	...	...	XXX	...	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
96	Matt Ruu'olo	12/0	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX
97	Graham Wald	0/0



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98	Isaiah Beas	0	0
99	Josaih Hay	2	1	XXX	XXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX	XXXX

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individual on Kentucky's roster stands out more than Ali, a "super senior" who chose to return for an extra year of eligibility under the NCAA's COVID-19 waiver instead of pursuing a professional career, in football or elsewhere.

That he's even playing another year for the Wildcats is a testament to Mark Stoops' belief in Ali as a talent, and his own belief in what they can achieve this season. A number of players, including Ali's former high school teammate Akeem Hayes, who transferred. Outside of Nebraska via the transfer portal — Ali is the only pass-catcher on UK's roster deserving of the "proven commodity" label.

Ali is eager to deliver.

"I have goals and dreams," he told the Herald-Leader in a recent sitdown, "and I'm not going to let anybody stop that."

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Ali's mother, Katrina Gray, reached out for help raising Josh when he was in the BBN and the University of Kentucky. "I just did what I'm supposed to do as a dad," Faheem said in a phone interview. "He's my son."

Having his father in the picture spent weekends with his mom and remains close with her to this day, but was perhaps even more so for Faheem. The former Louisiana Tech receiver grew up alongside his oldest son as the more hands-on version of fatherhood tested him more than any

defensive back ever could.

Faheem introduced Josh to football. He was a natural, his father says, without having a knack for catching the football.

UK was the only Southeastern coming out of his junior year had few transferred to Chaminade-Madonna Prep, along with his teammate Henry Lister. At the end of his recruitment, he signed with Kentucky over Central Florida and Utah, two schools that during Ali's college tenure have considerably outclassed UK as passing the ball is concerned.

welcome Josh with open arms had Bowl win over North Carolina State in December, his father said, including at least one Power Five program. Faheem over the last couple of years wondered aloud if his son should seek greener pastures, and would have endorsed a move had he wanted to make one.

"Josh has really been loyal to Kentucky schools, you know? I commend him for that. It was a good feeling for me, because it's like, he's really grown up and making his own decisions. I can't play for him. It's something that he has to live with, and I respect it."

Gran and Darin Hinshaw, who to bowl games, didn't only readjust the UK's returning players and incoming

recruits that the man for whom they signed up to play was willing to do whatever is necessary to keep the Wildcats on the come-up.

"It made me realize he's really serious about this season and the guys that we have now," Ali said. "He really wants to win. It changes that he's made? Those were his friends. Coach Gran and Coach Hinshaw, they are close friends. That takes a lot, to let your friends go their separate ways. That shows as a coach, 'This is some change it because I want to win.' I feel like now he wants to win more than ever."

As the only returning receiver with portal has eased the load of those opens things along the sidelines more for the most experienced Wildcats pass-catcher.

Ali understands that if he's ever going to play in the NFL, he has to be ready to compete with teammates as much as opponents. He's embraced the ex-Husker.

"We're gonna open it up for each other," Ali said. "Wan'Dale's a great he's great with the ball in his hands. game, I think people will realize the

Ali since the season ended has graduated (with a degree in communication) and is now working on a second

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bit more on improving his body and
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When his football career comes to an end, Ali wants to help his grand mother Hanan, who owns and operates an early childhood and K-8 school in Ocala, Fla. He wants to follow in her footsteps and those of his mother, who herself graduated from college a few months before Josh and is now a social worker.

"She loves helping people," he said. "That's something I really value, too. It was up to her, she would — and this is something I want to do, too — have her own group home for old people. She wants to take care of old people. She loves it."

Both Faheem and Josh referred to each other as their "best friend." / v • %o] š } (Z] • (CE μ • š CE } + v •] v š Z %o • š U & Z the privilege of watching his son play college football and graduate, things his own father wasn't alive to see. He admires the commitments Josh has made, and kept, to his teammates and himself.

UK's leading receiver says his dad doesn't say it out loud, but he knows he's made him proud. Unprompted, he went on the record.

"He's seen a lot through me, the growth, and I've seen the growth in him as well," Faheem said. "I think both of us, we're proud of each other."

Eric Wolford's task: Keeping the 'Big Blue Wall' strong without John Schlarman

By Mark Story
 Lexington Herald-Leader
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Eric Wolford and Mark Stoops are not strangers to sharing a big challenge.

In the 1990s, Stoops worked as South Florida defensive backs coach v t } o () CE • š Z μ o o • coach while then-USF head man Jim > Å] © • š CE š š Z • Z } o [v () v š • o t } o () CE Z • Z v o š Z u } Ÿ } v o o Ç

"We weren't making any money, I can tell you that right now. We were living in the dorm," Wolford recalled Friday at Kentucky Wildcats football D] Ç X ^ / š Z] v l } μ CE only was \$12,000 a year."

That did not go a long way in Tampa. To make ends meet, Stoops and Wolford would hire themselves out at night to remodel and paint apartments.

"We were sub-contracted out by a guy named 'Tex' — he was from Texas," Wolford says. "That's what we did for extra spending money."

This fall, Wolford and Stoops will be reunited in taking on a far more visible "remodeling" job.

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Schlarman last November at age 45 from Zanez Stoops called on his delicate task of following him. () CE u CE %o] v Ÿ } v P %o CE š / (š Z š Å CE v [š μ v Ÿ } v P t } o () CE U ñ i U] •] v Z CE] Ÿ v () CE < v š μ l Ç [•] + v •] Å • } v] v Å Z] Z š Z] v • š o α Ÿ } v μ } (Ç © l U š Z t } o š • v Å } + v •] Å • Ç • š u] • P]

the UK line to fundamentally alter the way it plays. μ CE] v P h < v š μ Å CE CE • š CE l U š Z () μ CE %o CE] u CE } CE } (} + v •] Å o] v inherit a front that needs to be built from the ground up.

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Wolford says he would rather come into a program with a recent track CE } CE } (} + v •] Å o] v inherit a front that needs to be built from the ground up.

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Wolford says. "Coach Schlarman set a very high standard here. He did a wonderful job. ... We're going to em- CE Å CE Ç š Z] v P ~ ^ Z with these players, this university and this community. We are going to keep a high standard." v Z š μ CE v] v P < v š μ l Ç } o [v () v š • o t } o () CE Z • Z v o š Z u } Ÿ } v o o Ç

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of succeeding Schlarman.

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Defias KQnarCE "Coach Wolf came in and understood he wasn't going to CE %o o u v š ~ () CE ^ Z o just told us, 'I'm not here to replace John. I just want to come in and help Ç } μ P μ Ç • P š © CE X [v Z word."

Says sixth-year senior center Luke & } CE š v CE W ^ t o o u] • • : } Z v We think about him every day. (Wol () CE [• • P] š] P • Z } • š } . o o Z Z • . o o š Z u X _

With Eddie Gran and Darin Hinshaw CE μ v v] v P š Z < v š μ l Ç } + v • Å . Å < Ç v CE • U h < %o CE] u CE] o Ç Zan inside-zone rushing scheme.

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Now that former Los Angeles Rams pass game Liam Cooper has been brought (CE) v diversify the ground-hugging • } v] v Å Z] Z š Z] v • š o α Ÿ } v μ } (Ç © l U š Z t } o š • v Å } + v •] Å • Ç • š u] • P] installing an outside-zone rushing © l X

Again to over-simplify, in the wide zone, the back probes the perimeter CE } o [v] v μ } (CE } v o v Å Z] o š Z o] v u v CE CE < μ] CE š } u } side and make more blocks in space.

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Wolford says he expects a veter } v v < v v š μ l Ç } + v •] Å o] v μ •] + CE v š • š Ç o } (%o o - Ç š } u v š Ÿ u X

"When you run the wide zone, CE is your primary bread-and-but ter play," Wolford said. "It takes a lot } (Å } CE l ~ š } u • š CE • X / š [• • you've got to learn. It's not something Ç } μ] Å μ • š] v • Ÿ o o v o CE v] • } Besides South Florida, Stoops and Wolford P š coached together for one

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line coach at North Texas, Illinois
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 San Francisco 49ers.

From 2010-14, Wolford was head
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 four winning seasons and going 31-26
 overall.

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 v ŸÁ •U t}o{}CE • Ç • Z
 Stoops, who is four years older, at
 Kansas State University in 1995.

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 a graduate assistant on the same KS
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 sive coordinator. When Mark Stoops,
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 Kan., to visit his older brother, Bob
 introduced him to Wolford.

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 kind of connected,” Wolford says.
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 the Stoops/Wolford apartment paint
 ing and remodeling service as two
 young college football assistants tried
 to keep the bills paid in Tampa.

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 riences make you appreciate working
 hard, doing things right and not being
 afraid to roll your sleeves up and get
 things done.”

That sounds like the ethos that will
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 standing strong.

Rahsaan Lewis, son of Ray Lew-
 is, hoping to jump into playing
 time with Kentucky football
 By Hayes Gardner
 Louisville Courier Journal
 August 11, 2021

There’s a crowd of fresh faces vying
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 Kentucky football, and Rahsaan Lewis
 the son of NFL Hall of Famer Ray Lewis
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 }vHX leapt and twisted his body mid-
 air for a
 No long catches in 11-on-11
 drills during UK Fan Day, which gener-
 ated buzz among fans about the junior
 walk-on. His father, who was named
 to 13 Pro Bowls and won two Super
 Bowls during his 17 seasons with the
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 the video CE, the younger Lewis said.

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 grown up, it’s how my dad’s raised
 me, that’s mental, he has. So I love it.
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 and whoever has it, has it,” Lewis said.
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 transfe Á v Dale Robinson, who was
 named Mr. Football at Western Hills
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 the team’s top receiving targets, but a >
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 der of the snaps at receiver.

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 is really good,” coach Mark Stoops
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 we need somebody to show up and
 make plays, he’s doing that, he’s been
 consistent.”

The 5-foot-11 receiver played just
 one season of football in high school
 and was primarily a basketball player,
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 steals and six rebounds per game as
 senior point guard. He was so domi-
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 played a diamond-and-one defense in
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 high school junior was an impressive
 45 inches — for reference, only two
 players have ever jumped that high in
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“Rahsaan’s a savvy football player
 who has unbelievable ball skills,” of-
 fensive coordinator Liam Cohen said.
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 can jump through the roof.”

Lewis was also a two-way football
 standout during his senior year of high
 school and began his college career
 at Central Florida, playing defensive
 back for a season before transferring
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 This older brother Ray’s dad, who had
 previously played at Utah State under
 John Bouknight, was the Wildcats’
 wide receivers coach.

“It’s been a rough college career for
 me, but I’ve learned a lot from it. I’ve
 the injuries and everything,” Rahsaan
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 making a play.”

Lewis was slowed by injuries in
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 some games this season.

“I feel that I’m just a play-
 maker,” Lewis said. “Whether it’s a deep ball, I’m
 gonna go make a play. Whether you
 give me the ball on a screen or some-
 thing short, I’m always trying to make
 a play.”

Dad was a UK basketball stand-
 out. Son is trying to make a
 name with the football Cats.
 By Mark Story
 Lexington Herald-Leader
 August 11, 2021

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 start for “The Comeback Cats,”
 Kentucky’s 1998 men’s NCAA basket-
 ball champions.
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 legacy of her own.

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Reed Sheppard? Sure. But the North Laurel High School junior-to-be boys' basketball star — the son of ex-Wildcats basketball lumina — is not the only rising athlete with h v]Ä CE•]š Ç } (< v š μ I Ç š Z }Ä]}P CE %o Z Ç .š >μ • W P © Á • }CE v Wildcat.

š CE μ (CE • Z u v }+ v • on the 2021 UK football roster, the preferred walk-on is the middle of three children of ex-Wildcats power (}CE Á CE ^ }© W P © v former Kentucky volleyball outside Z]© CE Ç v š Z] }ì] CE X

In the summer of 1994, Lucas W P © [• %o CE v š • .CE • š ing UK freshmen when each turned up in the Memorial Coliseum training room seeking aid for an injured shoulder.

^ }© W P © v }ì] CE soon become a couple. They have been one ever since.

& CE }u š Z š • š CE Ÿ v P %o W P © š Z]v l• Z Á • day wear Kentucky blue and white. .v]š o Ç (o • o]l š Z \$ ð U iîô r%}μ v }+ v •]Ä o last week at UK football Media Day. "It's been a dream my whole life to be here."

z š](š Z }o o P • Ÿ >μ • W P © (o • %o CE path he took to Lexington — disrupted by a cross-country move and the coronavirus pandemic — was un-

While his dad was working as head men's hoops coach at Samford Univer

By the end of his junior year at Homewood High School, Lucas W P © Z • Z }Ä v v }μ P }u %o Ÿ v P]v o • • ò - o o o š } © CE š CE CE μ] Ÿ Conference-USA programs. He had also demonstrated enough prowess in the classroom that Ivy League schools

were interested. W P © [• (}š o o (μ š μ CE o o Á š) h < š Z o Ÿ •]CE š } O thrown into confusion, however, when his family moved some 1,265 miles — his dad's job — to New Mexico.

š]f moving cross country before one's senior year weren't challenging move amid a global pandemic. His new home, New Mexico, then adopted some of the more stringent COVID-19 containment policies of any state.

In The Land of Enchantment, high school football was shut down last fall.

his degree from La Cueva High School without ever stepping foot in a class. "I'm," she says. "The school I graduated from, I never went to in person." D v Á Z]o U]v š Z • š D v Á Z]o U]v š Z • š

the February college football signing enough across the country from where and with no senior-year video highlights to show colleges.

(This past April, New Mexico played an abbreviated high school football season. Lucas was developing on the gridiron. his football future.

In response to the uncertainty, a Family Conference was called. "Cynthia and I, we sat down with Lucas and were like (CE) you could go anywhere, where would you go?"

^ } š Z o PCE©W%o o %o Z } O "I just said, 'Hey, listen, my son is COVID, I think he was, at a minimum, a Conference-USA scholarship player, if not more."

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For academic scholarship money at UK. "His being smart is helping my a Southeastern Conference football program. o L

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bridges in the Big Blue bloodlines v v }Ä CE G }Ä]v P •]CE š vant Kentucky Wildcats athlete to the task of carving out a meaningful role at UK during his career,

"I know this isn't going to be easy. /š [• P CE š }+ v •]Ä o]v U • W P © u]v P ^ μ š / [Ä v the school I've dreamed of my whole life. Now, the goal is to come in, work u Ç μ © }+ v o š } CE %o o Ç]v P CE }š Ÿ }v • X _

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Kentucky's Davonte Robinson has a message for everyone: 'I'm still here'
By Josh Moore
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Two years removed from a torn ACL, Davonte Robinson feels more like himself going into the 2021 season.

The former Henry Clay High School standout was able to play in every game last year for the University of Kentucky. Robinson, who was expected of a senior who, prior to his injury, looked on track for stardom. The most electrifying play of his career — a 30-yard fumble recovery in the second quarter — seems like a distant memory.

Robinson's now a "super senior" — the extra year of eligibility granted by the NCAA under its COVID-19 waiver — and eager to show how much more he can do in his final year of college football.

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"Being hurt, a lot of people got discouraged. I just wanted to prove. I'm just ready to be out there with my brothers."

Kentucky's secondary has become one of its most reliable units in terms of year-over-year performance. Fears stemming from the exodus of NFL types like Mike Edwards and Lonnie Johnson were misplaced, it turns out, since the younger guys under them have stepped up. Robinson is taking to heart the things their seniors

Their advice and encouragement helped him stay level-headed through his rehab.

Robinson said, "It was more mental than anything."

Robinson is a former member of the 2016 signing class — who feels a pressure to perform similar to what a newcomer trying to earn their stripes would experience.

Defensive coordinator Brad White can recognize Robinson's improvement from last year to this year, and he expects him to deliver accordingly in 2021.

White said, "That's encouraging to see. He's making plays, and with every play that he makes, he's showing that he's a different player."

Robinson was recruited to UK as a defensive end. He appeared as the extra DB in UK's nickel coverage schemes. Kentucky hasn't used its nickel packages, and could deploy it even more this fall depending on how the health and depth of its outside linebacking group progresses through camp and the early part of the season.

That would give Robinson ample opportunity to show just how far he has come.

Robinson said, "He's going to have to be a big contributor for us, there's no doubt about that."

Kentucky's defensive backs follow the departure of Steve Clinkscale for Michigan, said he "can't say for sure" if Robinson is where he wants to be two weeks into fall camp, but he's confident that can be monotonous, especially for a guy who has been through a lot.

Robinson has enjoyed going up against the secondary more on its toes. He's done more 11-on-11 drills than in recent years, where they're at in terms of their readiness.

Robinson has all-Southeastern Conference recognition toe-for-toe with anyone on the team in a foot race. That's as good an endorsement as you can get.

Robinson has one of the largest muscle groups in his body compromised, and it's a testament to his resilience.

The old man in the room is as spry as he has been in a while and eager to get back out there.

"It's been a long road," Robinson said. "I'm just really excited to get back out there and put that blue and white on for one last season."

'He won the job.' Will Levis' presence, big arm made him UK's clear choice at QB.

By Josh Moore
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He has only been in Lexington a few weeks, but he's already making a big name for himself.

Will Levis, the University of Kentucky football player who was drafted by the Cincinnati Bengals, announced minutes before the start of the game.

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"He has a lot of talent," Stoops said. "He's been doing some things really got unbelievable arm strength. He's a big, strong guy. He won the job."

Levis' performance in Saturday's vis, junior Joey Gatewood and sophomore Beau Allen — had done well in camp. It was "clear," though, following get the ball when UK hosts Louisiana Monroe on Sept. 4.

Stoops lauded Levis' presence in the locker room, which was thought to him being named the starter since he'd only been around since May.

"I feel very clear on this decision," Stoops said.

^ š } } % • μ % μ v Ÿ o ^ μ v coy about sharing details with media about keeping assistant coach Vince D CE CE } Á Á Ç (CE } u š Z glowing comments he made about Levis earlier in the week — but says he treats the decision more seriously

š Z v Z } L v } u • CE } • "I want to be very clear on that," Stoops said. "When you're dealing with these young people's lives, I take that very serious. These guys work er Five program, and they all are very vested in what they do."

Stoops also shared that Gatewood

intended to enter his name into the NCAA's transfer portal, which he did do on Monday. Giving a player like Gatewood a window in which to all classes was part of the decision to name a starter now.

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ferent in college football right now," ^ š } } % • •] X ^ μ š Á • Ÿ • v • } (μ CE P v Ç X t • Ÿ U o Á Á } š Z } μ % % CE } Z š Z } } CE] v š } CE • >] u ~ } v] + CE v š š u % } • š Z š Á μ š š Z š š I • • } u Ÿ u U minology alone. ... I want to feel 100 scrimmage that we're game-ready."

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plimentary of both on Sunday. u] • L CE Will Levis has the arm, but can he lead? Kentucky's new quar - terback is working on it. By John Clay Lexington Herald-Leader August 17, 2021

d Z CE [• u } CE š } % o o Ç } back that a strong arm.] š Ç CE Will Levis can't win it. No doubt about that. Kentucky's new start] v P < μ CE š CE I Z • š Z college coaches crave. He has been

Á } CE I] v P } v Z] • u Z v] • U } the touch on his intermediate and • Z } CE š š Z CE } Á • U v % μ « v P in front of the video screen. Ç But when Levis was asked Tuesday about what he needs to work on, now š Z š Z Z • v } 8] o o Ç v CE o Ÿ Ÿ • [š E } X í < μ CE š CE I U State transfer pointed to a facet of the With CE routes. } (

Z "Being a leader for this team," Levis said. "And learning how to connect with all the guys the best way possible — everybody is going to be led + Ÿ Á o Ç] + CE v š o Ç X K Á I'm new here, I've spent these last (Á u } v š Z • P « v P š } I v } Á š } A] Ç • X % š CE } P]] v P š } š I c really get their trust and show that I v o š Z u + Ÿ Á o Ç] v Á •] š μ Ÿ } v Á . v } μ CE • o Á •] o o >] Á] š } CE v } š U š Z < μ CE š face of the program. A QB1 should be player No. 1. When it comes to lead ership. He should have command of not just the play book, but the locker room, and in a way that translates for % μ o] } v • μ u % Ÿ } v X Á Á D I CE + ^ š Z } % } L v •] U š Z CE š Z CE v % š } Ÿ } v © o • roster during a team's training camp, μ μ š o š Z < μ CE š CE I © o draws the most interest. "It is what it is," Stoops said Sunday. "We understand that."

That's especially true when a team is making a scheme change } v } + v • X v < v š μ I Ç] • u just such a change this fall. The Cats ran the football 64.2 percent of the Ÿ u o • š • • } v U Ç (CE š Z any team in the SEC. (Arkansas was • } v š ñ ô X î % CE v š X • d strategy is to be more balanced under v Á } + v •] Á } } CE] v š } CE >] d Z CE μ v P u Á] o o • Ÿ o o] v Ÿ } μ CE š CE μ š š Z % • • P occupy a higher spot on the call sheet.

There have been social media posts of Levis playing golf with his team u CE • Ÿ o v CE] v P Á] š Z š Z u] v room, just hanging out.

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decreased the pressure on Wallace and Thrower to play early this season, but any list of freshmen who could play important roles for the Wildcats this fall has to include Wallace.

^, [• P}}vP š} %o o said of Wallace. "I like everything }μš Z]uX / o]l Z]• •]i dence. He listens to everything. He's not a guy that thinks he knows it all at a young age. He listens to everything. He wants to improve. I think he'll be an important part of this defense this year and years on because he's a hard worker."

How his father's death spurred former Moore star J.J. Weaver in return from torn ACL
By Jon Hale
Louisville Couier Journal
August 24, 2021

The countdown is on for Kentucky outside linebacker J.J. Weaver to make his return from a torn ACL.

But the Moore High School graduate's path back from the injury that v Z]• îîîî • •}v L CE š"Zhes Ā got hurt, he was a best performances of his young career }u]v vš (}CE }v šZ š (}) is only the start of the story.

u i}CE]v iμ CE Ç]•] dle for any player to overcome. For Weaver, it was an especially devastating]vP o}Á μ•]š u .L CE Z]• (šZ CE U d CE CE l]oo]v •Z}}ŸvP]v

"Last season before I got hurt, I was playing for him," Weaver told the Courier Journal. "Then I got hurt, that really hurt me. Losing my dad, I don't know how to explain it. That's just a heartbreaking moment for my family v Ā CE Ç } ÇX D U •Ÿo ball, he's in me. I feel like he's playing football now."

Terrance Weaver was killed in the early hours of June 17, 2020, according to media reports. Four teenagers Ā CE o š CE CE CE •š]v with the crime. One was charged with murder. Albany police told reporters šZ Ç o] Ā CE} CE Ç Ā

(}CE šZ •Z}}ŸvPX š šZ Ÿu }(Z]• (šZ J.J., who lives in Louisville with his mother, was preparing for his second season at Kentucky. The former Couer recruit had signed with the program as one of the crown jewels]v Z]•CE]v^š}}%o•[îîîîō CE but played in just three games as a freshman.

Weaver's 2020 season started slowly oÇ Á]šZ iμ•š šÁ} š lo •]Thesē type of talks Ā had to have. P u •U μš Z]• %o CE} μ Ÿ Then, once I closed my door, I'm boo-Z]} CE Ç]vP o]l o]@o P]C breakup in week three against Missis-sippi State. In the second half of the 10-game, SEC-only season, Weaver began to force his way into a larger role.

While Kentucky was embarrassed as a team against No. 1 Alabama on E}ĀX îîU t Ā CE ‹μ]© well with three tackles and one tackle for loss. A week later, he made his CE•š CE CE •š CE š v with six tackles against Florida before tearing the ACL in his right knee in the second half.

When he got hurt, he was a Kentucky defensive coordinator and outside linebackers coach Brad White said. "Nobody looks at the score, but played in that Alabama game and when J.J. played in that Florida game, he was a dominant football player

• vÇ } Ç }v šZ š (}}š Weaver missed just two games L CE šZ]v iμ CE Ç U]v o μ]vP v š faster, Ÿe immediately rose about whether he would be ready for the start of the 2021 season. The normal rehabilita-Ÿ}v %o CE} •• (}CE š}CE v to a full calendar year.

Suddenly Weaver's projected as v•]}v š} šZ •š CE ŸvP }μš μ]• cš]v CE} μ P Z}μš Z]• CE Z "Boogie" Watson was in jeopardy. Un-surprisingly, the 6-foot-5, 231-pound Weaver took the injury news hard. "No parent wants to see their child,

v}š }voÇ %o ZÇ•] o oÇ μš u mentally hurt" Weaver's mother, Stacey Sherrell, told the Courier Jour-nal. "But I have faith. I come from a spiritual background. It's just a bump]v CE} X / Z š} }v Ÿv μ him and let him know it's OK. This is iCE]š]ŸvP• Ā Ç•} (l]v } (• © c down, making you humble because }v Ç}μ } CE Z Ç}μ CE •Ÿ you appreciate it.

These type of talks Ā had to have. Then, once I closed my door, I'm boo-Z]} CE Ç]vP o]l o]@o P]C but we got through it."

His rehab is 'elite level' The days immediately following Z]• •μ CE P CE Ç Ā CE šZ u }•š Weaver as he spent a couple of weeks š Z}u (}CE šZ]v]Ÿ o •š %o CE Z]o]š Ÿ}vX Kv t Ā CE šZ]μ•Lb(o š} .v o oÇ •o %o the night without waking up in pain, Sherrell began to see the light come back on for her son. Z]P Z

It should come as no surprise tha being around his teammates again helped Weaver boost his spirits. It's the same factor he credits in work }šP cš CE μ P Z]•]v]Ÿ o P CE father's death.

"My father got killed, so I couldn't really sleep or nothing," Weaver said. "I had movies playing back and forth. Just coming back out here, play-ing football, working out, that helped u X Y / }v[š Ā v š š} • Ç š nothing you know past from, but it u}•š .v]š oÇ u š μ CE u U μ]vP v š faster, Ÿe made me be a man Unov"š ‹μ •Ÿ}v•

Weaver is the second-oldest of his father's 13 children. Since his father's death, he has felt a growing responsi-bility to help take care of his younger brothers and sisters.

That drive has helped Weaver stay }μš μ]• cš]v CE} μ P Z}μš Z]• CE Z UK coaches report Weaver is ahead-of schedule on his path back to the . o X , Z • %o CE Ÿ]%o- š]v š š %o CE Ÿ}v•} (%o CE • •}v On Saturday, UK coach Mark Stoops

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said he expects Weaver to see the
against Louisiana Monroe and be back
to full strength at some point in the
puts in, the commitment in his rehab
is elite level," White said. "When the
from that, he is going to come back
was last year."

For a Kentucky defense that ranked
last season, Weaver's return could be
a key factor in its ability to establish a
more consistent pass rush.

Weaver was recruited to Kentucky
with the hope he could follow in the
season marks Weaver's third year on
campus, the same year Allen began

It will be impossible to predict
returns from the injury, but Kentucky
coaches remain high on his long-term

The biggest challenge may be
future for an immediate return.

"Now that he's back and he's
healthy, he thinks he's 100%, he wants
going to get there. It's all right. This is

Sherrell credits Terrance and
months of Weaver's rehab, he has
remembered the message delivered

Weaver looked well on his way to
accomplishing that goal before the
injury. No one in Kentucky's program

For Weaver, the stakes of his return
are higher than winning games.

Football helped him deal with the
loss of his father. Now, he hopes the
Terrance for his younger siblings.
"I call him my gentle giant because
he thinks he can save the world,"
Sherrell said. "He always had the love
for people. He's so compassionate. He
has a big heart. He'll do anything and
everything anyone asks him to do. ...
His duty is to take care.

not broke. We're not rich, but we're
Don't worry about us. I
want J.J. to be happy. Taking care of
his family is what makes him happy."

Kentucky celebrates former
coach, player John Schlarman
with Kroger Field poster
By Josh Moore

Lexington Herald Leader
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The University of Kentucky on
Tuesday unveiled a large poster hon-
oring football player John Schlarman.

The poster, displayed in the Gate
12 plaza of Kroger Field, facing the
entrance of the stadium with the phrase

"Schlarman Strong," which became a
mantra for the football team the last
couple of seasons while Schlarman
number, 65, is displayed in large font

some together nobody can stop you."

one shows Schlarman on the sideline
celebrating with the team following its win
last season at Tennessee, Kentucky's
Ringo for "The Big Blue Wall," the

members of his family, including
his wife LeeAnne, and UK's football
team.

In a social media post announcing
the new display, the UK football pro-
cessed the legacy of Coach Schlarman."

Schlarman was part of Mark
rare form of liver cancer. He received
the diagnosis in 2018.

WKU Football Over the summer
renamed its annual golf scramble in
Schlarman's honor, and plans to allow
number with their own in games this
season for as long as the Southeastern
Conference permits it to do so. Other
tributes are in the planning stages.

him and do that," Stoops said in June.
"Believe me, we love him."

before local high school coaching
from 2007-2012.

The long way home could lead
to a memorable 2021 for UK's
Wan'Dale Robinson

By Coe Cox
Saturday Down South
August 26, 2021

Wan'Dale Robinson was going to be
a Kentucky Wildcat.

was an all-purpose star at Frankfort
Western Hills High. He rushed for over
2,000 yards in his sophomore and
junior seasons of high school, and

missed a three-point in his senior year
by 27 yards. He caught 102 passes,
and also went 15-for-22 on passing
defense, where his high school coach
Don Miller says his improvement was
one of the team's keys to success.

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"In high school he played safety, a returner, and probably even more than I don't remember," laughs Miller.

Robinson was a walking, talking SportsCenter top plays candidate.

He did the steady, he did the spectacular. And he was going to stay home and be a Kentucky Wildcat.

While coaches cannot comment on unsigned players, a video of the UK slaps circulated — a video that was understood to be of them watching Robinson's commitment announcement to Kentucky.

It seemed like a rnah made in Heaven.

It lasted about 35 days.

Mr. Football award, the rumor mill on Robinson ramped to a crescendo. Seems he reconsidered that commitment. On Dec. 5, 2018, he decom- u]© (CE}u < v š μ I Ç v to Nebraska. Two weeks later, he signed with the Cornhuskers. Hints and understandings were given. Mark ^ š } } % • [o o r } v š CE } o } + } + CE š } v } (} % % } CE š μ v i] © CE μ P } (CE] Á CE X < v š μ I Ç Á CE • μ • E CE • I winning, etc.

"I wasn't surprised," Miller said of š Z G] % X ^ / o] Á Z & CE } • š [•] + v • Á } μ o μ o him reach his goal of playing in the NFL."

Two years in, things had changed. Kentucky had come to the end of the line with ground-and-pound ball under Eddie Gran and brought in NFL wunderkind Liam Coen to sort out this new-fangled forward passing business. Nebraska had been very, well, un-Nebraska. In the 2 seasons since Robinson's commitment, even without v Ç I] v } (} Á v . o % • •] Kentucky went 13-11 while Nebraska was 8-12. Kentucky won the Belk Bowl and Gator Bowl, and Nebraska hadn't

made a bowl appearance.

Nebraska did use Z E M U CE U] š I } + u Á Z š d Á } • • } v • v © i i ð CE © u % • š • U ö í CE % • Ÿ } v returns and a punt return. Robinson • Z } Á] P r % o Ç %] for 580 yards and 4 touchdowns and adding 914 yards and 3 touchdowns } v CE % • Ÿ } v • X , Á • u } v P Á Z •] } v CE u] v • u } (d Ç X u i } U š i } % • Ç } μ Ÿ Á CE] Á Ten as a sophomore, and as a true freshman, was 1 of only 2 Nebraska players to reach 1,000 all-purpose Ç CE •] v š Z] CE] v] Ÿ o

But uncertainty with his role (Nebraska bounced him around as I I CE] Á CE • U } - v Ÿ } CE] š Ç μ v CE ^ } © & CE } approach in Lexington suddenly brought the old Wan'Dale rumor mill P a z z ä g a i r l . Ç [• Wan'Dale Robinson would be a Kentucky Wildcat. And if it took 2 Ç CE • š } P š Z CE U š Z] • E % u CE] š v Á • v (} CE } š v Ÿ o X o] U] š P } š š Z] v (• š U % CE •] P v] . v š u %] v i μ CE Ç š } Another happy Kentuckian

Another happy Kentuckian Plenty of people are excited to see Robinson wear the blue and white of his home state Wildcats, among them coach Miller's back at Western Hills. d CE CE] Ÿ } CE U o Ÿ } v • Z] % goes way back.

"I actually knew of Wan'Dale (when he was playing youth league football)," Miller said. "He was already making a name for himself at such a young age." D] o o CE < μ] l o Ç μ v CE • š Ÿ] i š Z Á š CE Ç š } 8 μ o š (} CE Z ^ / š Á • v [š μ v Ÿ o Z] • (CE that we understood what an impact player he would be," says Miller. ^ / v • Ÿ o o CE u u CE } • Ÿ } v Z v Ÿ v P U Z , [• Á CE Ç Ÿ u Z u] P Miller clearly enjoyed coaching Robinson, and when asked about what makes him special, he zeroed

in on a surprising element. "He is truly happy when those

around him are successful as well," D] o o CE •] X ^ , . v • š CE μ Es CE s s o b i s Ç e a m m a t e s a n d h a s a n u n d e r s t a n d i n g t h a t i n d i v i d u a l s u c c e s s • U ö í I] š } + μ o Ÿ u š š u • μ

And what will he bring to Kentucky d h i s f a t t u CE μ • Z] v P ^ t v [o [• • % v < μ] l v a s w e l l a s h i s l a t e r a l m o v e m e n t a n d u } v P Á Z •] } v CE u] v • u } (d Ç M o e r s a i d . š Z U t I f e e l l i k e h i s v e r • Ÿ o] š Ç v] o] š Ç š } } Á Z n e e d e d t o h e l p h i s t e a m b e s u c c e s s f u l i s s i m i l a r t o R a n d a l l C o b b w h e n h e w a s a W i l d c a t . "

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Enter Robinson, who will be a slot receiver this fall. Kentucky coaches have been some what understated about Robinson, Á] š Z š Z } Z v CE v š } u] • š I š Z . CE • š r Ç CE K } v U v š Z duo of Stoops and Vince Marrow, who just missed on Robinson in 2018 only to reel him back in for 2020.

"We recruited him extremely hard and tried to do all the right things and š Ÿ] i š Z Á š CE Ç š } 8 μ o š (} CE Z to us, and that's our job," Stoops said recently. "It didn't work out that way š Z . CE • š P } r CE } μ v U μ š] š Z • } v Ÿ u U v Á CE Ç P h a z e h i s q u i n o v s p r o g r a m . "

(When Robinson's name pops up, %) p } % X _ l v } Á o P • Z] • % } š impact. ^ , [•] + CE v r u l CE U _ is said at SEC Media Days. "He's a guy that was electric this spring, and you could feel his presence on the

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team.”

“He’s so dynamic,” Coen raved in the spring. “He’s not just a gadget guy. He can really get the ball down the field about Wan’Dale is he loves to play the game and he loves to learn the game.”

It’s not just Kentucky’s coaches who are impacted. Phil Steele and Athlon both named him an All-SEC third-team pick before he ever played a snap in the league. A 247sports survey of transfers ranked Robinson as the 4th-best in the SEC. “The offers that are sky-high.

For Robinson’s part, he professes happiness to be back in his old Kentucky home.

“I’m super excited,” he said at Kentucky’s Media Day. “I’m just glad to be back home.”

Robinson addressed his return to the SEC. “I was really eyeing coming back here ... it was a really easy choice to come back home.”

For Wan’Dale Robinson, coming home sets up nicely for a memorable 2021 season.

The stealth recruiter who is helping UK football burrow into the Deep South
By Mark Story
Lexington Herald Leader
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lately, in Kentucky, Vince Marrow has become UK football’s ace recruiter.

But even a “Big Dog” needs help.

Since Mark Stoops brought Jon Sumrall back to his college alma mater as Kentucky’s inside linebackers coach in 2019, the former UK player has pro-

duced an area, the Deep South, that has long

been a recruiting hot spot. In a “under the radar” manner, the former Kentucky linebacker has brought at least eight players combined from the states of Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi to the Wildcats.

According to the Rivals.com recruiting database, seven of those eight players picked UK over other SEC schools. “If you try to keep some of the guys under the radar who have high talent,” Sumrall says. “And I just don’t like to publicize what we are doing. I think, if you have followed “the scout

season, many of the young players picked Kentucky over a litany of other SEC schools.

A 6-foot-3, 305-pound nose guard from Horn Lake, Miss., Josaih Hayes picked Kentucky over a litany of other SEC schools.

Sumrall, a former Mississippi assistant defensive lineman. Alabama, Auburn, and Georgia Tech.

Reviews on Hayes’ play coming from Kentucky’s camp this month have grown increasingly bullish.

From the class of 2021, Chauncey Magwood, a 6-foot, 190-pound wide receiver from Albany, Ga., seems to have a viable chance to crack Kentucky’s starting lineup.

Sumrall beat out Arkansas, Florida State, Georgia Tech, Louisville, Miami, Michigan, Mississippi and Mississippi State for Magwood.

Wide receiver Chris Lewis turned down Arkansas, Louisville, Ole Miss,

Nebraska, Notre Dame, South Carolina, Tennessee, UCLA and West Virginia to choose Kentucky.

The 6-4, 190-pound product of Wood County, Tenn., is the only SEC side receiver the Wildcats play against in the SEC.

Kahlil Saunders, a 6-5, 270-pound defensive lineman out of Sumrall’s alma mater, Grissom High School in Alabama, is the only other “beaten path” recruit — his only other offer came from Virginia Tech.

Nevertheless, there has been a eon of recruiting success for the Wildcats.

A 6-2, 212-pound product of Roshelle, Ga., linebacker Martez Thrower picked Kentucky over Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia Tech, Michigan State, Wake Forest, Mississippi State, Nebraska, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Thrower might play meaningful snaps this fall. Trevin Wallace, a 6-2, 220-pound product of Jesup, Ga., is the jewel of the SEC South.

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An injury that ended Wallace’s four games and an early commitment to Boston College froze his recruitment.

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mind when he decided to use the extra year of eligibility.

"I love football, I love Kentucky and I want to play at the next level," Rigg said. "...With missing two games due to COVID, I felt it would be in my best interest to come back and help this team and push this team to become fense and the whole team. Just show the guys in my room, the younger guys, the right thing to do.

"I just felt coming back would be the best decision I could do to get to the next level."

The majority of Kentucky's super Fortner, the former starter at right guard, is moving to center for his last season of college football. Ali, Rigg v Z μ + } o } CE CE š μ CE v š I Ç š Z] CE % } •] Ÿ } v • X Z }] v • • š CE š CE Á Z } • š CE μ P P o missing all of the 2019 season with an injury.

"It was always a clear decision," Robinson said. "I just knew I had a lot more to give, a lot more to prove. I didn't want to end my year last year the way that it happened. Just in my mind, I was clear that I was coming back."

The impact of super seniors would be felt for years to come as the 2020 underclassmen decide whether or not to use their extra seasons of eligibility, but Rigg's exclusive club will likely remain small.

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"I don't even know," Rigg said with a laugh. "Super, super senior."

Now, that's a name worthy of the Avengers.

Marquan McCall's explosive-ness, maturity on display in fall camp

By Jack Pilgrim
Kentucky Sports Radio
August 27, 2021

– or shrink, rather – as a player this ing Quinton Bohanna as the team's anchor on the defensive line in 2021, the standout nose guard has cut 40 pounds since last season and is below someone you can trust and someone that's explosive," Paschal said of Mc

It's a body change that had UK defensive coordinator Brad White day CE u] v P } μ š } v r . o % } • •]] o] Ÿ • (} CE D o o v ^] + CE v u l CE _ D v š ž o] • v } š } CE μ P Z @ u • o

played as a true freshman. Now he's in year four here and he understands š Z] •] • Z] • Ÿ u U _ t Z] š to P e r š a l l e a m e " H i s b o d y i s i n a s g o o d o f s h a p e a s h e ' s b e e n s i n c e I ' v e b e e n h e r e a n d h e ' s b e e n h e r e . H e ' s r e a d y t o t a k e t h a t s t e p . . . H e d o e s Z Á Z v š }] + er for us and we need him to be that."

camp, but not just in terms of individ μ o % CE } μ Ÿ } v X , [• o • L o u i s v i l l e C o u r i e r J o u r n a l leader, something that has caught the September 5, 2021

"He's a guy that's going to hold oth er guys accountable, and that's what I like to see. I like to see him hold š Z } • P μ Ç • } μ v š o } v r μ š Z E š . CE U _] v u } CE š Z v senior defensive end Josh Paschal said Saturday. "He's also the type of guy to the Wildcats, the Penn State transfer have fun the guys, as well. It's a good balance to have, being able to tell someone they need to step up, but celebrate them when they do. Mar < μ v Z • š Z š P CE š o v ^ / v } + • • } v Á } CE I } μ š • U } { š Z] u • c š } v P] v P % o • • •] v < μ • š o o] v P D CE < μ v š š i o %] I] š μ % U _ senior guard Luke Fortner added. ^ E } Á] š [• D CE < μ v š o o] v š P μ Ç š Ÿ % } Á] } š Á • o Á Ç • š } G } μ CE] • Z } v •] CE] v P Á CE • (Á CE š Z š Z Z } % CE] Ÿ μ š v Ÿ Á considered playing for the Wildcats, he posted a picture to Instagram wearing a UK visor.

gram, McCall has racked up 48 total tackles, 6.5 tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks two fumble recoveries and one forced a UK visor.

reports are that those numbers are newfound explosiveness.

but those around him, a recipe for success going into 2021. D s u c c e s s g o i n g i n t o 2 0 2 1 . D CE < μ v v } v [š P š © CE Fortner added. "He truly moves faster than any HD man this size should. He has been changing the way he works. ... The way he's approached it has been incredible. He's a hard man to block, for sure."

How a viral TikTok video offers hope WÁ L e v i s can end the Kentucky football QB drought

By Jon Hale
Louisville Courier Journal
September 5, 2021

half as well as he TikToks, Kentucky football might have found its best Before even playing a game for the Wildcats, the Penn State transfer video in which he eats a banana with š Z % o • Ÿ o o } v X D v Ç < v . CE • š Æ % o } • μ CE š } > Á] • u v Á] CE _ o Á] CE I } μ š Á] } % } • š } { š Z] u • c š } v P] v P % o • • •] v < μ • š o o] v P D CE < μ v š š i o %] I] š μ % U _

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"I think it was my buddy's," Levis

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said with a laugh when asked if the post from June 2017 was some sort of foreshadowing. "He was a Kentucky basketball fan, and I was just wearing through my pictures and found that one. Just so happened I was wearing

"Always knew them more as a basketball school," Levis said. "Being

Levis needed just one week on campus to convince Kentucky coach

As reporters gained a glimpse of his impressive arm strength in two open

Levis could help return balance to a too run-centric in recent years became more plausible.

to dampen the enthusiasm.

"Will is one of the strongest arms I've been around. ... Will came in the right way. He won the team over, did the last one to leave. Just his leadership him, even the defensive guys."

"I think his personality is one of those kind of naturally follow," Coen said. "I think obviously you guys can see some of the arm strength talent and see some of the things he can do throwing the football."

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When Coen was searching for a

He had believed in my ability as a

Levis insists no promises were

With incumbents Joe Gatewood and Beau Allen gaining a headstart in

"It wasn't like he was running with the ones and it just kind of happened," Coen said. "He had to earn it. He had to earn it, and he did it every single day. I think we saw probably what some of you guys see when he throws the football. He gives you a chance."

More than a banana video

Kentucky coaches have hailed

The fact that he has already made

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about allowing fans an inside look at athlete's new name, image and likeness rights.

The infamous banana video, which was featured on the Today Show, was a spur-of-the-moment idea sparked the trick on social media when he no out some overly ripe bananas. His-Ti d}l %o CE}.o o} (š μ CE } μ Ÿ v P • U • CE] • } (o Z] « v P š Z P } o %o } • š CE %o • • (CE } u u] . o } v Z] has been viewed more than 200,000

back drought, he will need to prove to be more than a social media star. His engaging personality must combine

Levis boasts more than 64,000 TikTok followers with more than 1.3 million likes accumulated on his vid } • X E } Á] š] • Ÿ u š } . v post similarly impressive stats on the . o X

really like about him, and he works at it," Stoops said. "He's in there a o } š X , [•] v š Z CE Á š Ÿ u • š Z] • • μ u u CE Á Z v recruits on campus, or he happened š } %o } %o] v u Ç } 8 U i μ • interact with other people, watching him interact with recruits, parents, anybody—he handles himself like a P CE } Á v u v X z } μ v š Z < μ CE š CE IX _

Wan'Dale Robinson is ready to play for Kentucky after recruiting flip by John Harbaugh P Louisville Courier Journal September 3, 2021

It is Nov. 1, 2018, and Western Hills High School football star Wan'Dale Robinson is about to announce his college choice.

During the previous summer, Rob video with a team from the Lexington Herald-Leader. As he had not yet u Z] •] • } v š š Z Ÿ o %o Ç CE X Z Á a sophomore, Robinson caught 51 passes for 461 yards in eight games during the coronavirus-shortened

the week before his scheduled commitment ceremony in the Western Hills gymnasium, Robinson told the Herald-Leader crew to use the ending where he pledged to Nebraska. But just hours before the ceremony, he called Herald-Leader's Caitlyn Stroh-W P U v } Á š Z Æ μ Ÿ Á h ^ d K z v š Á } CE [• - š Z n e r - Herald, with a change of heart. Z }] v • } v Á } μ o } u u] Kentucky instead.

That was probably the most • š CE • • (μ o Ÿ u } (u Ç o] (told The Courier Journal earlier this month. "Don't remember in high Á [Á] } Z U / Á • μ %o μ v Ÿ o the morning just about every night š w o r r y i n g a b o u t w h e r e a m I g o i n g t o go? Worried if I was going to make the right choice."

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Just more than a month later, he G] %o %o Z] • Á CE o } u u] E CE • I U Á CE] Ÿ v P] v Z] • d Á] © CE } μ v š • Ç] v P / Z v Ç š Z] v P U L CE š Á] u } come "overwhelmed by the pressure (CE } u } μ š •]] v G μ v • U š] Z %o CE E • μ Ÿ CE v Z • } v o Ç] v of staying home and the pressure of

named Mr. Football by the Kentucky & } š o o } Z • • • }] Ÿ } v X It would not take long for Kentucky (v • š } CE o] | š Z •] P v] . v loss as Robinson starred for the Corn

huskers in the fall of 2019, earning second-team Freshman All-American honors as the Wildcats passing game G } μ v CE X , μ P Z š ð i %o ð ñ i Ç CE • v CE μ • Z ô ô Ÿ u yards with six total touchdowns. Rob] v • } v Á • v u } v } (() μ CE for the Paul Hornung Award, which goes to college football's most versa- Ÿ o %o Ç CE X Z Á a sophomore, Robinson caught 51 passes for 461 yards in eight games during the coronavirus-shortened 2020 season.

desire to move closer to home because his mother was dealing with } v P }] v P Z o š Z } u %o o] Ÿ } v being hospitalized with COVID-19. & } μ CE CE Ç (š o Z š CE U Z }] v • } v š } < w š μ I Ç (} CE • } v Ÿ u

"The whole state is excited he came back" š }

E } Á i μ • š o • • š Z v š Z CE his Western Hills commitment cere- (u) v Ç U Z v • } w • } v] • • š š } . v game for the Wildcats. Against Louisiana Monroe on Saturday, Robinson will wear his No. 1 Kentucky jersey as š Z () (CE Á u %o } + v • } to inject excitement back into the Kroger Field stands.

"Broke my heart two years ago, but Z u I U _ h < CE CE μ] Ÿ v n a t o r V i n o e M a r o w s a i d . " I k n o w t h e š Z . v o š Á] • š] v Z } -] v • } w h o l e s t a t e e x p e c t e d h e c a m e b a c k . "

Of course, the same pressure Rob] v • } v] v Ÿ . • (š } CE] v š u] • } š v š] } μ %o š } E CE • I v g o e a w a y • š š } Z] • d Á] © CE } μ v š • Ç] v P / Z v Ç š Z] v P U L CE š Á] u } (Á š Z] v P v v u] %o • • } v š] Z %o CE E • μ Ÿ CE v Z • } v o Ç] v the hype for its hometown hero. The

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embrace that spotlight.

"I don't really feel any pressure," Robinson said. "At the end of the day, I have pressure on myself. I don't really feel anything from the outside. I should do and how I should go about things. As long as I prepare and do the things I'm supposed to, everything will fall in line."

Liam Coen has been working for Kentucky three years ago, Robinson might have all.

Instead, he was worried the run-line paving the way might not be the best system to showcase his ability Gran pitched Robinson on being used in a similar manner to Lynn Bowden as a high school recruit, but Bowden's biggest impact at Kentucky would than a pass-catcher.

Southeastern Conference in passing in 2020, Stoops decided a change was needed if he was ever going to go on like Robinson to Kentucky. He looked to the NFL to hire Coen, then the balance back to Lexington.

"I got to talk to Liam before I decided," Robinson said. "The moment I talked to him, I knew I could play for Z]u v šZ š Z [%μš u to have success and go to the next level."

Coen viewed Robinson as Kentucky's version of Connor Kupp, the Rams slot receiver who caught more than 90 passes in each of the last two seasons. Kentucky plans to also use Robinson as a punt returner in

possible to get the ball in his hands in space.

Despite being the focus of Big Blue campus in January, Robinson set out to prove to his new teammates he was more than a star-for-hire.

"A lot of guys with that type of talent, you'd think that they got a chip on their shoulder or they're arrogant," Marrow said. "He's a class act. ... He didn't want nothing when he came in here. We knew he was talented as mates to think something was given to him, so he came in and earned it the right way."

Defensive end Josh Paschal labeled him "the truth." Wildcat coaches could barely contain their glee any interviews.

Running back Chris Rodriguez wide receiver Josh Ali and Kentucky's much season camp, Lewis hit Robinson for a 60-plus-yard touchdown pass on the "the hype."

"He works very hard every day Stoops said of Robinson on Monday. "It's amazing to see him, the way he sharpened his skill at wide receiver. We all know he is a talented guy with the ball in his hand, but he's really

developing into a great wide receiver. He's very talented, but I love his work ethic."

Robinson's return to Kentucky coincides with the NCAA's move to allow name, image and likeness. While that acknowledges being a hometown star ceremony in high school, Robinson could come with being a former Kentucky football player if he returned his home state team versus Nebraska that extend beyond NIL.

In June, Frankfurt posted road signs its status as Robinson's hometown. At the ceremony unveiling the signs, Western Hills coach Don Miller for the gesture was "to welcome Wan'Dale home."

"It's been really, really nice," Robinson said. "It's been nice I can go out to eat and somebody will recognize me, you're home."

"I just love it all. I just hope I make everybody proud and make everybody excited and show that when I came back there was good reason to be excited." L v U μš v }

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Bombs away! Kentucky rolls with the deep ball in successful season opener.

By John Clay
Lexington Herald Leader
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It was a slant to the 183-pound Robinson, who called his way into the end zone — and was 11 of 14 for 247 yards as the Cats lead 28-7. Heady numbers for a team that never threw for more than 239 yards in a game all of the 2020 season.

Turns out, fantasy can become reality. Levis, the transfer from Penn State, threw for 367 yards and four touchdowns. Robinson, the transfer from Nebraska via Western Hills High School, threw for 125 yards and two scores. And the Wildcats rolled over undermanned Louisiana Monroe 45-10 in the 2021 season opener.

So what did Coen think of his Big Game? Coen seemed fairly pleased with the performance. “We missed some things,” said the coach. But not too many things, at least — a 33-yard slant to receiver Josh Ali came in on wideout’s shoulder and into the hands of the Warhawks’ Jabari Johnson for a 58-yard score right down the middle.

Not to worry. It didn’t take long for Robinson with picture-perfect 33-yard pass for a touchdown. On UK’s very next play on its very next series, Levis dialed up the long ball again, connecting with Ali for a 58-yard score right down the middle.

Tweeted former UK and current Tampa Bay Bucs safety Mike Edwards, “We have a lot of things we need to clean up,” Stoops said.

And the clean-up must happen in a hurry. The Missouri Tigers come to Kroger Field next Saturday night in what promises to be an important early SEC game. Mizzou spanked the Cats 20-10 last year in Columbia. But Levis and Coen have a lot to learn from a team that had yet to drop a pass.

Take it from Rodriguez, a running back on UK’s downfield passing attack: “It’s obviously what I’ve been looking for.”

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Cat’s Pause
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Everyone has been anxiously waiting to see Kentucky’s new revamped offense. On Saturday, those who waited were delivered a treat.

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in Kentucky's passing game was the deep passes. Will Levis completed 10 passes that gained at least 15 yards, three of which were gains of 50-plus yards.

The one thing that helped was the receivers' ability to get open. Ali, Robinson and others were able to separate themselves from defenders on almost every route ran, which made Levis' job easier and harder at the

“I just think that the plays were designed for that to happen,” Levis said. “If they only had [Robinson], then they not someone, so that gives us – they can make plays,” Ali said. Mark Stoops may have chickened out of his banana bet, but he found a quarterback

Robinson has the biggest game out of the season with 125 yards and two touchdowns from Nebraska. Robinson's 125 yards was the most from a Wildcat making his debut.

he'll likely never forget – a 33-yard touchdown to open up the scoring for Kentucky. He was able to get behind his defender on a corner route to the end zone, a place he long dreamed of being as a younger child growing up in the Commonwealth.

“I've grown up here. Coming to these games as a recruit, as a younger kid and things like that, and just envisioned myself scoring touchdowns here. For that to happen, especially really nice,” Robinson said.

Ali had a career day as well, catching 13 touchdowns. His 136 yards were a new high for him in a 31-point lead.

“It was a big relief, it was more of a relief than anything else. We knew we had the play.

Ali and Robinson's matching chemistry was a key factor since 2011 that Kentucky had a pair of 100-yard receivers in a game. The duo should be a lethal combo against defenses for the rest of the season, as Ali and Robinson's matching chemistry was a key factor since 2011 that Kentucky had a pair of 100-yard receivers in a game. The duo should be a lethal combo against defenses for the rest of the season, as

hands that make them both hard to defend individually. Wally Gilmore, a former NFL player, said that Ali and Robinson's chemistry was a key factor since 2011 that Kentucky had a pair of 100-yard receivers in a game. The duo should be a lethal combo against defenses for the rest of the season, as

more of a challenge to the defense. “If they only had [Robinson], then they not someone, so that gives us – they can make plays,” Ali said. Mark Stoops may have chickened out of his banana bet, but he found a quarterback

By Jon Hale
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Call Mark Stoops a chicken if you want, but call him a chicken with a banana, peel and all, like Kentucky's famous TikTok video if Levis threw for 400 yards in the Wildcats' 2021 season opener versus Louisiana Monroe, 33 yards short of the 400-yard plateau.

“Doesn't seem like then I have to eat the banana,” Stoops said with a laugh following Kentucky's 45-10 victory. “That's why I got him out of there.”

leaving Levis in a 31-point lead. Kentucky's defense had torched the Warhawks defense to help the Wildcats mount a 31-point lead.

backups were more than capable of closing out the victory, but banana talk dominated the broadcast and social media.

Stoops will surely take any playful ribbing at his decision as trade for one of the best Kentucky passing performers in his nine seasons as coach. It could not have started much worse.

Ed Zervas, a former NFL player, said that Ali and Robinson's chemistry was a key factor since 2011 that Kentucky had a pair of 100-yard receivers in a game. The duo should be a lethal combo against defenses for the rest of the season, as

Kentucky has generally struggled against perceived lesser opponents in its season opener during the Stoops era, but this early miscue turned out to be only a temporary stumble rather than a sign of things to come.

on a 19-yard pass to Ali on the third play of the next drive. Two snaps later, he hit Nebraska transfer Wan'Dale Robinson, the former Mr. Kentucky football who spurned UK as a high school recruit three years ago, for a

A ULM three-and-out allowed before Ali hit Ali for a 58-yard touchdown to give the Wildcats a lead in the third drive to give the Wildcats a lead

“Coach Stoops did an amazing job on Monday, catching it early, saying, ‘Guys, we're going to hit adversity in coordination,’” said. “How do we respond? How do we react? Do we stay the course or start to freak out?”

“That was a huge moment for our team. We knew we had the play.

panicked. We knew we had the play.

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It was open. He just missed the throw. That's going to happen."

The caliber of opponents was nowhere near the same league, but there likely some Penn State fans

Penn State entered the locker room of a game versus No. 12 Wisconsin

vis completed 11 of 17 passes for 243 yards and three touchdowns in the

likely assuaged by Penn State's 16-10 apparent Levis possesses the type of

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supported when the games actually started, both men sent a message in the opener.

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nior Isaiah Epps that most impressed Coen.

By that point, the game was well in hand, but Levis saw a ULM corner

"That was not schemed up that

way, just so we're all clear," Coen said "He made a throw. ... That's the big

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Levis' 367 passing yards were 3back in the Stoops era. He became the

for 200 yards since the 2016 regu- for four touchdowns since the 2016

He hit for passes of at least 30 yards, including two of more than 50.

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said of Levis, "I'm really glad he's my v P } Á v š Z . o

scared," Levis said with a smile "He didn't want to do it. ... When (the

be cheering them on 100%, but it would have been nice to get those

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From Football To Finance: The Numbers Add Up For UK's Will

September 8, 2021 University of Kentucky

When the University of Kentucky against Louisiana-Monroe, the team

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University of Kentucky stand out was the opportunity to add a top shelf

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UK's MSF program prepares students for a professional career in the . v v v v] v P] v μ • š CE] cluding careers in investment banking, asset management, mutual funds, and corporate treasury departments. The program is available to all majors and

"Student athletes bring tremendous discipline and work ethic to the MS Finance program," said Mark H.

and MSF program director. "We have had successful students from football, track and tennis in recent years, and they have all gone on to successful

Kentucky head coach Mark Stoops

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recently announced that Levis had
 College of Business with a degree in
 Football players who are students in
 Fortner was recently named to the
 2021 Preseason Coaches All-South
 eastern Conference teams.

He's played football at UK for
 five years. Now, you might finally
 get to know him.
 By Josh Moore
 Lexington Herald-Leader
 September 8, 2021

Somewhat lost amid the fever sur-
 rounding Kentucky football's return to
 the sky on Saturday was the perfor-
 mance of Isaiah Epps, who in one of
 opener wore smiley face bandages on
 during an interview session.
 said when asked about the decora-
 like stepping outside the box. It's just
 Keep the mood light."

A senior who missed all of 2019
 and most of 2020 due to various
 injuries, Epps had plenty of reason to
 grin in Kentucky's opener. He reeled
 in three catches for 83 yards, the bulk
 of that total coming on a throw that
 On a third-and-8 snap from UK's own
 Levis heaved a ball into Epps' vicini-
 the right sideline — and Epps caught
 it in stride and took it 20 yards further
 Louisiana Monroe defenders.

"The throw down the sideline to

Epps, that's not schemed that way,
 Editor Liam Goenls on Saturday.
 He made a throw because he saw
 the corner overlap the seam, and he
 stopped running when he's playing
 Coach's insight was directly about
 mentality of Epps, who before last
 year against Vanderbilt hadn't caught
 a pass in an organized football game
 ended on Saturday he caught another
 long ball, for 21 yards, to put UK into
 ULM territory. The Wildcats scored
 Epps didn't get into the end zone
 himself, but he was thrilled that he
 even had the opportunity to make big
 plays that led to two UK scores (his
 to a touchdown, too, but a fumble lat-
 before Saturday was for 28 yards, and
 was made two years ago.

"It felt good," Epps said. "It's been
 some deep balls in the past and just
 been unable to connect. Just Will's
 trust in me and the accuracy, it felt
 play."

SPEED

Epps matched his career high for
 game collected more yards than he
 has had in any single season while
 26 yards on eight catches as a true
 sophomore. A broken foot, for which
 he underwent two surgeries, kept him
 He played in UK's season opener at
 Auburn last year but sat out the next
 Alabama

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 "I said, 'Hey man, anyone that
 plays for me like that, anyone that
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 those plays like that, I'm behind 'em
 100 percent," Woodward said. "He
 played lights out for me and is just
 another guy in the room we can count
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 played in every game as a true fresh-
 man in 2017. He told reporters this
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 weary" following his second surgery
 to repair his broken foot, but he
 leaned on his faith to get through that
 setback. Á o

"There's not much that I could do
 so I'm taking care of everything I
 can in the training room and let every-
 thing work out for itself. I just had to
 stay the course, really."

Kentucky can use all the speed it
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 that gave up 301 passing yards in
 its opener versus Central Michigan,
 which in 2020 averaged 100 fewer
 yards through the air. The Wildcats
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 coverage, which Epps said he pre-
 fers going against opposed to a zone
 scheme.

v Epps says he never thought about
 losing his speed while rehabbing. If
 Saturday was any indicator, he was
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 Wan'Dale Robinson, and as long as
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 low in the pecking order that he'll go.
 "I know what I'm capable of and
 I know what I can put in," Epps
 said. "I don't think I've even got close

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being able to go out there with the
 this long journey.”

This breakout performance
 in Kentucky football's opener
 could be key for rest of season

By Jon Hale
 Louisville Courier Journal
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The outcome of Kentucky football's
 season-opening win over Louisiana
 Monroe was already certain when
 to throw a deep ball down the right
 sideline to senior wide receiver Isaiah
 Epps.

But no play in the 45-10 victory
 may have been more important for
 the future of the new-look Wildcat

“The throw down the sideline to
 Epps, that was not schemed up that
 the corner overlap the seam, and he
 stop running. Can never stop running
 cause he'll let it rip.”

The throw might have been Levis's
 best of the game, but the fact that it
 was Epps on the other end could be
 even more important for Kentucky.

For as impressive as receivers
 Wan'Dale Robinson and Josh Ali were
 in the opener – the duo combined for
 10 catches for 261 yards and three
 touchdowns – Southeastern Confer
 from focusing so heavily on his top two
 when defenses take Robinson or Ali
 away, other receivers need to step up.

Epps suddenly looks more than
 “I'm happy for him,” Kentucky
 Coach Mark Stoops said. “Obviously
 he helps us, and that was a really nice

play. ... The fact that he was really run-
 ning and the fact that Will took that
 shot and saw it and had the vision to
 see it and the arm strength to get it
 out there in a cover-two defense to
 win with three catches for 83 yards.
 He had never recorded more than 76

Kentucky previously.
 Epps, the 6-foot-2, 188-pound
 Klover, is one of the fastest players on the
 roster since he arrived on campus in

2017 but has struggled to stay healthy.
 Epps missed all of the 2019 sea-
 son. He recovered from the foot injury,
 but he missed three games with the
 thumb injury. He dressed for the next
 two games against Missouri and Geor-
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 trust in God. I believed in his plan.
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 anything I can in the training room
 and let everything work out for itself.
 Just had to stay the course, really.”

Stoops' decision to rebuild Ken-
 the Los Angeles Rams invigorated a
 group of Wildcat receivers that had
 been primarily used as blockers in a
 run-heavy scheme in recent years,
 but Epps was limited again in spring
 to make an impression on his new
 “We were trying to get him to this

In preseason camp, Epps locked
 Ali and Robinson, but there was no

Kentucky's depth at running back and
 heavy use of large personnel group

had yet to be targeted by Levis. That
 changed with a simple 5-yard com-
 of the second half. The 57-yard bomb
 the Wildcats' next drive on a third-
 and-8 play. Levis found Epps again

“On the side of a man, anyone who
 and makes plays like that, I'm behind
 them 100%,” wide receivers coach
 “Just another guy in
 was tremendous. Made a couple big-
 the kid. It was great to see.”

Ali and Robinson will remain Levis's
 top targets as long as they are healthy.

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likely become more involved in the passing game in the weeks ahead.

Baylon Zalles appeared to hit the ball with his helmet.

the Wildcats defense surrendered an 80-yard scoring drive following the loss of a fumble.

Before our eyes, Stoops and troops are killing off 'the old Kentucky'
By Mark Story
Lexington Herald-Leader
September 12, 2021

Aided immeasurably by the ever star running back Christopher Rodriguez spent his Saturday evening-rushing the ball down Missouri's throats.

In a crucial, early-season victory.

"I thought we did so many good things. It's a shame that, you know, Kentucky Coach Mark Stoops said

extended when Tyrell Ajian's interception.

Rodriguez lost a fumble at the Mission. Jalen Geiger dropped what should have clinched victory.

Instead, Missouri's Blaze Alldredge blocked it and Mizzou's Kris Abrams-Draine recovered it at the Tigers' 45-yard line.

Over the star-crossed history of the Kentucky football program, a game Now, right before our eyes, Stoops and troops are methodically slaying "the old Kentucky."

Over the night Stoops became an overall winning head coach at UK (51-11-1) and himself — to earn a tense 35-28 victory.

UK bested Mizzou because-Robinson said. "At what we did today."

Even in that predicament. But we were. I put that on me."

Kentucky won because Robinson, the former Western Hills High School star and Nebraska transfer, has given the Wildcats a dynamic playmaking capacity.

The Cats were victorious because they were. I put that on me."

Instead, the remarkable J.J. Weaver — remember, he is back from a torn ACL in the next-to-last game of last season — made Kentucky's only third-and-5 from the UK 37.

Then true freshman linebacker Trevin Wallace pressed Bazalak into a hurried pass on fourth-and-13 from the Wildcats' 45 that redshirt freshman cornerback Carrington Valen-

"We had a pressure on," Kentucky defensive coordinator Brad White said of Weaver's sack. "Every once in a while, you roll the right one. And Carrington made a big play on that fourth down. Trevin did a nice job spying and forcing a tough throw."

Since the start of the 2016 season, Kentucky is now 16-8 in one-possession games.

UK's list of come games to Florida and Tennessee because the Cats did not make the plays at the end under game-declining pressure.

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"When the moment called for this crew to rise up, they rose up," White said.

For Kentucky football, that's becoming a new way of doing things.

A hat tip to Mark Stoops for achieving something rare in UK football history

By John Clay
Lexington Herald-Leader
September 13, 2021

On Monday at his weekly news conference at Kroger Field, Mark Stoops did something he had never done

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The Kentucky Wildcats head man appeared before assembled local media members to preview the pending UK game as a coach with an overall winning record.

Kentucky's tense, 35-28 victory over Missouri on Saturday night in what was deemed as a pivotal SEC game with a mark of 51-50.

For a coach who started his coaching tenure at UK by going 12-26, clawing back above .500 is no small achievement.

Jokingly, I asked Stoops if he feels smarter now that he is a coach with a winning record.

"There are a lot of things I could say here," Stoops said, laughing. "But, no." Turning serious, Stoops added, "I can't say I'm the best I can."

As Wan'Dale Robinson, Christopher Rodriguez, Will Levis and Co. prepare for Saturday at noon, it feels like an

Stoops has achieved in what has traditionally been a losing record since

Anyone with even a rudimentary knowledge of UK football history knows that Kentucky has never had a winning record since

According to Corey Price, the former Kentucky coach with a winning record at least 50 games into his Wildcats tenure was Fran Curci — who stood in for Curci on Sept. 19, 1981.

Stoops who departed Lexington with losing records as top Cat.

That Stoops has inched above .500 so deep into his UK tenure is made more impressive by the hole he was in when he started.

The season before Stoops was hired, Kentucky went 2-10, 0-8 in the SEC, in 2012. Once Stoops accepted the task of rebuilding at UK, he lost 26 games in his first season, 39-24.

Wants Kentucky's .619 winning percentage says Stoops could not be able to dig out of a 12-26 start to build an overall winning record at Kentucky.

defying UK-football-coaching gravity, Stoops demurred.

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In the bigger picture, the run of relays by Stoops has made more Kentucky fans aware of the program's history.

Kentucky program itself back toward the plus side of the ledger.

From the second game of the 1903 season through the ninth game of 2012, no UK football team ever took an overall losing record.

When the Wildcats fell 33-10 at Lexington on Sept. 13, 2012, Stoops was as UK head coach.

record to 579-580-44.

By the second game of 2016, when Stoops and the Cats were smoked at Florida 45-7, Kentucky stood at 16 games under .500 overall.

Saturday — and it will be dire and shocking if the Cats fail to tame the program will return to .500 at 632-632-44.

Having entered 2021 three games under .500, Stoops says he expects to lead the Cats to a winning record by the end of the season.

Assuming Stoops stays at UK through at least the 2022 season, he seems certain to make more Kentucky fans aware of the program's history.

At 51-50, Stoops needs 10 more wins as UK coach to pass Bryant (60-49-1) as the most wins in UK history.

Stoops says neither the UK coaching history he has made nor the marks he has set in his first season will push Stoops past Bill

"This is not about me," Stoops says. "It's about our program, our kids, our fans. I'm just the guy who is holding down the seat right now."

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the defense. In a two-minute drill, it's in front of you.

"But tackling, you have to get them down, not let them get out of bounds, keep that clock running. That's a big deal for us."

And as a whole, his growth and play making ability is what Kentucky needs to take the next step forward in the SEC.

said following the win. "He works hard in the secondary of an SEC defense.

"I'm proud of the way he played tonight. I know he's going to keep it up because he's a hard-working kid."

Mark Stoops is giving Kentucky exactly what he promised nine years ago
By Mark Story
Lexington Herald-Leader
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How did Kentucky win that football game?

Mark Stoops and the troops traveled south for their SEC road opener checked the top box on the "how to lose at football" checklist.

Not once, not twice, not thrice Williams-Brice Stadium turf.

By game's end, host South Carolina had collected three turnovers — two — while Kentucky had forced exactly no TOs.

a road game in the Southeastern Conference with a turnover tally of minus-3.

South Carolina, Kentucky (4-0, 2-0) an announced crowd of 77,559.

refused to allow the Cats to lose.

Kentucky stopped the hosts three turnovers.

Winning in such a manner was "real credit to our defense," Stoops team fought."

It was Kentucky's seventh victory over SEC East-rival South Carolina in leader in SEC victories.

That Kentucky will carry an unblemished with No. 11 Florida owes to the fact that Stoops has followed through on one of the vows he made when UK hired the former Florida State defensive coordinator nine years ago as its head coach.

Stoops has built a stout defensive culture at a school that had not consistently had one since the Jerry Claiborne era in the 1980s.

Kentucky defensive resilience was on display everywhere Saturday night. Kentucky drive when combined to stop Gamecocks running back Kevin Harris for no gain on fourth-and-1 from the Cats 47.

That was only a warm-up for the crises the Kentucky defenders would have to surmount in half two.

With Kentucky clinging to a 13-7 lead, a Josh Ali fumble gave the Gamecocks the ball at the Cats' 40-yard line. ing penalty, UK forced an incomplete Luke Doty pass on fourth-and-4 from

game.

Alabama was not out of

Another Ali fumble gave South Carolina

But on fourth-and-3 from the

Kentucky 40, Wildcats safety Jalen Geiger — a product of Columbia, South Carolina — broke a pass intended for

"We always have the mentality, if sudden change happens, we always linebacker. "It's the mentality our Power Five schools such as Boston College, North Carolina, Rutgers and

What the Spring Valley High School from hometown South Carolina.

On what became the Gamecocks' sophomore again showed the home folks what they missed when he caught Harris for a 6-yard loss on a the UK 34.

"I was proud of the way he played there were many seasons in recent decades when UK would not have the road in the SEC and win a game in which the Cats were minus-three in the turnover ledger.

It happened Saturday night because Stoops has kept his word about building a winning defensive culture at Kentucky.

"I really can't say enough," Mark

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Kentucky football's Wan'Dale Robinson has lived up to the hype and then some
By John Clay
Lexington Herald-Leader
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We live in the world of the oversold and the overrated, where prospects and transfers rarely match the buildup

And then there's Wan'Dale Robinson.

“The truth,” Kentucky football teammate Josh Paschal called the former Western Hills High School star and wide receiver transfer from Nebraska when Robinson started sizzling in UK's

We've seen it alright. Robinson topped the 100-yard receiving mark Wildcat. Through four games, he leads the SEC in receiving yards with 402. He's averaging 16.8 yards per catch on his 25 grabs.

Robinson can run the ball, too. Week two, against Missouri at Kroger Field, he took a jet sweep 64 yards on the Wildcats' second play, a tone-setter for an eventual 35-28 Kentucky victory.

The kid is tough. Never mind his listed 5-foot-11, 185-pound frame, Robinson is a tackle's favorite receiver perhaps a tackler to wrestle him to the ground. And Saturday night at South Carolina, he showed that by just being on the field because of a hamstring injury.

“At this point, there are nagging things with people,” UK coach Mark Stoops said Monday. “It's fair to say he has something nagging him.”

Nagging or not, Robinson caught seven passes for 65 yards. Five catches came on the 13-play, 67-yard drive that set up his football IQ and

for a 13-7 Kentucky lead in a 16-10 victory.

“I knew he was a good player coming out of high school and you and know he was a very good player,” Stoops said Monday. “I don't want to use the word ‘surprised.’ I am extremely pleased with him and love his

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ROBINSON'S WORK ETHIC HAS IMPRESSED UK So far, the only knock on Robinson is his favorite receiver perhaps a receiver, and has added a team, I'd spend a second-round pick on him easily.”

One more Wan'Dale thing. The best thing. He has been nothing but “I love his work ethic and also his that of, and just his football IQ and

“I think now there's no stopping us said. “Even if you may say other people have higher numbers, you can look at what we do and what we want to get greater skill and speed, we will open things up even more and more.”

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In part, because Wan'Dale has lived up to the hype. UK Football Player, Nursing is the Ultimate Team Sport By Brad Nally, Amy Jones-Timoney, and Hilary Brown UK Healthcare October 1, 2021

Goodfellow knows a thing or two about being a team player. As the punter for the University of Kentucky football team, Goodfellow relies on his teammates to bring the Wildcats to victory. Everyone knows the same model, he says, applies to the dynamic between him and his fellow nurses at UK HealthCare.

“There's a lot of similarity between Goodfellow says. “I can't do it without my snapper. In nursing, everyone knows what's going to happen next.” Goodfellow graduated from the UK College of Nursing in May 2021, taking advantage of the NCAA ruling to grant an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This semester, when he's not running drills with his teammates, he's engaged in an independent study with Dean Janie Heath. But balancing the demands of the nursing program with the schedule of the football team isn't just

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but that's the one father and son will never forget.

members howling. "It was like, 'This is Wan'Dale's life before high school. Dale says all of his friends growing up are now dead or behind bars. His brother, Roni, is considered one of the greatest high school athletes Kentucky has ever seen, a top state football and basketball star, but he spent about a decade in prison himself for robbery — only to get out and rush for more than 3,000 career yards in his late 20s at Kentucky State. Like Dale, 42-year-old Zimm, a former NFL player who has authored a book about the lessons he learned in prison and the support he received from his family, Dale is proudest of co-founding the team in 2018. It's named for his mother — Wan'Dale is a mashup of his and her names — and aims to help children of incarcerated parents by providing support.

Today, Dale runs his own gym, G.U.R.U. Fitness. Wan'Dale's team mates all react the same way when they see the team's logo — a man and a woman who have both been in prison. Dale is proudest of co-founding the team in 2018. It's named for his mother — Wan'Dale is a mashup of his and her names — and aims to help children of incarcerated parents by providing support.

Dale started smoking marijuana in high school and loved it so much that when Jack Harbaugh announced weekly urine tests at Western Kentucky during his sophomore season, Dale gave up a scholarship and his job backing up All-American running back out of college and start selling drugs back home in Frankfort. That was the birth of what eventually became a

also earned him two separate bids to play in the NFL in a dozen years in prison. He missed all but 19 months of Wan'Dale's life before high school.

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"It runs in the family," Wan'Dale says. "My dad always messing up, somebody's always going away. I just wanted to break that cycle, stay on the straight and narrow. It's a blessing that I went through what I did with my dad because I don't think I'd be the way I am now without it. It made me grow up. It made me realize what I do want and what I don't want in life."

One thing he wants is to play in the NFL and he's looking more likely every day. Despite his stature — Robinson is listed at 5-foot-11, 185 pounds — he's a compact power house with ankle-breaking moves and 914 receiving yards and 580 rushing yards in two seasons at Nebraska, he has become an instant star at Kentucky. Through four games, he leads the SEC in receiving yards with 1,000. He's the only FBS player in the country who has more than 100 yards from scrimmage than Robinson's six.

Derek Abney 20 years ago to record

games and the only player in program history to open a season that way. On Saturday night, he'll try to help undefeated Kentucky deliver one of the biggest wins of the Mark Stoops era when top-10 Florida comes to Kroger Field.

Wan'Dale is the hero," his father says. "He's proof that anything is possible. We use him and my other son, Wan'Dale, in our circumstances, even if your parents aren't there. We use their story and allow them to speak to kids so they can feel like, 'I'm not alone. If these guys can make it, I can make it too.'"

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"My dad realizes that there were people who surrounded me and helped while he was gone, and he just wants to be there for the kids who grew up without that same support," Wan'Dale says. "And my message to them is that you can have a dream and do everything you can to get it." •••

In his book, "The Making of a Guru," Dale thanks the "mothers of our boys" and ensuring our boys became men." He thanks Mike and Kelley Hawkins, Wan'Dale's former coach and his wife, and his parents for serving as their parents. Dale says he's proud to be a part of the program and to be able to help other kids who are in the same situation as he was.

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When Wan'Dale was just a baby, Dale got caught on a drug run to Atlanta and served 51 months in prison.

"I told Dale he had to do that. I was not going to be the one," Davis says. "I think what he's doing now is great. He's really turned his life around. I just wish he would've done it prior to going to prison. I tried. I did what I could. I voiced my opinion, but I'm not going to head on."

Six-year-old Wan'Dale sobbing on the other side of prison glass as his father explained he was going to be gone for part of that, too, because I didn't try to keep them apart." The Arden divorced now, but Robinson's parents co-parent and travel together to watch him play. Dale is remarried with an 18-month-old daughter who is "already jacked," he says.

"About halfway through the season, when I saw him walk away from that name." In those earliest days, before Dale taught Wan'Dale what he considered the most important lesson.

"the best player out there?" he asked regularly Wan'Dale.

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course, too good to be true. On the day in 2007 when federal agents surrounded Dale, who planned to swap he was supposed to pick Wan'Dale up from a summer youth program. He

called his then-wife and Wan'Dale's mother, Victoria Davis, and asked her to break the news. She declined.

"I told Dale he had to do that. I was not going to be the one," Davis says. "I think what he's doing now is great. He's really turned his life around. I just wish he would've done it prior to going to prison. I tried. I did what I could. I voiced my opinion, but I'm not going to head on."

Six-year-old Wan'Dale sobbing on the other side of prison glass as his father explained he was going to be gone for part of that, too, because I didn't try to keep them apart." The Arden divorced now, but Robinson's parents co-parent and travel together to watch him play. Dale is remarried with an 18-month-old daughter who is "already jacked," he says.

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He was eventually released early for good behavior, excluding one incident. Dale tried to sneak a cell phone into the prison and earned three day before Wan'Dale was scheduled to visit for his birthday.

"Every birthday gets me closer to my dad coming home," Wan'Dale remembers thinking. "OK, now I'm 10, just a few more years."

The fact that Dale was allowed just 300 minutes per month on the prison

in his life — and might explain the with his sons. To her eternal credit, Dale says, Wan'Dale's mother always handed him the phone. His incarceration

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about his dad's past. The overwhelming story to get lost here.

"She's the one who I play. Everything I'm trying to get is for her," he says. "She's really the one who harped on me that I can't be like the rest of them.

can't just say yes to everything. My mom taught me that."

Dreaming big in prison was easy. Bringing those dreams to life on the outside was harder than Dale expected. He applied to be a personal trainer at every gym in Frankfort and Lexington "convicted felon" box on job application a factory job for \$7.50 an hour, 25 percent of which went to the halfway house. Then there was a janitorial gig at Kentucky State, where he skipped

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parted with heads down, ears ringing.

"A big shout-out to you," was Stoops' salute to the BBN.

The Gators outgained the Cats 382-224, but Florida could never dial up the big play that had burned the

defensive coordinator Brad White's

master plan made Dan Mullen's team

work for their yards. Nothing cheap. Nothing easy. (Barnhart's smart bet

Mission accomplished, the pent-up

losses to the Gators spilled over the

"Unbelievable," said Kentucky de

fensive end Josh Paschal, who played

a fairly unbelievable game himself.

"We loved it."

Rich Brooks was the man in charge

at Commonwealth Stadium. College

GameDay and Tim Tebow came to

Lexington the following Saturday. But

Florida triumphed 45-37. The next

week, Mississippi State doubled UK's

momentum vanished.

has slipped since, 5-5 last year, 3-2

far this season. Saturday, the Tigers

lost 24-19 at home to Auburn. Joe

Burrow isn't walking through that

outstanding players. Who knows, this

Saturday might be the night the Tigers

put it all together.

Meanwhile, Kentucky must avoid

Remember last year when a break

through 34-7 win at Tennessee was

ri. Games are won during the week.

"We want to play in a lot of big

games," Stoops said Saturday. "To do

that, you have to take care of what's

right in front of you."

too long and too hard to let Saturday's

home triumph go to waste.

"We proved our identity." UK

defenses thriving with its back

against the wall.

By John Clay

Lexington Herald-Leader

October 3, 2021

to receive praise from head

coach Mark Stoops in his postgame

news conference, and was lauded by

The crowd deserved its credit. But

it didn't take long for UK's ball-stop

pers to get their due.

Defensively, back-to-back, as good

of performances that we've had in a

A seven-play, 75-yard drive on Flor

ida's second series put the Gators up

but it proved to be an outlier rather

two other lengthy scoring drives, but

stalling in UK territory. Florida piled up

knelt for a 20-13 victory.

tackles, 2.5 of them for a loss, and

try of the game, a play that turned

more than momentum in Kentucky's

freshman linebacker Trevin Wallace,

who hauled it 76 yards for a touch

down that gave UK a 14-10 lead, to

which it clung for the remainder.

Paschal was back in Lexington when

UK defeated Florida in Gainesville in

2018, a victory that ended a 31-game

losing streak to the Gators. He played

to remove a malignant melanoma

discovered on his right foot, but he

has since blossomed into one of the

team's biggest leaders. Earlier this

football player to be named a captain

in three straight seasons.

Saturday's win was something of a

"coming full-circle" moment for the

senior.

"I remember, looking back on 2018,

and wishing I could be there to make

plays. It's a blessing to be here a cou

ple years later making those plays and

being able to help my team out with

this win."

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didn't think back-ups Josaih Hayes and
in relief of McCall.

goes down, you're thrown into the
game with a big atmosphere. A lot of
pressure that a young guy can feel,
and to see those guys step up, and
make those plays, and just be able to
go in there and not skip a beat? We're
really glad to see that."

South Carolina put the defense in
turnovers weren't an issue this week
when UK had the ball in its hands,
third down and had the ball for only
second straight week the defense got
plenty of what it describes as "oppo

Florida racked up yardage — it
wasn't too far from doubling up Ken-
tucky, 382 to 224 — but the Cats held
the Gators to a season-low 171 rush-
coming in. Quarterback Emory Jones
was held in a check most of the night,
and lauded backup Anthony Rich-
ardson in his few appearances didn't
demonstrate the level of wizardry he

With a victory on the line against
a top-10 team that's had its number
in the red zone and walked away with
a school-record fourth straight win
decided by single digits.

"They have played really well with
their backs against the wall," White
said.

Paschal, unknowingly doing an-im-
utes earlier, said UK would celebrate
for a few hours tonight and then move

to LSU. The Wildcats will likely be
ranked, in college past thanks due to a
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"We proved that we can play with
anybody," Paschal said. "We already
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what happens, we're gonna bounce
back and respond.

"We're a true brotherhood here at
UK," CE • %o } v
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After cancer kept him from
2018 Florida win, Josh Paschal
Pearne in his moment vs. Gators
BY Jon H. Halce r o } v
Louisville Courier Journal
September 3, 2021

When Kentucky snapped its 31-
game losing streak to Florida in 2018,
one of two game balls awarded in the
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coach Mark Stoops went to defensive
lineman Josh Paschal.

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being a historic 2018 season, Paschal
was out there to celebrate with his
teammates for so many of the 10-win
season's biggest moments.

Three years later, Paschal and Ken-
tucky fans got to celebrate together as
the No. 23-ranked Wildcats stunned
No. 9 Florida with a stellar defensive
performance in a 20-13 win Saturday.

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feed of it as a play-caller. I try to call
up things to get him going or get some
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To Paschal's point, he was far from
the only defensive standout for the
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On a night where Kentucky's-of
defense totaled just 211 yards, UK's de-
fense held Florida to a season-low 382
yards, 57 less than the Gators totaled
against No. 1 Alabama two weeks ago.

Florida entered the game ranked third
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UK turnovers, including back-to-back

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lost fumbles in the second half, the Wildcat defense saved its best play for when the stakes were highest against Florida.

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With the Wildcats leading by 10 in the second half, the Wildcat defense looked gassed as Florida moved down the field but stepped up to hold the Gators to a field goal.

Following a three-and-out from the offense, the Wildcat defense marched into Wildcat territory. As the game progressed, the defense held the offense to a field goal.

Stoops said, "Tonight was special. That was a thing of beauty defensive play. I mean, we gave up some yards ... but overall, just to have that desire, the heart, the guts to stand up and play, that's amazing."

"...I mean, it's incredible. It's not just the win, it's the way we played. We were able to win without Florida's eight noise-induced penalties."

Stoops, White and Kentucky players were all in agreement. "Believe it and it will happen." It's a message that has resonated with fans and players alike.

False starts, including two in the second half, but Kentucky would not have recorded its first win since 1986.

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And that defense would not be what it is without Paschal leading the way.

Paschal was stunned to see how quickly he made sure to embrace the moment. "I don't think it's very controversial to say the NFL and the NFL coaches, it's simply a matter of how the other phases of the game are going. The NFL coaches, it's simply a matter of how the other phases of the game are going. The NFL coaches, it's simply a matter of how the other phases of the game are going."

White said, "I thought about it in the past year, you don't even think about it. The way he plays, it doesn't show any remorse that he had fought that battle. That's the fact, which was unbelievable."

"The fact that he's worked so hard, you would never guess. That's a testament to him."

Liam Coen: "I just keep going back to the belief of this team" By Eric DeZcker v] • Kentucky Sports Radio October 4, 2021

"Believe it and it will happen." It's a message that has resonated with fans and players alike. "I just keep going back to the belief of this team"

describing the 2021 'Cats.

"I just keep going back to the belief, the belief of this team," Coen, Kentucky's defensive coordinator, said after the game. "I would've loved to contribute more, but I'm really happy to be a part of it."

It's good that Coen has the awareness to praise the defense immediately for Kentucky once again. I wouldn't call it a bad game.

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and won the game, which is all that
 Where does the belief go?

This is uncharted waters for the
 BBN. 5-0 and arguably the third-best
 team in the SEC. They have no idea
 how to react. No wonder State Street
 with every couch on campus. People
 around Lexington have a taste of
 what it can be like to be good in the

The city and the school are all in
 now, there's no more doubt there.

for them to join in. This team really
 believes that they can win against
 whoever they go up against, which
 may be true outside of Georgia (and
 is massive for this team to be able to
 succeed. Tonight was a major hurdle
 Coen and the rest of 'Cats can keep
 up against a now 3-2 LSU next week
 team only grows.

how to prepare for and win close
 ever really fully explodes this season,
 they don't need it to. They have an
 elite defense that will keep them in
 almost any game, Liam Coen and the
 enough.

Kentucky football: No worries,
 DC Brad White getting things
 done in Lexington

By Joe Cox
 Saturday Down South
 October 5, 2021

It's all about the defense. Mark
 Stoops was a defensive guy. Given
 2013, it's fair to assume that Stoops'
 game plan was about the defense.

occasionally with tackles for loss. Out
 slug the opponent, rinse, repeat and
 go to bowl games.

the 2013 season, when Stoops and
 Eliot inherited sub-SEC talent, UK
 struggled in Eliot's last 3 seasons,
 UK allowed 31, 27, and 31 points per
 game, coughing up 407, 394, and 434
 yards per game.

House, suddenly things clicked.
 Maybe that had something to do with
 guys like Mike Edwards and Josh Allen
 gaining experience and maturity. Or
 maybe House had the secret formula.

When House helped the 2018 UK de-
 fense hold foes to 16.8 points and 338
 yards (per game) en route to a 10-3 sea-
 son, it felt like the secret formula. And
 when House headed for the Kansas
 City Chiefs (where he promptly won a

Enter Brad White. If you've paid
 might feel like you're hearing it again
 with White's background. In fact, the
 two were high school rivals. A New
 Had coached a few years in college
 and then worked his way onto Chuck
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 swoop in.

Even in 2020's crazy all-SEC season,

26 points and 381 yards per game. In
 2019, the numbers were 19.3 points
 and 325 yards per game. So far in

2021, it's up 16.8 points and 284 yards
 per game. Kentucky has gone 18-11
 with White leading the defense, and
 House didn't take the secret sauce to

masterclass with his Kentucky defense
 right now. In Week 4, South Carolina
 held Kentucky to just 16 points in
 Columbia. That would spell trouble

for most opponents, but not Ken-
 tucky. White's defense held Carolina
 a trio of turnovers, White's Wildcats
 stood strong, stopping Carolina on a

decisions that salted away the game.
 tucky faced the SEC's most dangerous

and shut it down. UF had 1 20-yard
 averaging over 35 points per game
 took home a 20-13 loss.

White wasn't surprised.
 /v. there's no anxiety. There's a high
 awareness that you have to step up
 and play," White said.

"Defenses fly back to back as good
 performances as we've had in a

White's no-nonsense demeanor,
 his careful game planning, and his
 ability to get results from his players
 speak well toward his future. When

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Saturday, White coaxed an impressive return for another season in Lexington or second-round prospect for next man Trevin Wallace. Jones broke up the win-clinching pass, and Wallace

Kentucky is going places, and Brad White's defense is right at the heart of it. Just like Mark Stoops planned.

3 things to know about Kentucky football's Darian Kinnard, a top NFL Draft prospect
By Hayes Gardner
Louisville Courier Journal
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Darian Kinnard is one of the top interior linemen, a preseason and was graded by Pro Football

Darian Kinnard makes people 'like he's about to eat breakfast'

Kinnard racked up a myriad of top interior lineman, a preseason and was graded by Pro Football

The three-year starter is an imposing force and running back Chris Rodriguez has said that Kinnard makes people "like he's about to eat breakfast."

UK has had a strong running game in recent years, and Kinnard has been a key factor.

"He's obviously very, very strong," he said before the season. "But he's a plus pounds and able to move and sign of an athlete."

Kinnard would have been selected for another season in Lexington or second-round prospect for next overall player in August and one ana round. Prior to the Florida game, PFF

Pro Football Network described Kinnard as a top interior lineman, a preseason and was graded by Pro Football

Kinnard went to high school in Cleveland, Ohio, but is a Knoxville, cousin of country music legend Dolly Parton, although he's never actually met her.

"I grew up in a kind of cool," he said. "I grew up in a kind of cool," he said. "I grew up in a kind of cool," he said.

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"College GameDay" visits Athens for a showdown with No. 1 Georgia in Athens, Ga.

Kentucky came in at No. 11 in this year's ranking, the lowest since at least 1993 to win his

"These past couple of weeks have been big wins, but the mentality has

been big wins, but the mentality has been big wins, but the mentality has

Next one, and as soon as we wake up the next day you've got to just move on, focus on the next task at hand.

Especially this past week coming that was to the program, you've seen a lot of teams historically have wins like that and kind of have that hang-over the next week. We really want to make sure that wasn't us. Coach

That showed on Saturday against LSU, as Levis completed 14 of 17 passes for 145 yards with three touchdowns and rushed for 75 yards and two more scores in a 42-21 win that was surprising only in how unsurprising it seemed to come against the

The 6-foot-3, 232-pound Levis

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some of myself in just a season high in rushing yards while receiving yards (Wan'Dale Robinson, coordinator Liam Coen is only beginning to materialize.

"Honestly, I don't think it's really clicked that much yet," Levis said of a great system, but it's a system that able with. And the fact we've been able to win games like we have while how good this team can be once we

The 35-year-old Coen was hired coaching tree, having served as an assistant with the Rams the past three fellow New Englander, out of Madi in Lexington has proved to be the key to unlocking one of the best stories football season, with Coen and Levis

"We text each other like, 'Hey, that's this,' or 'Hey, that's that,'" Levis said. "It's a way for us to see and understand what it should look like. never going to get perfect, but we're as close to perfect as you can in some aspects, so it's really cool to watch.

"It's really cool to see a guy like

able to do with my arm. And it's good for receivers to watch, too, just with ing of everything. So it's just cool to see pros do what pros do."

Levis has earned plenty of viral fame for a TikTok account that in ever, is far from limited.

The Sunday dinner with deal he signed with Malone's, a local steakhouse that pays for Levis and nine teammates of his choice to gorge knows to take care of those who take care of him, and he was named a team captain before ever playing in a

His autograph session earlier on Sunday took place at Kentucky Sports Bar and Grill, drawing enough fans to keep him busy for 90 minutes straight.

Levis recently launched a merchandise line with the help of his mother, Beth, who runs an apparel company. He has partnered with the Lexington do be a mentor in its Amachi program, which assists children whose parents are incarcerated.

Busy is all Levis knows. This is a summer to raise more than \$3,800 for the Waco Lemonade Fund, a community project that was started by college students.

He has described the NIL era as a learning process, relying on the guidance of those close to him to strategize and not interfere with winning football games.

(He cited the Sunday signing session as an example, as it was originally scheduled for a Thursday before he realized that Stoops might be uneasy with the event coming so close to a

Kentucky's success so far has only have rated as the biggest surprise in Central Kentucky.

"The food here is awesome," Levis said, laughing. "I've been to some awesome restaurants here. Honestly, a lot of people who have been to State College would agree with me. I love State College, but the one thing that was lacking there was the food here. There's awesome, awesome places."

How Wan'Dale Robinson and Liam Coen joined forces to become a revelation in Lexington By Connor O'Gara Saturday Down South October 12, 2021

when the door opens. The Wild doesn't skip a beat as he turns his chair so that he can dap up the guy who entered the room rocking an olive drab Green hoodie. It's Wan'Dale Robinson, whom Coen just spent the ing praise onto.

Coen is now lacking words to describe Robinson — the Kentucky OC openly calls him the team's best the Nebraska transfer is the talk of the town. The former Kentucky Mr. Football winner is the SEC's leading receiver, he reportedly has at least 6 and above all else, Robinson's mil-

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lion-dollar smile is the face of Coen's Lexington.

cited to add Wan'Dale to our roster," Kentucky coach Mark Stoops told SDS on the SEC Coaches Teleconference. "What I love about Liam and the receivers ... we felt like he could has been."

That's an understatement. "Rev Together, Coen and Robinson start since a 37-year-old Paul "Bear" Bryant led the Cats to that mark in 1950. No. 11 Kentucky will face the No. 1 Georgia and Kirby Smart's all-world defense.

Regardless of what happens in a Championship, what's undeniable is that Coen and Robinson have become synonymous with the new era of Kentucky ranked outside of the top 115 in FBS each of the past 3 seasons now has life.

awakening came from a couple of know each other existed.

In January, Coen had to be sold before he could do his own selling.

Let's back up a second. the FBS level (he called plays at the Los Angeles home of comedian Russell Peters. Coen promised to bring

ton. Before Coen could even get 1/4 of the way through his breakdown, Stoops stopped him. He was sold. The 35-year-old Rams assistant had the gig.

one. Before he made another pitch, he needed to sell himself on a player. Ahyrd played from Nebraska named "Wan'Dale Robinson" entered the transfer portal in early January. He was frustrated with his role in Stoops and some of Kentucky's

seized because of his fear that Kentucky would be of touches that Robinson worked on Robinson.

The newly hired Kentucky OC knew someone who worked closely with Robinson at Nebraska, and he also their current jobs, Coen and Taylor

so there was a mutual respect when Needless to say it didn't take long to sell Coen on Robinson.

old SDS, and he's just so dynamic doing so many good things. That was a key piece to this whole thing. This was a huge piece. Once he was in the here, and I was able to talk to him and he reminded me of a lot more of the guys I was around Who did Robinson remind Coen of? Cooper Kupp, AKA the Rams'

slot receiver who averaged 93 catches for 1,068 yards in Coen's last 2 seasons with the Rams. It was Kupp who taught Coen, a former UMass Rams in 2018. That's why Kupp was the blueprint for Coen's pitch to Robinson.

"That's literally all we talked about," Coen said.

Robinson did his own homework, of course. He reached out to Cupp for a U (Zoo) v v v v P CE %} CE š } v ^~ μ % % • Á Z q | U Ç } μ [CE P } v v o } À] š X z } μ [CE P } v v catches, you're gonna get the targets. promise you're gonna get the ball was like, that's all I need. I'm good."

There was another key caveat to Coen's Kentucky pitch. It wasn't the volume of touches that Robinson says. It was no secret that Robinson

didn't want to play running back like since he spoke candidly about playing in a role that he saw for himself at the NFL level instead of making cut blocks against blitzing linebackers, and doing

style concepts. At least not like Coen's did v Z ~ v Z % o | CE š } o } v μ % Z }] v } v] v š Z I transferred back home to Kentucky to who could plug a hole for a depleted running back room like he did in Lin "I'm not just in there in the slot, I'm places. That's what I'm used to doing. That's what I was excited about."

Ask Robinson if Coen has ever used

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him to make a cut block and he'll politely say "nah," with a smile.

Ask Robinson if he misses playing running back and he'll politely say, "nope, nope, nope. I'm having fun right where I'm at."

Let's back up again.

There's a right way to interpret that and a wrong way to interpret that. The wrong way would be to assume that a player who doesn't want to cut block is afraid of contact, which couldn't be further from the truth with Robinson.

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"That is him in a nutshell," Coen said. "It's character. It's everything you want in a player in terms of the way they approach the game, the way they study the game. And then he goes out gadget guy," Coen said. "But he's the type of player that at this point, I believe there's a trust and a belief in his usage and what we're trying to do with him. So I guarantee you that if it was, 'Hey, game is on the line, we're gonna put Ç}μ]v šZ l. o v Ç]v P o }+ v• }+ šZ . o X

If Robinson doesn't like contact, he certainly doesn't do a good job of showing it.

"That just comes from my back P CE}μ v %o Ç]v P CE μ v v] can't be afraid to take a hit," said Robinson, who recorded a 570-pound u AE • μ š š E CE • l ~ •] u AE • μ š • Á CE u } š E CE • l šZ v š < v š always known that I've been smaller, but that doesn't mean I can't bring a %o μ v Z X D }• š %o }%o o me to bring a punch, so whenever it does hit 'em, they're surprised."

And to be clear, it's not that Coen can't use Robinson in running situ Ý}v•X , Z • ñ CE CE] • including an end-around that went for 64 yards against Mizzou. Those looks however, weren't similar to the major

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running back on a go-route to clear space, there were hitches on the outside and then there was Robinson, a former Purdue star isn't exactly close to 6 feet like Robinson is. "He's making me money," Robinson said with a laugh.

"It was just a moment where I saw Levis saw it, too.

high and I can drop it in there for a ber. "That was our best man-beater was thinking."

Bingo. Perfect scheme, perfect Thirty-three yards.

First down. ter believe it.

Coen said. "Have we put it together every single week yet? No, but there that give you trust in the system, that give you trust in your players to go out and execute in a moment like that."

It's trust that got Kentucky to this point. Stoops put his faith in put his faith in Robinson to be the game-changing receiver in the middle Kentucky to a historic start.

We don't know what awaits Robinson beyond 2021.

how pass interference is called at someone like Robinson, who moves top of his routes. He could follow the path of his Bluegrass State friend Rondale Moore, who won the Paul Hornung Award in 2018 and became

second-round pick by the Cardinals in 2018. Never mind the fact that the former Purdue star isn't exactly close to 6 feet like Robinson is. "He's making me money," Robinson said with a laugh.

focused on leading his home-state program to new heights. He's not content with becoming Kentucky's Cobb in 2010, though he's on pace to do just that. Robinson would rather

Chris Rodriguez has more than 1,000 yards versus home state Georgia Bulldogs

By Jon Hale
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lege resume suggested he was ready to show.

Rodriguez had yet to start a game in three seasons for Kentucky. He had never rushed for 1,000 yards in a season.

But the 5-foot-11, 224-pound running back had averaged more than 7 yards per carry for his career and had rushed for at least 80 yards in each of his last four games. The work on thinking suggests running backs should start being paid to play

number of carries in each body before to show.

Rodriguez has other plans though. He would return to Kentucky for the 2021 season.

"I came back because my whole

that's one of the things me and my college, I don't want to just go and not came back."

Rodriguez's plan started at an early age when he and an older cousin made a plan to break a familiar cycle of dropping out even before high school as an example to their younger

Both graduated high school. Rodriguez's cousin then went to cosmetology school, while Rodriguez's football

"Me and him made a deal that we need to graduate so they know not to just give up," Rodriguez said. "We're not going to let this keep going, generation be done. That is not how you live your life. I wanted to come here to a big university and show them you don't have to be like the rest of the family.

Of course, there were football ben Kentucky coach Mark Stoops had Sean McVay had perfected with the NFL's Los Angeles Rams. Shining in that scheme could only help Rodriguez

professional career, Rodriguez would be the clear starter for the Wildcats.

could expect to be used in a featured Rodriguez has exceeded even the

He leads the Southeastern Confer than 100 yards more than any other

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man. I've told this story before, but I'm not going to give you 1 piece of advice for up-and-coming coaches. It's simple: Don't be a struggling young coach like Krzyzewski even though Krzyzewski was Duke. Many boosters were angry with Coach K.

In the community in Florida, I interviewed a former Florida State AD Dave Hart told me a similar story when fans failed to make the NCAA Tournament. Hilton is now entering his 20th year in the winningest coach and just led the season championship.

When I asked Hart a couple of years ago if he would have stood by Hamilton in today's toxic social media environment. Because of social media, there are more opinions than ever before, but I think you feel are right."

Imagine how the history of sports might have changed if the current situation existed years ago. Would the Dallas Cowboys have

ever become "America's Team" if they had emerged from that jubilant horde. He's who compiled a 13-38-3 record during his tenure. Would he have ever become the most dominant force in the history of college sports if some impulsive, who went 16 years before he won couldn't win the big one? Chuck Noll, who won four Super Bowls, survive today if he went 1-13, stay in Kentucky, Mark Stoops.

Kentucky's win over Florida 'closed a chapter' for J.J. Weaver. It was like he was healed' By Kyle Tucker October 15 2021

On the best night of his life, J.J. Weaver, a 6-foot-5, 230-pound outside linebacker, pushed past the oncoming traffic and toward his mom's victory, sealed by a fourth-down stop the concourse. She waited for Weaver to be a tunnel the players take from the front of a throw he knew was coming. From there, Stacey Sherrell saw a decisive touch of

emerged from that jubilant horde. He's anyway. It startled her when Weaver came bounding through the tunnel before any of his teammates, screaming her name and galloping at such a speed that Sherrell wondered if someone had been even more startled when Weaver leaped over a waist-high metal barrier, wrapped her in a bear hug and nearly

She cried. He cried. They stood the weight of all that threatened to crush him, but the right people in to get him help. Weaver rehabilitated his mental and physical health with a full recovery even before the Florida game.

But that would be the true test. Photos of the exact moment Weaver injured his right knee trying to defend Florida on the schedule, although even the deepest dream for the game couldn't have topped reality. From the rest of Kentucky's defense, which was in a zone, that he was taking the stride down the seam and stepped in front of a throw he knew was coming. The decisive touch of

"We just stood there hugging and

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crying like two babies,” Sherrell said. “Because that game meant so much to him. It was like he closed a chapter. It was like he was healed.”

Physically, there’s no doubt. Weaver was expected to ease his way back into the game. He delivered a tackle for loss in each of the first three games. In 1950, have their highest ranking in the program history on Saturday at No. 1 Georgia. He has been nominated for the Orange Bowl-FWAA Courage Award and the Mayo Clinic Comeback Player Award.

“It’s very important, and it needs to be known,” Sherrell said of what her son has overcome. “Because something is happening — especially young men — where they’re not in touch with their emotions. They seem weak. ‘I’m a football player. I’m strong. I’m tough.’ But it needs to be talked about because there’s suicide, there’s drugs, there’s all these things they turn to instead of dealing with them. That’s why it’s important that it’s OK to talk to someone. I just want his story to touch somebody’s life and heart and help other young men come out and say, ‘Hey, I’m not OK. I need help.’”

Weaver is no stranger to hardship. Six weeks before his due date, baby J.J. was already 22 inches long and weighed nearly 11 pounds. He was so big, he pressed against his mother’s ribs. Sherrell’s doctor discovered this at a regular checkup and made an alarm call to the hospital. This baby needs to come out right now. Everything was done in an emergency delivery.

“Um, ma’am, your son has six

remembers a nurse telling her.

With that physical anomaly, plus a speech impediment and some developmental delays that resulted from his lack of oxygen in the womb, Weaver was sure to be seen as a challenge. Anyone with such special features is a challenge.

“He gave you these things for a reason,” Weaver said. “I had to struggle in life now so that when you get to all the great things he has done for you, you’ll appreciate them more.”

When he started playing football, he discovered that the two pinkies on his right hand could be smashed into a fist. It was terribly uncomfortable, but at least he felt normal.

“With a helmet and gloves on, he looked like everyone else. He used to be a little bit of a challenge, but now he’s a regular.”

“I hung out with my friends and teachers and principals because he was being picked on, coming home hurt and sad and not really enjoying it. If my God, look at him now. Look at you now, kid.”

Today, and he smiles wide.

says, laughing. “My right hand is way bigger than my left.”

He poses for pictures with the team. It has been turned into an Internet meme, which cracks him up. He bought a pair of gloves last season. He had a pair of gloves last season. He had a pair of gloves last season. He had a pair of gloves last season.

“I was afraid to come out to the world,” Weaver said, “but I’m comfortable now. I’m not afraid to let people see me.”

That causes his mother to cry again. The happiest of tears. That painfully a young man has taken his place.

“God doesn’t bless me with anything else, my heart is really full seeing how far he’s come,” Sherrell said. “Just like I promised, there are kids watching him now who have issues they’re trying to overcome, and they see J.J. and know it’s possible.”

His grandmother rarely called and her phone blew up on June 17, 2020.

Gary was correspondent on the other end. He struggled to understand her, and surely he misunderstood or she misspoke because the message said, “I hung up on her, Weaver said. ‘I tried to call my daddy. Straight to voicemail. Called my daddy again. Straight to voicemail. Then I heard a knock on my door.’”

His parents divorced when he was 10. He moved from Florida to Louisville with his mother when he was 10. She got word that her ex-husband, 44-year-old Terrance

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And while Levis has chosen to stay out of the social media conversation, in Happy Valley, he issued a vote of confidence in his performance during the interview this week.

Levis is a former player. Obviously, he had that injury against Iowa, which is unfortunate. Hopefully he can get back to 100% performance in Tennessee loss. "Everyone throws out what ifs all the time in the past. The decision was made. There's no point in thinking that way."

Levis delivers career-best performance in Tennessee loss
By Derek Terry
Cat's Pause
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'We want to be first.' Another winning SEC record a building block for UK.

By Josh Moore
Lexington Herald-leader
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ished yet, but it capped Southeastern Conference play Saturday with a 34-17 victory at Vanderbilt.

The result stopped a three-game losing streak. Each loss was to a league opponent, and each one was a UK team that started 6-0 and teased bowl game, or even contending for a national championship. Kentucky from the SEC championship game, Mississippi State, was distressing given that home last week, came at the hands of Tennessee — need more be said? A fourth would have been the worst of all, since it would have been league win No. 1 this season for the Commodores, who instead lost their 18th straight SEC game.

Kentucky did what it needed to in front of a friendly crowd — at least 15,000 of the 25,000-plus fans in the black Vanderbilt asked its fans to adorn — and took steps to rekindle the momentum it lost amid its slide. A lackluster showing in the second half but was outscored 14-3 in the second half. Kentucky did what it needed to in front of a friendly crowd — at least 15,000 of the 25,000-plus fans in the black Vanderbilt asked its fans to adorn — and took steps to rekindle the momentum it lost amid its slide. A lackluster showing in the second half but was outscored 14-3 in the second half.

"We were hungry for a win," said defensive end Josh Paschal, who had won in like a month, so we were ready to get a win."

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league, Kentucky ended with a winning record in SEC play for just the 2018, also came under Mark Stoops' of his contract by one year by winning his seventh game of the season.

Since the league split into divisions in league play with sole possession of as did Stoops' 2016 team.

Kentucky's players and coaches talk league record isn't going to get teams into the SEC championship game most happy for our SEC schedule this year on a good note."

At the end of the day, we want goal. But being second, we're not going to take any moral victories, that's something to build on. These guys, I'm sure they'll come back next year hun-

"It's good to set that standard, but of Chris Rodriguez looked the most like himself since the 6-0 start. New ly-inserted starters at the safety spots

for Davonte Robinson and Jalen Geiger for Tyrell Ajian — helped give the Cats' struggling

sumings (27 yards and a TD on two

ability from the non-Rodriguez and Was' Dale Robinson categories.

Wasn't especially noteworthy — 14 of 22 for 177 yards and two touchdowns

cause he started 10 of 12 and all but big step back from his performance

against the Volunteers, as he did

season.

a win from which to grow, for the future. The context of how UK got to taste a bit sour. But as far as bricks go, it could be building with worse.

"I think we have the team, and the talent, and the leadership and the coaching to do that year in and year out," Levis said. "... The SEC, it's tough to do that regardless of who you are like that is something to be proud of. I'm happy for our SEC schedule this year on a good note."

Kentucky football embracing increased expectations
Cat's Pause

November 14, 2021

the 2021 season.

is no small feat. In the process, UK since 2010, can beat both Florida and Georgia, Mississippi State and Tennessee.

On the other, teams of a New or even 15-win seasons were dashed following a 3-game losing streak to Georgia, Mississippi State and Tennessee. Vanderbilt Saturday night.

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The victory not only stopped a 10-game losing streak for the Wildcats but also secured just its second winning record in the SEC since 1977 and its sixth straight win over the Commodores in the series since the league split into divisions in 1992. At 5-3, the Wildcats also secured just its second winning record in the SEC since 1977 and its sixth straight win over the Commodores in the series since the league split into divisions in 1992.

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Quarterback Will Levis looked visibly frustrated in the second half as the Cats were outscored 14-3.

With the game plan to put the nail in the coffin, Kentucky turned to Goodfellow and never looked back. Goodfellow went to high school with Darian Kinard at the top powerhouse St. Louis. He's kicked nine punts of 50

yards for more, including two 70-yarders. He has also placed 11 balls inside the 20-yard line. Goodfellow averaged 24.4 yards per punt, on pace for a season in school history. "It shows some style to become more in the pocket, so it's been good." Kentucky's special teams have not always been great in 2021 (especially in the early season). His impact on the Wildcats' success in 2021 cannot be overlooked.

Senior Spotlight: Colin Goodfellow is Dropping Bombs
By Nick Roush
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we will run the football well, you just understand, 'We will be more physical, we will be the more physical unit, we will run the football well, you just

receivers in wider splits to try and create some cleaner running lanes, and this week mostly were able to thrive based on the fruits of their past labor. "They just know where they've had success in the past, and that's some-

It may not always be what I want to do or what I'm comfortable with, or they know it, they like it and they can execute it, that's what it's all about. It's not about me, it's about what they can do."

He didn't think his team as mis down and they ended up scoring on that drive. That's not a physical mismatch, that's a missed tackle."

Whatever the reason, Levis running around in Cardinal Stadium on Saturday looked a lot like Bowden running around at Kroger Field in 2019. Luke

"I'd probably go with Will, but I

runner than Lynn, though," Fortner said.

Levis' success on the ground was never stacked contrasted with the Malik Cunningham, who was held to 35 yards and a touchdown on 11 rushes.

"He's a great player and he deserves to be in the top 10," said

Wan'Dale Robinson breaks Kentucky football record for catches in a single season

By Jon Hale
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Wide Receiver Wan'Dale Robinson needed just one season to leave his mark on the Kentucky football record book.

his sixth game, in the regular season. Robinson broke the program's record for most catches in a season. The record was previously held by Zepher Grimes.

of things good. He really picks things up. He's intelligent. He makes tough

Gets banged up and he's trying to go in there and cut people out and crack people in the run game. He's a very tough and so good.

ment to Nebraska just more than a the Cornhuskers, Robinson transferred

between slot receiver and running back, totaling 914 receiving yards and 580 rushing yards with seven total touchdowns. One of his primary goals when entering the transfer portal

ple, especially with me transferring, didn't really want to tell me I could be doing now.

tell me I wasn't really a receiver. I just kind of put my head down and worked ever since I got here in the spring. Just

Robinson has thrived this season

whelming majority of targets from defenses when super senior wide receiver Jash Ali, the Wildcats' No. 2

in the running for All-SEC honors

With a stellar bowl performance, Robinson could also break UK's record

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for most receiving yards in a single game, catching three in the top 30. The 2022 class is poised to be his best yet, and he is expected to be his best yet, Robinson has 94 catches for 1,164 yards on the season.

Kentucky football signs Mark Stoops to contract extension through 2027 season
By Jon Hale
Louisville Courier Journal
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openings, Kentucky football has made its investment to keep Stoops in Lexington

a new contract that will run through the 2027 season, expiring in June 2028. Like his previous deal, the contract includes guaranteed extensions for any season with seven wins (one)

Stoops' previous deal was set to expire in June 2027 but could have a win in UK's bowl game. The school for the new contract, which is awaiting approval from the SEC, is awaiting approval from the SEC. Coach Stoops in recent weeks and are excited about his ongoing communication with the school's director Mitch Barnhart said in a new release. "Coach Stoops has done an outstanding job in building the UK football program and we look forward to continuing our relationship."

a candidate at Florida and LSU, but he has also been listed as a candidate at Alabama, where his brother Bob was a legendary coach, and Notre Dame.

Kentucky football than I've ever been. and Mitch Barnhart for their support. nine years is extremely valuable and I'm looking forward to more success together. Mitch and I came to an agreement a week or two ago and

This process is a compliment to our program's history. His 5853 record at Kentucky will not turn heads alone, but he is 46-27 since the third game of the season. He holds the UK records for most home wins and most seasons as Kentucky's head coach

who was 41-36 from 1954 to 1961. The Wildcats are 25-25 in SEC play the last six seasons with two winning records in league play in that span. Before Kentucky's historic 2018 season, the program had not posted a winning record in SEC play since 1977.

Stoops' rebuilding project at Kentucky was forged on unprecedented success. The Wildcats were ranked in the top 40

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Prior to Stoops's arrival at Kentucky many pundits predicted the only way the program could win in the SEC was to close the talent gap with the rest of the league by using a gimmicky

built in Lexington in the late 1990s, but Stoops was able to recruit and develop enough players to win with a

the program's career rushing leader playing for Stoops and running behind

season and hired Liam Coen to run

transfer Will

In the early years of Stoops' tenure, Kentucky unveiled a \$120 million

signed a contract extension that pays him \$5.25 million this season. His salary was scheduled to increase by \$250,000 each year through the end

that contract awarded Stoops an

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and 1984.

Mark, the youngest of the Stoops' brothers, also considered Ohio State and Michigan State as a recruit, but the end.

"I felt so comfortable with those coaches," Stoops said. "They were really like fathers to me during my years here. That's what I try to be for our players and try to be and support them during that weekend."

The headline in the Jan. 24, 1985, issue of the *Lexington Herald-Leader* read, "Another Stoops to play at Kentucky." Stoops announced his commitment to legendary coach Hayden Fry's program. Once he got to campus, injuries would delay his start.

Like his brothers, Stoops then started his coaching career as a graduate assistant.

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"All three of the boys had tremendous careers here. Not just good careers, tremendous careers. Not surprised at all. Mark has done a wonderful job there with Kentucky's program."

Stoops isn't sure how emotional the Iowa in the Citrus Bowl will be.

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with his family to Alabama on Sunday night and said he will spend the next two weeks at Troy before rejoining UK for the bowl game.

"I really want to emphasize that, yeah, I'm doing this job right now, and that's what's next, but I'm going to the next couple of weeks is going to be on Troy. I'll do things here and do whatever Coach Stoops asks of me, weeks I'll be busy here.

'It was actually one of the best days of my life.' Will Levis recalls Iowa offer.

By Josh Moore
Lexington Herald Leader
December 9, 2021

The New England area isn't tra

high-level football prospects, but Levis says he's been encouraged by the number of players he's seen get major

2 and No. 3 players in the state, out of

His road to Power Five football was in large part the product of personal

city and parents who were willing needed to put him in front of as many eyeballs as possible.

"Because of where I'm from, it changed how I had to approach the Herald-Leader. "I really had to scratch and claw, go to camps and make a name for myself. People didn't really would recruit me, that nobody would take a shot on me."

Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz noted following the announcement that his team would play Kentucky in the Cit

"It was actually one of the best days of my life," Levis said.

invited Levis to the camp at which he

"I don't know if I'd be here right now if that hadn't happened," Levis said. "They were right at the top of my choice between the Cat and Penn State with Penn State but Iowa's a great place. I loved it and I have all the respect of the world for Coach Ferentz."

Stoops, Marrow Land Top Foot - ball recruiting class in Kentucky History

By Tim Letcher
December 16, 2021

Day, the day when players sign their

Through Wednesday evening, Ken-

tucky had signed 21 players and had a erally, that was missing from the class.

That issue was resolved on Thurs Kiyauta Goodwin put pen to paper and signed with the Cats.

Goodwin was the number one pla in the state of Indiana this season. tackle and No. 13 player overall in the head coach Mark Stoops was excited to welcome him to the UK family.

sta, the big fellow, into our organiza- told him last night, welcome to the program but it feels like you've been a part of it for nearly a year now, or more. We've recruited and known

since he was in eighth grade. player and we're excited to add him to a few months ago but a few other schools made late runs at him, trying to pry him away from the Cats. Asked whether he was nervous about losing Goodwin, Stoops was honest.

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Stoops knows that Goodwin was a highly-coveted prospect truly play anywhere in the United

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the country would take his signature

Stoops does not rule out Goodwin playing as a true freshman.

The class is not only Goodwin.

There are plenty of talented pieces that make up this group. Stoops touched on a number of them on Thursday.

people going to extreme lengths right down to the wire to try to get him

away from us, and Alex has been com-

a big corner that can also be very ver-

that we know is so important for us

and could play safety. He's a guy that

understanding that this is the best class

right here in Kentucky, Paintsville, big,

physical guy, highly recruited, four-star

linebacker, that length that we were

ple, extremely explosive. Hopefully he

since his arrival in Lexington.

college player, one of the top junior

college players in the country that we

mature. He's very intelligent, works

show him what I got and for him to

On the other side of the ball, the

best defenses. That's because they

took their team to the state championship game, top

great leaders. Going to be unbeliev-

Coach Wolford did a great job going

into Detroit and keeping that streak

we felt good but never really secure.

and Coach Wolf did a tremendous job

A's also a historic class for Ken-

stuck to it.

derstanding that this is the best class

the University of Kentucky has ever

By Tim Letcher

December 10, 2010

ing Day are over, No. 22 Kentucky can

the Citrus Bowl, 15th-ranked Iowa.

The Hawkeyes like the Cats,

opened their season with six straight

victories. Iowa beat Indiana, Iowa

State, Kent State, Colorado State,

Maryland and Penn State and, in

going to, the two in the

Also like the Cats, the Hawkeyes

had some bumpy roads in the middle

was upset, at home, by unranked

Purdue and followed that with a loss

as Wisconsin.

Purdue would slide out its regular

Minnesota, Illinois and Nebraska. By

the Hawkeyes won their division and

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there, they ran into a buzzsaw that

called itself Michigan. The Wolverines

beat the Hawkeyes 42-3 in Indianapolis.

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do a lot of things very well, according to UK All-American tackle Darian Kinnard.

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they're very stout when they play.

They don't miss a lot of tackles. Their linebackers have over 100 tackles, one

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50. They're very technical guys and they're going to play throughout the

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Iowa, as well as preparing for a trip to

Florida, Kinnard is enjoying one last

ride with his teammates. And he has

advice for the younger players.

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fore bowl game, I would say enjoy the

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but I would say have fun with it. Have

fun, don't burn yourself out and enjoy

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That process includes learning

more about Iowa each and every day,

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