

MISSISSIPPI ST 2009 NEWCOMERS

xDB Johnthan Banks PS#106 6-2170 East Webster HS/Maben, MS. 4.6 speed, Second Team All-Mississippi. 1,740 yds total offense, 17 TD as a QB, 35 tkl, 7 int as a senior.

WR Leon Berry PS#66JC 6-0190 East Mississippi CC/Griffin HS/Griffin, GA. Enrolled in January with 8 receptions for 125 yds in spring game. 661 receiving yds (16.9) with 5 TD and 25.5 KR avg as sophomore at CC.

DE Josh Boyd PS#38 6-3275 Philadelphia HS/Philadelphia, MS. 4.85 speed, 385 bench, 560 squat. First Team All-Mississippi the last 2 years. 112 tkl, 7 sk, 6 tfl as a senior. 154 tkl, 8 sk, 27 tfl, 2 blocked punts as a junior.

K Sean Brauchle PS#27JC 5-10180 Gulf Coast CC/Mercy Cross HS/Biloxi, MS. Enrolled in January and hit FGs from 47, 46 and 28 yds in spring game. Hit 14 of 19 FG with a long of 55 and a 55-57 xp as a sophomore at CC. Hit 19 of 25 FG with a long of 52 as a freshman.

WR Chad Bumphis PS#21 5-10193 Tupelo HS/Tupelo, MS. 4.4 speed, 34" vertical jump, 2,207 all-purpose yds, 23 TD as a senior, 787 receiving yds (21.3) with 12 TD as a junior.

RB Montrell Conner PS#31 6-2215 Ouachita Parish HS/Monroe, LA. 4.4 spd, First Tm All-Louisiana. 1,961 rush yds, 19 TD as senior, 1,139 rush (5.6) with 13 TD as junior.

DL Fletcher Cox PS#27 6-4240 Yazoo City HS/Yazoo City, MS. 4.47 speed, First Team All-Mississippi. 104 tkls, 10 sk, 1 int as a senior. 103 tkl, 3 int as a junior.

WR Billy Hamilton PS#280 5-10170 Taylorsville HS/Taylorsville, MS. 4.4 speed, First Team All-Mississippi. 742 receiving yds (15.1) with 18 TD, 68 tkl, 7 int as a senior. Second round draft choice (#57 overall) of Cincinnati Reds.

WR Brandon Heavens PS#107 5-10170 Jess Lanier HS/Bessemer, LA. 4.5 speed, 330 receiving yds (23.6) with 5 TD in 5 gms as senior (missed rest of season with ankle injury). First Team All-Alabama as a junior with 730 rush yds, 1,236 rec yds, 1,000+ yds in returns and 22 TD.

WR Mardrecas Hood PS#124 6-3180 Pickens County HS/Reform, AL. First Team All-Alabama. Caught 39 passes for 1,057 yds (15.5) as a senior, 282 rec yds (11.8) as a junior.

P Heath Hutchins PS#23JC 6-1215 Itawamba CC/Saltillo HS/Saltillo, MS. Enrolled in January and participated in spring. Led JC in punt average with a 46.1 avg and had 25 inside the 20. 41.8 average, 30 inside the 20 as freshman.

OL Gabriel Jackson PS#160 6-4295 Amite County HS/Liberty, MS. 5.1 speed. Four year starter at OT and DT.

DB Maurice Langston PS#37JC 5-10180 Esch Central CC/Northeast Lauderdale HS/Meridian, MS. Enrolled in January, but suspended in spring. 658 receiving yds (15.0) with 7 TD, 267 rush yds (4.9) with 7 TD and led JC with 31.0 avg on PRs, 2 TD as a sophomore, RS at Arkansas St in '07.

WR Cameron Lawrence PS#55QB 6-2210 Magnolia Hts HS/Coldwater, MS. Enrolled in January, Second Team All-Mississippi. 4.66 speed, 265 bench, 1,854 total yds, 26 TD as QB, 138 tkl, 4 int as DB as junior. #2 in MS in 300m hurdles.

DL Johnathan McKenzie PS#280 6-4235 Starkville Acad-

emy/Starkville, MS. First Team All-Mississippi. 4.9 speed, 315 bench, 473 receiving yds (17.5) with 6 TD as a TE, 13 sk as a DE as senior, All-Mississippi in basketball.

DL Pernell McPhee PS#6JC 6-3275 Itawamba CC/Pahokee HS/Pahokee, FL. Enrolled in January. Twice named JC AA. Led JCs in sks as sophomore and freshman. 13.5 sk, 23.5 tfl as a sophomore, 67 tkl, 19.5 sk, 37 tfl as a freshman.

RB LaDarius Perkins PS#99 5-10195 St Joseph HS/Greenville, MS. 4.4 speed, 330 bench, First Team All-Mississippi. 1,915 rush yds (13.8) with 29 TD, 400 rec yds, 5 TD as senior. MS champ in 100m and 200m and broke MS record in 100m (10.9).

QB Tyler Russell PS#7 6-4200 Meridian HS/Meridian, MS. Parade AA. First Team All-Mississippi. Hit 206 of 314 passes (66%) for 3,284 yds with a 40-5 ratio as a senior. 2,481 pass yds (53%) with a 26-8 ratio as a junior.

WR Ricco Sanders PS#44 5-11175 Byrnes HS/Duncan, SC. 4.4 speed. Caught 42 passes for 765 yds (18.2) with 6 TD as senior, 908 receiving yds (15.6) with 13 TD as junior.

RB William Shumpert PS#109 6-0238 Itawamba Agri-cultural HS/Fulton, MS. First Team All-Mississippi. 96 tkl, 13.5 sk, 31 tfl with 278 rush yds (5.0) as a senior.

LB Deontae Skinner PS#67 6-1234 Noxubee County HS/Macon, MS. 4.7 speed, 305 bench, First Team All-Mississippi. 134 tkl, 11 sk, 28 tfl as senior, 122 tkl, 5 sk as junior.

DB Darius Slay PS#215 6-0175 Brunswick HS/Brunswick, GA. 4.37 speed, 37" vertical jump. All-Georgia. 1,300 yds total offense, 15 TD, 6 int on defense as a senior.

WR Chris Smith PS#53 6-1195 Meridian HS/Meridian, MS. First Team All-Mississippi. Caught 70 passes for 1,076 yds (15.4) with 10 TD as a senior. 876 receiving yds (16.2) with 7 TD as a junior.

P Baker Swendenburg PS#12K '08 6-0175 Heritage Academy/Columbus, MS. Enrolled in January '09. Grayshirt in '08. Second Team All-Mississippi. Averaged 42.0 on 46 punts with a long of 67 as a junior.

DB Dennis Thames PS#43 5-11185 Louisville HS/Louisville, MS. First Team All-Mississippi. 1,600 yds offense, 19 TD, 97 tkl, 5 int, 4 defensive TD as senior. 636 receiving yds (16.3) with 8 TD as a junior.

OL Sam Watts PS#100 6-4290 Salem HS/Conyers, GA. Enrolled in January '09. All-Georgia. Played C as junior and senior. OT as sophomore and OG as a freshman.

LB Chris White PS#21JC 6-3245 Mississippi Gulf Coast CC/Vanclave HS/Vanclave, MS. Enrolled in January and 8 tkl in spring game. First Team AA at CC LY, 100 tkl, 2 int, 87 tkl, 2 int as a freshman. 4.52 speed.

DB Nickoe Whitley PS#127 5-11195 Providence HS/Jackson, MS. 4.6 speed. Torn ACL and MCL as a senior. 1,701 total yds, 40 tkl, 5 int as a junior.