

# THE SIGNEES

## ARCHIE BARNES

Athlete, 6-4, 200  
Berkeley Prep School, Tampa, Fla.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain and versatile starter... As senior, moved to QB with arrival of new coaching staff... Rushed for more than 1,000 yards and passed for 600 yards, earning All-Hillsborough County honors... Also saw action as OLB and free safety as senior... Played safety in postseason Hillsborough County All-Star Game... Started at WR as junior at Berkeley Prep... Standout forward in basketball, and lettered as sprinter/high jumper in track & field... All-European WR and outstanding soccer goalie as sophomore at Alexander Patch American HS in Germany.

**PERSONAL** Archibald Cornelius Barnes... Son of Russell and Marie Barnes... Born May, 19, 1990 in New York... Dad is U.S. Air Force colonel; mom teaches in Tampa public schools... Enrolled at Berkeley Prep after family moved from Germany... Has three brothers: Russell, a graduate of Princeton; Tim, a junior at Virginia Tech; and Reggie, a ninth grader at Berkeley Prep.

## MICHAEL BRYANT

Off. Line, 6-4, 290  
La Vergne HS, La Vergne, Tenn.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started every game of three-year varsity career... Played both guard and tackle positions before settling into LT slot as junior... Set school record in 2007 with 29 pancake blocks... Named to the (Nashville) *Tennessean's* "Dandy Dozen" team in 2007... Helped Wolverines to 5A playoffs in 2005-06... As senior, named to coaches' All-Region 4-5A ballot... Participated in East vs. West Tenn. All-Star Game... Played basketball.

**PERSONAL** Michael Christopher Bryant... Son of Stephen Bryant and Robin Bryant, stepson of Robin Bryant... Born on Feb. 9, 1989... Dad is computer analyst; mom is health information compliance auditor... Enjoys playing strategic card games.

## JOHN BURROW

Def. End, 6-4, 230  
Mortimer Jordan HS, Morris, Ala.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Named permanent captain after season... Four-year varsity letterwinner; three-year starter at DE... Posted 138 total tackles, nine QB sacks and six forced fumbles as senior... Accumulated nearly 400 tackles in career... Helped squad to state playoffs in 2006... Two-time All-State and two-time north Jefferson County Defensive Player of the Year... Power forward in basketball... Lettered in baseball and track... Named Mr. Mortimer Jordan... National Honor Society member... Regional winner of prestigious Bryant-Jordan Scholarship.

**PERSONAL** John Allen Burrow... "Jabo"... Son of Mike and Vivian Burrow... Born Nov. 20, 1989... Has an older sister and two younger brothers... Dad coaches and teaches at Jordan H.S.; mom is an editor... Father also was an All-SEC OL at Auburn, drafted by Buffalo Bills... Plays the piano.

## RICHARD CAGLE

Off. Line, 6-4, 280  
St. Pius X HS, Houston, Texas

**HIGH SCHOOL** Standout for one of Texas' top private school powers... Started three years for Panthers, helping team to consecutive TAPPS 6A state titles in 2006-07...

As sophomore, started at DE; became starter at RT as junior... In 2007, earned TAPPS first team All-State as team went 11-2 and won state title; 2006 team went undefeated at 13-0 en route to title... Shot putter in track.

**PERSONAL** Richard Major Cagle... Son of R. "Cactus" Jack and Janet Cagle... Born Sept. 10, 1989... Has two younger sisters, Victoria and Elizabeth... Dad is Harris County (Texas) civil court judge; mom is physical therapist and teacher... Participated in choir... In 2006, worked for two months as a safari nature guide in South Africa.

## JOHN COLE

Receiver, 5-11, 170  
Somerset HS, Somerset, Ky.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Concluded career as one of finest receivers in state history, setting receiving marks for single-season TDs (28), single-season yards (1,896), career TDs (69) and career yards (5,031)... Had 237 career receptions... Team enjoyed three straight 3A state playoff appearances... As senior, had 78 catches for 1,623 yards and 23 TDs... As junior, caught 86 passes for 1,896 yards and 28 TDs... Career included eight returns for TDs... Named to Gatorade's Kentucky Football Player of the Year and coaches' First Team All-State as senior... Two-time 3A-District 5 Player of the Year... Also earned letters in baseball and basketball... Ran state 100-meter title as senior... National Honor Society member.

**PERSONAL** John Stanton Cole... Son of Stan and Gretchen Cole... Born on Oct. 31, 1989... Dad is physician; mom is a homemaker... Youngest of four siblings, all of whom are involved with collegiate sports: Adam played basketball at Transylvania, Andy plays baseball at Georgia Southern, Sarah ran track/cross country at Arkansas.

## DEXTER DANIELS

Linebacker, 6-1, 210  
Brantley HS, Brantley, Ala.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Four-year starter, helping team to 48-6 overall record... Contributed 114 tackles and 15 QB sacks in 2007... Earned 1A Lineman of the Year from sportswriters, becoming school's first winner... First team All-State as senior... Two-time All-Region... Team won state title and reached playoffs each year of career... Double-digit scorer in basketball... Also lettered in baseball and track... Student council and class president

**PERSONAL** Dexter Alexander Daniels... Son of Eddie Calloway and Elaine Daniels... Born on Feb. 1, 1990... Has one brother, Teven, and two sisters, Jessica and Erica... Participated in Youth Leadership Conference... School produced eventual NBA stars Chuck and Wesley Person.

## AKEEM DUNHAM

Receiver, 6-3, 185  
Eustis HS, Eustis, Fla.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain... Two-year starter at WR and DB... First year of prep football came as junior, helping squad to 19-6 overall record and pair of state playoff appearances... In 2007, posted 32 receptions for 610 yards and eight TDs... As DB, contributed four INTs... Named 3A Second Team All-State and All-Central Florida by *Orlando Sentinel* as senior... Topped state as junior with school-record 12 INTs... Also contributed 10 receptions in 2006... One of region's top hoops players, having started at guard for four years... District high jump champ with 6'8" PR... National Honor Society member.

**PERSONAL** Akeem Donte Dunham... Son of Sidney and Cynthia Dunham... Had an older sister, Tequila Hepburn, and younger brother, Jabari... Dad serves as Eustis' Manager of Recreation; mom is teacher/coach at Eustis Middle School... Several relatives, includes parents and sister, graduated from Florida A&M where gymnasium is named in honor of grandfather... Named county's African-American Male Youth of the Year.

## RYAN FOWLER

Placekicker, 5-10, 160  
Eastside HS, Taylors, S.C.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year letterwinner as kicker/punter... Named 3A All-State by sportswriters as senior after converting five of six FG attempts, all 14 PAT attempts, and punting for 38-yard average... 90% of kickoffs resulted in touchbacks... Booted 31-yard FG for South Carolina squad in Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas All-Star Game... Earned one letter in soccer... National Honor Society recipient.

**PERSONAL** Ryan Christopher Fowler... Son of John and Jeannie Fowler... Born on April 17, 1990... An only child... Dad is a systems analyst for United Health Care; mom is Merrill Lynch sales associate... Participates in Big Brothers-Big Sisters program... An accomplished pianist and singer, and second-degree black belt in Taekwondo.

## CASEY HAYWARD

Def. Back, 6-0, 178  
Perry HS, Elko, Ga.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Three-year team captain and four-year member of team's leadership Council... Three-year starter at QB; two-year starter at DB... Named team's MVP and Houston County Athlete of the Year as senior, helping squad to AAA quarterfinals... Rushed for 1,284 yards and 18 TDs; passed for 1,300 yards and 18 TDs... As DB, had four INTs, returning three for TDs... Averaged 30.5 yards returning kicks... Region 4-AAA Offensive Player of the Year, All-State DB and All-Middle Georgia... Finished career with 39 TD passes and 36 TDs scored... Starting guard in basketball; sprinter/triple jumper in track.

**PERSONAL** Casey Hayward Sr... Son of Casey Sr., and Tish Hayward... Born Sept. 9, 1989... Dad is employed at Lowe's; mom works in residential health care... Has a brother, JeCavesia.

## JOSH JELESKY

Def. End, 6-5, 234  
Naperville HS, Naperville, Ill.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Moved to LB as senior after starting at DE as junior... Played final five regular season games, helping Central to 8A playoffs... Contributed 83 tackles, four QB sacks as senior... In 2006, notched 97 tackles and four sacks... Team reached state quarterfinals in 2006... Earned letters in water polo and swimming... Participated in conference's leadership council as senior.

**PERSONAL** Joshua Lee Jelesky... Son of Richard and Beth Jelesky... Born on May 17, 1990... Dad is regional sales manager; mom is hospital quality and risk director... Brother, Chris, plays rugby at University of Kentucky... Grandfather earned undergraduate and medical school degrees from Vanderbilt; grandmother attended Peabody College... Mom was born at Vanderbilt Medical Center.



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**DEANDRE JONES**  
Linebacker, 6-0, 220  
Memphis (Tenn.) University School

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Started two years at safety before moving to LB... 2007 finalist for Division II-AA Mr. Football Lineman of the Year... All-State... As senior, had contributed conference-high 76 tackles, and eight QB sacks, helping MUS to state playoff berth... Key player in MUS' consecutive Division II state titles in 2004-05...  
**PERSONAL** DeAndre Lemond Jones... Son of Lisa Jones and Demetres Jones... Born Feb. 27, 1990 in Memphis... Dad works as distributor for Pfizer Inc.; mom is account manager at FedEx... Has two sisters, Quinnisha and Nyla... Developed racial reconciliation program at school.

**TAYLOR LOFTLEY**  
Def. Line, 6-2, 250  
Chamblee HS, Chamblee, Ga.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Named permanent captain after season... Started at DE and TE... Three-year DL starter... Earned four varsity letters... Team went 12-2 in 2007, most wins in school history, and advanced to AAA semifinals... As senior, contributed 45 tackles and four QB sacks... Two-time All-Area recipient... Played in DeKalb County All-Star Game... Accumulated more than 250 total tackles in career... Threw shot and discus in track.  
**PERSONAL** Paul Taylor Loftley... Son of Paul and Sandra Loftley... Born Nov. 7, 1989... Has an older sister, Shari... Dad is supervisor at MARTA public transit system; mom is a physical therapist... Worked on yearbook staff.

**ROB LOHR**  
Def. Line, 6-4, 255  
Phoenixville HS, Phoenixville, Pa.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter at TE and DE... Team MVP as senior, helping Phantoms to 8-4 record and AAA state playoffs... Named Pioneer Conference Defensive Player of the Year, and All-Southeastern Pennsylvania team by *Philadelphia Inquirer*... Contributed 65 tackles and 15 QB sacks as senior DE... Playing TE, hauled in 26 catches for 609 yards and five TDs... Nominated to play in Pennsylvania East-West Game... Won conference title in javelin throw... School's student-athlete Maxwell Award winner.  
**PERSONAL** James Robert Lohr, III... Son of Bob and Kim Lohr... Born on March 1, 1990... Dad is employed as a metrology technician; mom is a police clerk... Has one older brother... Volunteered with Habitat for Humanity.

**COLT NICTER**  
Def. Tackle, 6-2, 275  
Park City HS, Park City, Utah

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year captain for the Miners... Three-year starter at DT and OL... Helped Park City to 3A playoffs as senior... Posted 82 tackles and six QB sacks as senior... Named First Team All-State OL in 2007 by *Deseret Morning News* after earning All-State DL honors as junior from *Salt Lake Tribune*... Contributed 49 tackles, and two QB sacks as junior, helping team to 10-1 record and state playoffs... Played baseball early in prep career.  
**PERSONAL** Colton James Nichter... Son of Mike and Jodi Nichter... Born on June 25, 1990 in Long Beach, Calif... Has a younger brother, Jake... Dad is a sales manager; mom is a school counselor... Dad played football at Weber

(Utah) State... Moved to Park City from Southern California prior to 9th grade... Enjoys skiing and snowboarding.

**AL OWENS**  
Def. Back, 6-2, 198  
Springtown HS, Springtown, Texas

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter in defensive secondary... Also started as TB and served as returner for 2007 squad that advanced to AAAA playoffs... As senior, contributed 58 tackles, one INT and three forced fumbles... Returned one fumble for TD... As TB, ran for 294 yards and two TDs on 37 carries and caught 12 passes for 198 yards and a TD... First team All-District 6-AAAA as DB... As junior, collected 80 tackles and two INTs... Also returned two kickoffs for TDs in 2006... Finished career with more than 200 tackles... Standout sprinter, with PRs of 10.9 (100) and 22.13 (200)...  
**PERSONAL** Almon Marcus Owens... Son of Mark and Lisa Owens... Born on Oct. 23, 1989... Born and raised in Fort Worth area... Has an older sister, Autumn... Dad is chief hydrogeologist; mom is VP of research for engineering and environmental consulting firm... Enjoys film making.

**MICAH POWELL**  
Def. Back, 6-0, 192  
East Lake HS, Tarpon Springs, Fla.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Three-year starter for school northwest of Tampa... Starting TB for three years; on defense, played DB, safety and LB... Named team's Offensive MVP as senior, helping East Lake to first round of 5A playoffs... Rushed for 723 yards as senior while contributing 72 tackles and three INTs on defense... First team All-Pinellas County... Had eight tackles in postseason Pinellas County All-Star Classic... As junior, rushed for 787 yards before missing last three games with injury... Returned one KO and two INT for TDs during career... Also played guard in basketball and ran on hurdles in track.  
**PERSONAL** Micah Adam Powell... Son of Chris and Claudette Powell... Born on Sept. 17, 1989... Has an older brother and sister... Dad works in construction; mom is a nurse... Enjoys skateboarding, plays the clarinet and flute.

**SEAN RICHARDSON**  
Def. Back, 6-2, 190  
Linden HS, Linden, Ala.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Team went 10-3, advancing to third round of playoffs for second time in history... Named first team All-State by sportswriters as senior... Two-way starter since sophomore year... As senior safety, contributed 101 tackles and three INTs... Caught 21 passes for 316 yards... Top rebounder as forward on hoops squad... Also lettered as sprinter/jumper in track... Recipient of school's leadership award.  
**PERSONAL** Seandre Antonio Richardson... Son of Darnell and Sandra Richardson... Born on Jan. 21, 1990... Dad is teacher and coach; mom is a nurse... Has two siblings: brother, Darnell Jr., and sister, Shonedra.

**RYAN SEYMOUR**  
Def. Line, 6-4, 255  
Camden Co. HS, Kingsland, Ga.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Two-year starter for one of south Georgia's top programs... As starter at DE and OG, helped 2007 Wildcats to 12-2 record and AAAA semifinals... As

DE, contributed 50 tackles and pair of sacks... Named AAAA First Team DE by sportswriters and to *Jacksonville Times-Union's* Georgia "Super South 11" squad. Invited to play in Georgia High School All-Star Game... Two-time All-Region recipient... Played every OL position during career... Earned three letters as varsity golfer.  
**PERSONAL** Ryan Radeck Seymour... Son of Mark and Christine Seymour... Born on Feb. 7, 1990... Had an older sister, Laurel Ann... Dad is a program manager; mom is a banker... Worked summers at local golf course.

**TRISTAN STRONG**  
Linebacker, 6-1, 220  
Grayson HS, Loganville, Ga.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain, helping squad to 10-3 overall record and appearance in Georgia AAAA state quarterfinals... Two-year starter at LB; three-year letterwinner... As senior, posted 46 total tackles, 31 solo stops, three QB sacks and a pair of INTs... Recovered fumble for TD... Returned two punts for 14.5-yard average... In 2006, squad went 6-6, advancing to first round of playoffs... As junior, contributed 51 total tackles, seven sacks, 11 tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a blocked kick... Named to first team 5A All-State squad and All-Gwinnett County team... Played in recent Georgia North-South All-Star Game... Played varsity basketball.  
**PERSONAL** Tristan Julio Strong... Son of Julio and Jody Strong... Born on Nov. 10, 1989... Dad is an electrician; mom is a florist... Two uncles, Tami Tarbush and Ricky Payne, played football at South Carolina; another uncle, Rod Cole, played basketball at Georgia.

**JOHNELL THOMAS**  
Def. Line, 6-1, 240  
Boone HS, Orlando, Fla.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Became starter at DT as sophomore... As senior, helped Boone to finest campaign in history, going undefeated until loss to nation's #1 team in 6A state title game... Contributed 115 total tackles, 87 solo stops, five QB sacks and three forced fumbles in 2007... Named as Florida's all-classification second team All-State DT, All-Central Florida and All-Region... As junior, posted 76 total tackles... Finished seventh in shot put at state... Also earned letters in weightlifting.  
**PERSONAL** Johnell Thomas... Son of John Thomas and Shonda Glover... Legal guardians are Boone assistant coach, Peter Kearney, and his wife Lisa... Born on Dec. 12, 1989... Has a brother and two sisters.

**CALEB WELCHANS**  
Off. Line, 6-5, 265  
Lafayette HS, Wildwood, Mo.

**HIGH SCHOOL** Senior captain... Two-year starter at OT and DT... Three-year letterwinner... Helped squad to district championship and 6A state quarterfinals as senior... Finished 2007 with 49 knockdown blocks... Named first team 6A All-State by writers and coaches... Earned first team All-Metro... Two-time all-conference selection... As senior DT, contributed 41 tackles and three QB sacks... Thrower in track, with 52-foot PR in shot put.  
**PERSONAL** Caleb Welchans... Son of Greg and Laura Welchans... Born on Aug. 8, 1989... Dad is president of Supplies Network firm; mom is homemaker... Oldest of three siblings: brother, Jake, and sister, Mary... Dad played football at Texas-Arlington... Class president.