

2002 SEASON OUTLOOK

Senior linebacker E.J. Henderson has been named a preseason national defensive player of the year and a consensus preseason All-American.

In This Section

2002 Season Preview	46
Preseason Depth Chart	51
Alphabetical Roster	52
Pronunciation Guide	53
Numerical Roster	54
Terps By State	56
Personnel Breakdown	57
Quick Facts	58





2002 SEASON PREVIEW

Times have changed in College Park and they have done so quickly.

It had to be the hope when Ralph Friedgen was hired more than a year ago that the Terrapin football team would turn the corner from a program on the verge of success to one that could be considered a success. That hope, however, was pushed aside quickly as the 2001 Terps made their way through the regular season with just one loss and ultimately found themselves in a Bowl Championship Series game.

Where the Maryland program finds itself now is in a whole different place. Attention has intensified from the public, the media and the rest of the conference, and the Terrapins are sure to find themselves with different expectations than in years past.

With all that said, the Terps return 15 starters (eight offense, five defense, two specialists) from last year's ACC championship team. They enter the season with a year in Friedgen's system under their belts, the knowledge of his expectations, and the experience of what it takes to succeed. Moreover, they enter the season with the ACC's offensive (Bruce Perry), defensive (E.J. Henderson) and overall (Henderson) players of the year on the roster, and a chance for the first time in 16 years to repeat as conference champion.

The focus early in '02 will be in finding a new face to run the offensive system at quarterback. In addition, the team will need to find a new starter at center where a player who started every game the last four years has graduated and left for the NFL. It will need to find a starter at the nose tackle spot which was vacated by the defensive line's top performer of a year ago; two starters and several key backups at linebacker; and, finally, both safety spots.

The spring sought to have answered all of those questions, and the Terrapins enter the season seemingly in good hands. Injuries could play a role early — as they already have at the quarterback position — but should the Terps remain healthy as they did a year ago, they will again likely be a team to contend with on the conference and national levels.

The following is a position-by-position look at where the 2002 version of the Maryland Terrapins are at the start of Ralph Friedgen's second season as head coach in College Park.

OFFENSE

The offense returns eight starters and many other key contributors from a unit which came on as one of the most balanced attacks in college football. Last year, Maryland averaged 35.5 points per game while posting an average of 439.7 yards of offense per game. The 390 points the Terps scored were the most ever by a Maryland team.

Several important players from last year's group have graduated, but one stands out as the key that needs replacing — quarterback Shaun Hill. Ralph Friedgen said many times a year ago that he would like to have Hill for three more years. Unfortunately, Hill was a senior. But what is lost in Hill's experience and moxie, this year's group of quarterbacks may be able to make up in athleticism and arm strength. The injury to Chris Kelley in this year's spring game is a chink in the offense's armor, but it did not leave it empty handed.

In the end, it is still an offense that returns the ACC Offensive Player of the Year, a deep corp of fullbacks, four starters on the offensive line, talented receivers who are more settled in the system than a year ago and a strong group of tight ends.

"If things work out with our quarterback situation, we have a chance to have a good offense," said Friedgen. "As an offensive unit, we are better because the understanding is improved from last year. I like some of the things I see; we just

have to get a quarterback where we need him. We aren't in bad shape at quarterback. We are just going through a lot of the things that we went through with Shaun (Hill) last year. The difference this time is that everybody else is a year ahead."

Quarterback

The Terrapins went into spring ball with all eyes focused on the quarterback position with three players vying for the starting job. After 14 practices, it became apparent that the Terps had established a pecking order with sophomore Chris Kelley holding a slight edge over junior transfers Scott McBrien and Orlando Evans on the eve of the annual Red & White game.

The three-way competition, however, turned into a two-man race as bad fortune struck Kelley for the third time in as many years when he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee while scrambling for extra yardage in the early going of the spring game. Kelley had performed well all spring and looked as if he was making a return to the form that had made him a highly-recruited prep and touted as a future standout at Maryland, but his latest setback put those plans on hold once again.

The cupboard, however, is not bare for Maryland as the southpaw McBrien now enters fall camp atop the depth chart. The junior who sat out last year after transferring from West Virginia had a strong spring in his own right, showing a strong, accurate arm and good athleticism while having the ability to move the offense. He spent last season running the scout team offense and was a big help to the defense's efforts as he posed a legitimate threat in their preparation for each week's contest. As it was for Shaun Hill the year before, the lone concern is his comfort level with the offense, but out of all the quarterbacks on the Terrapin roster, McBrien boasts the most game experience after seeing action while at WVU (most notably 252 passing yards in three quarters of action against Notre Dame as a redshirt frosh in 2000).

Evans will enter fall drills as the number two quarterback, although a few strong performances could have him in the mix as a starter. A JC transfer who started out at Oregon, Evans is a mobile quarterback who throws well with a quick release and was rated as one of the top junior college quarterbacks in the country and the 23rd-best JC player overall (any position) by *SuperPrep* magazine. Last year, he completed 165 of 251 (.657) passes for 2,391 yards and 28 touchdowns en route to a perfect 12-0 season at City College of San Francisco. Like McBrien, his understanding of the offense is a concern, but Friedgen likes where he was after just 15 practices with the team in spring.

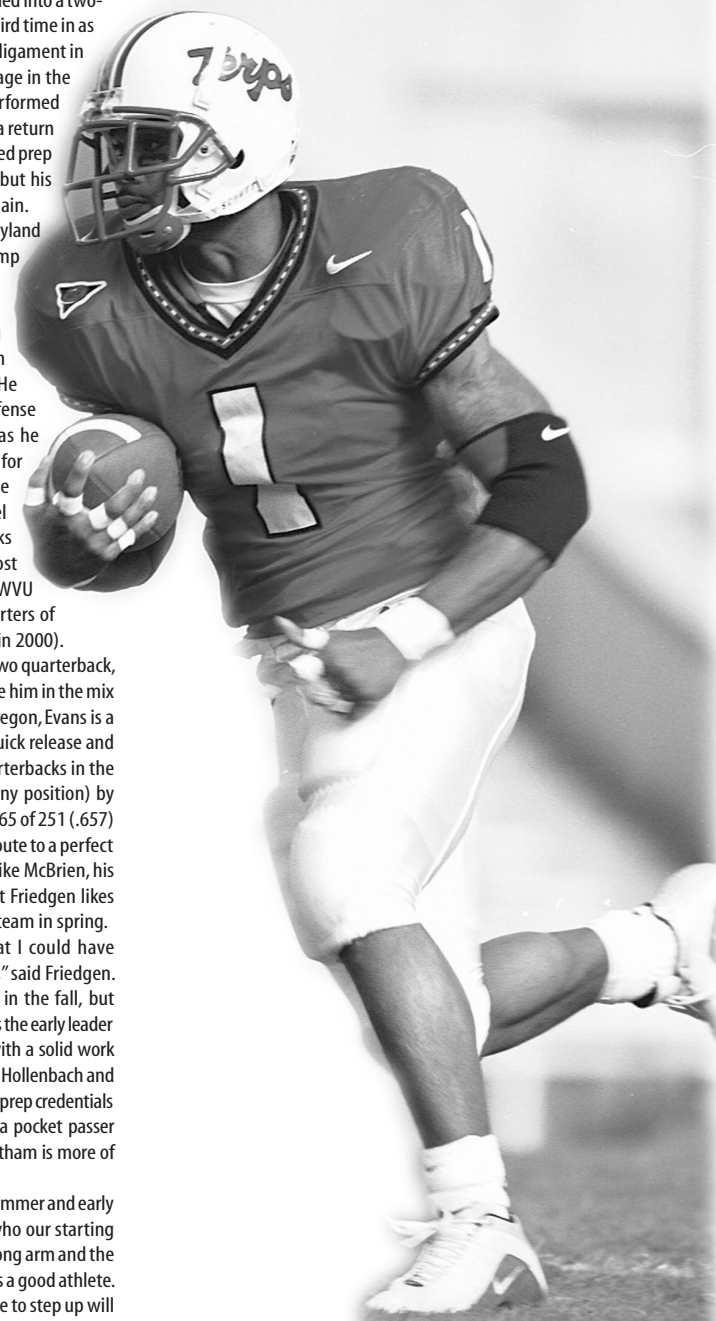
"His understanding is better than what I could have expected out of a junior college kid coming in," said Friedgen.

The third-string job will be determined in the fall, but Hunter Cross — another West Virginia transfer — is the early leader for that spot. Cross is a strong, heady player with a solid work ethic who will get a push from newcomers Sam Hollenbach and Joel Statham. The two freshmen enter with solid prep credentials despite varying styles. Hollenbach is more of a pocket passer who already has ideal size (6-5, 215) while Statham is more of an athlete who excels at running the option.

"The progress that these guys make this summer and early in the fall will go a long way in determining who our starting quarterback is," said Friedgen. "Scott has a strong arm and the potential to be a real good passer and Orlando is a good athlete. Overall, how they develop and which one is able to step up will play a major role in what kind of offensive football team we are."

Quarterback

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
2	Chris Kelley	QB	6-2	213	So.-SQ
7	Scott McBrien	QB	6-0	180	Jr.-RS
11	Orlando Evans	QB	6-0	202	Jr.-TR
14	Sam Hollenbach	QB	6-5	215	Fr.-HS
17 (d)	Hunter Cross	QB	6-3	211	Jr.-RS
21 (d)	Joel Statham	QB	6-1	185	Fr.-HS



2002 season outlook

Tailback

The tailback position is one that has been a consistent source of optimism over the last five years in College Park. Four strong years of LaMont Jordan were followed by a 2001 season which began with a big question mark over who the starter would be; a question ultimately answered in resounding fashion by then-sophomore Bruce Perry.

Perry enters this season as the lone returning finalist from last year's Doak Walker Award after rushing for 1,242 yards and 10 touchdowns en route to being named the ACC Offensive Player of the Year. In addition, he is the Terrapins' leading returning receiver (40 receptions) and the nation's eighth-best returnee in all-purpose yards (156.2 ypg). The lone question about Perry entering 2002 is his health.

Perry missed all of spring practice with an abdominal injury, the same one that hobbled him the week of the Orange Bowl. He had a procedure done in late April to correct the problem and it is expected that he will be ready to go at the start of fall camp.

The other primary returnee to the tailback position, Jason Crawford, also went into spring with injury problems (hip) but he overcame them and participated in spring ball. He had his moments, displaying the hard-charging running style that makes him the favorite to take over Marc Riley's role as a short-yardage specialist a year ago. Crawford will have to come on, but it is not out of the question that he could push Perry should injuries linger.

As successful as last year's group of tailbacks were, this year's group could have an added dimension should Mario Merrills continue his progress. Merrills adds another home run threat to the backfield as he may be the speediest Terrapin back and he excels in space. He will also vie for kickoff return duties, a job at which he performed admirably in the spring game (6 returns, 163 yards).

Other contenders for playing time this fall include senior Chris Downs and incoming freshmen Josh Allen and J.P. Humber. Downs looked good in the offseason and will see the field in one capacity or another (he played special teams last year) while Humber will have the added benefit from a conditioning standpoint of being on campus in the summer.

"Our situation should be pretty good at running back this year," said Friedgen. "We should have some depth at the position especially after the arrival of our two newcomers, J.P. Humber and Josh Allen. It will be interesting to see where they fit in. The big question will be Bruce's health and how good he can be when he gets in. We all know what he can do when he is healthy; we just need him to be the player he was when he was healthy last year and work to improve on that. If not, he will get a challenge from Mario Merrills and Jason Crawford, both of whom had their moments in the spring."

Tailback

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
1	Bruce Perry	TB	5-9	196	Jr.-2V
8	Mario Merrills	TB	5-10	197	Fr.-RS
9	Jason Crawford	TB	6-2	220	So.-1V
20	Chris Downs	TB	5-8	193	Sr.-1V
35 (d)	J.P. Humber	TB	5-11	205	Fr.-HS
43	Josh Allen	TB	5-11	194	Fr.-HS

Fullback

Last season, the Terrapins were as deep and talented at fullback as any team in the conference. This season, the team looks like it is still in good hands as all three players who saw significant playing time a year ago return. The only question among returnees is whether or not Bernie Fiddler will remain at the position.

James Lynch returns after serving as Maryland's primary starter at fullback a year ago. Lynch is a hulking 271 pounds and spent the offseason maintaining his size while adding muscle. He is an excellent blocking back with a feel for the game and

quick feet which help him with blocking for the option. This season, Lynch is expected to get more chances as a runner as he has shown the ability to move the ball inside.

A starter for three games a year ago, Chad Killian returns for his senior year. One of Killian's strengths is in running the ball, but he proved to be an effective blocker in spelling Lynch last year. As always, Killian is one of the strongest players on the team pound-for-pound. In teaming with Lynch, the Terps will have a fresh pair of legs at the position at all times.

Just how fresh Maryland's fullbacks are will, surprisingly, depend on the health of the team's linebackers. Due to injury at the linebacker position and the fact that coaches believed he was simply too talented to keep on the sideline, Fiddler spent the spring working at middle linebacker. He left spring working behind Andrew Henley and could continue at that spot, but should the linebackers be in good shape, he will return to fullback. Fiddler had a strong season last year at the position and proved his worth as a blocker. He is also a solid pass-catcher and an adequate rushing fullback.

"We are in better shape at fullback than most football teams can boast from a depth perspective," said Friedgen. "Some teams have three fullbacks who can play, but we feel all three of ours are starting-caliber. James (Lynch) had a good spring for us and really looks like he is coming on. He is a very instinctive football player and doesn't make a lot of mistakes. Chad (Killian) is a guy who plays hard and will play a lot of football for us this year. If he stays at fullback, Fiddler is a kid we can count on to block and perform for us as well."

Fullback

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
5	James Lynch	FB	5-11	271	Jr.-2V
31	Chad Killian	FB	6-2	265	Sr.-1V
41 (d)	Justin Duffie	FB	6-2	250	Fr.-HS
44	Bernie Fiddler	FB	6-1	234	Jr.-1V

Wide Receiver

All but one receiver (Guilian Gary) who saw significant playing time a year ago returns in 2002. That is a positive considering that at this time a year ago, Friedgen was professing that the passing game would simply need time to improve.

One of the interesting stories of the spring came from one of the new faces that will be working at the position. Junior Latrez Harrison seems to have excelled in the transition from quarterback, a move that was made in an attempt to get an athletic player more time on the field. Harrison has ideal size (6-3, 217) and showed the ability to pull away from defenders when scrambling as a quarterback, and his time as a signal caller gives him an offensive perspective few receivers have. The success he had in the spring culminated with a Red & White game which saw him snag two receptions for 80 yards and a pair of touchdowns. If his progress can continue, the Terrapins may have an outstanding find on their hands.

Of the returning wideouts, Jafar Williams is one of the players expected to benefit from a year in the offense. Williams was the team's third-leading receiver a year ago (39-425, 2 TDs) and showcases the size, strength and speed that Friedgen seeks in a receiver. His route running will be improved this season and with his skills, the difference could push him to the level of some of the top-flight receivers in the conference.

Joining Williams in the starting lineup will be Scooter Monroe, a senior who also had his best season in 2001 and will be expected to contribute more in '02. Monroe also looked good in the offseason and will be a nice complement to Williams from the "Z" position.

"Those three players (Harrison, Monroe and Williams) are going to be the mainstay of our outside receivers," said Friedgen.

Also competing at the "Z" position will be a pair of players who could gain notice in their first years on the field and two

more who will simply be seeing their first action at Maryland. Derrick Fenner and Onnie Onwuemene both stepped up in the offseason and likely earned a spot in the rotation. Fenner is a hard-working player who has climbed his way up the depth chart in his first year with the program, while Onwuemene showed a burst of speed and came virtually out of nowhere to catch four balls for 117 yards and a TD in the spring game. They will be joined by newcomers Chris Choice and Dan Melendez, a pair of recruits from the 2002 signing class.

Behind Williams and Harrison at the "X" are Ike Roberts and Maurice Shanks. Roberts is a gritty, hard-working sophomore while Shanks is trying to make it back from knee injuries suffered in last year's "Scout Bowl." Shanks could be a player who can make a contribution based on his size (6-4, 191) and speed.

At the slot, Steve Suter came on in the spring and showed that his amazing workout numbers can translate to the field. The fastest player on the team (4.35 in the 40-yard dash), Suter showed the ability to get down the middle of the field and stretch the defense, a quality that can do wonders in Friedgen's offense. He will share playing time with Rich Parson, a player who made a successful conversion from tailback a year ago and was a solid contributor from the slot position by season's end.

"Just from the standpoint of learning, our receivers should be improved this year," said Friedgen. "I could see in the offseason that there was a better understanding of route-running and what it takes to get open. Our quarterbacks throw the deep ball well so I am hoping that we can get down field more with it this season."

Wide Receiver

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
3	Rob Abiamiri	WR	6-3	216	So.-SQ
4	Latrez Harrison	WR	6-3	219	Jr.-2V
12	Sal Aragona	WR	5-8	183	Jr.-SQ
18 (d)	Maurice Shanks	WR	6-4	191	So.-1V
19	Jafar Williams	WR	6-2	195	Jr.-2V
22	Rich Parson	WR	5-10	174	So.-1V
25	Scooter Monroe	WR	6-2	194	Sr.-3V
34	Steve Suter	WR	5-9	187	So.-SQ
38 (d)	Paul Stellacci	WR	6-2	208	Fr.-HS
80	Onnie Onwuemene	WR	6-0	194	So.-RS
81	Paschal Abiamiri	WR	6-2	191	Fr.-HS
83	Derrick Fenner	WR	5-11	183	Fr.-RS
85 (d)	Dan Melendez	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-HS
85 (d)	Aaron Smith	WR	6-5	203	Fr.-RS
89	Chris Choice	WR	5-11	175	Fr.-HS

Tight End

The Terps are set with their primary starter at tight end in honors candidate Jeff Dugan. What the team will look to find are players who can supplement what Dugan offers with another pass-catching threat as well as another blocker for two tight end formations.

Dugan enters his junior season having established himself as one of the premier blocking tight ends in the country. He had a solid freshman campaign from a receiving standpoint (finished second on the team in receiving) but had a bit of a drop off a year ago. With the loss of Matt Murphy to graduation, Dugan will have a better shot to catch more balls and his route running and assertiveness seemed to improve in the offseason. The hope is that he will continue to improve and become a more integral part of the offense.

The offseason produced a player who looks like he is ready to contribute as Derek Miller showed receiving skills that moved him to second on the depth chart. Miller, a redshirt freshman, has added some bulk (257 pounds) to his 6-8 frame and has shown that he can get the job done as a blocker. Though his speed has dropped a little with the added weight, Miller can still get down the field while his height and good hands make him a tough matchup for smaller linebackers and defensive



2002 season outlook

backs. He could be a player to watch should his development continue.

Competing with Miller for playing time are Ryan Flynn, Brandon Thomas and Brad Schell. Flynn is an aggressive blocker who is comparable in size (6-4, 262) to Dugan (6-4, 266). Thomas has good height at 6-5 but needs to add size as Miller did in the offseason.

"(Jeff) Dugan has improved as a pass receiver this offseason and that is a plus when you consider that he is likely the best blocking tight end in the league," said Friedgen. "Derek Miller has also made some strides and I think we are in good shape at tight end. It will be interesting to see how much (Brad) Schell can pick up and whether or not he can play a role, but either way we are set with Dugan. Hopefully one of these other guys can step up and fill a role like Matt Murphy did last year."

Tight End

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
82	Jeff Dugan	TE	6-4	261	Jr.-2V
84	Derek Miller	TE	6-8	257	Fr.-RS
86	Brad Schell	TE	6-5	220	Fr.-HS
87	Ryan Flynn	TE	6-4	262	So.-SQ
92	Brandon Thomas	TE	6-5	228	Fr.-HS
	Darren Sanders	TE	6-4	220	Fr.-HS

Offensive Line

The unit that returns the most experience and potential for success this season is the offensive line. Maryland returns four starters from last year's team with the lone spot to fill being at center. The shoes to fill there are large as the departed player is four-year starter and All-ACC performer Melvin Fowler, but the Terps look like they haven't missed a beat as the season approaches.

Fowler was the anchor of a line that helped produce record offensive numbers a year ago (4,837 yards and a school-record 390 points), and filling his leadership role will be a tall order. Kyle Schmitt and Jason Holman went into the offseason as the favorites to replace Fowler, and Schmitt emerged from that competition as the clear favorite. Just a sophomore, Schmitt took advantage of the opportunity and looked good in the offseason. He has better size (6-5, 298) than Fowler, and if he can assume some of the leadership and show some of the quickness that Fowler did, the line will be a formidable one.

At the other spots, Maryland can only be considered in better shape than it was a year ago. C.J. Brooks returns at left tackle after a strong freshman campaign in which he earned Freshman All-America honors from *The Sporting News*. He drew a challenge in the spring from junior Eric Dumas, but held his ground and will enter fall camp as the starter. Whatever competition emerges from those two is a win-win situation for the Terps as both are exceptionally talented players. Right tackle will be manned by 2001 Piccolo Award winner Matt Crawford who seems to have completely overcome the knee injury that he began with last season and whose mobility is dramatically improved. There is solid depth behind him in the form of Lou Lombardo, a player who played well when called upon last year.

At guard, first team All-ACC selection Todd Wike returns for his senior year on the left side. He is an intelligent player with good feet who will likely assume some of the leadership roles along with fellow senior Crawford. Heading into 2002, Wike has been listed as a candidate for both

the Outland and Lombardi awards. Backing him up are Ed Tyler and Russell Bonham with Bonham being a player the Terps would like to step up and be ready to play in the near future. On the right side, Lamar Bryant returns and will be joined at the spot by Reggie Kemp. Bryant played well in the spring and looks like he is ready to join the ranks as another player to watch on the line. All in all, it is as Friedgen predicted it would be over a year ago — one of the most experienced, talented groups on the team.

"Our depth is a little bit of a concern, but the guys we will line up with the starting unit stack up pretty well," said Friedgen. "It would be real good if we could get some of our younger guys to make the next step, but overall I would say the line is in good shape."

Offensive Line

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
60	Jason Holman	C	6-2	267	Fr.-RS
61	Ed Tyler	OG	6-3	304	Jr.-SQ
65	Matt Powell	OT	6-4	319	Fr.-RS
66	Todd Wike	OG	6-3	303	Sr.-3V
68	Nathaniel Clayton	C	6-5	310	Fr.-HS
69	Reggie Kemp	OG	6-4	326	So.-SQ
70	Stephon Heyer	OT	6-6	290	Fr.-HS
72	Kyle Schmitt	C	6-5	298	So.-1V
73	Lamar Bryant	OG	6-3	302	Jr.-2V
74	C.J. Brooks	OT	6-5	309	So.-1V
75	Eric Dumas	OT	6-6	308	Jr.-2V
77	Russell Bonham	OG	6-4	297	Fr.-RS
78	Matt Crawford	OT	6-6	313	Sr.-3V
79	Lou Lombardo	OT	6-6	303	So.-1V
	Patrick O'Brien	OG	6-5	310	Fr.-HS

DEFENSE

The Terrapin defensive unit was outstanding with few exceptions a year ago. Coach Gary Blackney's unit used a high-pressure, blitzing style that stymied opponent's rushing attacks while forcing turnovers when they went to the air.

In 2001, the Terps had the best rushing (90.6 opp. ypg) and scoring (19.1 opp. ppg) defense in the ACC and ranked in the top seven nationally in interceptions (2nd; 24) and turnovers gained (T7th; 34). It was a defense that took pressure off of the Maryland offense early in the season while helping it win close games later in the year.

Maryland will return its most recognizable name to the defensive unit — senior E.J. Henderson — but his availability at the start of the season will be one of the keys to the team's success. Henderson underwent a surgical procedure on his back in early spring and his availability for the Notre Dame game will likely not be determined until game week nears.

The effects of his presence, however, cannot be overlooked. A healthy Henderson gives less experienced players time to wait in the wings, younger players a shot at whatever position comes natural and helps the Terps line up with one of the premier players in the nation.

The defense is not short on talent, but it is not long in the tooth either, and several new faces will be in the mix as fall camp opens. The defensive line is strong but could use depth, the linebacking corps are talented with a mix of youth and experience, and the defensive backfield basically has three new faces in the starting lineup. All signs suggest that the Terrapins will again be strong and will likely get better with the passing of each game.

"We are going to be very young on defense this year," said Friedgen. "E.J.'s health will be important to us early and it will be interesting to see what some of the newcomers can do to contribute. I think we will again have a good defense — we just have some questions that will need to be answered along the way."



Defensive Line

The defensive line was one of the most pleasant surprises of the 2001 season. The Terp defensive front was one that entered the year with questions surrounding talent and depth. What emerged was a group that both held up against the run and collapsed the pocket in passing situations and, ultimately, became the front line of one of the ACC's top defensive units.

This year, the defensive line has questions to be answered as well, but those questions again circle more around depth than anything else. The unit is comparable to its counterpart on the offensive side of the ball as it lost just one starter from a year ago. Unfortunately, like the offensive line, that lost starter (Charles Hill) happened to be the player who was most important to the unit's success a year ago. Hill was the team's second-leading tackler and a quiet leader on the Terrapin defense.

"Charles (Hill) played very, very well for us last year," said Friedgen. "He was the guy in the middle that kind of held everything together."

Spring ball gave Maryland the answers it was looking for at Hill's old position as C.J. Feldheim stepped up and showed he is fully capable of making the shift in lining up over the ball. The shift is Feldheim's third in as many years as a Terp (end as a freshman; defensive tackle last year), but if his transition a year ago is any indicator, this year's move will be smooth and his improvement will continue. Feldheim posted 36 tackles, five tackles for loss and three sacks a year ago and established himself as a player to watch in the next two years. Feldheim will be backed up by senior William Shimé and junior Tosin Abari. Shimé is a player with all of the physical tools and if he can step up his play in his final year, the Terrapins could have a nice rotation going at tackle.

Joining Feldheim in the middle of the line will be another player to watch, second-year man Randy Starks. Starks (35 tackles, seven TFLs, 3.5 sacks) — one of just four true freshmen to play last year — displayed outstanding athleticism and strength and enters this season in better shape than a year ago strength-wise. Starks runs well for a man his size (302 pounds) and posted the fifth-highest strength index on the team in spring testing. He is versatile enough to spell Feldheim if necessary and he could also move outside and play end in certain situations.

Also competing at the tackle spot will be second-year player Akil Patterson and true freshman Dave Quaintance. Quaintance's contribution will depend on his ability to pick up the system in the fall while Patterson seems to be catching on as his performance in this year's spring game indicated (four sacks).

At defensive end, Durrand Roundtree returns for his senior season after performing well in his first full year as a starter. He is an outstanding physical force who stands to improve on his numbers of a year ago (4.5 sacks, 5 TFLs) after he was hampered by injury in several games in the second half of the season.

Roundtree will share time with Scott Smith, a player who has shown a penchant for being able to get up field and rush the passer. He had surgery on his back prior to spring, but he performed well in the offseason and looks like he will be a factor this season. Kevin Eli, Landon Jones and Henry Scott are other players who could also factor in at end.

"Again, it's hard to lose a player like Charles Hill, but C.J. Feldheim looks like he may be ready to step up and fill that spot," said Friedgen. "Feldheim and Starks are solid on the inside and I saw real improvement in the offseason out of Durrand Roundtree and Scott Smith at end. We could still use depth, but the line overall is solid and it will be interesting to see the progression of some of our younger players."

Defensive Line

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
41 (d)	Kevin Eli	DE	6-4	260	So.-SQ
54	Scott Smith	DE	6-4	262	Jr.-2V
57	Randy Starks	DT	6-4	302	So.-1V
71	Durrand Roundtree	DE	6-3	256	Sr.-2V
76	Henry Scott	DE	6-1	248	So.-RS
88	Dave Quaintance	DT	6-5	266	Fr.-HS
90	Mike Steele	DT	6-5	291	Fr.-RS
91	Akil Patterson	DT	6-3	294	Fr.-RS
93	Davian Bryan	NT	5-11	281	Fr.-RS
95	William Shime	NT	6-4	285	Sr.-2V
96	C.J. Feldheim	DT	6-3	282	Jr.-2V
97	Tosin Abari	DT	6-0	259	Jr.-SQ
99	Landon Jones	DE	6-4	259	Jr.-1V

Linebacker

The linebacking corps finds itself as one of the more interesting units on the Terrapin roster. On one hand, it has the most talent and experience of any position on the Maryland defense. On the other hand, it is a position that has some question marks as fall camp opens due to injury and graduation. It is a position that could start the season a little short-handed while at the same time, it could finish the season as one of the top units on the team.

The most recognizable cog is senior E.J. Henderson, a player who made a name for himself nationally in 2001 while earning consensus All-American and ACC Player and Defensive Player of the Year recognition. It is a given that Henderson will start in the middle ("Mike") and be the anchor of the Terp defense as he was a year ago. The question is what game will be his first as he underwent surgery on his back in early April. When he does find the field — whether it is in the opener or not — Henderson can be counted on to lead the defense with his hard-nosed play that finds him making plays from sideline to sideline and, more often than not, in the opposition's backfield.

Backing up Henderson at "Mike" will be Andrew Henley and possibly Bernie Fiddler while newcomer Reggie Holmes will also get a look. Henley is an athletic playmaker who will likely get the nod should Henderson's health be an issue. Fiddler will back him up unless the position looks in good hands (i.e., Henderson is healthy) in which case he will likely move back to fullback. Meanwhile, Holmes is a high school All-American who — at a minimum — will have a chance to watch and learn from the best this school has seen in an effort to groom him for future playing time.

At the "Will" (weakside) linebacker spot, Leon Joe looks to continue his trek toward becoming one of the top linebackers in the ACC. Joe is as athletic as any player on the roster and showed at times last year the ability to make plays all over the field. After getting his feet wet as a starter a year ago, big things are expected in this, his junior season. Behind Joe, there is a cluster of players who will be vying for playing time in the fall. Curtis Williams and Maurice Smith both saw time there in the spring. Williams is a converted safety who has a nose for the ball and made big plays when on the field last year, whether it was in a game or scrimmage situation. Smith played mostly on special teams as a true freshman, but will get more of a look at linebacker this season. In addition, a pair of newcomers — D'Qwell Jackson and William Kershaw — will also have a chance to earn playing time this fall.

The "Sam" (strongside) linebacker position will be a highly-contested battle for the starting job as a pair of returnees look to replace the departed Aaron Thompson. Leroy Ambush performed well in the spring and came away atop the depth chart while second-year player Ricardo Dickerson (last year's scout team co-player of the year on defense) will continue to push the speedy junior for the starting role. Dickerson is a

hitter who combines good speed, quickness, cover skills and aggressiveness. His primary needs right now are experience and comfort in the defensive system.

Though the competition for the starting strongside position will be tight, happenings at the "Leo" (rush end) position could be the most dynamic at the start of fall camp. Last year's starter (Mike Whaley) did not make the cut academically and the one certainty is that a new face will man the position. Sophomore Jamahl Cochran, sophomore Jon Condo and junior college transfer Andrew Wojcik all participated in spring drills and enter fall camp listed in that order on the depth chart. Cochran is a solid run-stopper and Condo is attempting to see time beyond his duties as a long snapper, while Wojcik is a junior college transfer who was shifted from end in the spring.

Where the position gets interesting is with the influx of newcomers who are expected to challenge for anything from playing time to the starting role. Chief among the candidates at "Leo" are Shawne Merriman and Randy Earle. Merriman enters his first season as one of the most decorated players of the incoming recruiting class, while Earle has good size and showed the ability to get upfield as a prep despite nearly constant double-teams. In all, any one of five players could end up taking the first snap against Notre Dame on August 31st, and preseason will be an interesting one to watch at "Leo."

"Obviously, E.J. Henderson is a big key to our linebacking unit," said Friedgen. "If we can get him back healthy, we will be able to keep from shuffling people around that much. Overall, we have some real talent at linebacker and it will be a position to watch down the road with some of our newcomers. Players like Shawne Merriman, Reggie Holmes and D'Qwell Jackson will get a look this year and hopefully we can find a good mix between who is healthy and who is ready to play."

Linebacker

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
15	Curtis Williams	ILB	6-2	199	So.-1V
24	Leroy Ambush	OLB	6-1	229	Jr.-1V
32	Leon Joe	ILB	6-1	223	Jr.-2V
35 (d)	Michael Miller	ILB	6-0	225	Fr.-HS
42	E.J. Henderson	ILB	6-2	250	Sr.-3V
44	Bernie Fiddler	ILB	6-1	234	Jr.-1V
45	Shawne Merriman	LEO	6-3	240	Fr.-HS
47	Jon Condo	LEO	6-3	237	So.-1V
48	William Kershaw	ILB	6-3	205	Fr.-HS
49 (d)	Richard Benjamin	ILB	6-1	241	Jr.-SQ
49 (d)	Jamahl Cochran	LEO	6-0	241	So.-1V
50	Andrew Wojcik	LEO	6-2	240	Jr.-TR
51	Andrew Henley	ILB	5-11	237	Jr.-1V
52	D'Qwell Jackson	ILB	6-1	220	Fr.-HS
53	Reggie Holmes	ILB	6-1	234	Fr.-HS
58	Ricardo Dickerson	OLB	6-3	230	Fr.-RS
59	Maurice Smith	ILB	6-0	218	So.-1V
98	Randy Earle	LEO	6-3	229	Fr.-HS
	David Holloway	ILB	6-4	210	Fr.-HS
	Jeris Smith	OLB	6-2	215	Fr.-HS

Defensive Back

When a team enters a new season having lost three of four starters in a given unit, it is safe to assume that there will be question marks at that position. And while both starting safeties from a year ago have graduated and a corner who started half of the season (Tony Okanlawon) is also gone, the Terrapins seem to be in good hands in the defensive backfield with some faces who are not unfamiliar ones around the Gossett Football Team House.

At cornerback, a pair of players return who drew starting assignments in 2001. Junior Curome Cox is the veteran of the entire defensive backfield, having started 19 games in the last two seasons. He is a solid corner with good speed, size and strength who posted three interceptions and three pass breakups a year ago. Battling for playing time behind him



2002 season outlook

will be Jamal Chance who is hoping to contribute more in his second year with the program, while senior Luke Kim and true freshman Jo Jo Walker will also get a look.

At the other corner, second-year player Domonique Foxworth enters the season as the starter. Foxworth played well in his first season at the position and should be improved from an experience standpoint alone. He is a hard-working player who showed promise late in the season when called upon in 2001 (he was originally slated to redshirt but was forced to play because of injuries at the position). Foxworth will compete with Gerrick McPhearson — a player who redshirted last year after being signed in the same class as Foxworth — and transfer Reuben Haigler, a former teammate of Chance's at Lackawanna JC. On the whole, the group is young, but not without experience or talent.

Safety will see a pair of new starters following the losses of Randall Jones and Tony Jackson to graduation. At strong safety, Dennard Wilson and Ty Stewart are at the top of the depth chart with Wilson entering the fall as the starter. A four-game starter in the last two years at

Defensive Back

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
6	Domonique Foxworth	CB	5-11	175	So.-1V
13	Dennard Wilson	SS	5-11	186	Jr.-2V
17 (d)	Reuben Haigler	CB	6-0	179	Jr.-TR
21 (d)	Luke Kim	CB	5-9	190	Sr.-RS
23	Andrew Smith, Jr.	CB	6-0	197	Jr.-1V
26	Raymond Custis	FS	5-8	194	So.-1V
27	Jo Jo Walker	CB	5-10	165	Fr.-HS
29	Ty Stewart	SS	6-0	202	Sr.-3V
30	Curome Cox	CB	6-1	199	Jr.-2V
33	Marcus Wimbush	FS	5-11	190	Fr.-HS
36	Alan Grantham	FS	5-9	185	Fr.-HS
37	Jamal Chance	CB	6-1	196	Sr.-1V
38 (d)	Gerrick McPhearson	CB	5-11	190	Fr.-RS
40	Madieu Williams	FS	6-1	193	Jr.-RS
	Matt Brant	FS	6-0	170	Fr.-HS

cornerback, Wilson has the hitting ability and instinct that may prove to be better suited to safety while adding another player with strong cover skills to the safety position. Stewart came on a year ago and showed big-play ability in the nickel package. Also in the mix at strong safety will be another converted corner who has seen playing time in the past, Andrew Smith.

The free safety spot will be manned by a player who had coaches champing at the bit last season. Madieu Williams had to sit out 2001 due to NCAA transfer rules, but he heads into his first season at the Division I-A level as a player to watch based on the praise he has already earned from coaches and the work ethic he has shown since his arrival. He is the complete package with size (6-1, 193), cover skills and speed, and he adds a playmaking quality to the secondary. What's more, he can also play strong safety or corner which could come in handy should any adjustments need to be made to the rotation along the way. He will be supported by Raymond Custis, who had a strong spring, and Marcus Wimbush, a highly-regarded newcomer who made a name as a big hitter as a prep.

"Coach Blackney has some real quality guys in his unit," said Friedgen. "When I say that, I mean we have some real good kids who we can count on getting great effort out of at all times. Our corners are solid and will get better as the season progresses. Dennard (Wilson) seems to be working out well at safety and Madieu Williams is a heck of a football player who has the talent to play any spot in our defensive backfield. With the addition of some new guys and players like Jamal Chance continuing to improve, our depth should get better as well."

Specialists

One thing Maryland was sure of as it entered last season was that it would boast one of the best punters in the country. A year later it can extend that claim as it stands to have one of the most complete kicking games in the country if it can only maintain the level at which it performed in the second half of last season.

Brooks Barnard returns for his senior year and his final bid at the Ray Guy Award. Barnard has been in the top seven nationally in each of the last two years and has been a weapon for the Terps in terms of field position. A first team All-ACC selection last year, Barnard stands to close his career as Maryland's all-time punting leader as he carries a 43.9-yard career average into the season. In spring ball, he also showed ability on kickoffs, a role he will challenge for in the fall while also serving as the Terrapins' holder on field goals and extra points.

The placekicker spot started off a bit shaky a year ago, but was solidified by year's end and ultimately became one of the strong points of the team. Nick Novak earned honorable mention All-ACC honors after a tremendous start to his collegiate career a year ago. He showed moxie in a game-winning kick at Georgia Tech and consistency the remainder of the year while hitting 12 of his final 14 field goal attempts in the regular season with his only misses coming from 50 and 62 yards, respectively. Novak worked to improve his leg strength in the offseason and heads into 2002 as the Terps' top placekicker. Newcomer Adam Podlesh will also be in the mix at kicker.

One position that will see some competition this year is long snapper. Jon Condo was strong in the position last year while Jesse Kluttz has come on in the offseason and improved his snapping skills.

Among the names to watch in the return game are Mario Merrills, Steve Suter and Rich Parson. Merrills showed the ability to find the seam on kickoffs in the spring while Suter looked good in that role as well as on punts. Parson showed promise last season handling kickoff and punt return duties.

"Our special teams are in good shape, but there will still be competition," said Friedgen. "We had some guys perform well last year and we anticipate to be in at least that good of shape this year. Brooks (Barnard) is a weapon for us."

Punter

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
16	Brooks Barnard	P	6-2	188	Sr.-3V
18 (d)	Adam Podlesh	P	5-10	185	Fr.-HS

Placekicker

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
46	Nick Novak	PK	6-0	189	So.-1V
	Drew Phelan	PK	6-0	195	Fr.-HS

Long Snapper

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
47	Jon Condo	LS	6-3	237	So.-1V
56	Jesse Kluttz	LS	6-3	232	Fr.-RS

Holder

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
16	Brooks Barnard	H	6-2	188	Sr.-3V
34	Steve Suter	H	5-9	187	So.-SQ

Punt Return

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
34	Steve Suter	WR	5-9	187	So.-SQ
22	Rich Parson	WR	5-10	174	So.-1V

Kickoff Return

No.	Name	Pos.	Hgt	Wgt	Cl.-Exp
8	Mario Merrills	TB	5-10	197	Fr.-RS
34	Steve Suter	WR	5-9	187	So.-SQ

Senior Brooks Barnard is a Ray Guy Award candidate for the third year in a row.