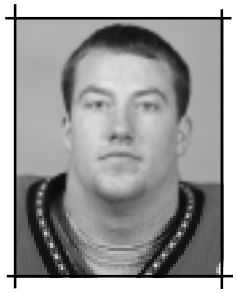
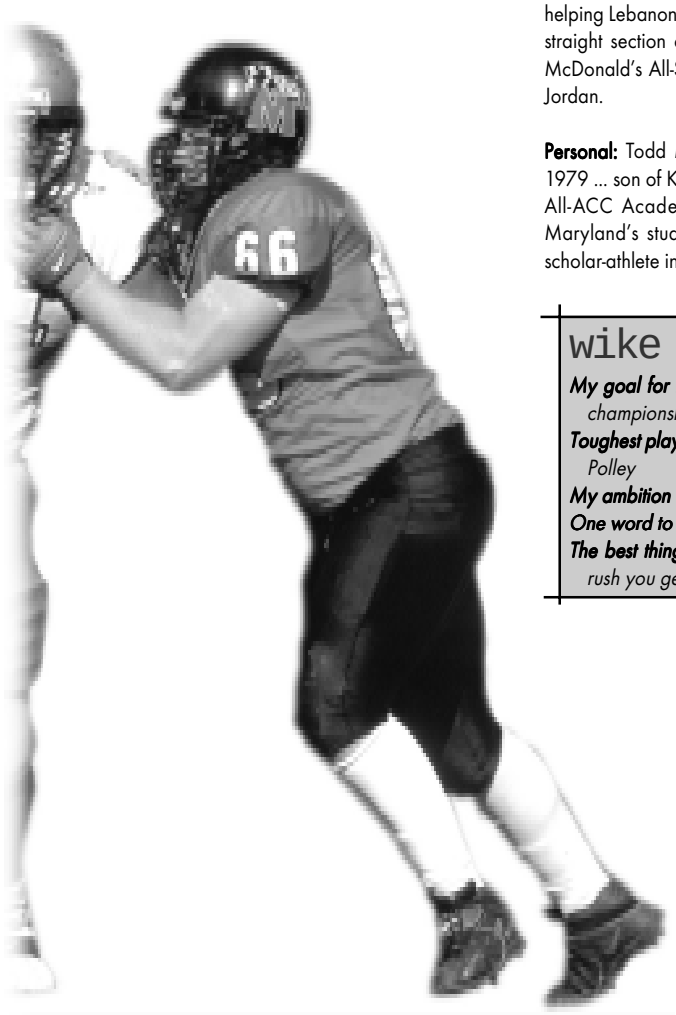
Todd WIKE 66



Offensive Guard
6-3 •295 •Jr.-2V
Lebanon, Pa.
(Lebanon)

On Wike: Versatile lineman who has played guard, center and tight end in his Terrapin career ... takes a streak of 21 consecutive starts into the 2001 campaign ... gritty competitor who overcame injuries to start the final 10 games of 1999 ... listed atop the depth chart at left guard entering the fall ... has improved his size and strength in the off-season ... all-around athlete with good quickness ... forms a strong veteran tandem with Melvin Fowler in the middle of the line (54 consecutive starts between them).

2000 (Sophomore): Started all 11 games at left guard ... played a key role in the Terps finishing second in the ACC in fewest sacks allowed (21) ... one of three Maryland offensive linemen to start all 11 games (C Melvin Fowler and LT Tim Howard were the others).



1999 (Redshirt Freshman): Started in 10 of 11 games at left guard as a redshirt freshman despite almost constant ailments including a fractured hand and a broken nose ... nominated for *The Sporting News* Freshman All-America honors ... converted from tight end in spring practice, and saw time in fall camp both at center and guard ... spiral fracture on his right hand kept him from competition vs. Temple in the season opener, but he started the final 10 games ... helped Terps lead the ACC in rushing offense and allow just one sack per game.

1998 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

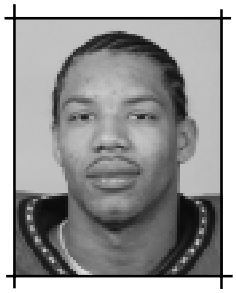
High School: A 1998 graduate of Lebanon (Pa.) High School ... earned All-America honors from *USA Today, SuperPrep, PrepStar* and the *National Recruiting Advisor* ... also was named to the *Harrisburg (Pa.) Patriot-News* all-star team, second team all-state and all-county as a tight end, linebacker and punter ... as a senior in 1997, he had 14 receptions for 101 yards and five touchdowns ... from his linebacker spot, he had 112 total tackles, including 63 solo stops ... also connected on three field goals, with a long of 42 yards ... received scholarship offers from 18 Division I-A schools, including Virginia, NC State, Georgia Tech, Wake Forest, Clemson, Northwestern, Stanford and Michigan State ... selected to play in the Mason-Dixon Classic ... was the first freshman to earn a varsity letter in the 100-year history of Lebanon's football program ... totaled 174 points, 12 TD receptions, 31 catches and 264 tackles in his varsity career ... ranked No. 2 academically in his class ... member of the student council ... also played on the basketball team, helping Lebanon to three consecutive league titles and four straight section championships ... was nominated for the McDonald's All-Star game ... high school coach was Tom Jordan.

Personal: Todd Matthew Wike was born November 18, 1979 ... son of Kevin Wike ... majoring in philosophy ... an All-ACC Academic Team pick in 1999 ... member of Maryland's student-athlete athletic council ... Maryland scholar-athlete in 1998 , 1999 and 2000.

wike up close

My goal for the 2001 season is: *To win the ACC championship*
Toughest player I faced in 2000 was: *FSU's Tommy Polley*
My ambition after football is: *To become a lawyer*
One word to describe Coach Friedgen: *Confident*
The best thing about game day is: *The adrenaline rush you get when running onto the field*

Curtis WILLIAMS 15



Free Safety
6-2 •192 •Fr.-RS
Huntington Station,
N.Y. (Huntington)

On Williams: Second-year safety with good size and big-play potential ... enters fall practice second on the depth chart at free safety behind senior Randall Jones ... really came on this spring, showing both his hitting ability and a skill for breaking on the ball.

2000 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

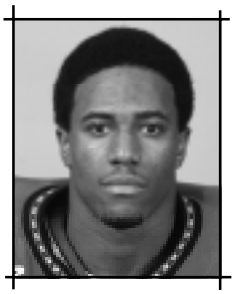
High School: A 2000 graduate of Huntington High School in Huntington Station, N.Y. ... was an all-state selection as a senior in 1999 after accounting for 2,186 all-purpose yards and scoring 20 touchdowns ... as a cornerback, he totaled 71 tackles (52 solos), eight interceptions and 23 pass break-ups ... as a tailback, he rushed 110 times for 1,262 yards (11.5 average) ... in addition to being named all-state, he also was selected All-Long Island, All-Suffolk County and All-Division III ... he was a finalist for the Hansen Award in Suffolk County ... high school coach was Steve Muller.

Personal: Curtis Antaunn Williams was born April 26, 1982 ... son of Linda and Lawrence Leake ... a letters and sciences major.

williams up close

The word that best describes me is: *Unique*
My favorite moment as a Terp was: *Becoming close friends with the players and putting on the uniform*
My ambition after football is: *To become a graphic designer or an advertiser*
One word to describe Coach Friedgen: *Honest*
The best thing about game day is: *The focus of every player on the game*

Jafar WILLIAMS 19



Wide Receiver
6-2 •193 •So.-1V
Philadelphia, Pa. (George Washington)

On Williams: Talented young wideout who figures to play a key role in Maryland's receiving corps ... tall, athletic receiver with good speed ... can also serve as a backup long snapper ... in the mix for playing time at one of the receiver spots heading into fall.

2000 (Redshirt Freshman): Appeared in 10 of 11 games as a redshirt freshman ... played a significant role in Maryland's wideout rotation, catching nine passes for 113 yards (12.6 average) ... recorded a career-best three catches (for 27 yards) in the season finale vs. Georgia Tech ... also had a pair of receptions in the season opener vs. Temple ... had a season-best 36-yard reception vs. Middle Tennessee State.

1999 (Freshman): Redshirt season.

High School: A 1999 graduate of George Washington High School in Philadelphia, Pa. ... earned first team all-city and first team all-area honors as a senior in 1998 after catching 38 passes for 560 yards and eight touchdowns in a wing T offense ... named All-Met by both the *Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News* ... was one of 10 players in the Philadelphia area to receive a Maxwell Award for academic and athletic excellence ... had three interceptions while playing in the defensive secondary ... was a team captain as a senior ... also runs track, clocking a 10.7 100 meters ... one of three players from GWHS to sign with the Terps, joining teammates Scott Smith and Bruce Perry.

Personal: Jafar Siddiq Williams was born July 21, 1980 ... son of Rasheeda Williams ... majoring in communications.

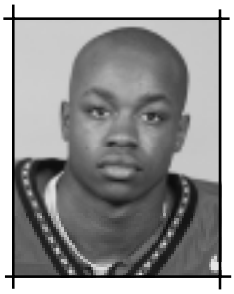
Career Statistics

Receiving	G-GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	LP
2000	10-0	9	113	12.6	0	36

williams up close

My goal for the 2001 season is: *To help my team make it to a bowl game and perform to the level that I know I am capable of*
Someday I would like to take a trip to: *Hawaii*
My ideal pre-game ritual is: *To pray and to keep a picture of my mother in my helmet*
One word to describe Coach Friedgen: *Honest*

Madieu WILLIAMS 34



Strong Safety
6-1 •185 •Jr.-TR
Lanham, Md. (Duval/ Towson)

On Williams: A transfer from nearby Towson University who will redshirt this season due to NCAA transfer rules ... came to Maryland as a walk-on but was granted a scholarship by the end of spring ... a player with good size who was very impressive in the spring ... physical player who is versatile enough to play any position in the defensive backfield ... primarily played cornerback at Towson but will likely play free safety at Maryland.

2000 (Towson): A nine-game starter at cornerback ... finished the season with 42 tackles (32 solo) ... also had two tackles for loss and 10 pass break-ups, third-most on the team ... team defense held opponents to 155.9 yards per game passing ... returned one punt for 22 yards.

1999 (Towson): Appeared in all 11 games including two starts ... spent most of the season as a backup cornerback but two starts came at strong safety ... made 53 tackles, had an interception, broke up seven passes and forced a pair of fumbles ... had a career-high 10 tackles at Fordham.

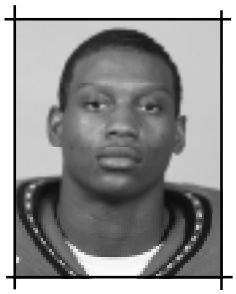
High School: A 1999 graduate of DuVal High School in Seabrook, Md. ... a two-year starter at cornerback ... an all-county selection ... also lettered in track and baseball ... was a state qualifier in the 110-meter hurdles ... high school coach was Henry Brady.

Personal: Madieu Mohamed Williams was born October 18, 1981 in Sierra Leone, West Africa ... son of Abigail Burscher ... majoring in kinesiology.

williams up close

If I lost all of my possessions except for one, I would keep my: *Laptop*
The best piece of advice I ever received was: *Be patient, your time will come*
My ideal pre-game meal or ritual is: *Eating pasta and praying before game time*
One word to describe Coach Friedgen: *Excellence*

Dennard WILSON 13



Cornerback
5-11 •183 •So.-1V
Upper Marlboro, Md. (DeMatha)

On Wilson: Confident cornerback who possesses all the skills necessary to succeed ... runs well and possesses strong cover skills ... local product who enters fall drills listed No. 2 on the depth chart at cornerback behind 2000 starter Curome Cox.

2000 (Freshman): Saw significant playing time (six games, one start) as a backup during his true freshman season before suffering a knee injury in the Clemson game, which kept him sidelined for the remainder of the season ... totaled 16 tackles in the first six contests of the year, including a career-high six stops (five solos) at West Virginia and five solo tackles at Clemson ... lone start came in the Clemson game.

High School: A 2000 graduate of DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md. ... as a senior in 1999, caught 32 passes for 481 yards and six touchdowns in addition to registering three interceptions as a cornerback ... named honorable mention all-state in addition to pulling down first team All-Prince George's County and first team All-WCAC honors ... selected to *SuperPrep's* All-Mid-Atlantic team ... was a team co-captain ... three-year varsity player and two-year starter ... was one of two players to start both ways in 1999 ... high school coach was Bill McGregor.

Personal: Dennard Wilson was born March 31, 1982 ... son of Tyrone Wilson and Gwen Mumford ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Career Statistics

Defense	G-GS	UT	AT	TT	TFL	Sacks	Int
2000	6-1	14	2	16/2.7	0-0	0.0-0	0

wilson up close

The word that best describes me is: *Aggressive*
If I could spend a day with anybody, it would be: *Ray Lewis*
My ambition after football is: *To become a head coach*
One word to describe Coach Friedgen: *Respect*
The best thing about game day is: *Knowing you're on a stage and you must perform*

2001 NEWCOMERS

Russell BONHAM 77

Offensive Tackle
6-4 •339 •Fr.-HS
Winston-Salem, N.C. (Carver)

High School: A four-year letterwinner and 2001 graduate of Carver High School in Winston-Salem, N.C. ... started all four years at right tackle ... also spent time his first two years on the defensive line ... a consensus first team all-state selection as a junior and senior ... was the only junior in the state to earn first team honors ... was also an All-North Piedmont Conference selection and that conference's offensive player of the year as a senior ... was selected to play in the North Carolina Shrine Bowl All-Star game ... rated by ESPN.com's Tom Lemming as one of the top 25 offensive line recruits in the country ... helped team to over 6,000 yards rushing in four years ... Carver ran up a 63-3 record in that span, winning the 1998 Class 3A State Championship along the way ... CHS went 14-1 in 2000, winning 14 straight before falling in the state semifinals ... threw the shot put for the track team ... was also recruited by Virginia Tech, NC State, South Carolina and Virginia ... high school coach was Keith Wilkes.

Personal: Russell Jimi Bonham was born May 2, 1983 ... is the son of Jimmie and Carmen Bonham ... maintained a 3.1 GPA ... planned major is physical education ... nickname is "Big Russ" ... uncle, Bracy Bonham, was a North Carolina high school star who ultimately played in the NFL (Pittsburgh Steelers) ... wears size 16 shoes ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Jamal CHANCE 37

Free Safety
6-1 •190 •Jr.-TR
Ephrata, Pa. (Ephrata/Lackawanna JC)

Junior College: Attended Lackawanna Junior College in Scranton, Pa. ... a two-year starter at safety ... had 28 tackles, five interceptions and seven PBUs in 2000 to go along with two fumble recoveries and one forced fumble ... tied for second nationally among junior college players as a freshman with seven interceptions ... also had 54 tackles, two sacks and seven pass breakups that season ... was a second team NJCAA All-American as a sophomore ... an honorable mention All-American by *JC Gridwire* in 2000 ... was an All-Northeast Football Conference selection both years ... LJC finished 10-1 after posting its first perfect regular season in school history ... team finished the year ranked 10th in the nation and was sixth in total defense ... team lost to Middle Georgia CC in the Golden Isles Bowl ... was also recruited out of LJC by West Virginia, Pittsburgh, Tennessee and Syracuse ... junior college coach was Mark Duda, a former Terrapin offensive lineman under Ralph Friedgen.

High School: A 1998 graduate of Ephrata High School in Ephrata, Pa. ... a three-year starter who saw playing time at wide receiver and defensive back ... had 30 catches for 461 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior despite missing the last four games of the season with an injured knee ... was a first team All-Lancaster/Lebanon League selection as a wide receiver and defensive back and was named that league's Offensive Player of the Year in '98 ... was a first team all-section choice at WR and DB as a junior ... had a career-high 56 receptions as a junior.

Personal: Jamal Chance was born January 26, 1981 ... is the son of Jean Chance ... planned major is computer science.

Jason CRAWFORD 9

Tailback
6-2 •215 •Fr.-HS
Forestville, Md.
(Parkdale/Fork Union Military)

Prep: A 2001 graduate of Fork Union Military Academy in Fork Union, Va. ... played tailback and ran for 320 yards and four touchdowns in four games ... F.U.M.A. had two other backs who verbally committed at Division I-A schools (Raymond Kirkley, Pittsburgh; Leshon Peoples, Indiana) ... clocked at 4.5 in the 40 ... Fork Union is the same military academy attended by teammate Mike Whaley ... coached by Mickey Sullivan.

High School: Attended Parkdale High School in Riverdale, Md. ... was a standout tailback and linebacker at PHS ... ran for 1,610 yards and 18 TDs as a senior ... top game of his senior season came against High Point when he scored four TDs (two rush, one kickoff return, one int.) ... notched 14 tackles and an interception return for a TD in his first career game at LB ... team went 6-4 in 1999 ... selected as an honorable mention All-American by USA Today and a consensus all-state pick at linebacker ... a first team All-Metro selection by the *Washington Post* at LB ... the *Post* also named him an honorable mention All-Met running back ... a first team Big School all-state selection by the Associated Press ... a *PrepStar* All-American and a Mid-Atlantic all-region selection by *SuperPrep* ... named a second team All-American by Max Emfinger ... also competed in track ... initially signed with North Carolina out of high school ... was also recruited by Pittsburgh, Miami and Auburn ... high school coach was Bob Johnson.

Personal: Jason Davon Crawford was born April 11, 1982 ... is the son of J.D. Gross and Saone Jones ... father played for the Terrapins from 1981-83 and was coached by Ralph Friedgen ... majoring in criminal justice.

Ricardo DICKERSON 58

Linebacker
6-3 •238 •Fr.-HS
Hyattsville, Md. (Northwestern)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Northwestern High School in Hyattsville, Md. ... was with the Terrapins in the spring as he fulfilled his high school requirements early ... a three-year varsity starter who saw playing time at linebacker and running back ... had 80 tackles, six sacks and one interception as a senior ... scored four TDs in '00 (two rush, one rec., and one FR) ... had 63 tackles and three sacks as a junior ... also ran for over 250 yards in '99 ... earned his team's Hammer Award as a senior as NHS's hardest hitter ... named to the Maryland team which plays Virginia in the Super 44 all-star game between prep standouts from the two states ... also played in the Prince George's County All-Star Game ... helped Northwestern to its first ever playoff game in his junior season ... NHS went 10-2 that season ... lettered in basketball as well ... was recruited by UMass, Marshall and Howard ... high school coach was Ed Shields.

Personal: Ricardo DeAngilo Dickerson was born July 10, 1982 ... is the son of Sonya Dickerson and Ricky Kelly ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Tim DONOVAN 76

Offensive Tackle
6-6 •316 •Fr.-HS
Crofton, Md. (DeMatha)

High School: A 2001 graduate of DeMatha High School in Hyattsville, Md. ... somewhat of a late bloomer, his senior year was his first as a starter ... came on strong, however, as DeMatha's starting quick tackle as he did not give up a sack for the Stags in their final six games of 2000 ... has quick feet and excels at pulling ... played half the season before being diagnosed with a stress fracture in his foot ... decided to play the season out and then found out at season's end that he had fractures in both feet ... has benched 340 pounds and squatted 500 ... was named a consensus all-state offensive lineman by the Associated Press ... also earned an AP nod as a first team Big School all-state selection ... named first team All-Metro by the Washington Pigskin Club ... an honorable mention All-Metro pick by the *Washington Post* ... a *SuperPrep* Mid-Atlantic all-region selection ... rated as the state's number five prospect at offensive line heading into the season by ESPN.com's Tom Lemming ... team went 11-1 his senior year, winning the WCAC title and earning a No. 2 final ranking in the state ... team averaged 34.8 points per game over its last 11 games of 2000 ... an outstanding program, DeMatha has racked up a 176-27-3 record in the last 19 years ... played baseball as a freshman and sophomore ... was also recruited by Penn State, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia ... high school coach was Bill McGregor.

Personal: Timothy Patrick Donovan was born June 10, 1983 ... is the son of Colleen and Tim Donovan, Sr. ... a letters and sciences major whose planned major is business administration.

Will FERGUSON 90

Defensive End
6-3 •255 •Fr.-HS
Bethesda, Md. (Walt Whitman)

High School: A three-year letterwinner and 2001 graduate of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md. ... a three-year varsity letterwinner and two-and-a-half year varsity starter at both offensive tackle and inside linebacker ... had 42 tackles, two sacks, seven tackles for loss and one interception on the defensive side of the ball as a senior ... an All-Montgomery County selection by the *Montgomery Journal* as a junior and senior ... also earned all-county honors as selected by *Montgomery County* head coaches ... an all-league selection by the *Washington Post* ... also played baseball and basketball in his freshman and sophomore years ... named to the Super 44 all-star team ... also drew interest from Michigan State and NC State ... high school coach was Dean Swink.

Personal: William Michael Ferguson was born November 21, 1982 in Bethesda, Md. ... is the son of Heather Ferguson ... has a pair of uncles who played football at Maryland (John Forbes, 1957-58, and Bill Kirchiro, 1959-61) ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Domonique FOXWORTH 6

Cornerback
5-11 •175 •Fr.-HS
Randallstown, Md. (Western Tech)

High School: A fall 2000 graduate of Western Tech High School in Baltimore ... was with the Terrapins in the spring as he fulfilled his high school requirements early ... a three-year starter at defensive back and tailback ... also handled kick returns ... racked up 4,871 career all-purpose yards and a school-record 21 TDs ... ran for 1,369 yards (school record) and 13 TDs as a senior ... also caught three TDs, passed for four and ran two kicks back for scores ... accounted for 2,037 all-purpose yards as a senior ... as a CB, recorded a school-record 14 interceptions ... had 170 yards rushing and scored on a 62-yard run in the inaugural I-95 Challenge Senior All-Star Football Classic en route to being named the game's MVP ... rushed for 1,040 yards, had 73 tackles and five interceptions as a junior ... an All-American and Mid-Atlantic all-region selection by *SuperPrep* ... was the third-rated player in the region overall and the sixth-rated defensive back in the nation by *SuperPrep* ... a consensus all-state defensive back and Big School All-State choice by *Associated Press* ... earned first team All-Metro and All-Baltimore County honors from the *Baltimore Sun* ... a first team all-county pick at DB as a junior ... timed at 4.35 in the 40 at the Super 100 Combine for high school seniors ... selected to play in the Super 44 all-star game although he could not play because he was already in school at Maryland ... was the first ever Division I-A football recruit from Western HS ... carried GPA of better than 3.7 ... ran track as a freshman but gave it up to concentrate on football ... lists NC State, Purdue and Pittsburgh among the 13 scholarship offers he received ... high school coach was Jason Blind.

Personal: Domonique Foxworth was born March 27, 1983 ... is the son of Lorinzo and Karin Foxworth ... a letters and sciences major whose planned major is computer science.

Jimmie GIBSON 83

Tight End
6-2 •245 •Fr.-HS
Alexandria, Va. (T.C. Williams)

High School: A four-year varsity letterwinner and 2001 graduate of T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria, Va. ... his high school was the focal point of the recent movie, "Remember the Titans" ... as a senior in 2000, he finished fifth in his region for receptions (25) ... was a second team All-Patriot District selection as a tight end/defensive end ... was named his team's MVP, most outstanding offensive performer and served as a team captain ... also was captain of his basketball team, helping the squad to a Northern Region championship and a spot in the final four ... as a junior, tied the school's single-season record for sacks (13)... high school coach was Eric Henderson.

Personal: James Terrance Gibson was born April 7, 1983 ... the son of James and Teri Gibson ... has one younger sister ... interviewed extensively by media outlets which did feature stories on his high school football program around the time of the release of the motion picture, "Remember the Titans" ... plans to major in architecture or communications.

Jason HOLMAN 60

Center
6-2 •270 •Fr.-HS
Midlothian, Va. (James River)

High School: A 2001 graduate of James River High School in Midlothian, Va. ... primarily played guard, but also spent time on the defensive front in critical situations ... started 10 games at guard as a senior, missing one due to a knee sprain ... described by his coach as JRHS's best lineman on both sides of the ball ... helped his team's offense to an average of over 300 yards and 32 points per game, both school records ... is the first player in the young history of his school to earn all-state honors and is also its first-ever Division I scholarship athlete (there have been two I-AA football players, but no others at D-I in any sport) ... consensus first team all-state and all-region selection ... named first team all-district by *The Richmond Times* ... competed in wrestling as a sophomore and junior, earning all-district honors in 1998 ... team went 9-2 in 2000, the best record in school history ... James River – which was founded in 1993 – had a record of 9-41 in its first five years of existence ... it has gone 15-6 in its last two ... was also recruited by East Carolina ... high school coach was Chris Bell.

Personal: Jason O'Neil Holman was born April 28, 1983 ... is the son of Jerome and Ruby Holman ... is a pre-pharmacy major.

Raheem LEWIS 63

Offensive Guard
6-3 •335 •Fr.-HS
District Heights, Md. (Suitland)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Suitland High School in Forestville, Md. ... a three-year starter on the offensive line ... started at offensive tackle as a junior and guard as a sophomore and senior ... an aggressive run blocker with quick enough feet to be effective in pass protection ... notched a safety as a defensive tackle in the Prince George's County High School Coaches Association All-Star game ... has benched 385 and impressed coaches by benching 225 a total of 26 times at the Nike Football Camp on the Penn State campus ... a consensus all-state and first team Big School all-state selection by the *Associated Press* ... a first team All-Metro choice by the *Washington Post* ... an all-state and all-county pick by the *PG Journal* ... was a *Washington Post* all-league selection as a sophomore ... rated the 11th-best player in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... was a second team all-county and honorable mention All-Metro selection as a junior ... called the consensus choice among college recruiters as the top offensive lineman in the state ... team went 11-2 his senior year, making it all the way to the state finals ... SHS was county champ the year before with an 8-3 record ... competed in track and wrestling as well ... was also recruited by Boston College, Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Penn State and Stanford ... high school coach was Nick Lynch.

Personal: Raheem Olajuwan Lewis was born July 4, 1983 ... is the son of Dino and Tanya Belk ... maintains a 3.7 GPA ... majoring in criminal justice ... nickname is "Radio" after the character "Radio Raheem" in Spike Lee's movie "Do The Right Thing."

Gerrick McPHEARSON 38

Cornerback
5-11 •185 •Fr.-HS
Columbia, Md. (Howard)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Howard High School in Ellicott City, Md. ... as a senior, rushed 117 times for 825 yards, caught 10 passes for 228 yards, and scored 11 touchdowns ... on defense, totaled 43 tackles and two interceptions ... as a junior, rushed for 1,423 yards and scored 18 touchdowns ... was named *Associated Press* Small School all-state honorable mention as a defensive back as a senior ... named to *SuperPrep*'s all-region team ... a preseason Mid-Atlantic all-region choice by *PrepStar* ... played his final season of prep ball at Howard High School after transferring from the Cardinal Gibbons School in Baltimore ... was also recruited by Boston College and Virginia ... high school coach was Vince Parnell.

Personal: Gerrick Harold McPhearson was born December 29, 1983 ... son of Kim and Gerrick McPhearson ... majoring in letters and sciences ... father played defensive back at Boston College and with the New England Patriots.

Mario MERRILLS 8

Tailback
5-10 •180 •Fr.-HS
Columbia, Md. (Wilde Lake)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Wilde Lake High School in Columbia, Md. ... one of the fastest Division I prospects in the state of Maryland (4.37 in the 40) ... rushed for 1,743 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior ... on defense, totaled 74 tackles, eight pass breakups, six TFL's, two sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery ... selected to play in the allfirst All-Star Game following his senior season and returned a kickoff 81 yards for a touchdown to lead the Metro all-stars to victory .... had a 313-yard rushing performance as a senior against Long Reach, scoring on touchdown runs of 83, 65, 45 and 64 yards ... highly decorated player as a senior in 2000, earning *SuperPrep* All-American honors in the "athlete" category ... also earned consensus all-state honors from the *Associated Press* in addition to being named Gatorade Maryland State Player of the Year ... a *Baltimore Sun* All-Metro first team and *Washington Post* All-Met honorable mention pick as a running back ... a preseason Mid-Atlantic all-region choice by *PrepStar* ... was a second team *Baltimore Sun* All-Metro selection as a junior in 1999, totaling 1,050 rushing yards and 13 touchdowns ... was also recruited by Penn State ... high school coach was Douglas DuVall.

Personal: Mario Eduard Merrills was born January 23, 1983 ... son of Shirley and Albert Merrills ... a letters and sciences major planning on pursuing a degree in kinesiology.

Derek MILLER 84

Tight End
6-8 •240 •Fr.-HS
Carlisle, Pa. (Boiling Springs)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Boiling Springs (Pa.) High School ... played tight end and defensive end as a senior ... helped his team allow just 9.6 points per game on defense in 2000 ... totaled 123 tackles (51 solos) and 21 sacks in addition to catching 25 passes for 423 yards and five touchdowns ... set school career records by a tight end for receptions, receiving yards and touchdowns ... is the Bubblers' first-ever Division I football signee ... helped BSHS to the district playoffs and a 9-1 overall record in 2000, equaling the most wins by the school in 49 years ... named to the All-Sentinel All-Star team as a tight end/defensive end ... was a three-way first team All-Mid-Penn League selection, earning recognition as a tight end, defensive end and placekicker ... also named second team all-league as a punter ... selected team most valuable player as a senior ... runs a reported sub-4.7 40-yard dash and has benched 320 pounds ... is also an outstanding baseball player (first base) ... was also recruited by Boston College.

Personal: Derek A. Miller was born June 10, 1983 ... son of Connie and Jon Miller ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Rich PARSON 22

Tailback
5-10 •180 •Fr.-HS
Newark, Del. (Newark Academy)

High School: A four-year letterwinner and 1999 graduate of Newark (Del.) High School ... a four-year varsity starter who rushed for 3,188 yards in his career while helping Newark High to a Delaware record four consecutive appearances in the state championship game ... as a senior, rushed for 1,320 yards and 14 touchdowns ... rushed for 710 yards as a junior when he was an honorable mention all-state selection on a 12-0 state championship winning team ... was a two-time 1,000-yard rusher during his career, totaling 1,060 yards as a sophomore in 1996 when he earned first team all-league and second team all-state accolades ... was the first freshman ever to start at defensive back in Newark High history ... was an honorable mention *USA Today* All-American ... also earned first team all-state and first team All-Blue Hen Conference (Flight A) honors after leading team to a 12-0 record and a second consecutive state title in '98 ... played on teams that compiled an aggregate record of 43-5 and played in the state championship game all four seasons ... was a first team all-state selection in track (4x100 relay) as a sophomore ... was also recruited by Syracuse, Michigan State and Nebraska out of high school ... high school coach was Butch Simpson.

Personal: Richard Wayne Parson was born May 16, 1980 ... son of Kim and Wayne Parson ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Akil PATTERSON 91

Defensive Tackle
6-3 •260 •Fr.-HS
Frederick, Md. (Frederick)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Frederick (Md.) High School ... a three-year starter at defensive tackle who also saw action on the offensive line ... as a senior in 2000, was named *Associated Press* honorable mention all-state as a defensive linemen in addition to pulling down first team All-Central League honors for the second consecutive year ... a first team all-area selection by the *Frederick Post* ... named the top lineman in Frederick as a junior ... a preseason Mid-Atlantic all-region selection by *PrepStar* ... was also one of the top wrestlers in the state.

Personal: Akil Sadiki Patterson was born January 23, 1983 ... son of Rhonda and Keith Patterson ... majoring in government and politics ... is interested in a career in politics.

Matt POWELL 65

Offensive Guard
6-4 •315 •Fr.-HS
Fort Washington, Md. (Oxon Hill)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Oxon Hill (Md.) High School ... started at offensive tackle and recorded a team-high six pancake blocks as a senior ... two-year team captain ... as a senior in 2000, was named second team *Associated Press* Big School all-state, second team All-Met by the *Washington Post* and first team All-Prince George's 4A League ... also was named first team All-Gazette and first team all-county by the *Prince George's* Journal ... named to the Washington, D.C. Pigskin Club All-Metro team ... second team all-county by the *PG Journal* as a junior ... a three-year starter who played both ways during his prep career ... threw the shot put for OHHS's track team ... an honor student ... high school coach was Clifton Haskins.

Personal: Matthew Devon Powell was born January 19, 1983 ... son of Yvonne and Michael Powell ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Brian RAMEY 11

Quarterback
6-0 •185 •Fr.
Upper Arlington, Ohio (Upper Arlington)

High School: Two-year varsity starter and 2001 graduate of Upper Arlington (Ohio) High School ... posted a 25-1 record as his team's starting quarterback ... helped lead Upper Arlington to a 15-0 mark and the state title as a senior in 2000 ... named first team All-OCC and honorable mention all-district ... completed 105 of 177 passes for 1,828 yards and 18 touchdowns ... also rushed for 220 yards and six touchdowns ... as a junior, led team to a 10-2 mark ... named first team All-OCC and honorable mention all-district after completing 101 of 183 passes for 1,644 yards and 20 touchdowns ... also rushed for 310 yards and eight touchdowns ... competed on the track team as a sprinter.

Personal: Brian Michael Ramey was born Sept. 24, 1982 ... son of Denny Ramey and Jenny Walker ... has one older sister.

Aaron SMITH 85

Wide Receiver
6-4 •190 •Fr.
West Point, N.Y. (O'Neill)

High School: Three-year varsity letterwinner and 2001 graduate of O'Neill High School ... as a senior, was named first team all-section (coaches) and first team Class C Back of the Year after totaling 1,450 all-purpose yards and scoring 13 touchdowns ... also led the team in tackles and recorded five interceptions ... helped his team to an 8-2 record and an OCIAA title ... named team MVP ... as a junior, totaled 1,050 yards receiving and was named team MVP in addition to pulling down first team All-OCIAA honors ... was his team MVP in basketball as a senior.

Personal: Aaron Louis Smith was born October 29, 1983 ... son of Arnold and Joyce Smith ... has two brothers ... plans to major in letters and sciences.

Maurice SMITH 59

Linebacker
6-0 •210 •Fr.-HS
Waldorf, Md. (Westlake)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md. ... totaled 101 tackles in eight games (12.6 average) despite missing two games with an injury ... also had four sacks, two fumble recoveries and blocked one punt ... captured second team all-state honors as a linebacker from the *Associated Press* as a senior in 2000 ... was named to *SuperPrep*'s all-region team ... named first team All-Southern Maryland Athletic Conference as a senior ... finished his career as the school's third-leading tackler, totaling 216 stops in three varsity seasons ... team captain and team defensive MVP as a senior .... three-year starter who played tight end as a sophomore and linebacker as a junior and senior ... teammate of fellow '01 recruit Randy Starks ... also lettered in basketball and track ... high school coach was Dom Zaccarelli.

Personal: Maurice Dion Smith was born March 25, 1983 ... son of Karen and Dan Smith ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Randy STARKS 57

Defensive Line
6-5 •290 •Fr.-HS
Waldorf, Md. (Westlake)

High School: A 2001 graduate of Westlake High School in Waldorf, Md. ... totaled 77 tackles, seven sacks and two forced fumbles in 2000 despite being the focus of double teams throughout the season ... totaled 194 tackles in his varsity career ... three-year starter who played mostly offensive tackle as a sophomore and defensive tackle and offensive tackle as a junior and senior ... a *SuperPrep* All-America selection as a senior in 2000 ... rated the eighth-best defensive lineman in the country and the second-best player (at any position) overall in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... one of *SuperPrep*'s 69 high-profile signees of '01 ... was named first team *Associated Press* Big School all-state as a senior ... a preseason Mid-Atlantic all-region selection by *PrepStar* ... also named first team All-Southern Maryland Athletic Conference for the second straight season ... named the state's top lineman by *ESPN.com*'s Tom Lemming ... team captain as a senior ... honorable mention all-state as a junior after recording 67 tackles, six sacks and two forced fumbles ... named to George Michael's "Golden 11" all-star team in 1999 ... honorable mention All-Met as a junior ... ended his career No. 3 all-time in school history with 17 sacks ... reportedly benches 320 pounds and has a 32-inch vertical leap ... teammate of fellow '01 recruit Maurice Smith ... a three-year letterman in basketball ... finished his prep career with 1,011 points and 682 rebounds ... named Southern Maryland's basketball Player of the Year by the *Washington Post* ... team finished 23-3 and second in the state his senior year ... was the leading scorer and rebounder in southern Maryland as a junior ... selected Maryland over Penn State, Virginia Tech and several others ... high school coach was Dom Zaccarelli.

Personal: Randolph Starks was born December 14, 1983 ... son of Beverly and Randolph Starks ... majoring in letters and sciences.

Mike STEELE 64

Offensive Guard
6-4 •275 •Fr.
Woodbine, Md. (South Carroll)

High School: A two-year varsity letterwinner and 2001 graduate of South Carroll High School in Sykesville, Md. ... two-way player who saw action at right tackle on offense and tackle on defense ... was a second team All-Carroll County selection as a senior ... earned all-county honors in wrestling (heavyweight) and track (shot put) as a senior.

Personal: Michael Benjamin Steele was born September 9, 1983 ... son of Jim and Christie Steele ... has four brothers ... plans to major in engineering.

Shai WARSAW 12

Quarterback
6-1 •195 •Fr.-HS
Sandy Springs, Md. (Sherwood)

High School: A three-year letterwinner and 2001 graduate of Sherwood High School in Sandy Spring, Md. ... a two-year starter who threw for over 2,500 yards as a junior and senior ... as a senior, passed for 1,189 yards and 11 touchdowns ... had a career completion percentage of 59 percent ... an All-Montgomery 4A and all-state honorable mention as a senior ... earned a spot on the Super 44 all-star team ... team went 27-8 in his three years and made it to the state championship game in 2000 ... also lettered in baseball and track ... high school coach was Bob Milloy.

Personal: Shai Israel Warsaw was born May 7, 1983, in Jerusalem, Israel ... son of Lewis and Gina Warsaw ... a Maryland distinguished scholar ... majoring in computer science.

Marcus WIMBUSH 36

Free Safety
5-11 •180 •Fr.-HS
Washington, D.C. (Dunbar)

High School: A three-year letterwinner and 2001 graduate of Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C. ... in his three years at DHS, he totaled 20 interceptions, 198 tackles and 12 caused fumbles ... named the *Washington Post* Defensive Player of the Year as a senior in 2000 ... tabbed by the *Post* as one of "the Washington area's hardest hitters" ... was a *SuperPrep* All-America selection who totaled 58 tackles, three interceptions and caused four fumbles as a senior ... rated the 13th-best defensive back in the country and fifth-best player overall in the Mid-Atlantic region by *SuperPrep* ... team went 9-3 and won its third straight DCIAA championship in 2000 ... was a preseason Mid-Atlantic all-region choice by *PrepStar* ... named to George Michael's "Golden 11" All-Star team as a senior ... totaled more than 100 tackles, nine interceptions and 10 pass breakups as a junior in capturing All-Met and all-league recognition ... was also recruited by Pittsburgh and Michigan State ... high school coach was Craig Jefferies.

Personal: Marcus Joseph Wimbush was born November 1, 1982 ... son of Jacqueline and Jessie Smith ... majoring in letters and sciences.