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BAYLOR'S GUY MORRISS ANNOUNCES 2005 SIGNEES

WACO, Texas -- Baylor University football head coach Guy Morriss announced Wednesday the signing of 20 players to National Letters of Intent for the 2005-06 academic year. Included in Morriss' third Baylor recruiting class are 19 high school standouts and one junior college transfer.

"I believe the quality of this class is very good, and I think that overall it is our best class since we've been here," said Morriss, who has signed 53 Texas preps (of 61 total signees) in three seasons. "We would like to have one more defensive end in that group, but we are happy with what we were able to get.

"We are staying true to our belief that you build a program with freshman," he added. "The Texas influence is pretty strong. We are going to spot-recruit different cities or areas of the country, but the lion's share of our players will always come out of Texas."

In addition to today's signees, Morriss also announced that three players already in the program — freshman deep snapper **Jonathan Weeks** (Glendale, Ariz.), sophomore tight end **Jordan Adams** (Arlington, Texas) and sophomore linebacker **Nick Moore** (Arlington, Texas) — were awarded scholarships. Weeks, whose scholarship began this semester, was Baylor's starting deep snapper as a true freshman walk-on last fall. Adams and Moore, who sat out the 2004 season after transferring into the program from New Mexico and Georgia Tech, respectively, begin scholarship in August 2005. By NCAA rule, those scholarships are credited to BU's February 2005 class.

A third Division I-A transfer, sophomore quarterback **Kris Heavner** (Johnson City, Texas), has joined the Baylor program from the University of Arizona. Heavner enrolled at Baylor last month; he will sit out the 2005 season and then have two seasons to play for the Bears after starting eight games as a true freshman for the Wildcats in 2003 and six in 2004.

The Bears' 2005 signees include:

Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (Previous School)
Justin Akers	TE	6-5	220	Deer Park, Texas (Deer Park)
Mikail Baker	WR	6-0	180	Dallas, Texas (Skyline)
Thad Boatner	OL	6-8	275	Hamilton, Texas (Hamilton)
Shon Brown	LB	6-0	220	Waco, Texas (Waco)
Trey Bryant	DT	6-3	313	Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)
David Gettis	WR	6-4	198	Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey)
Cory Gindratt	DB	6-0	175	Amarillo, Texas (Palo Duro)
Jordan Hearvey	OL	6-4	254	Richardson, Texas (Richardson)
Antonio Jones	LB	6-3	215	Dallas, Texas (Lincoln)
Jordan Lake	DB	6-2	200	Houston, Texas (Memorial)
Jason Lamb	TE	6-6	225	Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)
Matthew Lott	OT	6-5	300	Wiggins, Miss. (Pearl River C.C.)
LeQuantum McDonald	DE	6-3	230	Waco, Texas (Waco)
Joseph Pawelek	LB	6-2	210	Spring Branch, Texas (Smithson Valley)
Dan Sherwood	TE	6-7	220	Amarillo, Texas (Amarillo)
Carl Sims	WR	5-10	165	Waco, Texas (Waco)
Cordney Smith	RB	6-0	205	Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)
Blake Szymanski	QB	6-4	190	Wichita Falls, Texas (Rider)
Queito Teasley	RB	6-1	180	Katy, Texas (Cinco Ranch)
Jeremy Williams	DB	5-10	198	Dallas, Texas (Carter)

2005 Baylor Football Class Breakdown:

By State:

Texas (18): Akers, Baker, Boatner, Brown, Bryant, Gindratt, Hearvey, Jones, Lake, Lamb, McDonald, Pawelek, Sherwood, Sims, Smith, Szymanski, Teasley, Williams.

California (1): Gettis

Mississippi (1): Lott

By Position (First Position Listed):

Offense (12): Akers, TE; Baker, WR; Boatner, OL; Gettis, WR; Hearvey, OL; Lamb, TE; Lott, OT; Sherwood, TE; Sims, WR; Smith, RB; Szymanski, QB; Teasley, RB.

Defense (8): Brown, LB; Bryant, DT; Gindratt, DB; Jones, LB; Lake, DB; McDonald, DE; Pawelek, LB; Williams, DB.

Justin Akers

TE □ 6-5 □ 220 • Deer Park, Texas (Deer Park)

Selected as one of the state's top 10 tight ends on *Texas Football's* 2004 Texas Top 300 list ... *Waco Tribune-Herald* Top 100 player ... Caught team-high 26 passes for 462 yards, an average of 17.8 yards per catch, as a senior with five touchdowns for coach Chris Massey's 6-4 Deer ... Earned all-district honors in both football and basketball ... 4.80 40-yard dash time ... Also played baseball and was a member of the school's track team ... National Honor Society member ... The son of Mike and Sharon Akers, Justin Paul Akers was born Oct. 30, 1986 in Pasadena, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Justin Akers: "We believe Justin is a tight end who can run and stretch the seam a little bit. I think he'll probably stay at tight end his entire career and be a very good player for us."

Mikail Baker

WR • 6-0 • 180 • Dallas, Texas (Skyline)

Ranked 83rd on the *Dallas Morning News's* Area Top 100 list ... Two-time All-District 9-5A wide receiver ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... 2005 Coca-Cola High School All-Star Game participant ... Helped Skyline to the 2004 Class 5A Division I Region II bi-district playoffs ... As a senior, caught 50 passes for 750 yards with eight touchdowns for coach Que Brittain's 7-4 Raiders ... Also rushed 12 times for 150 yards and two scores ... Returned a kickoff for a touchdown and racked up 1,000 all-purpose yards in final prep campaign ... Hauled in 24 passes for 357 yards and two TDs as a junior ... Runs a 4.50 40 ... Would like to become a television broadcaster ... The son of Mike and Jacquelin Baker, Mikail A'Lim Baker was born June 19, 1987, in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on Mikail Baker: "Mikail has good speed and nice, soft hands. He can make the big play; he's a deep threat. He probably needs to come in and redshirt, get in the weight room and get bigger. But we believe he's going to be an asset to our team."

Thad Boatner

OL • 6-7 • 280 • Hamilton, Texas (Hamilton)

Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... 2004 first-team Associated Press and Texas Sports Writers Association all-state selection (Class 2A and A) ... 2004 *Waco Tribune-Herald* Super Centex performer ... 2004 *Prep Star* national All-American ... Earned all-district honors on both sides of the ball ... Anchored an offensive line that helped Hamilton rush for 386 yards and score 30.8 points per game ... Averaged 8.6 pancake blocks per game and 15.5 knockdowns ... On the defensive side of the ball, averaged 9.6 tackles per game with five sacks, four caused fumbles, two fumble recoveries, four pass breakups and a blocked field goal ... Helped coach Chris Wilde's Bulldogs to a 10-3 record and the semifinals of the 2004 2A Division II regional semifinals ... Younger brother of Baylor junior offensive lineman Yancy Boatner ... Also participated in power lifting, track and tennis as a prep ... National Honor Society member earned spot on school's "A" Honor Roll ... Enjoys auto mechanics and restoration, bowling and audio electronics ... Also participates in 4-H and FFA ... The son of Sharon and Arvel Boatner, Thad Cory Boatner was born Dec. 18, 1985 in Weatherford, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Thad Boatner: "Thad is very athletic and flexible. He needs to get in the weight room, so the redshirt year will help him. He's a good run blocker and a good pass blocker, just a good all-around offensive lineman."

Shon Brown

LB • 6-0 • 220 • Waco, Texas (Waco)

One of three Waco High preps in Baylor's 2005 class, joining his brother, Carl Sims, and teammate LeQuantum McDonald ... Ranked 91st on the *Dallas Morning News*' State Top 100 list ... Rivals.com rates Brown as the nation's 58th-best linebacker ... Also a member of the *Waco Tribune-Herald*, *Houston Chronicle* and *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* Top 100 lists ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... Two-time *Waco Tribune-Herald* first-team Super Centex selection ... Credited with 118 tackles, five sacks and 18 tackles for loss as a senior for coach Johnny Tusa's Lions en route to honorable mention All-Texas honors for the second straight season from the Associated Press ... Helped Waco High to a 7-4 record and a bi-district playoff berth as a senior ... Had 101 tackles, seven sacks and five forced fumbles as a junior and 72 stops as a sophomore ... Runs a 4.60 40 ... Also a standout basketball player ... Recruited by Texas, Oklahoma, Texas A&M, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State, LSU, Arkansas and Florida ... The son of Roshonda Sims, Shon Evell Brown was born Nov. 16, 1986 in Waco, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Shon Brown: *"Shon is on everyone's Top 100 list. He can run well. Redshirting will help him, but he's going to be one of those big inside linebackers for us who steps up and takes on the big fullbacks."*

Trey Bryant

DT • 6-3 • 313 • Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)

No. 77 (28th on its All-Area list) on the *Dallas Morning News*' State Top 100 list was also among the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram's* and *Waco Tribune-Herald's* Top 100 players ... [Rivals.com](#) ranks Bryant as the nation's 34th-best defensive tackle ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... In three seasons for coach Jim Ledford's Rams, he recorded 150 tackles, 17 sacks, two fumble recoveries and a forced fumble ... As a senior, he was credited with 58 tackles, five sacks, four forced fumbles, 15 pressures and six pass breakups en route to first-team all-city and second-team all-district honors ... Led Berkner to a school-record eight victories in 2004 (against four losses), a seven-game win streak and its first-ever berth in the 5A Division I Region II semifinal playoffs ... First-team all-city and second-team all-district as a junior, was district sophomore of the year ... Also lettered in track ... Runs a 4.90 40 ... One of three Richardson natives in Baylor's 2005 recruiting class, joining teammate Jason Lamb and Richardson High's Jordan Hearvey ... Also considered Houston, Mississippi State, Brigham Young and Arizona ... Would like to become a high school coach ... The son of Sonja and Lee Bryant Jr., Lee Vernon Bryant III was born June 2, 1987, in Carrollton, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Trey Bryant: *"Trey is another kid who was on a lot of people's lists, a defensive tackle that's got great leverage and good strength. He'll also hopefully benefit from a redshirt year, but he will play early in his career as well."*

David Gettis

WR • 6-4 • 198 • Los Angeles, Calif. (Dorsey)

Standout two-sport athlete will play football and run track for the Bears ... Committed to Baylor during the 2005 U.S. Army All-American Bowl, the first time the school landed a participant from the prestigious event ... Caught a 39-yard touchdown pass in the All-American Bowl ... [Rivals.com](#) ranks Gettis as California's 50th-best prep, while he's the nation's 26th-best receiver ... *SuperPrep* rates Gettis as the Golden State's 38th-best player ... Caught 31 passes for 600 yards and nine touchdowns in final prep season ... Also played free safety on defense totaling 40 tackles, three interceptions and six pass breakups ... Had 23 receptions for 496 yards and seven scores as a junior ... Played for coach Ralph Caldwell ... Runs a 4.4 40 ... California's first-ever two-time prep state 400 meter champ ... Won state 400 title in 47.1 seconds as a sophomore, then ran a 46.3 to claim his second state 400 gold medal ... Owns a 4.35 40-yard dash best ... Had football scholarship offers from Arizona, Arizona State, Washington and San Diego State, as well as a track offer from Southern Cal ... The son of Dale and Valeri Gettis, David Alexander Gettis was born Aug. 27, 1987, in Cherry Point, N.C.

Guy Morriss on David Gettis: *"David can absolutely fly; he's got great speed and athletic ability. I believe the sky is the limit for him. He's a quarter-miler in track, but his first love is football."*

Cory Gindratt

DB • 6-0 • 175 • Amarillo, Texas (Palo Duro)

Earned first-team All-District 3-4A honors on both sides of the ball as a senior after helping the Dons to their first unbeaten district record since 1987 ... 2004 District 3-4A offensive player of the year after rushing for 703 yards on 89 carries with nine touchdowns ... Also returned punts and kickoffs for coach Steve Parr's team ... Steve Parr is the father of current Baylor graduate assistant coach Scott Parr ... Gindratt also recorded 229 receiving yards and scored two touchdowns ... One of five 3-4A players who earned all-district honors on both sides of the ball, he was a unanimous choice in the secondary ... Runs a 4.50 40 ... The son of Tony and Pat Gindratt ... Cory Christopher Gindratt was born Jan. 12, 1987, in Amarillo, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Cory Gindratt: *"Cory is another kid who can run, he's athletic and will hit you. He just needs to get in the weight room and add a little weight. He's a very articulate and bright kid."*

Jordan Hearvey

OL • 6-4 • 254 • Richardson, Texas (Richardson)

Three-year starter for coach Harry Everett at Richardson High School ... Had 45 pancake blocks from his offensive tackle position as a senior en route to first-team all-city and all-district honors ... Caught three passes for 38 yards as a junior tight end before moving to offensive tackle for final prep season ... Played defensive end as a sophomore for the Eagles ... The son of Elgin Young ... Selected Baylor over Arkansas and Missouri ... Runs a 4.90 40 ... One of three Richardson, Texas, products in Baylor's 2005 recruiting class, joining Brekner's Jason Lamb and Trey Bryant ... Jordan O'Brian Hearvey was born April 13, 1987 in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on Jordan Hearvey: *"Jordan has nice long arms and is very lean. Again, a redshirt year will help him. It is just a question of him developing and putting on strength and weight. He will add depth to our offensive line in the future, eventually be a starter and play quite a bit for us."*

Antonio Jones

LB • 6-3 • 215 • Dallas, Texas (Lincoln)

Rated No. 46 on the *Dallas Morning News*' 2004 All-Area Top 100 list ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... Credited with 150 tackles, 35 for loss, 10 forced fumbles and eight sacks en route to a spot on the *Dallas Morning News*' 2004 all-area first-team honor squad ... 2004 Associated Press honorable mention Class 4A all-state selection ... Helped Coach Reginald Samuels' 2004 Lincoln High School Tigers to a runner-up finish in the 2004 Class 4A Division II playoffs and a school-record 13 victories ... 2005 Coca-Cola High School All-Star Game participant ... Runs a 4.60 40 ... The son of Gary and Felecia Jones ... Antonio Rashad Jones was born May 19, 1987.

Guy Morriss on Antonio Jones: *"Antonio is a big-time linebacker. He can run and hit. He should add some weight and probably redshirt, but we believe he's going to be a very good player for us."*

Jordan Lake

DB • 6-2 • 205 • Houston, Texas (Memorial)

A member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300, Lake was named the 2004 defensive MVP of District 18-5A as a senior ... Also was a first-team *Houston Chronicle* All-Greater Houston honoree ... 2004 Houston Touchdown Club Defensive player of the year finalist ... Credited with 119 tackles, including 12 for loss, as a senior ... Also had four interceptions, two of which he returned for touchdowns, for coach Gary Koch's 2004 Mustangs ... A standout on special teams, he blocked four kicks, returned a punt for a touchdown and averaged 25 yards per kickoff return and 16 yards per punt return ... Also rushed for 180 yards on 22 carries ... Scored eight offensive touchdowns as a part-time running back ... Career statistics include 307 tackles, 29 of which were for loss and 10 interceptions (three returned for touchdowns) as a three-year starter at safety ... Rushed for 233 yards on 29 carries and scored nine touchdowns as a part-time running back over prep career ... The 2003 co-defensive MVP of District 21-5A also earned *Houston Chronicle* All-Greater Houston second-team defensive honors and was a unanimous first-team all-district defensive back ... Earned first-team all-district honors as a sophomore ... Runs 4.60 40 ... Also lettered twice in baseball and once in track ... Received school's U.S. history award ... Father, George, played basketball at Baylor, while his brother was a basketball player at Trinity and his uncle hooped at Nicholls State ... Would like to become a football coach ... Selected Baylor over Tulsa and Tulane ... The son of George and Kay Lake ... Jordan Matthew Lake was born Dec. 26, 1986, in Houston.

Guy Morriss on Jordan Lake: *"Jordan is a real heads-up kid, who also needs to get in the weight room. The redshirt year will help him to add some weight. The kid has a knack for making plays. He'll make some good decisions. He has good instincts and really reacts when the ball is in the air."*

Jason Lamb

TE • 6-6 • 225 • Richardson, Texas (L.V. Berkner)

Rated No. 66 on the *Dallas Morning News*' Area Top 100 list ... 2004 *Texas Football* Top 300 member ... Second-team Associated Press all-state defensive end as a senior for coach Jim Ledford's Rams after recording 104 tackles and 11 sacks ... Also had 27 quarterback hurries ... Earned 2004 all-district honors as both a tight end and a defensive end ... Recorded six receptions for 70 yards and one touchdown in final prep season ... All-district performer as a junior after helping team finish 7-4 and earn a playoff berth ... Honorable mention academic all-state performer ... National Honor Society member ... Also participated in basketball and track as a prep ... Grandparents, Frank and Frances Amick, live in Waco ... Looking for a career in politics ... Member of the country and western dance team the Ramblers ... The son of Brad and Nancy Lamb ... Jason Wayne Lamb was born March 3, 1987, in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on Jason Lamb: *"Jason is a big physical tight end out of Berkner; he's already growing. If he continues to add weight and strength like he has this fall and over the course of the winter, he will fill one of those offensive line spots in the future."*

Matt Lott

OT • 6-5 • 300 • Wiggins, Miss. (Pearl River C.C.)

An All-America offensive tackle at Pearl River Community College in Poplarville, Miss., Matt Lott signed a National Letter of Intent with the Bears last December and is enrolled in school and will participate in spring drills ... A native of Wiggins, Miss., Lott will have two seasons of eligibility remaining beginning next fall ... Starter on coach Tim Hatten's 2004 Wildcat team which captured both the MACJC and National Junior College Athletic Association national titles en route to a 12-0 record ... Earned first-team NJCAA All-America honors at offensive tackle ... Allowed just one sack for a Pearl River offense which led the nation in passing (301.4 ypg) and ranked sixth in total offense (439.0 ypg) ... An outstanding student, Lott was named to the 2004 *JC Gridwire* Scholar-Athlete Junior College All-America team ... Attended Stone County [Miss.] High School where he earned honorable mention All-District 7-4A honors for coach Greg Amacker as a senior ... Civil engineering major ... The son of John and Vicki Long ... Matthew Lamar Lott was born April 9, 1984, in Wiggins, Miss.

Guy Morriss on Matt Lott: *"We are excited to sign a player of Matt's caliber and believe he will be able to step in and give us immediate help on the offensive line. He's got all of the skills that you like to see in an offensive lineman and he's a very good student. We are glad to have him joining our program."*

LeQuantum McDonald

DE • 6-3 • 230 • Waco, Texas (Waco)

One of three Waco High Lions in Baylor's 2005 recruiting class, joining teammates Shon Brown and Carl Sims ... Younger brother of Baylor senior starting offensive guard Lequalan McDonald ... 2004 *Texas Football* Top 300 member ... *Waco Tribune-Herald* Top 100 selection ... Credited with 112 tackles and eight sacks as a senior en route to second-team *Waco Tribune-Herald* Super Centex and honorable mention Associated Press all-state honors ... As a junior, recorded 27 tackles and one sack ... Helped coach Johnny Tusa's Lions to a 7-4 record and a bi-district playoff berth in 2004 ... 4.60 40 ... Also a basketball standout for the Lions ... The son of Bridgett McDonald ... LeQuantum Demond McDonald was born July 31, 1987, in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on LeQuantum McDonald: *"LeQuantum is a big defensive end who can run really well for a big man. He's got a good motor, nice long arms and we like the way he runs to the football."*

Joseph Pawelek

LB • 6-2 • 210 • Spring Branch, Texas (Smithson Valley)

A member of the 2004 *Texas Football* Top 300 ... 2004 *Waco Tribune-Herald* Top 100 selection ... Ranked No. 2 on the *San Antonio Express-News*' area Top 10 and No. 40 on its state Top 50 lists ... Tallied 197 tackles and six fumble recoveries as a senior en route to *San Antonio Express-News* defensive player of the year honors ... Helped Rangers to a 2004 Class 5A Division II runner-up finish and was rewarded with Associated Press honorable mention Class 5A all-state honors ... Credited with 20 tackles in the Rangers' 18-10 state semifinal victory over Houston Clear Lake ... Led coach Larry Hill's 2003 team to a 10-2 record and the Division II playoffs ... Credited with 131 tackles and seven sacks as a junior ... 4.70 40 ... Also a standout baseball catcher, he plans on playing both sports at Baylor ... Selected Baylor over Houston and Washington State ... The son of Mike and Judy Pawelek, Joseph Charles Pawelek was born Dec. 8, 1986.

Guy Morriss on Joseph Pawelek: *"Joseph is another big linebacker who has a nose for the football. He's always making plays. He just always runs to the ball and makes plays, whether it be up in the line of scrimmage or out in the open field."*

Dan Sherwood

TE • 6-7 • 220 • Amarillo, Texas (Amarillo)

2004 *Texas Football* Top 300 selection ... Three-year letterwinner and two-year starter for coach Larry Dippel's Sandies ... An excellent blocker, he earned All-District 2-5A honors after catching 24 passes for 279 yards and five touchdowns as a senior ... Also recruited by Texas A&M and Texas-El Paso ... 4.90 40 ... Three-sport standout also plays on the school's basketball team and was a 2004 region qualifier in the shot put ... Wants to earn a degree in education with an eye toward teaching and coaching ... The son of Brent and Kay Sherwood ... Daniel William Sherwood was born Oct. 10, 1986, in Amarillo, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Dan Sherwood: *"Dan is a big, tall tight end. He's lanky, but he's got a good body frame, and will benefit from a redshirt year. It depends on how big he gets, he could just be a big blocking tight end or grow into an offensive lineman."*

Carl Sims

WR • 5-10 • 165 • Waco, Texas (Waco)

A standout football and basketball player for the Waco High Lions, Sims hopes to play both sports as a Bear ... One of three Lions in Baylor's 2005 recruiting class, joining prep teammates Shon Brown, his brother, and LeQuantum McDonald ... A three-year starter for coach Johnny Tusa, Sims is expected to play wide receiver for the Bears after starting on both sides of the ball as a prep ... Rushed for 1,296 yards and 16 touchdowns as a senior quarterback en route to District 13-5A offensive MVP honors ... 2004 honorable mention Super Centex pick helped team to a 7-4 record and the bi-district playoffs ... 4.50 40 ... Had five interceptions as a junior defensive back ... Earned first-team all-district honors as a junior ... On the hardwood, Sims averaged 16.1 points, 4.3 assists and 5.1 steals in leading the 2004 Lions to their first playoff appearance in five seasons and earned first-team Super Centex honors ... The son of Larry and Cynthia Sims ... Carl L. Sims was born Nov. 9, 1985, in Waco, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Carl Sims: *"Carl is as good an athlete as there is in this group. He could play a lot of spots on the football team, and he's a very smart, bright kid. He could be a wide receiver, he could be a quarterback or a cornerback. He's very talented; there are a lot of things he could do to help us."*

Cordney Smith

RB • 6-0 • 205 • Duncanville, Texas (Duncanville)

Ranked No. 49 on the 2004 *Dallas Morning News*' Area Top 100 list ... Rivals.com rates Smith as the nation's 17th-best running back ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... 2004 *Waco Tribune-Herald* Top 100 recruit ... Carried 243 times for 1,677 yards and 25 touchdowns en route to second-team all-area recognition from the *Dallas Morning News* as a senior ... Metroplex's third-leading rusher in 2004 ... 2004 District 7-5A offensive MVP led Duncanville to a 9-3 record and the Class 5A Division I regional semifinals ... 2005 Coca-Cola High School All-Star Game participant ... As a junior, rushed for 1,124 yards and 12 touchdowns on 160 carries and earned second-team all-district honors ... Averaged 6.95 yards per carry over final two prep seasons for coach Dan Schreiber ... Runs a 4.40 40 ... Selected Baylor over Utah, Colorado State, LSU, Texas A&M, Iowa, Nebraska and Georgia ... Also participated in basketball and track for the Panthers ... The son of Carolyn Smith ... Cordney Donnis Smith was born May 4, 1987, in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on Cordney Smith: *"Cordney is a big, thick running back. He's got good speed, but at the same time, he's got a lot of power. We like the bigger heavier framed backs like him. He's going to have a big career here."*

Blake Szymanski

QB • 6-4 • 190 • Wichita Falls, Texas (Rider)

Earned first-team Class 4A all-state honors from the Texas Sports Writers Association ... Member of *Texas Football's* 2004 Top 300 ... 2004 *Waco Tribune-Herald* Top 100 pick ... Threw for 4,083 yards and 45 touchdowns in leading Wichita Falls Rider to an 11-3 record ... Completed 59.8 percent of his passes (278 of 465) in final prep season ... Also ran for 455 yards and 10 touchdowns to earn first-team Class 4A all-state honors from the Texas Sports Writers Association and honorable mention recognition from the Associated Press ... 2004 MVP of the *Wichita Falls Record News* Red River all-area squad ... Threw for 447 yards and six touchdowns in a 63-42 upset win of No. 4 Stephenville in the bi-district playoffs ... As a junior, he passed for 2,810 yards and earned district MVP honors for coach Scott Ponder's Raiders ... Also played in the secondary and returned punts ... Runs 4.50 40 ... Selected Baylor over TCU, Houston, Tulsa, Texas Tech and Cal ... Earned four letters in football and baseball, two in basketball ... Planning to major in engineering ... The son of Steve and Donna Szymanski ... Blake Michael Szymanski was born July 26, 1986, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Guy Morriss on Blake Szymanski: *"We'll probably redshirt Blake this year to allow him to learn and grow. From a physical standpoint, he needs to get in the weight room and add a little weight. I like his intangibles; he has a good arm. He can really spin the football."*

Queito Teasley

RB • 6-1 • 180 • Katy, Texas (Cinco Ranch)

Rated as Texas' 60th-best prep on the *Dallas Morning News*' State Top 100 and the nation's 45th-best athlete by Rivals.com, Teasley will likely play in the Baylor backfield ... Member of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*'s State 100, *Waco Tribune-Herald*'s Top 100 and the *Houston Chronicle*'s Top 100 ... Ranked as Texas' 81st-best prep by *SuperPrep* ... *Texas Football* 2004 Top 300 selection ... Rushed 184 times for a team-high 982 yards and 11 touchdowns as a senior for a Ranger squad which finished 8-3 ... Averaged 5.3 yards per rush as a senior ... Also caught 25 passes for 250 yards and two touchdowns ... Tallied team-high 82 points on 13 touchdowns and a pair of two-point conversions in 2004 ... Ranked third in the district in rushing, receiving and scoring as a senior ... Teasley is the third player from Cinco Ranch to join the Baylor program since Guy Morriss' arrival, joining offensive tackle Nick Pace and defensive end Julian Hill ... Three-time All-District 19-5A pick for coach Don Clayton ... Rushed for 1,015 yards and 11 touchdowns on 189 carries as a junior and totaled 886 yards and seven scores as a sophomore ... Also caught 33 passes for 308 yards and five touchdowns as a junior ... Runs a 4.40 40 ... Ran the anchor leg of Cinco Ranch's 4x200-meter relay team which finished second to lead the school to the Class 5A title ... Had scholarship offers from 15 schools including Oklahoma, Texas, Texas A&M, Texas Tech and Wisconsin among others ... The son of Debra Teasley ... Queito Ikean Teasley was born Dec. 12, 1985, in Elbertson, Ga.

Guy Morriss on Queito Teasley: *"Queito is another great athlete in this bunch. Good speed, he's a 200-meter guy. He probably needs a little work in the weight room to get a little more weight on him. He's another guy who could play a multitude of positions; he's very athletic."*

Jeremy Williams

DB • 5-10 • 198 • Dallas, Texas (Carter)

Earned 2004 first-team All-District 9-5A honors as a defensive back from the *Dallas Morning News* ... Talented two-way player rushed 52 times for 309 yards and scored five touchdowns for the Cowboys as a running back ... Also caught four passes for 45 yards ... Tallied 75 tackles in final prep season ... Helped coach Allen Wilson's team to a 10-2 record, the Class 5A Division II playoffs and a season-ending *Dallas Morning News* SportsDay ranking of No. 4 ... Had 86 tackles as a junior for a 12-1 Carter squad which captured the district title and advanced to the Division II regional semifinals ... Also considered Louisiana Tech before following in the footsteps of former Cowboys Braelon Davis and Chris Evans and casting his lot with the Bears ... The son of Dana Williams ... Jeremy D. Williams was born Jan. 4, 1987, in Dallas.

Guy Morriss on Jeremy Williams: *"Jeremy could grow into a sam or a rover for us. He will help us early on with special teams. He's an all-around good athlete. He makes a lot of plays around the football and is not shy about contact."*