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Defensive End

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Belhaven, N.C. (Northside)



One of East Carolina's most battle-tested performers on the defensive side of the ball who firmly secured a reputation as one of the top ends and pass rushers in Conference USA history ... Closed 54-game career (44 starts) ranked among the Top 10 NCAA active leaders in assisted TFLs (1st), assisted sacks (5th), total TFLs (8th), total sacks (8th) and solo sacks (10th) ... Blocked a total of four kicks during career – PAT vs. Southern Miss/'09, FGA vs. Tulane/'08, FGA vs. Houston/'07, PAT vs. UTEP/'07.

2009: Opened all 14 games in 2009 to close his career with a starting streak of 37 consecutive games ... Credited with 57 total tackles, 10.5 resulting in lost yardage ... Led the Pirates with 5.5 sacks and was the unit's co-leader with 14 quarterback hurries ... Turned in season-best tackle effort of eight against Appalachian State before following with seven stops vs. Rice ... Other effort of note was a five-solo tackle, three-sack performance vs. Tulsa to help ECU to a Conference USA road win ... Posted five or more tackles in seven games ... A First-Team All-Conference USA selection by league coaches and *CollegeFootballNews.com* and a second-team all-league pick by *Phil Steele Magazine* ... Named C-USA Defensive Player-of-the-year by *Sporting News* ... Received ESPN GameDay Final helmet sticker for his play against Southern Miss – blocking a PAT vs. the Golden Eagles midway through the fourth quarter and breaking a 20-20 deadlock ... Booked multiple stops in 12 of 14 games ... Played key leadership role for a defensive unit that held seven opponents to less than 100 yards rushing (UCF/70, SMU/28, Rice/78, Memphis/84, Tulsa/30, Houston/30, Arkansas/81) ... Ranked among the league leaders in sacks (9th) and TFLs (11th) ... Earned selection to the Ted Hendricks (nation's top defensive end), 40th Annual Rotary Lombardi (nation's top lineman) and Bronko Nagurski (nation's best defensive player) Award Watch Lists ... Tallied five stops in back-to-back contests against BCS opponents West Virginia and North Carolina ... Also recovered first career fumble in the first quarter against Tar Heels ... Registered 1.5 sacks for -11 yards in C-USA opener vs. UCF, logging first quarterback drop in the first quarter ... Included in a seven-stop effort vs. Rice were a pair of TFLs and forced fumbles, and three quarterback pressures ... A career-best three sacks at Tulsa resulted in a loss of 13 yards ... Followed with another five-stop outing vs. UAB before netting three hits against Southern Miss in the divisional title contest ... Returned blocked PAT 90 yards for two points to give the Pirates a 22-20 lead with 7:35 remaining in the game vs. USM ... Was also credited with four of ECU's 15 QBHs against Golden Eagles ... Logged three tackles, 1.0 TFL and two QBHs vs. Houston in the C-USA Championship Game ... Closed out career by registering one tackle vs. Arkansas in the AutoZone Liberty Bowl ... Selected as Conference USA's Preseason Defensive Player-of-the-Year by league coaches, CBSsports.com and Rivals.com ... A Preseason First Team All-Conference USA selection by league coaches, *CBSports.com*, *Rivals.com*, *Phil Steele Magazine* and *Sporting News* ... National member of the Consensus Draft Service's 2009 All-Underappreciated Team ... Ranked as the No. 10 best defensive end by *Rivals.com* in its Preseason Power Rankings ... Rated as the 61st (*CollegeFootballNews.com*) and 70th (*Rivals.com*) best player nationally. **2008:** Ranked among the nation's top 30 and among Conference USA's top two in sacks (27th/2nd) and tackles for lost yardage (26th/1st) during junior season ... Opened all 14 games to extend starting streak to 23 straight ... Led all Pirate linemen with 70 overall stops, 18.5 tackles for lost yardage and 10.5 sacks ... Turned in a season-best tackle effort of eight against Tulane before following with seven stops each vs. Southern Miss and Tulsa ... Recorded at least one sack in nine of 14 games and a tackle for lost yardage in 12 contests ... Shared team lead with five quarterback hurries while also tallying a forced fumble (Houston), a batted pass (Kentucky) and a blocked kick (FGA vs. Tulane that resulted in a touchdown return by Quentin Cotton) ... Posted multiple tackle performances in all 14 games, netting five or more on eight occasions ... In addition to the efforts vs. Green Wave, Golden Eagles and Golden Hurricane, also notched five or more stops against N.C. State (six), Houston (six), Kentucky (six), West Virginia (five) and Memphis (five) ... Logged a season-high three tackles for lost yardage at Tulane (-7) and added two hits behind the line of scrimmage each vs. Memphis and UCF ... Earned C-USA Defensive Player-of-the-Week accolades for effort vs. the Green Wave ... Credited with 1.5 sacks in three contests (West Virginia, UTEP and Tulsa in the Conference USA Championship Game) ... Quarterback drops against Golden Hurricane came on back-to-back plays in the third quarter ... Sack total against Miners netted -12 yards, just one shy of a season-best 13-yard loss at Southern Miss ... Contributed a combined 13 stops and 1.5 sacks in both post-season matchups ... Anchored a defensive unit that held three opponents to under 100 rushing yards (Tulane/76, UCF/82, UTEP/57) and two opponents to less than 100 passing yards (West Virginia/72, Memphis/82) and forced a total of 33 turnovers (No. 7 national rank) ... Part of a defensive front seven that registered 31 sacks (second among all C-USA squads) and 91 tackles for lost yardage (6.50 tflpg), which also stood second in C-USA and 30th nationally ... A first-team All-Conference USA selection by league head coaches and by *Phil Steele Magazine* ... Also earned C-USA Defensive MVP and C-USA Player-of-the-Year honors from the *Sporting News* and *ESPN.com*, respectively ... Recipient of the defensive line's Overton Decal Award for racking up the most helmet stickers (52). **2007:** A sophomore who started nine of 13 games played ... Opened season as a reserve behind Marcus Hands for the first four games, but took over starting duties for the remainder of the year beginning with the C-USA road opener at Houston (last nine contests) ... Earned All-Conference USA (second-team) honors as selected by league coaches ... Ranked sixth in C-USA in total sacks (7.0) and sacks per game (0.54) ... Recorded at least one sack in five games (1.5/Virginia Tech, 2.5/Houston, 1.0/UAB, 1.0/Memphis, 1.0/Boise State) ... Overall, produced 36 total tackles (17 solo, 19 assists) ... Recorded at least a half TFL in nine games ... Turned in a career-best effort against Cougars at Robertson Stadium in first start of season with nine stops, 2.5 sacks and 2.5 TFLs ... Blocked two kicks – a field goal attempt at Houston and a point-after attempt at UTEP, which led to a Travis Williams two-point return ... Topped squad with 12 quarterback pressures ... Forced first career fumble against Hokies during season opener ... Authored four-tackle outings against West Virginia and Memphis while booking three stops each in clashes against North Carolina, UTEP and Marshall ... Other multiple-tackle (two) performances came against N.C. State and UAB ... Credited with a career-high four quarterback pressures vs. UCF in addition to an assisted tackle ... Also netted single stops against Tulane and Boise State ... Tackle against Broncos in the Sheraton Hawai'i Bowl was a sack (-7 yards) that came against Ryan Clady, a future first-round pick in the NFL draft (12th overall by Denver) ... Played vital role in helping hold four opponents to 80 yards or less rushing (VT/33, UNC/79, NCSU/49, MEM/77) during the season. **2006:** A true freshman who made an immediate impact, starting seven of 13 games ... Opened tilts against Virginia, Tulsa, SMU, Southern Miss, UCF, Marshall and Rice ... Recorded at least one sack in five of last eight games and booked a tackle in 11 of 13 contests ... Logged a season-high seven tackles vs. Tulsa (10/14), which included first career sack ... In all, recorded 29 total tackles (17 solo, 12 assists) ... Topped unit with 4.0 sacks and stood fourth with 6.0 tackles for lost yardage ... Also was credited with a team-high four quarterback hurries ...

Selected to C-USA's All-Freshman Team by media ... Made collegiate debut at Navy and responded with four tackles before following with a season-high two quarterback pressures against Memphis ... Contributed a solo stop vs. Virginia in first career start ... Added three tackles in tilts against SMU and South Florida ... Dropped Bulls' quarterback Matt Grothe for an eight-yard loss in the second quarter to produce a sack in the Papajohns.com Bowl ... Other multiple-stop outings came against West Virginia, Southern Miss, UCF and Rice ... Racked up additional sacks against Golden Eagles and Knights. **2005:** Enrolled at ECU in the fall but officially joined the Pirate football program after the spring semester (2006) after completing NCAA eligibility requirements ... Officially signed with Skip Holtz' program in February, 2005. **High School:** A two-time *Washington Daily News* All-Area selection for coach Bing Mitchell at Northside High School ... Played key role in Panthers' program which rolled to a 13-3 record and advanced to the Eastern Championship contest ... Helped NHS to playoff victories against Columbia (39-6), Weldon (44-14) and Camden (19-16) before falling to state runner-up Southside (32-0) ... Also earned all-conference honors as a senior team captain in 2004 ... Won additional letters in basketball and track ... Two brothers have enjoyed Division I (A or AA) football careers – Amos (New Mexico State) and Everett (North Carolina A&T) – while two other brothers are playing football and basketball at the junior college level. **Personal:** Full name is Clifford James Wilson ... Born March 30, 1987 at Belhaven, N.C. ... Is a music aficionado and an accomplished piano player ... An academic success story as dedication and exceptional work ethic in classroom earned selection to the 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 ECU Athletic Director's Honor Roll as a communications major after eligibility qualifying issues delayed start of career ... Earned bachelor's degree from ECU during Commencement Exercises in May, 2009.

WILSON'S CAREER DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	G/GS	UT	AT	TOT	SKS	TFL	FF	FR	INT	QBH	PB
2006	13/7	17	12	29	4.0	6.0	0	0	0-0	4	0
2007	13/9	17	19	36	7.0	10.5	1	0	0-0	12	0
2008	14/14	35	35	70	10.5	18.5	1	0	0-0	5	1
2009	14/14	23	34	57	5.5	10.5	2	1	0-0	14	1
Totals	54/44	92	100	192	27.0	45.5	4	1	0-0	35	2

Career-high tackles – 9 vs. Houston (09/29/07)