

EAST CAROLINA

79 GUY WHIMPER
Offensive Tackle
6-6,302, Senior, Four Letters
Havelock, N.C. (Havelock)

A versatile performer who made an impact at three different positions under three different head coaches during his collegiate career ... Originally signed with the ECU program as a defensive lineman but was moved to the tight end position midway through his junior year to help provide depth after season-ending injuries knocked out the two players on the season-opening depth chart ... Was moved to the tackle position during preseason camp prior to his senior campaign ... Rates as perhaps ECU's top NFL prospect (agility, quickness, speed and strength). **2005:** Successfully made the acclimation to the offensive tackle position early in the season ... Had to endure an accelerated growth process after missing spring drills but ended the season with 10 consecutive starts at the tackle position (one at left tackle, nine at right tackle) ... In all, played in 11 games ... Opened the season on the bench (Duke) before settling in as a full-time starter ... In all, participated in 712 plays and was credited with 30.0 knock-down blocks ... **vs. Duke (9/3):** Experienced limited action on special teams vs. the Blue Devils ... **vs. Wake Forest (9/17):** Drew his first career start as a member of the offensive line, opening the contest at left tackle ... Vital blocker on an offensive line that protected the blindside for Pinkney's then third-best passing performance of his career (292 yards) ... Logged two knock-downs ... **vs. West Virginia (9/24):** Starting right tackle for the first time of the '05 campaign... Blocked the way for the Pirates' offensive unit that converted 4-of-5 red zone opportunities... Recorded two knock-down blocks ... Helped pave the way for ECU's gain of 20 first downs... **vs. Southern Miss (10/1):** Starting right tackle in consecutive contests for the Pirates' offensive line ... Key contributor for the offensive unit that generated 363 yards of total offense ... Logged three knockdowns while playing in all 62 snaps ... Earned an 80.0 percent grade, tops on unit along with Eric Graham ... **vs. Rice (10/8):** Extended starting streak to three games at the right tackle spot ... Vital member of offensive line that manufactured 459 yards of total offense ... Knocked down six Rice defenders in 65 plays and graded out a team-best 80.0% ... **vs. SMU (10/15):** Joined all other linemen by appearing in all 73 plays from scrimmage ... Earned a 73% grade and was credited with five knock-down blocks ... **vs. Memphis (10/22):** Valuable member of the offensive line that provided pass blocking which led to three second-half Pirate TD receptions ... Led all offensive linemen with a game-high 76% rating (technique grade) after participating in all 66 plays from scrimmage ... Credited with two knock-down blocks ... **vs. UCF (10/29):** Appeared in all 87 plays from scrimmage for the Pirates' offensive line ... Credited with a pair of knock-downs ... **vs. Tulsa (11/12):** Earned a 77% grade and logged two knock-down blocks, which helped the Pirates to gain eight passing first downs and six rushing first downs ... **vs. Marshall (11/19):** Earned the top grade among all Pirate offensive linemen (79%) ... Tied teammate Chris Sellers with four knock-down blocks ... Part of an offensive unit which had four rushing TDs which set a new single-season mark ... Chased down Herd safety C.J. Spillman at the ECU one-yard line after a 60-yard interception return to prevent a TD (Marshall fumbled the ball back two plays later) ... **vs. UAB (11/26):** Opened season finale at right tackle and booked four knock-down blocks during ECU's win over the Blazers ... Turned in key performance which allowed Pirates to rack up 421 total yards (135 rush, 286 pass). **2004:** Opened the season as member of the defensive unit (line) but made the move to tight end on Sept. 13 (following WFU contest) ... Became the starter at tight end after injuries to Shawn Levesque and Sean Harmon ... Came off the bench vs. Cincinnati, Louisville and Tulane before drawing the starting nod in the last six games (Southern Miss, Army, Houston, USF, Memphis and N.C. State) ... Caught first career pass against the Green Wave for seven yards ... Recorded a 12-yard reception against Southern Miss ... Had impressive day in win over Army with then career-high in catches (2) as well as receiving yards (38) ... Set career-highs for the second consecutive game with a pair of catches for 46 yards ... Hauled in a season-long 37-yarder against the Cougars ... Did not record any statistics vs. USF and Memphis but closed out campaign with a 19-yard grab vs. N.C. State at Charlotte's Bank of America Stadium ... Made six tackles (two in opener vs. West Virginia and four vs. WFU) while in short defensive role ... In all, played in 11 games (six overall starts). **2003:** Played in 12 games at defensive end and at the bandit position... Made eight starts at defensive end and started at the bandit position against Wake Forest ... Finished the season with 27 total tackles, including five for loss, and one sack ... Lone sack of the year came against Army... Tallied a season-best four tackles in the opener against Cincinnati... Recorded three tackles in five games... Returned a fumble seven yards for a touchdown against USF. **2002:** Played in 11 games at outside linebacker and on defensive line as a redshirt freshman... Finished season with 17 tackles, including three for losses and one sack... Named to the Conference-USA All-Freshman Team... Top tackle game came against Army when he totaled four stops, including a tackle for a loss... Had a sack and forced a fumble at UAB... Tallied three solo tackles in upset win over nationally-ranked TCU. **High School:** Rated by *Prep Atlantic* as 14th best prospect in the state of North Carolina... An all-conference performer as a senior defensive end at Havelock High School ... Registered 87 tackles and eight sacks during his senior year... Recorded team-high 15 receptions on offense as a senior for 331 yards and five touchdowns... Caught 29 passes and scored nine touchdowns as a sophomore... Lettered three seasons, helping team compile a combined 27-7 record and advance to the state playoffs each year... Coached by Wilbur Sasser... Also lettered in track and basketball. **Personal:** Major was communications... Son of Guy and June Whimper... Born May 21, 1983 at Honolulu, Hawai'i.