

Houston Cougars Class of 2008

WIDE RECEIVERS

Isaiah Sweeney

5-9, 160, Missouri City, Texas (Hightower HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #292 by Scout.com.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Was second in state in the 100-meters and was a member of the national-record setting 4x200-meter team that posted a 1:23.92.
- Also recruited by Northwestern, Fresno State, TCU and Boston College.

Ronnie Williams

5-11, 180, Houston, Texas (Sterling HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #253 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash.
- Was a two-year, All-District quarterback.
- Nominated for Touchdown Club for academics.
- Helped lead team to a 8-4 record and a district championship.
- Was also First-Team, All-District in basketball and baseball.
- Also recruited by Northwestern, Oklahoma State, Texas A&M and SMU.

RUNNING BACKS

Bryce Beall

5-11, 195, Tatum, Texas (Tatum HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.
- Twice named All-State running back and linebacker.
- Picked up District MVP honors as a junior.
- *Texas Sports Writers Association* First-Team running back.
- Also named First Team All-East Texas.
- Helped lead squad to 3A state championship in 2005 and then the 2A state championship a year later.
- Also participates in basketball and track.
- Cousin Larry Centers played in the NFL.
- Also recruited by Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, TCU and Colorado State.

Chris Wilson

5-11, 208, Sugar Land, Texas (Austin HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #226 by Scout.com.
- Named the Defensive Newcomer of the Year.
- Three-time All-District performer.
- Named to the Fort Bend All-Area team.
- Selected as the *Houston Chronicle* Player of the Week.
- Member of the 4x100-meter relay team that participated in regionals.
- Also recruited by Kansas State, UCF, UTEP, Boise State, Troy and North Texas.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN

Jacolby Ashworth

6-3, 275, Lufkin, Texas (Lufkin HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #104 by Scout.com.
- First-Team, All-District as a senior.
- Helped lead team to 9-2 record and a district championship.
- Also plays basketball.
- Cousin of former UH center and current Miami Dolphin Rex Hadnot.

Blake Sargent

6-3, 275, Friendswood, Texas (Friendswood HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #103 by Scout.com.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Named First-Team All-District twice.
- Was a regional finalist in the discus as a junior.
- Also recruited by Louisiana Tech, New Mexico State, Rice, TCU, UTEP and Colorado State.

Ari Tatum

6-5, 240, Dacula, Ga. (Dacula HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #126 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.73 in the 40-yard dash.
- Was a Gwinnett County All-Star.
- Named to the *Gwinnett Daily Post* Offensive Honor Roll as he was the first Division I-A lineman in school history.
- A member of the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Honor Roll.
- Played in the inaugural "Best of the Best" Gwinnett All-Stars Rivalry Game in 2007.
- Also played JV baseball.
- Also recruited by Eastern Kentucky, Kentucky, Georgia, Southern and Auburn.

Ken Van Heule

6-4, 265, Hurst, Texas (L.D. Bell HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Two-time First-Team All-District as a guard.
- Helped lead senior squad to a 7-4 mark.
- Named to the *Dallas Morning-News* Top 100 list.
- Also participates in powerlifting and track and field.
- Also recruited by Purdue, Utah, Baylor and Colorado State.

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

Doran Guillory

6-3, 245, Beaumont, Texas (Kelly HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #118 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.75 in the 40-yard dash.
- Picked up All-State honors as a senior while being named the Defensive Line MVP by his team.

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- Three-time All-District selection.
- Also plays power forward for the Kelly High School basketball team.
- Also recruited by Baylor, Arkansas, Tulsa, Louisiana Tech, UTEP and Iowa State.

David Hunter

6-2, 270, Waller, Texas (Waller HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #129 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.9 in the 40-yard dash.
- Named First-Team, All-District as a senior.
- Also picked up Second-Team, All-Greater Houston accolades.
- Helped lead squad to a 10-3 mark in 2007.
- Also was a regional qualifier in track.
- Also recruited by Rice, SMU, UTEP, Tulsa, Baylor and Boise State.

Mohammed Usman

6-1, 235, Arlington, Texas (Bowie HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- A member of the *Dallas Morning-News* Area Top 100 team.
- Ranked #83 by the *Dallas Morning-News*.
- Second-Team, All-District as a junior and a senior.
- Helped lead team to a 13-2 record as a senior.
- Two-time, First-Team All-District wrestler, where he was ranked #1 in the heavy-weight division.
- Also recruited by Washington State, Fresno State, Rice, TCU and UTEP.
- High school teammate of Marcus McGraw.

LINEBACKERS

Anthony Lewis

6-1, 200, Houston, Texas (Aldine HS)

- Three-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Rated #84 by Rivals.com in State Top 100.
- Three-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #32 by Scout.com.
- Ranked #91 in the Texas Top 110 by *SuperPrep*.
- Runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- A member of the *Dallas Morning-News* State Top 100 team.
- Ranked #84 by the *Dallas Morning-News*.
- Finished senior season with 100 tackles, with seven sacks, seven forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.
- Named First-Team, All-State as a senior.
- Two-time all-district performer at defensive end.
- Also recruited by Nebraska, Arizona, Baylor, Kansas, Iowa State, Minnesota and Purdue.

Marcus McGraw

5-10, 210, Arlington, Texas (Bowie HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.6 in the 40-yard dash.
- Named First-Team All-District as both a junior and senior.
- Was the District MVP in 2007.
- Selected Second-Team, All-State as senior.
- Helped lead team to a 13-2 record as a senior.
- Also participated in wrestling and track and field.
- Also recruited by Washington State and Tulsa.
- High school teammate of Mohammed Usman.

Jarvis Smith

6-2, 215, Houston, Texas (Chavez HS)

- Three-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Four-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #15 by Scout.com.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.

DEFENSIVE BACKS

Gino Collins

5-11, 185, Houston, Texas (St. Pius X HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #153 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Played at Cy-Fair HS as a junior.
- Picked up All-District and All-State honors as a senior.
- Helped lead St. Pius X squad to 2007 TAPPS state title.
- Also recruited by Oklahoma State, Purdue, Fresno State, Louisiana-Lafayette, TCU and UTEP.

Jackie Hinton, Jr.

5-11, 187, Channelview, Texas (Channelview HS)

- Three-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Three-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #71 by Scout.com.
- Ranked #101 in the Texas Top 110 by *SuperPrep*.
- Runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Pulled the trifecta, as he was named First-Team, All-District on offense, defense and special teams.
- Rushed for 1,030 yards and 11 touchdowns, while adding 23 receptions for 196 yards and one score as a senior.
- As a junior had 30 catches for 421 yards and seven TDs as well as three interceptions, 351 yards on kickoff returns and 78 punt return yards.
- Also plays baseball.
- Also recruited by Arizona State, Oklahoma State, Utah, Baylor, Rice and Boston College.

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Kris Johnston

6-0, 190, Texas City, Texas (Texas City HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Two-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #124 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.5 in the 40-yard dash.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Named First-Team, All-District as a senior.
- Led the team in tackles with 116.
- Was selected as Team Captain while being named to the All-County squad.
- Helped lead team to a 12-2 record in 2007.
- Participated in track and was named Most Improved.
- Also recruited by Northwestern, Notre Dame, Texas Tech and Arizona.

Nick Saenz

5-11, 185, Pearland, Texas (Pearland HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Three-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Ranked nationally #86 by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.45 in the 40-yard dash.
- A member of the Houston Chronicle Area Top 110 team.
- Two-time First-Team All-District.
- Also selected Brazoria County First-Team.
- Was a member of the 2006 All-Greater Houston First Team and picked up second-team accolades as a senior.
- Named Second Team All-State in both 2006-07.
- Runs the 100- and 200-meters in track.
- Also recruited by Kansas State, Northwestern, Texas A&M, Virginia Tech, Rice, TCU and Air Force.

KICKERS/PUNTERS

Jordan Mannisto

6-0, 170, Westlake Village, Calif. (Westlake HS)

- Two-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- One-star recruit by Scout.com.
- Runs a 4.7 in the 40-yard dash.
- Named First-Team, All-CIF, as well as First-Team All-County and All-League.
- Picked up *CalHighSports.com* All-State accolades.
- Selected as the kicker to the *Los Angeles Times* team.
- Also a goalkeeper in soccer and a pitcher on the baseball team.
- Also recruited by Iowa State, Oregon State, San Diego State, USC, Washington State, Wyoming, Nevada and Rice.