

## Returning Lettermen Bio Capsules

### #16 • David Abdul

Placekicker

5-10 • 200 • SR\* • Hartville, OH



Took over Pitt's starting placekicking duties for two games (Youngstown State and Rutgers) last year due to the injured status of Josh Cummings...Pitt's starting PK in 2002 and 2003, Abdul redshirted in 2004 due to his recovery from a car accident...made his first appearance in almost two years when he played against YSU...had not kicked in a game since the 2003 Continental Tire Bowl (12/27/03)...against YSU, accounted for nine points, hitting both of his field goal attempts (22, 40 yards) and 3-of-4 PATs...connected on all three of his placements at Rutgers (3-of-3 PATs)...**CAREER HIGHS:** Four field goals vs. Boston College (10/26/02)...13 points vs. Boston College (10/26/02)...career-long 47-yard field goal vs. UAB (9/14/02) and Kent State (9/6/03).

#### • Abdul's Career Statistics

Kicking	G	PAT Att.	PATs	FG Att.	FGs	Long	Pts.
2002	13	29	28	20	13	47	67
2003	13	51	49	18	9	47	76
2005	2	7	6	2	2	40	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>155</b>

#### • Abdul's Field Goal Efficiency

Year	FGM-FGA	Pct.	0-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	Lg	Blk
2002	13-20	65.0	1-1	4-6	4-5	4-8	0-0	47	0
2003	9-18	50.0	0-0	3-4	3-6	3-7	0-1	47	0
2005	2-2	100.0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	0-0	40	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24-40</b>	<b>60.0</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>8-11</b>	<b>7-11</b>	<b>8-16</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>0</b>

### #62 • John Bachman

Offensive Lineman

6-4 • 260 • SO • Moon Twp., PA



Contributed relief duty on the offensive line in three games as a true frosh last year...made his collegiate debut Oct. 8 versus Cincinnati...also played against South Florida and Connecticut...served as the chief backup to Charles Spencer at LT.

### #26 • Branden Ballard

Wide Receiver

6-2 • 200 • SR • Detroit, MI



Earned his first letter in 2005...played in six games...served in special teams capacities.

### #44 • Brian Bennett

Linebacker

6-0 • 235 • SR\* • Delanco, NJ



Chief reserve at Will LB who suffered a season-ending knee injury at Rutgers Sept. 30...played in all five games to that point and had 16 tackles and two TFLs...had four tackles and one TFL versus Notre Dame...had four tackles at Nebraska...had four tackles versus Youngstown State...had three stops and a TFL versus Ohio...**CAREER HIGHS:** 14 tackles vs. Ball State (9/13/03)...two sacks vs. Boston College (11/1/03).

#### • Bennett's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	12/12	3.0	1	4	0	79	39	7.0-42	118
2004	12/0	0.5	1	1	0	24	11	1.5-4	35
2005	5/0	0.0	0	0	0	13	3	2.0-7	16
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29/12</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>10.5-53</b>	<b>169</b>

### #51 • H.B. Blades

Linebacker

6-0 • 240 • SR • Plantation, FL



Was named a first-team All-Big East performer for the second consecutive year...led all conference players with 121 tackles...ranked 13<sup>th</sup> nationally with an average of 11.0 tackles per game...moved to MLB from Sam Linebacker for the 2005 season...had a career and game-high 20 tackles at Louisville and added a forced fumble and fumble recovery...earned the Big East's Defensive Player of the Week honor after compiling 11 tackles, a 38-yard INT for a touchdown and a fumble recovery versus Syracuse...also named the coaching staff's Defensive Player of the Game for his Syracuse performance...had a game-high 14 tackles at Nebraska with two TFLs and a sack...had a game-high 13 tackles versus Notre Dame...had a game-high 12 tackles versus South

## Blades continued

Florida...had a game-high 12 tackles versus Connecticut...had 11 stops at Rutgers...had a game-high 10 tackles versus Youngstown State...had a team-high nine tackles versus Ohio...earned first team All-Big East as a starter at Sam LB last year...is the son of Bennie Blades and nephew of Brian and Al Blades, who all starred for the Miami Hurricanes and played in the NFL...father Bennie played for Detroit (1988-96) and Seattle (1997), earning All-Pro status...**CAREER HIGHS:** 20 tackles vs. Louisville (11/3/05)...one sack vs. Ohio (9/11/04), Syracuse (11/6/04) and Nebraska (9/17/05)...one INT vs. Nebraska (9/18/04), Rutgers (10/23/04), West Virginia (11/25/04) and Syracuse (10/22/05).

### • Blades' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	13/1	0.0	1	0	0	41	16	4.5-25	57
2004	12/12	2.0	1	2	3	58	50	10.5-24	108
2005	11/11	1.0	2	6	1	67	54	3.5-12	121
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>36/24</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>18.5-61</b>	<b>286</b>



## #98 • Vernon Botts

### Defensive Lineman

**6-4 • 260 • SR\* • Eastampton, NJ**

Played in 11 games, making two starts at DE...started back-to-back contests (Syracuse and Louisville) in place of the injured Charles Sallet before seeing time off the bench in Pitt's final two games against Connecticut and West Virginia...made his first career start when Pitt played Syracuse...on the season had 14 tackles, four TFLs and one sack...had a career-high four tackles with a 10-yard TFL versus South Florida...had three tackles and a TFL at Rutgers...had two tackles and a seven-yard sack versus Youngstown State...**CAREER HIGHS:** 4 tackles vs. South Florida (10/15/05)...1 sack vs. Youngstown State (9/24/05).

### • Botts' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	1/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
2004	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	0
2005	11/2	1.0	0	0	0	12	2	4-21	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24/2</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4-21</b>	<b>14</b>



## #24 • Jemeel Brady

### Defensive Back

**6-0 • 205 • JR\* • Miami, FL**

Played in only seven games last year due to an ankle injury...served as a reserve FS...played in the opener versus Notre Dame before missing the next four games due to the injury...returned for the Oct. 8 Cincinnati contest...had a season-high five tackles versus South Florida...named coaching staff's Special Teams Player of the Game for the USF contest...had 14 stops on the year...**CAREER HIGHS:** Seven tackles vs. Temple (10/9/04).

### • Brady's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	13	18	0-0	31
2005	7/0	0.0	0	1	0	8	6	0-0	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19/0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>45</b>



## #46 • Sam Bryant

### Defensive Back

**6-0 • 230 • SR\* • Reading, PA**

Stepped into a starting role at SS with the injured status of Mike Phillips last year...played in 11 games, starting the last eight...had 40 tackles...ranked second on the team (tied) with three INTs...had a career-high six stops at Rutgers...had five tackles and his first career INT versus Cincinnati...had his other INTs versus Connecticut (returned 37 yards) and Syracuse...**CAREER HIGHS:** 6 tackles vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...1 INT vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05), Syracuse (10/22/05) and Connecticut (11/12/05).

### • Bryant's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	13/2	0.0	0	1	0	13	7	0.5-0	20
2004	11/0	0.0	0	1	0	13	7	0-0	20
2005	11/8	0.0	0	2	3	29	11	0-0	40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>35/10</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0.5-0</b>	<b>80</b>



## #84 • Steve Buches

### Tight End

**6-4 • 250 • SR\* • Pittsburgh, PA**

Played in all 11 games, starting six...had 17 catches for 168 yards (9.9 avg.) with two TDs...compiled 39 yards on a career-high four catches versus Notre Dame...had two catches for 39 yards and an 18-yard TD at Rutgers...had two catches for 20 yards and a two-yard TD versus Connecticut...**CAREER HIGHS:** 4 receptions vs. Notre Dame (9/3/05)...56 receiving yards vs. Furman (9/25/04)...2 receiving TDs vs. Furman (9/25/04) and Notre Dame (11/13/04).

### • Buches' Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2003	10/0	2	27	13.5	16	0	0
2004	12/0	7	94	13.4	38	4	24
2005	11/6	17	168	9.9	21	2	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33/6</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>36</b>

## • Buches Game by Game

2005	Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
	Notre Dame	4	39	0
	@ Ohio	2	22	0
	@ Nebraska	0	0	0
	Youngstown State	1	8	0
	@ Rutgers	2	39	1
	Cincinnati	2	5	0
	South Florida	1	16	0
	Syracuse	2	12	0
	@ Louisville	0	0	0
	Connecticut	2	20	1
	@ West Virginia	1	7	0



## #82 • Kelvin Chandler

**Defensive Back**

**6-2 • 185 • SO\* • Ft. Lauderdale, FL**

Redshirted as a sophomore last year...a former WR who moved to CB for 2006...lettered his true frosh season in 2004...played in nine games in '04 serving as a backup to Joe DeSardo at split end...had four receptions for 47 yards (11.8 avg.) on the season...had a season-high two catches for 31 yards (15.5 avg.) versus Nebraska...his season-long reception of 21 yards came against the Cornhuskers...also had an 11-yard catch versus Ohio and a five-yard catch versus Furman...**CAREER HIGHS:** 2 receptions vs. Nebraska (9/18/04)...31 receiving yards vs. Nebraska (9/18/04).

### • Chandler's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	9/0	4	47	11.8	21	0	0

### • Chandler Game by Game

2004	Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
	Ohio	1	11	0
	Nebraska	2	31	0
	Furman	1	5	0
	@Connecticut	0	0	0
	Temple	0	0	0
	Boston College	0	0	0
	Rutgers	0	0	0
	@Syracuse	0	0	0
	@Notre Dame	DNP		
	West Virginia	DNP		
	@South Florida	0	0	0
	vs. Utah	DNP		

## #29 • Tommie Campbell

**Defensive Back**

**6-2 • 190 • SO • Aliquippa, PA**



Reserve strong safety who played in all 11 games last year as a true frosh, largely in special teams capacities...had five tackles on the season...had a season-high two tackles at Nebraska...**CAREER HIGHS:** 2 tackles vs. Nebraska (9/17/05).

### • Campbell's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	4	0-0	5

## #21 • Reggie Carter

**Defensive Back**

**6-0 • 185 • SR\* • Naples, FL**



Reserve CB who played in 10 games...had five tackles on the year...had two tackles versus Ohio and Connecticut...**CAREER HIGHS:** 2 tackles five times, most recent: vs. Connecticut (11/12/05).

### • Carter's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	4/0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	1
2004	6/0	0.0	0	2	0	5	2	0-0	7
2005	10/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	1	0-0	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20/0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>13</b>

## #58 • Joe Clermond

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-2 • 250 • JR\* • Tampa, FL**



Reserve DE who played in 10 games...had 14 tackles, five TFLs and two sacks on the year...had a season-high five tackles at West Virginia...had two tackles, including a five-yard sack, versus Cincinnati...his other sack came versus South Florida...**CAREER HIGHS:** Seven tackles vs. Utah (1/1/05, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl) and South Florida (12/4/04)...1 sack vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05) and South Florida (10/15/05).

### • Clermond's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	12/1	0.0	1	0	0	13	14	2-6	27
2005	10/0	2.0-6	0	0	0	10	4	5-15	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22/1</b>	<b>2.0-6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>7-21</b>	<b>41</b>

## #72 • Chase Clowser

**Offensive Lineman**  
6-7 • 340 • SO\* • LaGrange, OH



Lettered as a redshirt freshman last year...played in 10 contests, largely on special teams...also served as a reserve offensive tackle.

## #31 • Conredge Collins

**Fullback**  
5-11 • 225 • SO • Miami, FL



Initially slated for a redshirt, Collins moved into active duty in midseason and contributed at fullback...played in five of the last six games, missing the final contest at West Virginia due to a knee injury...had eight rushes for 25 yards on the year...made his collegiate debut versus Cincinnati Oct. 8...rushed for 15 yards on seven carries versus the Bearcats...also saw significant time versus South Florida...had one rush for 10 yards versus Syracuse...his 10-yard run converted a 3rd-and-short situation on Pitt's final TD drive...**CAREER HIGHS:** 15 rushing yards vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05)...7 rushing attempts vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05)...1 reception vs. Connecticut (11/12/05)...3 receiving yards vs. Connecticut (11/12/05).

### • Collins' Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	5/0	8	25	3.1	10	0	0

## #5 • Kennard Cox

**Defensive Back**  
6-1 • 195 • JR\* • Miami, FL



A special teams contributor and chief reserve at CB...played in 11 games...had four tackles on the year...coaching staff's Special Teams Player of the Game for the Syracuse contest...had two tackles and downed a punt at the Orange 2...**CAREER HIGHS:** 3 tackles vs. Connecticut (9/30/04).

### • Cox's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	8	3	0-0	11
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	4	0	0-0	4
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23/0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>15</b>

## #57 • C.J. Davis

**Offensive Lineman**  
6-2 • 290 • SO • Imperial, PA



Played in eight games, starting the last six as a true freshman last year...made his first career start versus Cincinnati Oct. 8...coaching staff's Offensive Player of the Game for the Connecticut contest.

## #97 • Corey Davis

**Defensive Lineman**  
6-1 • 300 • SO\* • Pittsburgh, PA



Played in six games and had five tackles...missed four consecutive games (Cincinnati through Louisville) after sustaining a calf strain...saw his first action in over a month when he provided reserve duty against Connecticut...made his collegiate debut with a starting assignment versus Notre Dame...had four tackles versus the Irish...did not play at Ohio due to a hand injury...**CAREER HIGHS:** Four tackles vs. Notre Dame (9/3/05).

### • Corey Davis' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	6/1	0.0	0	0	0	3	2	0-0	5

## #4 • Joe DelSardo

**Wide Receiver**  
5-8 • 195 • SR • Pittsburgh, PA



Played in 11 games, starting three...on the year had 15 catches for 156 yards (10.4 avg.)...had a season-high five receptions (for 41 yards) at Rutgers...had a season-high 45 yards receiving (on four catches) versus Notre Dame...is a former walk-on who earned a scholarship prior to the 2004 season...started all 12 games in 2004 and was second on the team in receptions (49), receiving yards (573) and receiving TDs (tied with four)...**CAREER HIGHS:** 9 receptions vs. Utah (1/1/05, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl)...109 receiving yards vs. Utah (1/1/05, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl)...2 receiving TDs vs. Rutgers (10/23/04).

### • DelSardo's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2003	10/0	0	0	—	0	0	0
2004	12/12	49	573	11.7	32	4	24
2005	11/3	15	156	10.4	26	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33/15</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>

## • **DelSardo Game by Game**

Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Notre Dame	4	45	0
@ Ohio	0	0	0
@ Nebraska	1	26	0
Youngstown State	0	0	0
@ Rutgers	5	41	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0
South Florida	2	11	0
Syracuse	1	14	0
@ Louisville	1	13	0
Connecticut	0	0	0
@ West Virginia	1	6	0

## #50 • Rashaad Duncan

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-1 • 280 • SO • Belle Glade, FL**

Earned his way into the DT rotation as a true frosh...played in all 11 games, starting two...had 15 tackles and one TFL...made his first career start at Louisville Nov. 3...other starting assignment came at West Virginia...had a career-high four tackles with a two-yard TFL at Nebraska...had three tackles, including a key stop on the goal line at the end of the first half versus Connecticut...stopped UConn's Cornell Brockington for no gain at the Pitt 1 on the final play of the half to preserve a 14-0 Pitt lead... **CAREER HIGHS:** Four tackles vs. Nebraska (9/17/05).



## • **Duncan's Career Statistics**

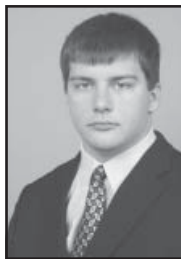
Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/2	0.0	0	1	0	5	10	1.0-2	15

## #59 • Mark Estermyer

**Long Snapper**

**6-2 • 240 • SO\* • Chippewa, PA**

The team's long snapper for punts...played in all 11 games as a redshirt freshman to letter...had one tackle at Louisville.



## #18 • Adam Graessle

**Punter**

**6-4 • 225 • SR • Dublin, OH**

Ranked second in the Big East and 29th nationally with a 42.2-yard punting average...had 18 punts downed inside the 20...had a season-long 67-yarder at Ohio...averaged a season-best 49.1 yards on seven punts at Nebraska...averaged 48.8 yards on four punts versus Notre Dame...averaged 47.9 yards on eight punts versus South Florida...matched career high with four punts inside the 20 versus



Cincinnati...as a sophomore in 2004, earned first team All-Big East after ranking 13th nationally and first in the conference with a 43.3-yard average...**CAREER HIGHS:** 10 punts vs. Ohio (9/11/04)...56.0 punting average vs. Connecticut (9/30/04)...79-yard punt vs. Boston College (10/16/04).

## • **Graessle's Career Statistics**

Punting	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TB	FC	120	Blkd
2003	0	0	—	—	0	0	0	0
2004	60	2,600	43.3	79	5	6	17	5
2005	60	2,532	42.2	67	11	6	18	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>120</b>	<b>5,132</b>	<b>42.8</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>

## • **Graessle Game by Game**

Game	Punts	Yds.	Avg.
Notre Dame	4	195	48.8
@ Ohio	8	349	43.6
@ Nebraska	7	344	49.1
Youngstown State	2	81	40.5
@ Rutgers	6	242	40.3
Cincinnati	7	248	35.4
South Florida	8	383	47.9
Syracuse	5	182	36.2
@ Louisville	4	133	33.2
Connecticut	6	263	43.8
@ West Virginia	3	112	37.3

## #8 • Adam Gunn

**Linebacker**

**6-1 • 215 • SO\* • Vandergrift, PA**

Played in all 11 games as a redshirt freshman to letter...served primarily on special teams and also provided depth at Will LB...had eight tackles on the season...distinguished himself on special teams by blocking two punts (against Cincinnati and Connecticut)... Pitt's offense parlayed both blocks into touchdowns...in addition to his block in the Cincinnati contest, also had a season-high three tackles and was named the coaching staff's Special Teams Player of the Game.



## • **Gunn's Career Statistics**

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0	0	0	0	5	3	0	8

## #81 • Derek Kinder

**Wide Receiver**

**6-1 • 200 • JR • Albion, NY**

Emerged as a starting wideout during the opening month of the 2005 season...played in 11 games, starting eight...Pitt's second-leading receiver with 37 catches for 374 yards (10.1 avg.) and three TDs...had a career-high 81 receiving yards on eight catches with an 11-yard TD catch versus Syracuse...coaching staff Offensive Player of the Game for the Syracuse contest...had a career-high 10 catches for 78 yards and a three-yard TD at Rutgers...had a 12-yard TD catch at Louisville...made his first career start at



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Nebraska...**CAREER HIGHS:** 10 receptions vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...81 receiving yards vs. Syracuse (10/22/05)...1 receiving TD vs. Notre Dame (11/13/04), Rutgers (9/30/05), Syracuse (10/22/05) and Louisville (11/3/05).

**• Kinder's Career Statistics**

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	9/0	1	3	3.0	3	1	6
2005	11/8	37	374	10.1	24	3	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20/8</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>24</b>

**• Kinder's Game by Game**

2005	Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
	Notre Dame	2	29	0
	@ Ohio	0	0	0
	@ Nebraska	2	12	0
	Youngstown State	2	43	0
	@ Rutgers	10	78	1
	Cincinnati	3	27	0
	South Florida	1	18	0
	Syracuse	8	81	1
	@ Louisville	2	22	1
	Connecticut	2	20	0
	@ West Virginia	5	44	0



**#41 • Chris McKillop**

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-3 • 245 • JR\* • Export, PA**

Starter at DE in all 11 games last year...led Pitt with 6.5 TFLs and 3.5 sacks...led defensive front with 44 total tackles...had a career-high seven tackles at Rutgers...coaching staff Player of the Game honoree after collecting four tackles, a 14-yard TFL and a pass deflection versus Youngstown State...had six tackles at Nebraska with a shared sack...totaled three stops with two TFLs, including an eight-yard sack versus Connecticut...had five tackles versus Cincinnati...made first collegiate start versus Notre Dame and had four tackles...had four stops at Ohio with a sack and pass deflection...**CAREER HIGHS:** Seven tackles vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...one sack vs. Ohio (9/9/05), South Florida (10/15/05) and Connecticut (11/12/05).

**• C. McKillop's Career Statistics**

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	2	5	0-0	7
2005	11/11	3.5	0	2	0	17	27	6.5-38	44
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22/11</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>6.5-38</b>	<b>51</b>

**#27 • Brandon Mason**

**Running Back**

**6-1 • 215 • SO\* • Phillipsburg, NJ**



Is coming off an abbreviated season that ultimately resulted in a medical redshirt...played in the season's first three games as a reserve TB and also contributed at kick returner...did not log any carries...had his first career kickoff return for nine yards versus Ohio...saw spot duty as a true freshman in 2004 and lettered...rushed 17 times for 40 yards (2.4 avg.) in five games...**CAREER HIGHS:** 20 rushing yards vs. Rutgers (10/23/04)...7 rushing attempts vs. Rutgers (10/23/04).

**• Mason's Career Statistics**

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	5/0	17	40	2.4	12	0	0
2005	3/0	0	0	—	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8/0</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

**#40 • Scott McKillop**

**Linebacker**

**6-2 • 240 • SO\* • Export, PA**



Lettered as a redshirt freshman last year, playing in all 11 games...was the chief backup at MLB behind H.B. Blades and also played on special teams...had 27 tackles on the season...saw his most extensive playing time at MLB at West Virginia when Blades went down with an early injury...McKillop collected a career-high 13 stops versus the Mountaineers...**CAREER HIGHS:** 13 tackles vs. West Virginia (11/24/05).

**• S. McKillop's Career Statistics**

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	0.0	0	0	0	13	14	0-0	27

**#75 • Mike McGlynn**

**Offensive Lineman**

**6-5 • 325 • JR\* • Austintown, OH**



Two-year starter at RT...has started 19 consecutive games, including all 11 last season...also is the long snapper for FGs/PATs...locked down the starting RT assignment as a redshirt frosh in 2004.

## #93 • Gus Mustakas

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-3 • 250 • SO • Cooper City, FL**



Key member of the DE rotation as a true frosh...played in all 11 games...second on the team with three sacks...recorded a sack in three consecutive games (Cincinnati, South Florida and Syracuse)...had seven tackles on the year and three pass breakups...had a season-high two tackles versus South Florida and West Virginia...**CAREER HIGHS:** 2 tackles vs. South Florida (10/15/05) and West Virginia (11/24/05)...1 sack vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05), South Florida (10/15/05) and Syracuse (10/22/05).

### • Mustakas' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	3.0	0	3	0	5	2	2.0-9	7

## #3 • Tyler Palko

**Quarterback**

**6-2 • 220 • SR\* • Imperial, PA**



Enters his third year as Pitt's starting QB...two-time second-team All-Big East selection...2005 stats: 193 of 341 (56.6%) for 2,392 yards, 17 TDs and 9 INTs...led Pitt with six rushing TDs...Pitt's third-leading scorer with 36 points...ranks fifth all-time at Pitt with 5,472 career passing yards...finished the 2005 season ranked 25th nationally in points responsible for (13.64 points/game)...ranked second in the Big East in passing yards per game (217.5 avg.) and third in total offense (204.8 avg.)...threw for 371 yards and four TDs with one INT at Rutgers on 35-of-58 passing...attempts and completions versus Rutgers marked career highs, while yardage and TDs were season bests...had his second 300-yard passing effort of the season at West Virginia when he threw for 308 yards, completing 24 of 43 with two TDs and two INTs...accounted for two TDs in the Connecticut victory, including a two-yard scoring pass and one-yard run...was 12 of 21 for 116 yards with no INTs versus the Huskies...threw for 198 yards and a TD with no INTs at Louisville on 17-of-30 passing...accounted for three TDs versus Syracuse, rushing for two and throwing for one...was 18 of 28 for 201 yards, one TD and one INT versus the Orange...was highly efficient versus South Florida, completing 15-of-21 passes for 203 yards and three TDs...also rushed for a one-yard TD versus USF...threw for 290 yards and three TDs with one INT versus Youngstown State on 14-of-22 passing...coaching staff Player of the Game honoree for the YSU contest...in the season opener against Notre Dame, threw for 220 yards on 20-of-35 passing with one TD and one INT...also rushed for a four-yard TD versus the Irish...completed 11 of 26 for 190 yards at Nebraska...threw for 175 yards on 14-of-32 passing with a 10-yard TD versus Cincinnati

and also had a five-yard TD run...**CAREER HIGHS:** 411 yards passing vs. South Florida (12/4/04)...35 completions vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...58 passing attempts vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...five passing TDs vs. Notre Dame (11/13/04) and South Florida (12/4/04)...three interceptions vs. Nebraska (9/18/04) and Ohio (9/9/05)...55 rushing yards vs. Boston College (10/16/04)...2 rushing TDs vs. Syracuse (10/22/05)...15 rushing attempts vs. Connecticut (9/30/04).

### • Palko's Career Statistics

Passing	G/GS	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	Int.	TDs	Effic.
2002	6/0	3	2	66.7	13	0	0	103.07
2004	12/12	409	230	56.2	3,067	7	24	135.17
2005	11/11	341	193	56.6	2,392	9	17	126.69
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29/23</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>425</b>	<b>56.4</b>	<b>5,472</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>131.20</b>

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2002	6/0	10	9	0.9	12	1	6
2004	12/12	129	139	1.1	43	3	18
2005	11/11	70	-139	-2.0	10	6	36
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29/23</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>60</b>

### • Palko Game by Game

2005

Game	Pass					Rush		
	Att.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	TDs	Att.	Yds.	TDs
Notre Dame	35	20	1	220	1	12	-9	1
@ Ohio	25	13	3	120	0	7	3	0
@ Nebraska	26	11	0	190	0	7	-26	0
Youngstown State	22	14	1	290	3	3	-11	0
@ Rutgers	58	35	1	371	4	10	-34	0
Cincinnati	32	14	0	175	1	4	-15	1
South Florida	21	15	0	203	3	6	-31	1
Syracuse	28	18	1	201	1	7	2	2
@ Louisville	30	17	0	198	1	4	-5	0
Connecticut	21	12	0	116	1	4	-21	1
@ West Virginia	43	24	2	308	2	6	8	0

## #83 • John Pelusi

**Tight End**

**6-3 • 240 • SO • Pittsburgh, PA**



Played in all 11 games as a true freshman to letter...served as a reserve tight end and on special teams.

## #87 • Marcel Pestano

**Wide Receiver**

**6-1 • 190 • SO\* • Lehigh Acres, FL**



Played in all 11 games as a redshirt freshman...contributed as a reserve receiver and on the kick return unit...had one catch for five yards on the year...also had two rushes for 34 yards on end arounds and two kick returns totalling 30 yards...**CAREER HIGHS:** 1 reception vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05)...5 receiving yards vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05).

## • Pestano's Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	11/0	2	34	17.0	19	0	0

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	11/0	1	5	5.0	5	0	0

Kickoff Returns	KO Ret.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	2	30	15.0	14	0	0



## #10 • Mike Phillips

**Defensive Back**

**5-11 • 195 • JR\* • Warren, OH**

The starter at SS the first three games, Phillips sustained a dislocated ankle in the first half at Nebraska and missed the rest of the season...had 19 tackles in three games...had a career-high 10 tackles versus Notre Dame...had seven stops at Ohio...was the co-starter at CB in 2004...**CAREER HIGHS:** 10 tackles vs. Notre Dame (9/3/05)...one INT vs. Furman (9/25/04) and Connecticut (9/30/04).

## • Phillips' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	12/7	0.0	0	9	2	21	9	0-0	30
2005	3/3	0.0	0	2	0	12	7	0-0	19
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15/10</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0-0</b>	<b>49</b>



## #25 • Darrelle Revis

**Defensive Back**

**6-0 • 190 • JR • Aliquippa, PA**

A rising star at cornerback and punt returner...led Pitt with four INTs and ranked second with 13 total passes defended...ranked second in the Big East (tied) and 28th nationally (tied) with an average of .36 interceptions/game...ranked 19th (tied) with an average of 1.18 passes defended/game...tied for team lead and ranked second in the Big East with two fumble recoveries...had 41 tackles...enters his third year as a starting CB...began returning punts full-time last year...averaged 11.6 yards/punt return (324 yards on 28 returns) to lead the Big East (tied) and rank 20th nationally...had a 79-yard punt return (the longest in the Big East last year) for a TD versus Cincinnati...made a critical play in the Connecticut victory when he blocked a field goal that was returned by fellow CB Bernard "Josh" Lay for a 71-yard TD and 14-0 Pitt lead...named the coaching staff's Special Teams Player of the Game for the UConn game...was exceptional at Rutgers, intercepting a pass and averaging 29 yards on four punt returns (116 yards total)...also had five tackles and three total passes defended versus the Scarlet Knights...had seven tackles, an interception and three total passes defended versus Notre Dame...had four tackles and an INT versus Syracuse...had three tackles and an INT versus Youngstown State...**CAREER HIGHS:** Seven tackles vs. Boston College (10/16/04), Notre Dame (9/3/05) and Louisville (11/3/05)...one INT vs. Rutgers (10/23/04), West Virginia (11/25/04), Notre Dame

(9/3/05), Youngstown State (9/24/05), Rutgers (9/30/05) and Syracuse (10/22/05)...five punt returns vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05) and Syracuse (10/22/05)...116 punt return yards vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...79-yard punt return (TD) vs. Cincinnati (10/8/05).

## • Revis' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	12/11	0.0	0	12	2	36	13	0.5-0	49
2005	11/11	0.0	2	9	4	33	8	1.0-2	41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23/22</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1.5-2</b>	<b>90</b>

Punt Returns	Ret.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	4	41	10.2	19	0	0
2005	28	324	11.6	79	1	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>365</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>



## #54 • Charles Sallet

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-0 • 235 • SR\* • Tampa, FL**

Played in 10 games, starting nine at DE...missed the Syracuse game due to a knee injury sustained versus South Florida...did not start at Louisville, but did play in a limited role...had 27 tackles, 5.5 TFLs and 2.5 sacks...second on the team (tied) with 5.5 TFLs...had a season-high six tackles at Rutgers...had five tackles at Nebraska and was in on three TFLs...had four tackles and a six-yard sack versus Cincinnati...had a nine-yard sack versus Connecticut...**CAREER HIGHS:** Seven tackles vs. Temple (10/9/04)...two sacks vs. Temple (10/9/04).

## • Sallet's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	12/0	0.0	0	0	0	3	2	0-0	5
2004	12/9	3.0	1	1	0	10	16	4.5-29	26
2005	10/9	2.5	0	0	0	14	13	5.5-25	27
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>34/18</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>10-54</b>	<b>58</b>



## #17 • Clint Session

**Linebacker**

**6-0 • 235 • SR • Pompano Beach, FL**

One of Pitt's most experienced LBs who fought through an array of injuries last year...sustained a preseason knee injury and was battling a shin injury in October...played in eight games overall and made two starts...had 28 tackles and tied for the team lead with two forced fumbles...had a season-high eight tackles at West Virginia...had six stops and a two-yard TFL against Connecticut...had four stops versus both Louisville and Ohio...had three tackles and a forced fumble versus South Florida...had two tackles and a forced fumble versus Cincinnati...moved to Sam LB in 2005 after starting at MLB last year...**CAREER HIGHS:** 12 tackles vs. Texas A&M (9/27/03)...one sack vs. Ball State (9/13/03)...one INT vs. Ohio (9/11/04) and Syracuse (11/6/04).

## • Session's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2003	12/0	1.0	0	0	0	29	10	7.5-32	39
2004	12/11	0.5	0	6	2	46	45	7.5-17	91
2005	8/2	0.0	0	0	0	19	9	2.0-3	28
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>32/13</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>17-52</b>	<b>158</b>



## #60 • John Simonitis

Offensive Lineman

6-4 • 325 • SR\* • Dallas, PA

Pitt's most experienced offensive lineman...three-year starter at RG...has played in 33 games, making 30 starts during his career.



## #34 • LaRod Stephens-Howling

Running Back

5-7 • 165 • SO • Johnstown, PA

True frosh tailback who leads Pitt in rushing with 434 yards on 96 carries (4.5 avg.) in nine games...made three starts...also contributed as a kick returner and had five returns for 151 yards (30.2 avg.) and a 95-yard TD...totalled nine receptions for 41 yards...actually started the Louisville game as part of a five wideout set with no running backs...played in the season's first four contests before missing consecutive games (Rutgers and Cincinnati) due to an ankle injury...returned to the lineup versus South Florida Oct. 15 and rushed for a game-high 91 yards on 14 carries (6.5 avg.)...followed up the USF contest by rushing for a game and career-high 101 yards on 23 carries (4.4 avg.) versus Syracuse, the first 100-yard effort of his collegiate career...at Nebraska, rushed for a team-high 98 yards on 17 carries (5.8 avg.)...rushed for 42 yards on 10 carries (4.2 avg.) versus Youngstown State before leaving the game with an ankle injury...at Ohio, took the opening kickoff 95 yards for a TD...it was his first collegiate career kick return and TD...**CAREER HIGHS:** 101 rushing yards vs. Syracuse (10/22/05)...23 rushing attempts vs. Syracuse (10/22/05)...two receptions vs. Nebraska (9/17/05), Louisville (11/3/05), Connecticut (11/12/05) and West Virginia (11/24/05)...16 receiving yards vs. West Virginia (11/24/05)...4 kick returns vs. West Virginia (11/24/05)...95-yard kick return (TD) vs. Ohio (9/9/05).

## • Stephens-Howling's Career Statistics

Rushing	G/GS	Att.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	9/3	96	434	4.5	41	0	0
Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2005	9/3	9	41	4.6	8	0	0
Kickoff Returns	KO Ret.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.	
2005	5	151	30.2	95	1	6	

## • Stephens-Howling Game by Game

2005						
Game	Att.	Yds.	TDs	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Notre Dame	2	17	0	0	0	0
@ Ohio	1	1	0	0	0	0
@ Nebraska	17	98	0	2	9	0
Youngstown State	10	42	0	0	0	0
@ Rutgers	DNP					
Cincinnati	DNP					
South Florida	14	91	0	0	0	0
Syracuse	23	101	0	1	4	0
@ Louisville	9	17	0	2	8	0
Connecticut	10	22	0	2	4	0
@ West Virginia	10	45	0	2	16	0
Game	KO Ret.	Yds.	TDs			
Notre Dame	0	0	0			
@ Ohio	1	95	1			
@ Nebraska	0	0	0			
Youngstown State	0	0	0			
@ Rutgers	DNP					
Cincinnati	DNP					
South Florida	0	0	0			
Syracuse	0	0	0			
@ Louisville	0	0	0			
Connecticut	0	0	0			
@ West Virginia	4	56	0			

## #14 • Darrell Strong

Tight End

6-5 • 260 • JR • Ft. Lauderdale, FL



Played in all 11 games and started two last year...had 16 receptions for 226 yards (14.1 avg.) and one TD...also had two 2-point conversion catches...had 59 receiving yards on a career-high four catches (14.8 avg.) at Rutgers and also added a two-point conversion catch...had a career-high 62 yards on three catches (20.6 avg.) versus Youngstown State...had three catches for 37 yards (12.3 avg.) and had a two-point conversion catch versus Cincinnati...scored his first career TD with an eight-yard catch versus South Florida...moved from WR to TE during 2005 offseason...**CAREER HIGHS:** 4 receptions vs. Rutgers (9/30/05)...62 receiving yards vs. Youngstown State (9/24/05)...1 receiving TD vs. South Florida (10/15/05).

## • Strong's Career Statistics

Receiving	G/GS	Rec.	Yards	Avg.	Long	TDs	Pts.
2004	12/1	4	58	14.5	31	0	0
2005	11/2	16	226	14.1	25	1	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>23/3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>284</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>10</b>

## • Strong Game by Game

2005			
Game	Rec.	Yds.	TDs
Notre Dame	0	0	0
@ Ohio	0	0	0
@ Nebraska	1	19	0
Youngstown State	3	62	0
@ Rutgers	4	59	0
Cincinnati	3	37	0
South Florida	1	8	1
Syracuse	1	11	0
@ Louisville	2	23	0
Connecticut	1	7	0
@ West Virginia	0	0	0

## #28 • Eric Thatcher

**Defensive Back**

**5-9 • 190 • SO\* • Cincinnati, OH**



Reserve at SS who played in 11 games to letter...also saw special teams duty...had 17 tackles on the year...had a career-high four tackles at Louisville...had three tackles versus South Florida and his first career sack...the sack went for an 11-yard loss, turning back a USF scoring threat...**CAREER HIGHS:** 4 tackles vs. Louisville (11/3/05)...1 sack vs. South Florida (10/15/05).

### • Thatcher's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	11/0	1.0	0	0	0	11	6	1-11	17

## #39 • Derron Thomas

**Linebacker**

**6-1 • 235 • JR\* • Forestville, MD**



Played in 11 games, starting nine at Sam LB...team's fourth-leading tackler with 45 stops...second on the team (tied) with 5.5 TFLs...has one sack...had a career-high 10 tackles at Nebraska with three TFLs, a sack and a pass breakup...had seven tackles and one TFL versus Ohio...had five tackles and a TFL versus Cincinnati...had five tackles at Rutgers...**CAREER HIGHS:** 10 tackles vs. Nebraska (9/17/05)...1 sack vs. Nebraska (9/17/05).

### • Thomas' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2004	11/1	0.0	0	1	0	8	11	0-0	19
2005	11/9	1.0	0	1	0	23	22	5.5-12	45
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22/10</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>5.5-12</b>	<b>64</b>

## #30 • Tyler Tipton

**Linebacker**

**6-2 • 245 • SO\* • Goode, VA**



Reserve linebacker who lettered in 2005 contributing exclusively on special teams...had one tackle (vs. Ohio)...**CAREER HIGHS:** 1 tackle vs. Ohio (9/9/05).

### • Tipton's Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	8/0	0.0	0	0	0	1	0	0-0	1

## #64 • Chris Vangas

**Center**

**6-2 • 300 • JR\* • Dayton, OH**



Lettered as the chief reserve at center the last two years...also contributed on special teams...played in all 11 games in 2005...played in six games in 2004.

## #68 • Joe Villani

**Center**

**6-3 • 300 • SR\* • Wantagh, NY**



Starter at center in all 11 contests last year...a walk-on transfer from Bucknell in 2003, was put on scholarship for the '05 season...two-year letterman...lettered in '04 as a special teams player.

## #70 • Dominic Williams

**Offensive Lineman**

**6-4 • 300 • SO\* • Colorado Springs, CO**



Played in 10 games last season, starting the year's initial two games at LG...missed the Nebraska game due to an ankle injury...saw time off the bench in each of the final eight contests.

## #47 • Nick Williams

**Defensive Lineman**

**6-2 • 275 • SO\* • Plantation, FL**



Played in eight games to letter as a reserve defensive lineman...had eight total tackles and one sack...had a career-high four stops at West Virginia...had his first career sack at Louisville...**CAREER HIGHS:** 4 tackles vs. West Virginia (11/24/05)...1 sack vs. Louisville (11/3/05).

### • N. Williams' Career Statistics

Defense	G/GS	Sacks	FR	PBU	Int.	UT	AT	TFL	TOT
2005	8/0	1.0	0	0	0	6	2	1-10	8