



Southeast Missouri State Football 2010 Recruiting Class



Positional Breakdown

DEFENSIVE BACKS (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Kweku Arkorful	CB	5-11	180	Dolton, Ill./Rock Valley JC
Jaren Butler	CB	5-8	175	Pittsburgh, Calif./Los Medanos JC

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN (4)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Rod Benman	DE	6-2	250	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica College
Trent Peterson*	DE	6-3	255	Little Rock, Ark./Milford Academy
Navarus Thompson*	DL	6-2	280	West Palm Beach, Fla./Hofstra
Charles Tillman	DT	6-1	320	Washington, D.C./Dunbar H.S.

LINEBACKERS (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
David Smart	ILB	6-1	236	Rogers, Ark./Rogers H.S.

OFFENSIVE LINEMEN (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Billy Munker	C	6-3	270	Royal Palm Beach, Fla./Royal Palm Beach H.S.

QUARTERBACKS (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Tyler Peoples	QB	6-1	180	Glendale, Ariz./Independence H.S.
Kyle Portell	QB	6-2	215	Crestwood, Mo./Lindbergh H.S.

RUNNING BACKS (5)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Ron Coleman	TB/FB	5-11	250	Omaha, Neb./North H.S.
Lennies McFerren	TB	5-9	205	Paris, Tenn./Henry County H.S.
Josh Nicks	FB	6-1	225	Union City, Tenn./Union City H.S.
Jordan Solomon	TB	5-11	195	Roselle, N.J./Abraham Clark H.S.
Bryant Worts	TB	6-0	215	Jersey City, N.J./Ferris H.S.

TIGHT ENDS (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Ben Schmidt	TE	6-4	255	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills H.S.

RETURN SPECIALIST/ATHLETE (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Spencer Davis	RS/ATH	5-8	175	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central H.S.

* - Will participate in spring drills.

PRONUNCIATIONS

Kweku Arkorful.....Coo-way-coo Ar-COE-ful
Lennies McFerren.....Lennys

Geographical Breakdown

ARIZONA (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Tyler Peoples	QB	6-1	180	Glendale, Ariz./Independence H.S.

ARKANSAS (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Trent Peterson*	DE	6-3	255	Little Rock, Ark./Milford Academy
David Smart	ILB	6-1	236	Rogers, Ark./Rogers H.S.

CALIFORNIA (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Jaren Butler	CB	5-8	175	Pittsburgh, Calif./Los Medanos JC

FLORIDA (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Billy Munker	C	6-3	270	Royal Palm Beach, Fla./Royal Palm Beach H.S.
Navarus Thompson*	DL	6-2	280	West Palm Beach, Fla./Hofstra

ILLINOIS (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Kweku Arkorful	CB	5-11	180	Dolton, Ill./Rock Valley JC

MISSOURI (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Spencer Davis	RS/ATH	5-8	175	Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central H.S.
Kyle Portell	QB	6-2	215	Crestwood, Mo./Lindbergh H.S.

NEBRASKA (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Ron Coleman	TB/FB	5-11	250	Omaha, Neb./North H.S.

NEW JERSEY (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Jordan Solomon	TB	5-11	195	Roselle, N.J./Abraham Clark H.S.
Bryant Worts	TB	6-0	215	Jersey City, N.J./Ferris H.S.

OHIO (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Ben Schmidt	TE	6-4	255	Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills H.S.

OKLAHOMA (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Rod Benman	DE	6-2	250	Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica College

TENNESSEE (2)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Lennies McFerren	TB	5-9	205	Paris, Tenn./Henry County H.S.
Josh Nicks	FB	6-1	225	Union City, Tenn./Union City H.S.

WASHINGTON D.C. (1)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pos.</u>	<u>Ht.</u>	<u>Wt.</u>	<u>Hometown/Previous School</u>
Charles Tillman	DT	6-1	320	Washington, D.C./Dunbar H.S.



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Biographical Sketches (in alphabetical order)

Kweku Arkorful, CB, 5-11, 180, Dolton, Ill./Rock Valley JC

Played two years at Rock Valley College in Rockford, Ill....Was a walk-on at Ohio Valley Conference rival Murray State in 2007...Appeared in the Racers season-opener against Louisville before missing the rest of the year due to injury...Had three solo tackles...Earned all-conference and second-team all-area honors en route to helping lead Thornridge High School to a 10-3 record and state quarterfinal appearance...Finished his senior season with 56 tackles and six interceptions.

Rod Benman, DE, 6-2, 250, Santa Monica, Calif./Santa Monica College

Joins the Southeast football program after playing two seasons at Santa Monica College...Recorded 56 tackles, 10 sacks and blocked a field goal in 2009...Also returned an interception 72 yards for a touchdown.

Jaren Butler, CB, 5-8, 175, Pittsburgh, Calif./Los Medanos JC

Two-time Golden Gate all-conference selection at Los Medanos Junior College...Earned his team's Defensive Player-of-the-Year award as a sophomore...Team Captain as a freshman...Was an all-conference pick and Defensive Player-of-the-Year at Deer Valley High School...Registered 51 tackles and averaged 6.4 per game as a senior...Had two passes defended...Notched a season-high 11 tackles against Ygnacio Valley High School.

Ron Coleman, RB, 5-11, 250, Omaha, Neb./North H.S.

Played fullback and linebacker at North High School...First-team all-state at linebacker...Super-State running back in 2009...Recorded 67 tackles, three sacks and 10 tackles for loss, and ran for over 800 yards and 21 touchdowns as a senior...Rushed for 338 yards and eight touchdowns on 65 carries during his junior season...Caught two passes for 16 yards and made 58 tackles that year, as well...Three-time state champion wrestler...Went 31-4 when he won his first heavyweight title as a freshman...A year later, he went 27-1 en route to his second state crown, this time in the 215-pound weight class...Is in position to win his fourth state championship...Rated as high as the No. 2 wrestling prospect in the state by numerous publications.

Spencer Davis, RS, 5-8, 175, Florissant, Mo./Hazelwood Central H.S.

Multiple-position athlete, who was part of two state championship teams at Hazelwood Central High School...Ran the ball eight times for 120 yards, averaging 15 yards per carry as a senior...Caught seven passes for 151 yards...Registered 37 tackles, one interception and recovered a fumble...Scored a total of 12 touchdowns, including eight on punt returns...Returned eight kickoffs for 313 yards with an average of 39.1 yards per return...Ran back 25 punts for 459 yards, gaining 18.3 yards per return...His 76-yard punt return for a touchdown against Blue Springs was the longest in a state championship game...Also a member of the track team, where he ran a 10.6 in the 100m dash en route to finishing third in the state as a junior...Placed second in the state as a member of the 4x100m relay team...Earned All-State honors.

Lennies McFerren, RB, 5-9, 205, Paris, Tenn./Henry County H.S.

Scored 11 touchdowns in his only season at Henry County High School in 2009...Ran for 440 yards and nine TDs on 64 carries and caught six passes for 174 yards and two touchdowns...Attended New Madrid County Central High School until his junior year...His grandfather, also named Lennies McFerren played basketball at Southeast Missouri State in 1973-74...He is a member of the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame...Coach McFerren won over 500 games and nine state championships at Charleston and New Madrid County Central...He was named the National High School Coach-of-the-Year in 2000 and is currently the head principal at Henry County High School in Paris, Tenn.

Billy Munker, C, 6-3, 270, Royal Palm Beach, Fla./Royal Palm Beach H.S.

First-Team Class 5A Palm Beach County all-conference honoree as a senior at Royal Palm Beach High School...Was also named Big Schools honorable mention all-area...Played in the 2010 Outback Bowl All-Star Game.

Josh Nicks, FB, 6-1, 225, Union City, Tenn./Union City H.S.

Played fullback and linebacker at Union City High School, where he garnered all-region and all-state accolades...Earned multiple Most Valuable Player honors (district, county)...Finished his prep career ranked second on the school's all-time rushing and touchdown lists...Broke a state record for most carries in a game with 47...Broke a single-game school record with six touchdowns...Rushed for 1,682 yards and 35 touchdowns as a senior.

Tyler Peoples, QB, 6-1, 180, Glendale, Ariz./Independence H.S.

Younger brother of former Southeast Missouri State wide receiver Walter Peoples...First-team all-conference and all-state quarterback...Completed 201-of-304 passes (66.1 percent) for 2,461 yards and 32 touchdowns, while throwing just three interceptions as a senior at Independence High School...Averaged 205 passing yards per game...Threw a season-high five touchdown passes against Glendale...Ran for 833 yards...Athletic quarterback with good size and arm strength...Is more of a shotgun, spread offense type player...Also played basketball.

Trent Peterson, DE, 6-3, 255, Little Rock, Ark./Milford Academy

Two-time Defensive Player-of-the-Game, who registered 25 tackles a sack and recovered two fumbles at Milford Academy in 2009...Prior to that, he spent two years at Pulaski Academy...Had 46 tackles over 12 games and seven starts for the Bruins in 2007...A year later, he registered 48 tackles in 11 games and nine starts...His father, Chris Peterson, is the Director of Athletics at the University of Arkansas Little Rock...Chris also served as the Director of Athletics at Creighton University and worked with Southeast head coach Tony Samuel at Nebraska in 1992.

Kyle Portell, QB, 6-2, 215, Crestwood, Mo./Lindbergh H.S.

Completed 82-of-192 passes for 1,304 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior at Lindbergh High School...Averaged 118.5 passing yards per game...Threw a season-high three TD passes against Ritenour...Ran for 791 yards and eight touchdowns on 122 carries, averaging 6.5 yards per attempt...Completed 47 percent (127-of-270) of his passes for 1,903 yards and 18 touchdowns as a junior...Averaged 190.3 passing yards per game...Rushed for 72 yards and two touchdowns on 50 carries.

Ben Schmidt, TE, 6-4, 255, Cincinnati, Ohio/Oak Hills H.S.

Two-time first-team Greater Miami Conference lineman and three-year starter at Oak Hills High School...Caught one pass for 42 yards and had 18 tackles as a senior.

David Smart, ILB, 6-1, 236, Rogers, Ark./Rogers H.S.

Class 7A all-state honoree as a senior at Rogers High School...Recorded 81 tackles, four interceptions, two forced fumbles and two sacks in his final year as a prep...Also returned one interception for a touchdown.

Jordan Solomon, RB, 5-11, 195, Roselle, N.J./Abraham Clark H.S.

First-team all-conference selection as a senior at Abraham Clark High School...Ran 968 yards and seven touchdowns, averaging 7.6 yards per carry...Returned one kickoff and one punt for a touchdown and had one receiving TD.



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Navarus Thompson, DL, 6-2, 280, West Palm Beach, Fla./Hofstra

Redshirted at Hofstra University after suffering a back injury in drills prior to the 2009 season...Transferred after Hofstra announced the termination of its football program...Played four years of football and was a two-year member of the track and field team at Palm Beach Lakes High School in West Palm Beach, Fla...

Named to the Outback Steakhouse Senior All-Star Game in Florida following his senior season...Selected Defensive Most Valuable Player...Recorded a team-high eight sacks to go along with his 87 tackles, 23 tackles for losses, and six forced fumbles.

Charles Tillman, DT, 6-1, 320, Washington, D.C./Dunbar H.S.

Is out of Dunbar High School in Washington, D.C., the same high school as Southeast tight end D.T. Lesane...Team captain, who earned first-team all-conference and all-area honors...Notched 49 tackles, including 36 solo as a senior...Averaged 5.4 tackles per game, recorded three sacks, forced three fumbles and had two fumble recoveries that year, as well...Registered 37 tackles and seven sacks as a junior...Was also a member of the track and field team.

Bryant Worts, RB, 6-0, 215, Jersey City, N.J./Ferris H.S.

Played fullback and linebacker at Ferris High School...Ran for 223 yards and one touchdown on 25 carries as a senior...Averaged nearly nine yards (8.9) per carry...Registered 179 tackles (17.9 per game) with a season-high 28 against Bayonne (Sept. 20)...Also had 13 sacks, forced three fumbles and had two fumble recoveries in his final year as a prep...Three-time first-team all-county linebacker...Earned third-team all-state honors as a junior...Was named the Old Spice Player-of-the-Year his junior season...Also played basketball...Is out of the same high school as Southeast Missouri State WR Chantae Ahamefule and FS Branden Spann.