

2009 Tennessee Football Signees

Signed and Currently Enrolled - Jan. 2009

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Montori Hughes	DL	6-5	275	Murfreesboro (Siegel HS)
Nigel Mitchell-Thornton	LB	6-2	228	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson HS)
Rae Sykes	DE	6-4	240	Alcoa (Alcoa HS/Coffeyville CC)
Toney Williams	RB	6-1	235	Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton HS)

National Signing Day Signees - Feb. 4, 2009

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Jerod Askew	LB	6-1	230	Chesapeake, Va. (Oscar Smith HS)
Mike Edwards	DB	5-10	170	Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville Academic Campus)
Eric Gordon	DB	5-10	187	Nashville (Hillsboro HS)
James Green	WR	6-2	190	Tallahassee, Fla. (Leon HS)
Arthur Jeffery	DL	6-4	285	Sarasota, Fla. (Booker HS)
Greg King	LB	6-3	200	Memphis (Melrose HS)
Darren Myles	S	6-1	190	Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)
Robert Nelson	LB	6-0	205	Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stone Mountain HS)
Nyshier Oliver	ATH	5-10	180	Jersey City, NJ (Saint Peter's Prep)
Kevin Revis	OL	6-4	265	Evansville (Rhea County HS)
Zach Rogers	WR	6-2	170	Nashville (David Lipscomb HS)
Nu'Keese Richardson	WR	5-10	165	Pahokee, Fla. (Pahokee HS)
JerQuari Schofield	OL	6-6	315	Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken HS)
Marsalis Teague	ATH	5-10	180	Paris (Henry County HS)
Marlon Walls	DL	6-2	225	Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch HS/Hargrave Military Academy)

Additional Signees - Feb. 5, 2009

Janzen Jackson	DB	6-0	174	Lake Charles, La. (Barbe HS)
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As of Feb. 5 2009

Coach Lane Kiffin's Comments on Tennessee's 2009 Signing Class

"I thought it was very important for us to set the foundation from which we were going to compete in recruiting. I am very proud of our staff, especially the turning around of Marsalous Teague, who previously was committed to Florida, and especially for going into Pahokee, Fla., and getting Nu'Keese Richardson, who is one of the best players from the state of Florida.

"I think in years to come, we will set a foundation and a standard for the way we're going to recruit and create relationships. After only having three weeks with a complete staff, you could see toward the end of recruiting that some of the top players were being attracted to Tennessee and they really loved their visits. We just didn't have enough time to solidify all of them.

"We already have started junior recruiting and our goal is to have one of the top classes in the nation next year."

-- Feb. 4, 2009

Jerod Askew

Linebacker, 6-1, 230

Chesapeake, Va. (Oscar Smith HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked as the No. 79 overall prospect in the nation and the No. 6 inside linebacker by Rivals.com ... Picked as the No. 1 overall run-stopper in the country by Rivals.com ... Earned No. 6 overall middle linebacker ranking by Scout.com ... Ranked as the No. 147 overall prospect in the ESPN 150 ... Ranked as the No. 12 outside linebacker in the nation by ESPN ... Ranked as the No. 16 overall linebacker according to SuperPrep Magazine ... Named SuperPrep All-American ... Named first-team All-State as a junior and a senior ... Named All-District, All-Region and All-Tidewater as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Led Oscar Smith to Group AAA Division 6 State Championship in 2008 ... Selected to play in Hawaii All-Star Football Classic after his senior season ... Holds school records for single-season tackles and career tackles ... Ranks second in school history in sacks.

Stats: Posted 140 tackles, 22 TFL, 10 sacks and 3 interceptions as a senior ... Registered 126 tackles, 20 TFL, 13 sacks and two interceptions as a junior.

Misc: Oscar Smith defense held opponents to an average of 4.1 points per game in 2008 ... Named a team captain his senior year ... Oscar Smith captured four district titles, two region titles and one state title while compiling a 48-4 record with Askew on the roster ... Coach at Oscar Smith High School: Richard Morgan.

Mike Edwards

Defensive Back, 5-10, 170

Cleveland, Ohio (Glenville Academic Campus)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Rated as the No. 48 cornerback nationally by Rivals.com ... Ranked the No. 21 overall prospect in Ohio after the 2008 high school season ... Rated as the No. 21 cornerback in the 2009 class by Scout.com ... Earned No. 36 ranking among cornerbacks by ESPN ... Named first-team All-State as a senior ... Named one of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer's* Top 40 High School Football Players for 2008 ... Named 2008 All-District by the Associated Press.

Stats: Accounted for 34 tackles and five interceptions as a senior.

Misc: First football player from his high school to sign with an SEC school ... Coach at Glenville High School: Ted Ginn.

Eric Gordon

Defensive Back, 5-10, 187

Nashville (Hillsboro HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Named No. 16 overall cornerback and the No. 159 overall prospect in the nation by Rivals.com .. Earned the No. 2 spot in the Rivals.com Tennessee Preseason Top 25 ... Ranked as No. 29 cornerback in the nation by Scout.com ... Ranked as the No. 41 overall defensive back by SuperPrep Magazine ... Named SuperPrep All-American ... Member of the *Atlanta Journal Constitution's* Super Southern 100 ... Named to The Dream Team by *The Tennessean* as both a junior and a senior ... Named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 20 Prospects in Tennessee list following the 2008 season ... Named a finalist for Tennessee's Mr. Football award as a senior... Earned Offensive MVP honors at the BlueCross Bowl after leading Hillsboro to the 4A State Championship in 2008 ... Named All-Metro, All Region 5-4A and All-State as a sophomore, junior and senior ... Selected All-Midstate as a senior ... Selected to play in the Toyota East-West All-star game.

Stats: Rushed for 510 yards and nine touchdowns while catching 43 passes for 716 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Caught 41 passes for 801 yards as a junior ... Posted 34 tackles and five interceptions as a senior and 77 tackles and six picks as a junior.

Misc: Coach at Hillsboro High School: Scott Blade.

James Green

Wide Receiver, 6-2, 190
Tallahassee, Fla. (Leon HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked as the No. 123 overall prospect and the No. 17 wide receiver in the 2009 class by Rivals.com ... Rated as the No. 73 wide receiver by Scout.com ... Listed as the No. 44 wide receiver nationally by ESPN ... Selected to play in the Hawaii All-Star Football Classic after his senior season ... Ranked No. 46 on *Orlando Sentinel's* Top 100 Prospects list for the state of Florida ... Named to the Florida Postseason Top 100 by the *Miami Herald*.

Stats: Caught 45 passes for 807 yards and 10 touchdowns as a senior ... Also returned four punts for 111 yards and eight kickoffs for 171 yards.

Misc: Coach at Leon High School: Bill Ragans.

Montori Hughes

Defensive Lineman, 6-5, 275
Murfreesboro (Siegel HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Named No. 49 overall defensive tackle in the 2008 class by Scout.com ... No. 60 among defensive tackles according to ESPN ... Participated in the Toyota East-West All-Star Classic ... Named the Region 4-5A Defensive MVP, All-Region, All-Area and All-County in 2007 ... Named Second-Team All-Midstate by *The Tennessean* in 2007 ... Siegel team captain and team MVP as a senior ... Named All-Region, All-Area and All-County as a junior in 2006.

Stats: Led Siegel in tackles with 106, tackles-for-loss with 25 and sacks with 13 as a senior in 2007.

Misc: Originally signed with the Vols in 2008, but did not qualify ... Enrolled at Tennessee in January ... Three-year starter ... Also excelled on the basketball court, lettering two years as sophomore and junior ... Coach at Siegel High School: David Watson.

Janzen Jackson

Defensive Back, 6-0, 174
Lake Charles, La. (Barbe HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Rated as the No. 17 overall prospect and the No. 2 cornerback in the 2009 class by Rivals.com ... Also rated the No. 2 overall prospect in Louisiana ... Rated No. 15 at his position by Scout.com and No. 9 by ESPN ... Listed No. 14 among defensive backs by SuperPrep ... Selected to play in the U.S. Army All-America game ... Named to the *Mobile Press-Register* Super Southeast 120 and the *Orlando Sentinel's* All-Southern Team ... Selected SuperPrep All-America ... Named Class 5A All-State by the LSWA as a senior and a junior.

Stats: Made 94 tackles and picked off five passes as a senior ... Picked off 5 passes, totaled 93 tackles and blocked seven kicks as a junior

Misc: Also a standout in track and field as a hurdler ... Coach at Barbe High School: Jimmy Shaver.

Arthur Jeffery

Defensive Lineman, 6-4, 285
Sarasota, Fla. (Booker HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Named the No. 55 overall defensive tackle in the 2009 class by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 20 among defensive tackles by Scout.com ... Slated No. 60 among defensive tackles according to ESPN ... Named second-team class 3A All-State by the FSWA as a junior ... Named a Reebok Florida Phenom by *Florida Football Magazine* prior to the 2008 season ... Named to the Florida Postseason Top 100 by the *Miami Herald*.

Stats: Registered 74 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 11 sacks, four forced fumbles and five blocked kicks in his final season of high school play as a junior.

Misc: Did not play his senior season due to an ACL/MCL injury ... Booker captured district championship his junior year ... Coach at Booker High School: Fred Gilmore.

Greg King

Linebacker, 6-3, 200
Memphis (Melrose H.S.)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked the No. 31 overall linebacker in the 2009 class by Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Rated No. 29 overall linebacker by ESPN ... Named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 20 Prospects in Tennessee list following the 2008 season ... Named to the 4A Tennessee Sports Writers All-State Team ... Named the No. 9 overall prospect in Tennessee by the *Knoxville News-Sentinel* prior to the 2008 season.

Stats: Posted 130 tackles with four sacks and four forced fumbles as a senior ... Notched 70 tackles, 10 sacks and four forced fumbles as a junior.

Misc: Coach at Melrose High School: Hubbard Alexander.

Nigel Mitchell-Thornton

Linebacker, 6-2, 228
Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stephenson HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked No. 43 among inside linebackers in the 2009 class by Rivals.com ... Also ranked as the No. 40 overall prospect Georgia following the 2008 season ... Placed at No. 29 among middle linebackers by Scout.com ... Ranked No. 19 among outside linebackers by ESPN ... Named first-team All-State by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* and the Georgia Sports Writers Association in 2008 ... Also named to the Georgia 150 by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* ... Selected to play in the GACA North-South All-Star game ... Selected 2008 Region 5-2A Defensive Player of the Year ... Earned All-Region honors and All-DeKalb County honors three times in high school ... Named second-team All-State in 2007.

Stats: Posted 119 total tackles, 10 TFL and two sacks as a senior ... Also picked off three passes and returned two for touchdowns ... Notched 102 total tackles, 12 TFL and six sacks as a junior while forcing four fumbles.

Misc: Enrolled at Tennessee in January ... Led team to region crown his senior season ... Named to Stephenson's Honor Roll all four years of high school ... Coach at Stephenson High School: Ronald Gartrell.

Darren Myles

Safety, 6-1, 190
Atlanta, Ga. (Carver HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Rated the No. 9 safety and the No. 133 overall prospect in the nation by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 8 at his position by Scout.com and No. 5 by ESPN ... Listed No. 11 among defensive backs by SuperPrep ... Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America game ... Named to the *Mobile Press Register's* Super Southeast 120, the *Orlando Sentinel's* All Southern Team and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 ... Selected SuperPrep All-America ... Named to the Class AAA All-State team as a junior and a senior ... Named Most Valuable Defensive Back on his high school team as a sophomore.

Stats: Recorded 60 tackles, six interceptions and 10 pass breakups as a junior.

Misc: High school coach is his father, Darren Myles.

Robert Nelson

Linebacker 6-0, 205

Stone Mountain, Ga. (Stone Mountain HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆

Honors: Rated No. 35 among inside linebackers and the No. 36 prospect in Georgia by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 18 at his position by ESPN ... Twice named to the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* All-State team.

Stats: Accumulated 151 tackles during his senior campaign ... Posted 176 tackles, 25 tackles for loss and 18 sacks as a junior ... Amassed 383 stops and 24 sacks in his high school career.

Misc: Also a member of Stone Mountain's basketball team ... Coach at Stone Mountain High School: Charles Reeves.

Nyshier Oliver

Athlete, 5-10, 180

Jersey City, NJ (Saint Peter's Prep)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆☆

Honors: Rated the No. 39 athlete in the 2009 class and the No. 12 overall prospect in New Jersey by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 20 among all safeties in the 2009 class by Scout.com ... Rated No. 95 among athletes by ESPN ... Named the No. 9 overall recruit in the Northeast by SuperPrep Magazine ... Named first-team All-County and third-team All-State as a senior... Named Hudson County Player of the Year by *The Star Ledger* as a junior.

Stats: Rushed for 1,407 yards and 23 touchdowns as a junior ...

Misc: Also a standout in track and field ... Coach at St. Peters Prep School: Rich Hansen.

Kevin Revis

Offensive Lineman, 6-4, 265

Evansville (Rhea County HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked as the No. 11 center in the 2009 class and the No. 16 prospect in the state of Tennessee by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 38 at offensive guard by Scout.com ... Rated No. 41 among offensive guards by ESPN ... Named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 20 Prospects in Tennessee list following the 2008 season ... Named a finalist for the Tennessee Mr. Football Award ... Played in the Toyota East-West All-Star game ... Named first-team All-State by both the state's coaches and sportswriters ... Selected All-Region 4-4A and All-Chattanooga Area ... Also earned Region 4-4A Offensive Lineman of the Year honor ... Named *Chattanooga Times-Free Press* Best of Preps first team.

Stats: Graded at 98 percent with 48 pancake blocks for the 2008 season

Misc: Helped team to Region 4 and the championship state quarterfinals his senior season ... Qualified for the state tournament as a heavy-weight wrestler as a senior ... Scored a 28 on his ACT and posted a 3.8 GPA ... Named Preseason Academic All-State in 2008 ... Coach at Rhea County High School: Jason Fitzgerald.

Nu'Keese Richardson

Wide Receiver, 5-10, 165
Pahokee, Fla. (Pahokee HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆ ☆

Honors: Rated the No. 68 overall recruit and the No. 9 wide receiver in the 2009 class by Rivals.com ... Also rated the No. 14 prospect in Florida by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 6 at his position by Scout.com and No. 13 by ESPN ... Also ranked the No. 112 prospect in the 2009 class by ESPN ... Selected to play in the Under Armour All-America game ... Named to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 and the *Mobile Press-Register's* Super Southeast 120 ... Named 2B Player of the Year and a finalist for Florida's Mr. Football 2008 ... Also earned All-Area honors ... Selected first-team *Palm Beach Post* All-Purpose Player ... Awarded FSWA All-State second-team honors as a wide receiver his junior season.

Stats: Threw for 1,020 yards and 14 touchdowns at quarterback as a senior ... At receiver caught 22 passes for 373 yards and three touchdowns while adding another 234 yards and three touchdowns rushing ... Finished his junior regular season with 26 catches for 452 yards and six touchdowns ... Also had 274 yards and four touchdowns passing.

Misc: Pahokee High School won three consecutive state championships with Richardson on the roster ... Coach at Pahokee High School: Blaze Thompson.

Zach Rogers

Wide Receiver, 6-2, 170
Nashville (David Lipscomb HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Rated as the No. 54 wide receiver in the 2009 class and the No. 9 overall prospect in Tennessee by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 56 at his position by Scout.com and No. 31 by ESPN ... Named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 20 Prospects in Tennessee list following the 2008 season ... Named 2008 Mr. Football Back in the 3A classification ... Played in the Toyota East-West All-Star game ... Named All-State by the TFCA and the TSWA ... Named Region 5-3A Player of the Year ... Also earned All-State honors from the TFCA and the TSWA as a junior ... Selected first-team All-Region as a junior.

Stats: Caught 14 passes for 369 yards and six touchdowns while rushing 59 times for 671 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior ... Caught 29 passes for 688 yards and eight touchdowns to go with 44 rushes for 465 yards and five touchdowns as a junior.

Misc: Brother of senior wide receiver Austin Rogers ... Helped team to Class 3A State Championship as a junior ... Coach at David Lipscomb High School: Glenn McAdams.

JerQuari Schofield

Offensive Lineman, 6-6, 315
Aiken, S.C. (South Aiken HS)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Rated the No. 20 offensive tackle in the 2009 class and the No. 11 overall prospect in South Carolina by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 31 at his position by Scout.com and No. 32 by ESPN ... Selected to the Sweet 16 Dream Team by the *Augusta Chronicle* ... Selected to play in the Shrine Bowl for South Carolina ... Named All-Area by the *Augusta Chronicle* and the *Atkins Standard*.

Stats: Graded out at 91 percent as a senior and 72 percent as a junior ... Posted 31 tackles in two seasons of limited play on defense.

Misc: Coach at South Aiken High School: Robert Wrightenberry.

Rae Sykes

Defensive End, 6-4, 240
Alcoa (Alcoa HS/Coffeyville CC)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆

Honors: Three-year first-team All-State honoree as a senior in 2006, junior in 2005 and sophomore in 2004 ... Preseason All-America prior to senior season ... Named All-Region and All-County four consecutive years and three-time All-District as a senior, junior and sophomore.

Stats: As a senior, tallied over 70 tackles with 10 sacks ... As a junior, totaled 70 tackles and eight sacks ... As a sophomore, totaled 132 tackles and 10 sacks ... Tallied 15 tackles and four sacks in the state championship game as a sophomore.

Misc: Enrolled at Tennessee in January ... Contributed to three-straight state championship teams from 2004-2006 ... Four-year starter in football ... Honored as team captain as a senior ... Two-year letterman in basketball and one-year starter for the Tornadoes ... Originally signed with Tennessee in 2007 but did not qualify ... Did not play in his two seasons at Coffeyville Community College due to injury ... Coach at Alcoa High School: Gary Rankin.

Marsalis Teague

Athlete, 5-10, 180
Paris (Henry County)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Rated No. 28 among athletes and the No. 4 prospect in Tennessee by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 18 at cornerback by Scout.com ... Rated No. 47 in the athlete category by ESPN ... Listed No. 43 among defensive backs by SuperPrep ... Named to the *Mobile Press Register's* Super Southeast 120, the *Orlando Sentinel's* All Southern Team and the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* Super Southern 100 ... Selected SuperPrep All-America ... Named to the Knoxville News-Sentinel's Top 20 Prospects in Tennessee list following the 2008 season ... Named Class 4A Tennessee Mr. Football Back and Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year in 2008... Selected MVP of the Toyota All-star Classic Named All-Midstate as a junior.

Stats: Rushed for 1,270 yards and 18 touchdowns while passing for 1,055 yards with 15 scores as a senior ... Finished his junior season with 1,616 yards passing for 17 touchdowns and 1,530 yards rushing for 16 touchdowns.

Misc: Coach at Henry County High School: Joe Gaddis.

Marlon Walls

Defensive Lineman, 6-2, 225
Olive Branch, Miss. (Olive Branch/Hargrave Military Academy)

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked No. 5 among prep school prospects by Rivals.com ... Region Defensive MVP as a senior in 2007 ... Selected No. 2 prospect by the Memphis Commercial Appeal ... Named 2007 Player of the Year by the Memphis Touchdown Club ... Named first-team All-State and All-Region as a senior ... Also earned Region 1-5A Defensive MVP Honors ... Named Team Mississippi captain in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic ... Selected *Shelby-Metro's* No. 2 Most Wanted Prospect ... Named Liberty Bowl Best of Preps.

Stats: As a senior in 2007 at Olive Branch high school, set a school record with 11 sacks to go along with 127 tackles, five forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries ... As a junior in 2006 at Wooddale High School in Memphis, finished with 92 total tackles and 13 sacks on defense ... On offense, totaled 15 catches with five touchdowns at tight end.

Misc: Originally signed with Tennessee in February of 2008, but played the 2008 season at Hargrave Military Academy ... Three-year starter at defensive end and linebacker ... Named team captain as a senior ... Participated on the basketball team as a junior and sophomore ... Competed in track as a junior, participating in the 400m, 4x200m and 4x400m ... Coach at Olive Branch High School: Scott Samsel.

Toney Williams

*Running Back, 6-1, 235
Alpharetta, Ga. (Milton HS)*

Prospect Rankings

Rivals: ☆☆☆

Scout.com: ☆☆☆☆

Honors: Ranked No. 51 among running backs nationally and the No. 42 overall prospect in Georgia by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 4 among full-backs in the 2009 class by Scout.com and No. 36 among running backs by ESPN ... Invited to the Under Armour All-America game following the 2008 season ... Named to the Georgia 150 and the Super Southern 100 by the *Atlanta Journal Constitution* ... Selected Georgia Class 5A Player of the Year ... Named GSWA All-State and All-Fulton County as a senior.

Stats: Rushed for 1,945 yards and scored 26 touchdowns as a senior ... Ran for 785 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior while grabbing 22 catches for 240 yards.

Misc: Enrolled at Tennessee in January ... Led Milton to state playoffs for the first time in nine seasons as a senior ... Scored seven touchdowns in Milton's 2008 season-opening win ... Coach at Milton High School: Scott Walker.