

KHALIL MACK

Outside Linebacker/Defensive Rush End

University of Buffalo Bulls

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Westwood High School

OVERVIEW

Lots of major college recruiters are regretting that they did not pursue the Bulls' outstanding rush end during his senior season at Westwood High School. Most of his opponents felt the wrath from that slight, as Mack would go on to tie the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision modern day record with 75.0 tackles behind the line of scrimmage. His hard-hitting style of play also benefitted the Buffalo offense, as he established another major college all-time record by causing 16 fumbles.

Among active major college players, Mack leads the way with his tackle-for-loss and caused fumble totals. His average of 1.56 tackles-for-loss per game not only led the active players, but rank ninth in NCAA history. His 62.0 solo tackles behind the line of scrimmage topped the active performers, along with his tackle-for-loss yardage figure (356). He ranks fourth with 25.0 solo sacks, 28.5 total sacks (seventh on the Mid-American Conference all-time record list) and third with sack-lost yardage totals of 217 yards.

Mack is best when allowed to roam the field, as his high amount of turnovers caused and stops behind the line of scrimmage is proof positive that he is equally comfortable playing off the line and covering receivers in the short area, as he is when rushing the passer, whether coming off the edge as a pass rusher or bull rushing up the middle from the defensive tackle position.

Mack decided to accept a scholarship offer from the University of Buffalo, citing the campus environment and the new coaching staff for the reason he signed his national letter-of-intent on February 4th, 2009. He would red-shirt as a scout team outside line-backer that season, but emerged from 2010 camp as the team's starting rush end/ strong-side linebacker. He finished third on the team with 68 tackles, pacing the Bulls while ranking second in the Mid-American Conference with 14.5 stops-for-loss.

The Freshman All-American spent more time at outside linebacker than in the trenches as a red-shirt sophomore in 2011. He earned All-MAC first-team accolades, delivering 65 tackles with 4.5 sacks, leading the conference with 20.5 tackles behind the line of scrimmage, which rank as the third-best season total in school history. His five forced fumbles that campaign are tied for second on the Bulls' annual record chart.

In 11 other 2012 starting assignments, Mack delivered a team-high 94 tackles, picking up All-MAC and All-American honors. His 21.0 stops-for-loss led the league and ranked fourth nationally, in addition to taking over the second spot on the school season-record list. He also caused four more fumbles, fourth-best in a season by a Bull and led the team with eight tackles from the strong-side linebacker position.

As a senior, Mack was recognized as a consensus first-team All-American, putting together a stellar final campaign. For the second-straight year, he led the Bulls with a career-high 100 tackles. His 10.5 sacks led the MAC and were good for 15th in the nation, as he also led the league with 19 stops behind the line of scrimmage, causing five fumbles in the process. He also intercepted three passes, returning two for touchdowns.

Mack received an invitation to close out his college career in Mobile, Alabama, as a member of the 2014 Senior Bowl roster, but declined to concentrate on performing at the 2014 NFL Scouting Combine. He did more than impress teams with his performance in Indianapolis – he dazzled them. Mack's 4.65-second 40-yard dash was fourth-best for all linebackers attending the event.

Mack was second among the 2014 linebackers and ninth among all players at his position attending the Combine for the last decade with a 40-inch vertical jump. His broad jump of 10'-08" was also second among this year's linebacker crop and seventh-best for the position players in the last 10 years.

CAREER NOTES

Mack started all 48 games that he appeared in for Buffalo, recording 327 tackles (186 solos) that included 28.5 sacks for minus 217 yards, 75.0 stops for losses totaling 356 yards and 31 quarterback pressures...Caused 16 fumbles and recovered three others, as he gained 148 yards with two touchdowns via four interceptions and deflected 21 other tosses...*NCAA Career-Record Results*...Mack's 16 forced fumbles topped the old major college record of 14 that was shared by Antwan Peek of Cincinnati (2000-02), Terrell Suggs of Arizona State (2000-02), Kenechi Udeze of Southern California (2001-03) and Ryan Kerrigan of Purdue (2007-10). Chris Borland of Wisconsin (15) also passed that trio in

2013 to place second behind Mack on the FBS all-time chart...Mack's 75.0 tackles-for-loss tied the NCAA modern day record (since the 2000 season) that was first established by Jason Babin of Western Michigan (2000-03). They are the only two players top post at least seventy stops-for-loss since the NCAA began to officially recognize that category...His average of 1.563 tackles-for-loss per game is the ninth-best mark in the NCAA record book...*Mid-American Conference Career-Record Results*...Mack's 75.0 tackles-for-loss tied Babin for second on the league charts, topped by Brian Pillman of Miami, Ohio (77.0; 1980-83...Note-The MAC first began recognizing this category in 1979)...His 28.5 sacks rank seventh in conference history and his 16 forced fumbles set the MAC record...*School Career-Record Results*...Mack's 28.5 sacks surpassed the previous school record of 24.0 that is shared by Rich Dadabo (1989-92) and Vince Canosa (1992-95)...His 75.0 tackles-for-loss shattered the old Bulls mark of 50.5 by Canosa.

2013 SEASON

Mack was named the Mid-American Conference Defensive Player of the Year as well as the Jack Lambert Award winner (given to the nation's top linebacker by the Touchdown Club of Columbus)...Finished second to Alabama's C.J. Mosley in the voting for Butkus Award and received All-American first-team recognition from The NFL Draft Report, Football Writers Association of America, Sports Illustrated and CBSsports.com, adding second-team accolades from Walter Camp, Associated Press and USA Today...Named the winner of the 2013 College Football Performance Awards (CFPA) Linebacker Trophy...Started all 13 games at strong-side linebacker, leading the team for the second consecutive year with a career-high 100 tackles (56 solos)...Led the league and ranked 15th in the nation with a career-high 10.5 sacks for minus 217 yards, as he also added six quarterback pressures...Led the team and MAC with five forced fumbles...Recovered three fumbles and deflected seven passes...His 19.0 stops for losses of 98 yards was best in the league and ranked 11th nationally...Had at least one stop behind the line of scrimmage in all but the Baylor and San Diego State (Famous Idaho Potato Bowl)...Had 2.5 sacks, a 45-yard interception return for a touchdown and nine tackles (7 solos) in the season opener vs. Ohio State...Added 10 hits that included a pair of stops-for-loss vs. Stony Brook and was in on eight hits, a sack and 1.5 tackles-for-loss vs. Connecticut...Posted a sack to go with a 35-yard interception return for a score vs. Massachusetts...Followed with 10 tackles (8 solos), a sack and a 45-yard runback of his third pass theft vs. Kent State...Caused three fumbles among his eight tackles (7 solos) and three sacks vs. Miami (Oh.) and made 2.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage while registering twelve tackles vs. Bowling Green.

2012 SEASON

Mack earned second-team All-American recognition from The NFL Draft Report and honorable mention from Sports Illustrated, as the All-MAC first-team pick started all 11 games he appeared in...The strong-side linebacker led the league and ranked fourth in the nation with 21.0 stops for losses of 98 yards, adding eight sacks for minus 63 yards and four QB pressures...Blocked one kick and deflected two passes...Led the team and ranked 10th in the MAC with 94 tackles (52 solos)...Made his season debut with eight tackles (3.5 for loss) and 1.5 sacks vs. Morgan State...Set a season-high with eight solo tackles, also recording two sacks and four tackles for loss vs. Kent State...Forced a fumble, had one sack, and 3.5 tackles for loss at Connecticut...Added a sack and a forced fumble in a win over Western Michigan...Had one of the best single games of his career, with a career high 15 tackles (3.5 for loss), a career high 2.5 sacks, and two forced fumbles in a comeback win over Massachusetts...Ended the season with 10 tackles (2.5 for loss) at Bowling Green.

2011 SEASON

The first-team All-MAC and Sports Illustrated All-American honorable mention was the focal point of nearly every offenses' blocking scheme, but Mack still managed to lead the team and tie for fourth in the league with 5.5 sacks for minus 35 yards...Paced the MAC while finishing third in the nation with 20.5 stops for losses of 74 yards...Finished fourth on the squad with 65 tackles (38 solos), leading the MAC with five forced fumbles, as he also deflected two passes and was credited with a career-high 13 quarterback pressures...Started the season with five tackles (two for loss), a sack, a forced fumble and a pass breakup vs. Pittsburgh...Earned the MAC East defensive player of the week honors and College Football Performance Awards' Linebacker of the week after eight tackles, a sack, 3.5 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, an interception and three quarterback hurries vs. Stony Brook...Had a season-high 11 tackles vs. Ball State and led the team to a 38-37 win over Ohio thanks to five tackles (2.5 for loss), a half sack and a forced fumble...Tore apart the Akron backfield for five solo tackles (three for loss), two sacks, a forced fumble and a blocked punt.

2010 SEASON

Mack received Freshman All-American honors from The NFL Draft Report, as the third-team All-MAC choice started all twelve games at strong-side linebacker...Ranked third on the team with 68 tackles (40 solos), as he caused two fumbles, deflected a team-best 10 passes and had eight quarterback pressures...Totaled 4.5 sacks for minus 40 yards and ranked second in the MAC with a team-high 14.5 stops for losses of 86 yards...Broke up two passes, got a half sack and made three tackles in the season opener vs. Rhode Island...Had five tackles, a sack and two tackles for loss vs. Central Florida and wreaked havoc on the Bowling Green offense, making nine tackles, four of which were for a loss of 37 total yards, a forced fumble and a sack...Added a season-high 10 tackles vs. Temple and had a sack and six tackles, one for loss, vs. Miami (Oh.)...Torched Ohio University with seven tackles, a sack and a forced fumble...Made three tackles for loss vs. Eastern Michigan and vs. Akron he delivered seven tackles, two for loss, and two pass breakups.

2009 SEASON

Redshirted in his first season at Buffalo.

AGILITY TESTS

4.65 in the 40-yard dash...1.64 10-yard dash...2.73 20-yard dash...4.18 20-yard shuttle...7.08 three-cone drill...40-inch vertical jump...10'-8" broad jump...Bench pressed 225 pounds 23 times...33 ¼-inch arm length...10 ¼-inch hands...81 1/8-inch wingspan.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mack attended Westwood (Fort Pierce, Fla.) High School, playing football for head coach Waides Ashmon...Received a two-star recruit mark from both Scout.com and Rivals.com... The first-team All-Area and third-team All-State selection in football-rich Florida helped lead the Panthers to the district title as a senior...Recorded 140 tackles with nine sacks, a total of 13 stops behind the line of scrimmage, three forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 2008.

PERSONAL

Mack is a General Studies major...Born 2/22/91...Resides in Fort Pierce, Florida.

PLAYER STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
STATS	GP	GS	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TFL	PBU	SACK	PRES
2010	12	12	068	040	028	00	02	01	14.5-086	10	04.5-040	08
2011	12	12	065	038	027	00	05	00	20.5-074	02	05.5-035	13
2012	11	11	094	052	042	00	04	00	21.0-098	02	08.0-063	04
2013	13	13	100	056	044	03	05	03	19.0-098	07	10.5-079	06
TOTAL	48	48	327	186	141	03	16	04	75.0-356	21	28.5-217	31

INTERCEPTION RETURNS					
STATS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2010	01	023	23.00	00	23
2013	03	125	41.67	02	45
TOTAL	04	148	37.00	02	45

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OVERVIEW

While teams are certain to debate in their “war rooms” and sports writers contemplate who might be the first quarterback selected in the 2014 NFL Draft, most are in agreement on which signal-caller is the most athletic and possesses the strongest arm in this class – Derek Dallas Carr, a draft legacy, as he is certain to follow his older brother, David, as a first round draft pick.

David, also a Fresno State standout quarterback during his collegiate days, was the first overall selection in the 2002 draft by the Houston Texans. He gained national attention during the 2001 season, after connecting on 344-of-533 passes for 4,839 yards, 46 touchdowns and only nine interceptions, earning Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and Sammy Baugh honors.

David started for the Houston Texans from 2002 through the 2006 seasons. He joined the Carolina Panthers in 2007, leaving for the New York Giants the next two years before joining the San Francisco 49ers in 2010. He returned to the Giants to back up Eli Manning during the 2011-12 campaigns, finishing his professional career with 1,353 completions of 2,267 passes for 14,452 yards, 65 touchdowns and 71 interceptions.

During David’s playing days at Fresno State, Derek was a frequent visitor to the campus. He was also in attendance during a 2007 ceremony at the stadium when the Bulldogs retired David’s jersey #8. It was a “no brainer” when the younger Carr eagerly signed his national letter of intent to join the program on May 25th, 2008. Derek lists his older brother as his favorite athlete because: “He is the kind of person I want to be.” Another brother, Darren, was a walk-on defensive lineman at the University of Houston.

When Derek joined the Fresno State program in 2009, he requested and received the jersey number that was worn by his “second favorite” quarterback, former Green Bay Packers legend, Brett Favre (#4). The younger Carr would make his brother and Favre proud, as he would close out his career ranked second among active NCAA players with 113 touchdown passes, also ranking fourth in total offense (13,032 yards), third in passing yardage (12,842), second in pass completions (1,086), third in pass attempts (1,630) and fourth in touchdowns responsible for (118).

While Carr is more of a classic pocket quarterback, he does display decent mobility, scoring five times on the ground through 39 games in the starting lineup. In addition to his cannon for an arm, he is a patient passer with great field vision, tossing only 24 passes that were intercepted among his 1,630 attempts (.147 interception percentage). During his junior and senior campaigns, he also served as the team’s “pooch” punter. None of his ten kicks were returned by the opposition and nine of them were downed inside the 20-yard line.

Carr was born in Fresno, California, the youngest of three children, to Sheryl and Rodger Carr. He and his family relocated to Sugar Land, Texas in 2002 when his oldest brother, David, joined the Houston Texans organization. He began his prep career at Clements High School, but when his family moved back to Bakersfield, California for his senior year, he transferred to Bakersfield Christian High School. Carr first began to attract national attention from college recruiters as a junior. He played on the Clements High freshman team and then became a back-up quarterback on the varsity team as a sophomore. He didn’t prepare himself to become the starting quarterback, but a preseason injury to another signal-caller thrust him into the role. He made gradual progress as a starter, passing for 1,246 yards and 12 touchdowns on 84-of-162 attempts (51.9%) in 11 assignments during the 2006 regular season schedule.

As a junior, Carr completed 117-of-205 tosses (57.1%) for 1,622 yards and 16 touchdowns, leading his team to an undefeated 13-0 season (playoffs included) before losing in the quarterfinals of the 2007 Class 5A Division II State playoffs in Region III to the (also undefeated) Katy High School Tigers, the eventual champions.

It was during that junior year that Carr was heavily recruited. His college choices included Fresno State, Southern Methodist, Boise State, the University of Southern California, UCLA, and Utah. Of these schools, only Fresno State, SMU, and Utah made a scholarship offer towards Carr. Ultimately, he verbally committed to Fresno State on May 25, 2008, at the end of his junior year. Carr was the program’s first recruit of the 2009 class.

Meanwhile, in February 2008, Bakersfield Christian High School athletic director and former NFL player Doug Barnett confirmed that Carr was transferring to BCHS, amid rumors that he would've gone to nearby Stockdale High School or Bakersfield High School, two schools with historically good football programs. Ironically, Carr passed on Stockdale High, the same school where his older brother not only went to for four years, but was even voted "Most Likely to Become Famous".

As a senior, Carr led the Bakersfield High Eagles football team to a 12–1 record and the California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Division V championship, but his only blemish came at home against Oaks Christian High School, a national football power-house, during the team's season opener. In 13 contests, he connected on 280-of-413 passes (67.0%) for 4,067 yards, an astounding 46 touchdowns against nine interceptions.

Carr also rushed for 281 yards, averaging 8.0 yards per carry, and five touchdowns in 2008, including a sensational 62-yard scoring run against Coast Union. He threw at least five touchdown passes in four of his 13 games, including two games of six scoring strikes, vs. Parlier and Fowler. He directed an offense that averaged 44 points per game, highlighted when he threw for a Central Section record 541 yards and four touchdowns against Arvin and against Shafter, he completed 13-of-17 passes for 269 yards with five touchdowns.

Carr was selected by ESPN RISE as the National Football Player of the Week after passing for 441 yards and three touchdowns in a game against Tehachapi High School. He was also named by The Bakersfield Californian as the 2008 All-Area Football Player of the Year. He garnered National Player of the Year honors from the National Private Schools Athletic Association and was also selected the Private School National Player of the Year after ranking third in California and 11th in the nation for high school quarterbacks in passing yards.

Carr would go on to shatter 20 school offensive records during his senior season. He received three-star prospect status, ranked 70th on the California Top 100 list and placed 29th among the nation's pro-style quarterbacks, according to Rivals.com. He was regarded as a four-star prospect by Scout.com, as that recruiting service ranked him as the 16th-best high school quarterback in the country.

Carr's Fresno State career stalled during his first two years on campus. He saw just limited action in five games as a true freshman, completing 10-of-14 passes (71.4%) for 112 yards. The following year, then-Fresno State head coach Pat Hill stated that Carr was "in the mix" for the starting quarterback position as late as mid-July. However, days before the 2010 season began, the staff decided to red-shirt him.

Determined not to let his college decision be a waste, Carr had a fantastic preseason performance and emerged from 2011 fall camp as the Bulldogs' starting quarterback. It was a job he would not relinquish until concluding his college career 39 games later. His first year as Fresno State's starting quarterback saw the team slip to a 4-9 record, but Carr put up impressive numbers, ranking second in the Western Athletic Conference with a 144.51 passing efficiency rating. He placed third in the WAC in total offense (278.15 ypg) and ranked 22nd in the nation with an average of 272.62 aerial yards per contest.

An Academic All-District VIII choice, Carr was a unanimous All-Mountain West Conference first-team selection and named the league's Offensive Player of the Year. He threw for 4,104 yards and 37 touchdowns against just seven interceptions, completing 344-of-511 attempts (57.3%) in 2012.

Carr punted four times, with three of those boots downed inside the 20-yard line. He ranked second in the MWC and 15th nationally with a 155.94 passing efficiency rating and finished 12th in the major college ranks in total offense (315.77 ypg). He was eighth in the FBS with an average of 26.46 pass completions and 315.69 passing yards per game.

Carr continued to 'climb up the draft ladder' based on his stellar senior season. He set conference records for yards passing (5,083), pass attempts (659) and touchdown passes (50), becoming just the fourth quarterback in major college history to throw for over 5,000 yards and 50 touchdowns in a season. He also led the nation in total offense (5,199), passing yards per game (390.9), pass completions per game (34.85), touchdowns responsible for (52) and total points responsible for (302).

What made those figures highly impressive was that Carr did not have the benefit of much practice time, as he was often taking his ill son to doctors for treatments or attending hospitals to deal with the youngster's health issues. His "almost perfect" season saw him set the league record by attempting 305 consecutive passes without an interception. After that string was broken, he began another one that saw him throw 180 more passes without a pass theft.

Carr closed out his career as the 13th quarterback in FBS history to throw for over 4,000 yards in back-to-back seasons. He would also become the 19th major college passer to gain over 10,000 yards passing with over 100 touchdown tosses in a career. He also set 25 school records and 21 more marks in the Mountain West Conference record books.

Carr had one more "mountain to climb" as a collegian, though. He spent considerable hours preparing for the prestigious 2014 Senior Bowl, where the consensus from teams, scouts and coaches was that he was the "finest-looking" quarterback among the six going through the week-long practices. All were in agreement that Carr unquestionably possesses the best arm. The ball explodes out of his hand and caught a few of his new teammates by surprise with how quickly it got to them. He also showed good anticipation, often delivering passes before his receivers turned back to look for the ball.

Carr clearly separated himself as the top passer in Mobile with his top-shelf arm strength, athleticism and overall feel for the game. He wasn't "picture perfect," but the arm talent and competitive drive were enough to convince ever quarterback-needy team that he has all the tools to be a quality starter in the National Football League. What those teams recognized was his elite velocity as a passer and ability to make every throw on the foot-ball field. He also showed that he has the mobility and football instincts that make him an appealing prospect.

CAREER NOTES

The owner of 25 school records and 21 additional Mountain west Conference records, Carr started his final 39 games at Fresno State after appearing in his first five contests as a reserve...Completed an impressive 66.69% of his passes (1,087-of-1,630) for 12,843 yards and 113 touchdowns...Just 1.47% of his pass attempts (24) were intercepted...Scored five times via 164 carries for 190 yards, as he also caught one pass for a 1-yard loss...Served as the team's "pooch" punter the last two years, as nine of his ten kicks were downed inside the 20-yard line, generating 319 yards...Also recorded a pair of solo tackles...*NCAA Career-Record Charts*...Carr recorded the 26th-best passing efficiency rating (152.80) in NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision history...His 12,843 yards passing rank 14th in NCAA annals...Placed 12th on that all-time chart with 113 touchdown passes...Finished 19th in FBS history with 13,033 yards in total offense...*School Career-Record Charts*...One of three Bulldogs to throw for over 10,000 yards in a career, he holds the top spot with 12,843 yards, topping the previous mark of 10,808 yards by Kevin Sweeney (1983-86). The other QB to throw for over 10,000 yards is Paul Pinegar (10,136; 2002-05)...Is the only Fresno State player to complete over 1,000 passes in a career (1,087), breaking the previous record of 848 by Pinegar...One of four Bulldogs to attempt 1,000 passes, he holds the record with 1,630 (previous was 1,405 by Pinegar)...Only five Bulldogs have completed at least 60% of their passes, as Derek's percentage of .6669 topped the old record that his brother, David (.621; 1997-2001) previously held...His 113 touchdown passes surpassed the old school mark of 80 by Pinegar...Has thrown at least four touchdowns in 14 games, shattering his brother's old school record of seven...Had at least five touchdowns in seven of those contests, again topping David's previous FSU record of three...His 20 games with at least 300 yards passing surpassed David's old mark of thirteen in school annals...His 11 400-yard passing performances broke the old school record of four by Trent Dilfer (1991-93)...Is the only player in school history to throw for at least 500 yards in a career more than once (three, as that mark also set the Mountain West Conference career-record)...His interception percentage of 1.47 is the lowest by a Bulldog since Billy Volek (1.25; 1996-99) set the NCAA record...Recorded a string of 305 consecutive pass attempts without throwing an interception in 2013, the second-longest string by an FSU player (Dilfer holds the record with 318).

2013 SEASON

Member of The NFL Draft Report's All-American Dream Team (second-team choice), Carr was named the Mountain West Conference's Offensive Player of the Year for the second consecutive season...The All-MWC choice finished eighth in the voting for the coveted Heisman Trophy...A Senior CLASS Award first-team selection and finalist for that organization's honor, he was also selected Mountain West Championship Player of the Game (vs. Utah State), as he also garnered league Player of the Week accolades vs. Rutgers, Cal Poly, Nevada and New Mexico...The finalist for the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award, Carr was also chosen a semi-finalist for the Davey O'Brien Award, Maxwell Award and William V. Campbell Trophy...The Capital One Academic All-District VIII first-team selection was the recipient of the College Football Performance Awards Elite Quarterback Trophy. Carr earned the honor for his career performance over the past three seasons as Fresno State's starting quarterback and he is the second Bulldog to earn CFPA honors, following 2012 CFPA Defensive Back Trophy winner Phillip Thomas. The 2013 CFPA Elite Quarterback Trophy is a 22" optic crystal tower with 8" optic crystal football on top. The goal of College Football Performance Awards is to provide the most scientifically rigorous conferment's in college football. All recipients are selected exclusively based upon objective scientific rankings of the extent to which individual players increase the overall effectiveness of their teams. Twenty-one CFPA winners have been first round NFL Draft selections...Selected National Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Foundation and CBSSports.com for his performance vs. Nevada...Added Manning Award Player of the Week recognition vs. New Mexico, Nevada, Nevada-Las Vegas, Idaho, Boise State and Cal Poly...Started all 13 games, shattering school records, most of them, his own, as Carr completed 454-of-659 passes (68.89%) for 5,083 yards, 50 touchdowns and just eight interceptions...Scored twice on 40 carries for 117 yards (2.93 ypc), as he also recorded one solo tackle...All six of his "pooch" punts were downed inside the 20-yard line, as he generated 203 yards (33.8 avg)...Threw for at least 400 yards in eight contests, highlighted by 522 yards with a school-record seven touchdowns (that figured tied the league game record) on 27-of-37 tosses vs. New Mexico, followed by 38-of-50 tosses for 519 yards and six touchdowns vs. San Jose State...Also produced career-highs by completing 52-of-73 attempts vs. Rutgers, good for 456 yards and five scores...Had five more touchdowns on 37-of-48 tries for 419 yards vs. Idaho...Ranked sixth in the nation with a pass

completion percentage of .6889, as his average of 34.85 pass completions per game was the best in the Football Bowl Subdivision ranks...Also led the country with a school record 50 touchdowns tossed, becoming only the fifth major college player to reach the 50-touchdown level...Led the MWC and was 15th in the nation with a passing efficiency rating of 156.1...Led the country in points responsible for (314) and points responsible per game (24.2)...His 5,083 yards passing also led the FBS ranks, as he also paced major college football with 5,200 yards in total offense...No quarterback in the country had more than Derek's 454 pass completions and 659 pass attempts...His total of 699 total plays also paced the FBS players.

2012 SEASON

Carr earned Mountain West Offensive Player of the Year during the Bulldogs' first season in the league...Named to the Sports Illustrated All-American honorable mention team, he was an unanimous first-team All-MWC selection, becoming the fifth quarterback in league history with that distinction...Added Capital One Academic All-District VIII first-team honors and was also selected to the Mountain West Academic All-Conference team...Set a then-new Mountain West season record with 4,104 passing yards, which ranked eighth nationally...His 37 touchdown passes tied for third in the FBS and his 37-7 touchdown-to-interception ratio ranked third for all quarterbacks with at least 300 completions...Also set a new conference season-record with three 400-yard passing games...Ranked eighth in the nation and first in the Mountain West with 315.7 passing yards per game...His 155.9 pass efficiency rating ranked 15th nationally...Completed 344-of-511 passes for 4,104 yards, 37 touchdowns and only seven interceptions...Recorded one solo tackle and had three of his four "pooch" punts downed inside the 20-yard line, gaining 116 yards via those kicks...

Threw three or more touchdown in seven of his 13 appearances and in a four-game stretch (Colorado, Tulsa, San Diego State and Colorado State), he threw 15 touchdown passes, which was then recorded as the second-most in a four-game stretch in school history...His 17 touchdown passes over the final five games of the regular season (Wyoming, New Mexico, Hawaii, Nevada and Air Force) were then the second-most in any five-game stretch in school history, as he only had one interception during that stretch... Was a three-time Mountain West Offensive Player of the Week, three-time MAACO Bowl Las Vegas Mountain West Player of the Week and twice honored as the Manning Award Quarterback of the Week...Prior to his record-breaking 2013 campaign, Carr had set a new school record for single-game completion percentage in the regular season finale vs. Air Force when he connected on 28-of-32 passes (.875) for 452 yards and four touchdowns. He was named the National Offensive Player of the Week by the Walter Camp Foundation and the CFP's National Performer of the Week and National QB of the Week following that game...Was one of just three FBS quarterbacks on the season to have three games with over 400 yards passing and four touchdowns on the year...Set new Mountain West and school single-game records for completions (42) and total offense (570) in a 52-40 win over San Diego State (since broken vs. Rutgers in 2013)...His 536 yards passing in that game vs. the Aztecs tied the school record...Threw five touchdowns vs. San Diego State and five more vs. Colorado, when all five of his score vs. the Buffs were thrown in the first half, going on to complete 17-of-22 passes for 300 yards in that clashes...surpassed 6,000 yards passing in his career on October 20th, when he threw for 268 yards and three touchdowns in a 42-14 win over Wyoming...Named the Manning Award Quarterback of the Week and the MW Offensive Player of the Week after throwing for 416 yards and four touchdowns in a 49-32 win at New Mexico, when he led the Bulldogs back from a 21-0 deficit. That was Fresno State's largest deficit overcome in a victory since 1982...Threw for four scores and 304 yards in the first half vs. Hawaii to help Fresno State jump out to a 42-3 lead in the win over the Warriors...Joined Trent Dilfer as the only quarterbacks in school history to pass for over 3,000 yards in consecutive seasons...Served as team captain.

2011 SEASON

Carr took over quarterback duties and earned All-Western Athletic Conference second-team honors during the Bulldogs' final season as a member of the league...Was also selected to the Academic All-WAC team...Threw for 3,544 yards on the season, which is the fourth-most in Fresno State history and the most ever by a Bulldog sophomore...His passing yardage led the WAC and ranked 15th nationally...His 279 completions are the third-most in school history, as were his 446 attempts...Threw 26 touchdown passes against nine interceptions and he completed 62.56 percent of his passes...Averaged 278.15 yards in total offense per game, which ranked 22nd nationally and he had four 300-yard passing games...Threw two touchdown passes of over 80 yards, had 10 pass completions of 50 or more yards and he completed a pass to 15 different receivers on the season, including six who had 30 or more catches...Completed 39-of-49 passes for 290 yards and three touchdowns vs. Louisiana Tech. At that time, his 39 completions were one off the school single-game record...Threw for 371 yards and five touchdowns at Idaho, and had three or more scoring passes in four games...Produced a season-high 391 yards passing at New Mexico State with three touchdowns...Finished the year completing 138-of-212 (65.1%) passes for 1,879 yards over the last six games with 14 touchdowns against just four interceptions...Ran 57 times for 72 yards (195 yards if you take out the losses from sacks) with three touchdowns...In seven WAC games, he completed 65.6 percent of his passes for 2,162 yards with 19 touchdowns against five interceptions...Served as offensive team captain.

2010 SEASON

With senior Ryan Colburn firmly entrenched as the Bulldogs' starting quarterback, the coaching staff elected to red-shirt Carr, thus allowing him to retain three more seasons of college football eligibility.

2009 SEASON

Saw limited action for the Bulldogs and played in five games...Completed 10-of-14 passes on the season for 112 yards...Had graduated from high school early to enroll at Fresno State for the spring semester of 2009 and participate in spring drills with the team...Set two Fresno State quarterback records for the shuttle run and the 40-yard dash with a 4.59 (ran a 4.56 40 in the summer of 2012).

AGILITY TESTS

4.59 in the 40-yard dash...1.63 10-yard dash...2.68 20-yard dash...4.22 20-yard shuttle...7.14 three-cone drill...30-inch vertical jump...9'-3" broad jump...Bench pressed 225 pounds 17 times...9 1/8-inch arm length...31 1/4-inch hands...75 1/8-inch wingspan.

HIGH SCHOOL

Carr first began his prep career at Clements (Sugarland, Tex.) High School, where he played football from his freshman-through-junior seasons...Played on the Clements High freshman team and then became a back-up quarterback on the varsity team as a sophomore...Was thrust into the starting lineup when the intended starting quarterback suffered a preseason injury, making gradual progress, passing for 1,246 yards and 12 touchdowns on 84-of-162 attempts (51.9%) in 11 assignments during the 2006 regular season schedule...As a junior, Carr completed 117-of-205 tosses (57.1%) for 1,622 yards and 16 touchdowns, leading his team to an undefeated 13-0 season (playoffs included) before losing in the quarterfinals of the 2007 Class 5A Division II State playoffs in Region III to the (also undefeated) Katy High School Tigers, the eventual champions...In February 2008, Bakersfield (Cal.) Christian High School athletic director and former NFL player Doug Barnett confirmed that Carr was transferring to BCHS, amid rumors that he would've gone to nearby Stockdale High School or Bakersfield High School, two schools with historically good football programs. Ironically, Carr passed on Stockdale High, the same school where his older brother not only went to for four years, but was even voted "Most Likely to Become Famous"...As a senior, Carr lead the Bakersfield High Eagles football team to a 12-1 record and the California Interscholastic Federation Central Section Division V championship, but his only blemish came at home vs. Oaks Christian High School, a national football power-house, during the team's season opener. In 13 contests, he connected on 280-of-413 passes (67.0%) for 4,067 yards, an astounding 46 touchdowns against nine interceptions...Carr also rushed for 281 yards, averaging 8.0 yards per carry, and five touchdowns in 2008, including a sensational 62-yard scoring run against Coast Union...Threw at least five touchdown passes in four of his 13 games, including two games of six scoring strikes, vs. Parlier and Fowler...Directed an offense that averaged 44 points per game, highlighted when he threw for a Central Section record 541 yards and four touchdowns vs. Arvin and vs. Shafter, he completed 13-of-17 passes for 269 yards with five touchdowns...Selected by ESPN RISE as the National Football Player of the Week after passing for 441 yards and three touchdowns in a game against Tehachapi High School...Named by The Bakersfield Californian as the 2008 All-Area Football Player of the Year...Garnered National Player of the Year honors from the National Private Schools Athletic Association and was also selected the Private School National Player of the Year after ranking third in California and 11th in the nation for high school quarterbacks in passing yards...Shattered 20 school offensive records during his senior season...Earned three-star prospect status, ranked 70th on the California Top 100 list and placed 29th among the nation's pro-style quarterbacks, according to Rivals.com...Regarded as a four-star prospect by Scout.com, as that recruiting service ranked him as the 16th-best high school quarterback in the country.

PERSONAL

Carr is majoring in Recreation Administration and Leisure Services Management...Married the former Heather Neel on June 29th, 2012 and the couple has an infant son...One of three sons of Sheryl and Rodger Carr...Older brother, David, was also a Fresno State standout quarterback during his collegiate days, was the first overall selection in the 2002 draft by the Houston Texans. He gained national attention during the 2001 season, after hitting on 344-of-533 passes for 4,839 yards, 46 touchdowns and only nine interceptions, earning Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and Sammy Baugh honors. David started for the Houston Texans from 2002 through the 2006 seasons. He joined the Carolina Panthers in 2007, leaving for the New York Giants the next two years before joining the San Francisco 49ers in 2010. He returned to the Giants to back up Eli Manning during the 2011-12 campaigns, finishing his professional career with 1,353 completions of 2,267 passes for 14,452 yards, 65 touchdowns and 71 interceptions...Another brother, Darren, was a walk-on defensive lineman at the University of Houston (did not letter)...Lists his brother David as his favorite athlete because: "He is the kind of person I want to be."...Most admires Brett Favre because he never quits. Carr wears jersey #4 in honor of Favre...Born 3/28/91 in Bakersfield, California.

PLAYER STATISTICS

PASSING STATISTICS											
STATS	ATT	COMP	PCT	YARDS	TD	YD/ATT	YD/CMP	INT	I/PCT	LG	GM/AVG
2009	0014	0010	71.43	0112	000	08.00	11.20	00	0.00	29	022.40
2011	0446	0279	62.56	3544	026	07.95	12.70	09	2.02	88	272.62
2012	0511	0344	67.32	4104	037	08.03	11.93	07	1.37	97	315.69
2013	0659	0454	68.89	5083	050	07.71	11.20	08	1.21	75	391.00

TOTAL	1630	1087	66.69	12843	113	07.88	11.82	24	1.47	97	291.89
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RUSHING STATISTICS							
STATS	GP	GS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2009	05	00	001	000	0.00	00	00
2011	13	13	057	072	1.26	03	20
2012	13	13	066	001	0.02	00	15
2013	13	13	040	117	2.93	02	09
TOTAL	44	39	164	190	1.16	05	20

PUNTING STATISTICS								
STATS	NO	YARDS	AVG	BK	LONG	TB	FC	In20
2012	04	116	29.00	00	34	00	00	03
2013	06	203	22.83	00	45	00	00	06
TOTAL	10	319	31.90	00	45	00	00	09

TOTAL OFFENSE								
STATS	GM	PLAYS	PASS	RUSH	YARDS	TDR	P/AVG	GM/AVG
2009	05	0015	0112	000	0112	00	07.47	022.40
2011	13	0503	3544	072	3616	29	07.19	278.15
2012	13	0577	4104	001	4105	37	07.11	315.77
2013	13	0699	5083	117	5200	52	07.44	400.00
TOTAL	44	1794	12843	190	13033	118	07.26	296.20

ADDITIONAL STATISTICS...Caught one pass for a 1-yard loss in 2011.

GABRIEL C. "Gabe" JACKSON
Offensive Tackle
Mississippi State University Bulldogs
#61
6:03.2-336
Liberty, Mississippi
Amite County High School

OVERVIEW

One of the most decorated offensive linemen in school history, the two-time All-American and four-time All-Southeastern Conference selection has been a mainstay at the left guard position ever since he made his collegiate debut (52 games ago). The massive drive blocker capped off his four years as a Bulldog with perhaps his finest season, as he was credited with 20 touchdown blocks on the 29 scoring runs by the grounds game, which was the second-highest total of touchdowns by a running unit in MSU annals.

Jackson also holds a very rare distinction, as he became the first offensive lineman to ever win the Conerly Trophy, which is presented annually to the top collegiate player in the state of Mississippi. He would register 294 knockdowns for Mississippi State during his career, adding 47 touchdown-resulting blocks. He never received a blocking consistency grade lower than 80% in any game and has not been charged with a quarterback sack since early in his sophomore campaign.

Throughout the 2013 season, scouts came in droves and were always in attendance for games and practices to evaluate Jackson, according to the Sun Herald, and one "high-ranking and well-respected" scout was apparently blown away by Jackson's performance: "Really, really impressive. He is one big and powerful man."

Bulldogs coach Dan Mullen said Jackson, beyond his natural ability, brings a tireless work ethic to refining the technical craft of guard play. Approach-wise, it's as if Jackson is already in the National Football League. "He's had a great year for us," Mullen stated during a mid-season practice. "He's a guy who has started every game that he's been here for. He's continually improved. He really works as a professional."

"He works at his game, and constantly improving his game, in every aspect of the game," Mullen said. "He has a very serious approach to the game of football, loves it, works at his techniques, his fundamentals. And on top of that, he's a powerful, talented young man."

Mullen said Jackson leads by example more than vocally, but nevertheless commands respect and attention from the team when necessary. Prior to his senior season at Amite County High School, the Mississippi State Bulldogs only signed one in-state offensive lineman – Jackson, who signed with the university on July 31st, 2008, while Rocky Felker was still the team's head coach. The All-State blocker stuck with his commitment through the tough season and coaching change that occurred, as Dan Mullen took over the program in 2009. That faith in the staff from the player would later go a long way in the team reviving its once proud program that had fallen on hard times before both Jackson and Mullen arrived.

At Amite County High, Jackson was regarded as the 52nd-best offensive tackle prospect in the country by Scout.com, as that recruiting service also considered him to be the third-best offensive lineman in the state of Mississippi. Jackson was coached by his father, Charles Jackson, playing on both sides of the ball for him ever since his freshman campaign.

Rivals.com had Jackson ranked as the 85th-best offensive tackle prospect in the nation, the 28th-best prospect in the state of Mississippi, and the fourth-best offensive lineman on the state chart. He was also rated with the top 40 high school prospects in the state by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season.

Despite late recruiting efforts from Auburn, Louisiana State and Mississippi, Jackson remained committed to Mississippi State, reporting for fall camp in 2009. He spent that season performing with the scout team, but in 2010, he would begin a stretch of 52 consecutive starting assignments at left offensive guard.

Jackson credits All-Southeastern Conference offensive tackle Derek Sherrod, the freshman's partner on the left side of the Bulldogs' front wall for his success in the trenches in 2010. Jackson made 40 knockdowns and was a member of the All-SEC Freshman Team after helping MSU average 214.8 yards per game on the ground, which ranked second in the conference and 16th in the nation. In the 14–17 loss to Auburn, Jackson scored a touchdown after recovering Chris Relf's fumble in the end zone.

In his sophomore year, Jackson again started all 13 games at left guard, grading out a champion in five games and recorded a team-high 69 takedowns. As a blocker, he helped the 2011 Bulldogs to reach the top 10 in school history for single-season marks in passing touchdowns (19), pass completions (198), total yards (4,643) and first downs (241).

The Bulldogs offensive line, which also featured James Carmon at left tackle, gave up the fifth-fewest sacks in the SEC (25). Jackson helped pave the way for running back Vick Ballard, who finished fourth in the SEC in rushing (1,189 yards). For the first time since 1914, Mississippi State scored 50-plus points twice in the same season.

As a junior, Jackson was a constant fixture at left guard, starting all 13 games and grading out as champion consistently in all but one game. The Bulldogs offensive line gave up the second-fewest sacks in the SEC (19; 29th nationally), while Jackson did not personally give up a sack all season. In the SEC-opener vs. Auburn, he graded out at 91 percent with six pancake blocks, earning SEC Offensive Player of the Week. He earned All-SEC honors after leading the team with a career-high 96 knockdowns, as he also picked up All-American honorable mention.

The 2013 season saw Jackson receive All-American first-team honors, marking just the 12th time since 1940 that a Bulldogs offensive lineman had garnered that national honor. He was also named All-SEC first-team and was the winner Kent Hall Trophy, awarded to the state of Mississippi's most outstanding collegiate offensive lineman.

Jackson also became just the fifth MSU player to win the Conerly Trophy (best college player in Mississippi). The left guard registered 89 knockdowns and 17 touchdown-resulting blocks in his final season. After the Bulldogs' 62-7 win over Troy, Jackson was named as the SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week after recording five pancake blocks in helping MSU's offense roll up 551 yards of offense.

CAREER NOTES

Jackson started all 52 games that he appeared in at Mississippi State, recording 294 knockdowns and 47 touchdown-resulting blocks...Became the fifth player in school history to win the C. Spire Conerly Trophy, given to the top player in the state of Mississippi. He joins fellow Bulldogs, running back J.J. Johnson (1998), tailback Jerious Norwood (2005), running back Anthony Dixon (2009) and linebacker Chris White (2010).

2013 SEASON

Jackson was named to nine All-American Teams, receiving first-team honors from USA Today, Walter Camp and Athlon Sports and second-team recognition from The NFL Draft Report, the American Football Coaches Association, Associated Press, ESPN, Phil Steele and Sporting News...The All-Southeastern Conference first-team choice was the fifth Bulldog to capture Conerly Trophy honors and he is the first player ever to receive the Kent Hull Trophy, given to the state of Mississippi's most outstanding collegiate offensive lineman....Started all 13 games at left guard, recording 17 touchdown-resulting blocks and 89 knockdowns...Helped the Bulldogs rush for 29 touchdowns, which rank behind the 1974 squad's 31 scoring runs on the team season-record list...Also helped Mississippi State set numerous single-season offensive records, including most total yards of offense (5,647), most passing yards (3,178), most pass completions (253) and most passing yards per game (244.5)...Joined Derek Sherrod (2010) as the only Bulldogs to receive SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week honors more than once in the same season, as Jackson picked up that recognition for his performances vs. Troy, Kentucky and Arkansas...In the Troy clash, Jackson was instrumental in the Bulldogs amassing 551 yards, 235 on the ground. The senior guard didn't have a missed assignment and was credited with five pancake blocks. The 551 yards was the 14th most in school history while the 45 first-half points were the most in the modern era...In the Kentucky game, the Bulldogs manufactured 447 yards of total offense and quarterback Dak Prescott threw for a career-high 252 yards. The senior guard graded out at 91.5 percent and had five knockdowns...In the Arkansas contest, Jackson was credited with three pancake blocks and was instrumental in the Bulldogs totaling 488 yards of offense, including 209 on the ground.

2012 SEASON

Jackson was named All-American second-team by The NFL Draft Report, Fox Sports and Phil Steele, adding honorable mention from Pro Football Weekly and Sports Illustrated...The All-SEC first-team pick by the Associated Press was selected second-team by the league's coaches...On the watch lists for the Outland Trophy and Rotary Lombardi Award...Started all 13 games at left guard, delivering a team-high 96 knockdowns, along with 13 touchdown-resulting blocks...Part of an offensive line that gave up the second-fewest sacks in the SEC (19; 29th nationally)...Did not personally give up a sack all season...Helped the team generate 4,965 yards (381.92 ypg).

2011 SEASON

The Rivals.com Sophomore All-American and All-SEC choice added second-team All-league honors the Associated Press...Manned the left guard position for all 13 games, producing 69 knockdowns and nine touchdown-resulting blocks...Blocked for an offense that scored 50-plus points twice in the same season for the first time since 1914 (four), and only the third time in school history (1907, twice)...Part of an offense that paved the way for running back Vick Ballard to rush for a career-high 180 yards vs. Wake Forest in the Music City Bowl...Charged with just one of the 25 sacks given up by the front wall...Helped the team average 175.31 rushing yards, 357.15 yards in total offense and 25.31 points per game.

2010 SEASON

The All-Southeastern Conference Freshman Team selection took over left guard duties, starting all 13 games, finishing third on the team with 40 knockdowns...Helped pave the way as the Bulldogs ranked second in the SEC and 16th in the nation with a rushing average of 214.85 yards per game...Did not allow any of the 23 sacks given up by the front wall, as he cleared huge holes for a rushing attack that eclipsed over 200 yards in eight different contests.

2009 SEASON

Jackson red-shirted his true freshman year.

AGILITY TESTS

5.51 in the 40-yard dash...1.86 10-yard dash...3.18 20-yard dash...4.78 20-yard shuttle...8.25 three-cone drill...29-inch vertical jump...9'-0" broad jump...Bench pressed 225 pounds 30 times...33 ¾-inch arm length...10-inch hands...82 1/8-inch wingspan.

HIGH SCHOOL

Jackson attended Amite County (Liberty, Miss.) High School, playing football for his father, Charles Jackson...Regarded as the 52nd-best offensive tackle prospect in the country by Scout.com, as that recruiting service also considered him to be the third-best offensive lineman in the state of Mississippi...Played on both sides of the ball at tackle during his four-year career...Rivals.com had Jackson ranked as the 85th-best offensive tackle prospect in the nation, the 28th-best prospect in the state of Mississippi, and the fourth-best offensive lineman on the state chart...Also rated with the top 40 high school prospects in the state by the Jackson Clarion-Ledger following his senior season.

PERSONAL

Jackson is enrolled in Mississippi State's General Studies program...Born Gabriel C. Jackson on 7/12/91...Resides in Liberty, Mississippi.

JUSTIN JAMAAL ELLIS
Nose Guard/Defensive Tackle
Louisiana Tech Bulldogs
#70
6:01.4-334
Monroe, Louisiana
Neville High School

OVERVIEW

Once known as "Jelly Bean," Ellis has been very conscious of keeping his weight in check, as he picked up that moniker when he entered the Bulldogs program weighing in at over 390 pounds. Listed at 357 last season, he continued to drop weight and increase his speed in preparations for playing in the National Football League next season.

Even with his imposing frame, Ellis has proven to be quite effective at what the coaches required from him – clog the middle of the field. He has also shown the lateral moves to make plays down the line and the versatility to play any of the interior line positions, whether in a 3-4 scheme or classic 4-3 alignment.

2014 postseason action has seen Ellis emerge as a true force to be reckoned with, beginning with his stellar performance during practices prior to the East-West Shrine Game. He displayed very active hands and quick feet to defeat blockers off the snap. In one practice session, his sudden spin move left Oklahoma center Gabe Ikard grasping at air, as Ellis exploded into the backfield after steamrolling through Ikard and his guards to get to the ball carrier.

Ellis demonstrated that you need not be fooled by his girth – this is a player with quick feet who generates more than enough power to consistently walk the blockers back into the pocket – all traits that have some likening his skill level to that of New England's Vince Wilfork, especially for the way he can easily overpower blockers and pressure the pocket.

Ellis' performance at the East-West Shrine Game would earn him a late invitation to play in the prestigious 2014 Senior Bowl. Curious to see if his East-West performance was a "one week thing," he further proved his ability to play at the next level. All week, the nose guard gave interior blockers fits, as he often used his quickness and snap anticipation to surge past blockers before they were in a stance.

Ellis has shown that he is a quick thinker who reacts well to what the blocker wants to do, either attacking with pure momentum or using a spin or sidestep move to get past him. He also has the talent to play a variety of roles, much like he did at Tech.

He began his Bulldogs career playing left defensive tackle in a 4-3 system. The following season, he shifted to nose guard when the team incorporated a 3-4 scheme. Back in a 4-3 alignment as a junior, he easily shifted over to right tackle, where he remained as a senior, returning to form after an injury-plagued 2012 campaign.

The Monroe, Louisiana prospect lettered three times in football at Neville High School and also excelled as a weight man for the track team. During his three seasons on the gridiron, he earned first-team All-District 2-4A as a junior and senior. He was also named first-team All-State by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association as a senior.

Ellis needed to slim down before the coaches would allow him to suit up for Louisiana Tech and he spent the 2009 season as a red-shirt. In 2010, the once 390-plus pound lineman appeared in four games as a left defensive tackle, posting four tackles with a fumble recovery. He became a full-time starter at nose guard in 2011 and the All-Western Athletic Conference red-shirt sophomore delivered 29 tackles with 3.5 stops-for-loss.

As a senior, he started all twelve games, registering a career-high 48 tackles that included 5.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage to pick up All-Conference USA recognition.

CAREER NOTES

Ellis started 25-of-37 games at Louisiana Tech – 14 at right defensive tackle and 11 at nose guard...Finished with 102 tackles (37 solos), 2.5 stops for losses of eight yards, 9.5 stops for losses of 21 yards and three quarterback pressures...Deflected three passes, caused two fumbles and recovered two others.

SEASON ANALYSIS

Ellis was named to the All-American Super Sleeper second-team unit by The NFL Draft Report as a nose guard, despite playing the entire season at the right defensive tackle position, where he received All-Conference USA honorable mention...Recorded a career-high 48 tackles (15 solos) with 5.5 stops for losses of 13 yards that included 1.5 sacks for minus seven yards...Credited with a pair of third-down quarterback pressures and also deflected one pass...Registered four assisted tackles vs. Tulane, with one being a sack for a loss of two yards while also being credited with a QB

pressure and a pass break-up... Notched four total tackles vs. Army and totaled seven tackles (one solo, six assisted) at Texas-El Paso...Was in on four tackles (one solo) vs. North Texas and netted seven tackles vs. Southern Mississippi, including a career-best 2.5 stops for minus eight yards and a sack for a loss of five yards...Produced five tackles (three solo) at Rice and tied a career-high seven tackles vs. Tulsa...Delivered four tackles (two solo) at Texas-San Antonio, with a stop for a loss of one yard.

2012 SEASON

A late September high ankle sprain vs. Virginia limited Ellis to just eight appearances, as he shifted to right defensive tackle...Started vs. Illinois and Virginia, but after he was injured vs. the Cavaliers, he missed the entire Nevada-Las Vegas, Idaho and New Mexico State contests, while being limited in others...Finished with 21 tackles (nine solos) with two forced fumbles and one pass break-up...Registered three solo tackles and recorded his first career forced fumble at Houston...Had four tackles vs. Rice and three assisted tackles while also being credited with a pass break-up at Illinois...In his first action since injuring his ankle at Virginia, he made two total tackles vs. Texas-San Antonio...Set a career-high seven tackles at San Jose State, with three solo stops and four assisted tackles while forcing a fumble.

2011 SEASON

Ellis was named All-Western Athletic Conference second-team, taking over nose guard duties to earn 11 starts...Came off the bench vs. Southern Mississippi and Nevada, as he totaled 29 tackles (11 solos) with a sack, 3.5 stops behind the line of scrimmage, a pass deflection and a QB pressure...Recorded a season-best three tackles vs. Central Arkansas and made two solo tackles with a pass break-up that was almost an interception at Idaho...Registered three tackles vs. San Jose State while helping hold the Spartans to only 12 yards rushing...Followed with three solo tackles at Fresno State and helped hold the WAC's top rusher (Robbie Rouse) to less than 100 yards on the ground...Delivered three tackles at Mississippi while assisting on a sack for a loss of one yard in a 27-7 win...Had two total tackles including one for a loss of two yards in Tech's 24-20 win at Nevada...Was in on five total tackles vs. New Mexico State, with 1.5 tackles for a loss of three yards and assisting on a sack and also recovering a fumble as Tech clinched a WAC Championship.

2010 SEASON

Ellis was activated for Tech's final four games, appearing as a reserve left defensive tackle vs. Fresno State, New Mexico State, San Jose State and Nevada...Recorded four tackles and assisted on a sack while also recovering one fumble...Made two solo tackles vs. Fresno State and assisted on a sack for a loss of a yard at New Mexico State...Recovered a fumble at San Jose State...Assisted on a tackle vs. Nevada.

2009 SEASON

Ellis red-shirted as a freshman.

AGILITY TESTS

5.27 in the 40-yard dash...1.86 10-yard dash...3.10 20-yard dash...4.75 20-yard shuttle...
7.81 three-cone drill...28-inch vertical jump...7'-8" broad jump...Bench pressed 225 pounds 25 times...78 ½-inch arm length...9 5/8-inch right hand...10 1/8-inch left hand...
78 ½-inch wingspan.

HIGH SCHOOL

Ellis attended Neville (Monroe, La.) High School, playing football for head coach Mickey McCarty...Lettered three times in football and also excelled as a weight man for the track team...Earned first-team All-District 2-4A as a junior and senior...Named first-team All-State by the Louisiana Sports Writers Association as a senior...The previous season, Ellis received second-team All-State honors from the Louisiana Football Coaches Association and was a two-time All-Northeast Louisiana selection by the Monroe News-Star...Closed out his career by playing in the inaugural Sportsman Paradise Bowl game...Also lettered for three years on the Neville track and field team, competing in the shot put...Finished third in the state of Louisiana in the shot put as a junior, with a toss of 140'-2" at the Louisiana Class 4A Finals...As a senior, he finished second in the shot put with a toss of 152'-0" at the LHSAA Class 4A Championships.

PERSONAL

Ellis is a General Studies student...Son of Gloria Ellis and Jared Mack...Born Justin Jamaal Ellis on 12/27/90 in Monroe, Louisiana.

PLAYER STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
STATS	GP	GS	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TFL	PBU	SACK	PRES
2010	04	00	004	002	002	01	00	00	00.5-01	00	00.0-00	00
2011	13	11	029	011	018	01	00	00	03.5-07	01	01.0-01	01
2012	08	02	021	009	012	00	02	00	0.00-00	01	00.0-00	00

2013	12	12	048	015	033	00	00	00	05.5-13	01	01.5-07	02
TOTAL	37	25	102	037	065	02	02	00	09.5-21	03	02.5-08	03

KEITH WILLIAM MCGILL II
Cornerback/Free Safety
University of Utah Utes
#1
6:03.3-211
La Mirada, California
Cerritos Junior College
La Mirada High School

OVERVIEW

A physical presence during his career as a safety, McGill switched to cornerback and into an imposing man coverage specialist in 2013. The change in positions was actually just a way to ease McGill back into the game of football during 2013 fall camp, but based on his dominance taking on receivers in practices, the coaches decided to make the move permanent and installed their former junior college All-American at left cornerback for the entire season.

While McGill first thought he was a fish out of water playing on the outside, he turned into a ball shark on the field, earning All-Pac 12 Conference honors while leading the league in pass deflections, as his 12 break-ups rank fourth on the school season-record list. He also ranked second in the conference with 13 passes defended, returning his only interception for a touchdown.

Even though the Utes struggled during a 5-7 campaign in 2013, the coaches can consider their idea of moving their hardest hitter to cover receivers a complete success. But, if you look at McGill's entire football career, he has been quick to adapt to any task that his coaches assign him, anyway. He first began to attract attention from recruiters as a three-sport star at La Mirada High School, where the California product excelled in football, track and basketball.

On the football field, McGill was a jack-of-all trade during his senior season, playing on all three units. On defense, he recorded 20 tackles with an interception. On offense, he carried 75 times for 516 yards (6.88 ypc) and six touchdowns, adding 17 catches for 297 yards (17.47 ypc) and another score. On special teams, he punted 24 times for a 32.17-yard average.

McGill also played both forward positions for the school's basketball team. He averaged 9.9 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.1 blocked shots in 26 games as a junior. During his final season, he totaled 156 rebounds (5.6 avg), shot 94-of-202 from the floor (7.7 points per game), handed out 39 assists (1.4 avg) and blocked 25 shots (0.9 avg) in 28 contests.

McGill stepped away from sports for one year before he enrolled at Cerritos Junior College. He would go on to earn All-State and All-Northern Conference honors in each of his seasons starting at safety. As a freshman, he delivered 23 tackles with four pass thefts and three deflections in 11 games during the 2009 campaign.

His sophomore season was perhaps his finest during his college career. McGill was named the Northern Conference's Defensive Player of the Year as well as being recognized as a first-team All-American and All-State selection. He was rated the 11th-best player in the junior college ranks by Rivals.com and led the team to the league co-title and a berth in the 2010 Southern California Bowl.

McGill led the nation with 203 yards gained via seven interceptions during his sophomore year at Cerritos. He blocked two kicks, including one that came on the final play of the Falcons 27-21 win over Bakersfield College. He also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. In 12 games, he registered 37 tackles and deflected five tosses.

The University of Utah commit was the Utes' prized recruit in 2010, as the staff felt he was a dynamic ball-hawking safety who stood at 6'4", 214 lbs upon his arrival for fall camp that year, when he also consistently ran 4.35-seconds in the 40-yard dash. He said part of the decision to go to Utah was the school joining what will be known as the Pac-12 Conference.

The University of Arizona, Arizona State University, Kansas State, University of Montana, New Mexico University, Oregon State University, San Diego State University, and San Jose State University were among the other schools who offered him a scholarship.

Since transferring to the more powerful Pac-12 Conference, the University of Utah has not been too successful, compiling a combined 18-19 record in the three seasons in the new league, including back to back 5-7 campaigns the last two years. McGill was one of the few bright spots for the team in 2013. In addition to his pass deflection skills, he has allowed just 12 of 71 passes targeted into his area to be completed (16.90%). The team allowed 59.1% of the opposition's passes to be successful, including 22 touchdowns. None of McGill's coverage assignments ever reached the end zone vs. him in 2013.

CAREER NOTES

In two seasons each at Cerritos College and Utah, McGill appeared in a combined 40 games during his college career, earning 34 starts – 22 at free safety and 12 at left cornerback...Recorded 109 tackles (62 solos) with a fumble recovery, two forced fumbles, a pair of blocked kicks and 21 pass deflections...Had 12 interceptions that he returned for 243 yards (20.25 avg) and one touchdown.

2013 SEASON

McGill was named All-American third-team and All-Pac 12 Conference first-team by The NFL Draft Report, receiving league honorable mention from the coaches and media... Shifted to left cornerback, where he led the conference with 12 pass deflections and ranked second in the Pac-12 with a total of 13 passes defended, returning his only interception 19 yards for a touchdown vs. UCLA, adding five solo tackles vs. the Bruins...Finished with 37 tackles (28 solos), assisting on one stop behind the line of scrimmage, as he also had one quarterback pressure...In his first game at cornerback, he broke up a pass and was in on five tackles (4 solos) vs. Utah State...Added two pass break-ups and three solos vs. Oregon State, followed by three deflected passes and four hits in the Brigham Young clash...Broke up two third-down passes vs. Arizona State and had two more to go with six tackles (4 solos), including one behind the line of scrimmage vs. Colorado.

2011 SEASON

McGill appeared in five games, sharing free safety duties with Eric Rowe, starting once vs. Southern California...Finished with 12 tackles (6 solos) and one pass deflection...Made his Utah debut with one tackle vs. Montana State...In his starting debut for the Utes, he was in on seven tackles (four solos), followed by four more stops in the Brigham Young clash.

JUNIOR COLLEGE

McGill spent the 2009-10 seasons playing free safety at Cerritos (Cal.) Junior College...Earned All-State and All-Northern Conference honors in each of his seasons starting at safety...2010 Season...McGill was named the Northern Conference's Defensive Player of the Year as well as being recognized as a first-team All-American and All-State choice...Rated the 11th-best player in the junior college ranks by Rivals.com and led the team to the league co-title and a berth in the 2010 Southern California Bowl...Led the nation with 203 yards gained via seven interceptions...Blocked two kicks, including one that came on the final play of the Falcons 27-21 win over Bakersfield College...Also recovered a fumble in the end zone for a touchdown. In 12 games, he registered 37 tackles (17 solos) and deflected five tosses...2009 Season...McGill delivered 23 tackles (11 solos) with four pass thefts and three deflections in 11 games during the 2009 campaign.

AGILITY TESTS

4.51 in the 40-yard dash...1.63 10-yard dash...2.65 20-yard dash...4.13 20-yard shuttle...6.90 three-cone drill...39-inch vertical jump...10'-9" broad jump...Bench pressed 225 pounds 12 times...33 ¼-inch arm length...10 ¼-inch hands...80 ¾-inch wingspan.

HIGH SCHOOL

McGill attended La Mirada (Cal.) High School, where he earned letters in football, track and basketball...As a senior, McGill played on all three units. On defense, he recorded 20 tackles with an interception. On offense, he carried 75 times for 516 yards (6.88 ypc) and six touchdowns, adding 17 catches for 297 yards (17.47 ypc) and another score. On special teams, he punted 24 times for a 32.17-yard average...Also played both forward positions for the school's basketball team...Averaged 9.9 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.1 blocked shots in 26 games as a junior...During his final season, he totaled 156 rebounds (5.6 avg), shot 94-of-202 from the floor (7.7 points per game), handed out 39 assists (1.4 avg) and blocked 25 shots (0.9 avg) in 28 contests.

PERSONAL

McGill is a Communication Studies major, one semester short of earning his degree...Son of Shoundelle Paxton and Keith McGill, Sr...Has a seven-year-old daughter, Khiani... Born Keith William McGill II on 3/09/89...Resides in La Mirada, California.

PLAYER STATISTICS

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS												
STATS	GP	GS	TK	SO	AS	FR	FC	INT	TFL	PBU	SACK	BK
2009	11	09	023	011	012	00	01	04	00.5-04	03	0.0-00	00
2010	12	12	037	017	020	01	01	07	00.0-00	05	0.0-00	02
2011	05	01	012	006	006	00	00	00	00.0-00	01	0.0-00	00
2013	12	12	037	028	009	00	00	01	00.5-00	12	0.0-00	00
TOTAL	23	21	060	028	032	01	02	11	00.5-04	08	0.0-00	02
Above statistics are for Cerritos College career												

TOTAL	17	13	049	034	015	00	00	01	00.5-00	13	0.0-00	00
Above statistics are for Utah career												
TOTAL	40	34	109	062	047	01	02	12	01.0-04	21	0.0-00	02
Above statistics are for complete college career												

INTERCEPTION RETURNS						ADVANCED FUMBLE RECOVERIES				
STATS	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG	NO	YARDS	AVG	TD	LONG
2009	04	021	05.25	00	22	00	000	00.00	00	00
2011	07	203	29.00	01	65	01	035	35.00	01	35
2013	01	019	19.00	01	19	00	000	00.00	00	00
TOTAL	11	224	20.36	01	65	01	035	35.00	01	35
Above statistics are for Cerritos College career										
TOTAL	12	243	20.25	02	65	01	035	35.00	01	35
Above statistics are for complete college career										



Oakland Raiders Draft Pick



CB TJ Carrie

Ohio

6-0, 204

Seventh Round, 219th Overall

2013 All-MAC First Team (Punt Returner); Third Team (Cornerback)
2013 Team Captain
2012 Team Captain
2012 College Football Performance Awards Specialist Trophy Trophy - Watch List
2012 Thorpe Award - Watch List
2011 All-MAC Second Team
2011 Phil Steele All-MAC Second Team
2011 Collegesportsmadness.com All-MAC Second Team
2010 Phil Steele All-MAC Second Team

2013: Finished the year as a All-MAC First Team punt returner after he led the league with a 12.7 punt return average... Also earned All-MAC Third Team honors as a defensive back after he tied for the team lead with four interceptions... In his first game in over a year, Carrie tallied six tackles and recorded a 0.5 tackle for loss in the Bobcats' season-opener at Louisville (Sept. 1)... Recorded a pair of solo tackles and had one pass break up against North Texas (Sept. 7)... Also registered three punt returns for 36 yards against the Mean Green... Helped Ohio to its third straight win over Marshall as he tallied four tackles and one pass breakup (Sept. 14)... He also had a 48-yard punt return which helped set up a field goal... Helped anchor a Bobcat secondary that limited Akron (Oct. 5) to just 101 yards passing... Tallied a season-best 6.0 tackles against Central Michigan (Oct. 12)... Tallied three tackles and had a career-high 116 punt return yards at Eastern Michigan (Oct. 19)... Tallied his first interception of the season versus Miami (Oct. 26)... Forced Buffalo quarterback Joe Licata into his first turnover in league play as he registered his second pick of the year against the Bulls (Nov. 5)... Became the first cornerback since Dion Byrum (2005) to return two interceptions for touchdowns in the Bobcats regular season finale against Massachusetts (Nov. 29)... Recorded four solo tackles and two pass breakups versus East Carolina (Dec. 23) in the Beef 'O' Brady's Bowl.

2012: Earned a medical redshirt after he suffered a season-ending injury in preseason camp.

2011: Named All-MAC Second Team, Phil Steele All-MAC Second Team and Collegesportsmadness.com All-MAC Second Team ... Recorded career-highs in tackles (49), passes defended (17), interceptions (4) and punt return average (12.5) ... Had two unassisted tackles and returned a punt 65 yards for his first career punt return for touchdown in the season opener at New Mexico State (Sept. 3) ... Would earn MAC East Special Teams Player of the Week following his performance at New Mexico State ... Hauled in two interceptions vs. Marshall (Sept. 17) ... Recorded four total tackles and a pass breakup vs. Kent State (Oct. 1) ... Recorded five total tackles - four unassisted - at Buffalo (Oct. 8) ... Had six total tackles, including four solo stops, vs. Ball State (Oct. 15)... Played a major role in helping the Bobcats clinch the MAC East Division over Bowling Green (Nov. 16) as he tallied a season-high eight tackles and collect his fourth interception of the year, which he returned 81 yards ... Closed out the regular season with seven stops at home against Miami (Nov. 22).

2010: Phil Steele's 2010 Postseason All-MAC selection ... Finished the season with 25 solo tackles, five and a half tackles for loss, two forced fumbles, five pass breakups and 19 punt returns for 197 yards ... Season-high eight tackles at Ohio State, five solo ... Recorded six tackles at Marshall, two solo, and half of a tackle for loss ... Had five tackles, four solo, one tackle for loss, one forced fumble and one pass breakup at Temple ... Posted four tackles in three games; against Toledo (two solo), at Kent State (two solo) and at Miami where he racked up four solo tackles, two tackles for loss (both sacks) and a forced fumble ... Also achieved one and a half tackles for loss against the Golden Flashes ... Recorded three solo tackles at Eastern Michigan and against the Troy Trojans in addition to one pass breakup against each ... One tackle against BGSU where he also earned half of a tackle for loss and one pass breakup ... One tackle against Akron ... Returned three punts three times; against BGSU on Oct. 9, Akron on Oct. 16 and at Miami on Oct. 23 with 49, 45 and 18 yards respectively ... Also added one pass breakup against Wofford on Sept. 4 ... Longest punt return of the season, 46 yards, occurred against BGSU ... Two punt returns in three games against Kent State on Nov. 26, Troy Trojans on Dec. 18 and at Temple on Nov. 16.

2009: Redshirted.

2008: Played in 11 games and started the Northwestern game ... Posted 11 of his 35 tackles against Northwestern and also picked off a pass ... Had five punt returns for 57 yards.

Prior to Ohio: Lettered for two seasons on state championship De LaSalle team ... Totaled 90 tackles, forced two fumbles, recorded two interceptions and 10 pass deflections ... Also blocked one punt ... Voted 1st Team All-Conference ... Honor roll student.

Personal: Is the son of Reynard and Gloria Carrie ... Has four brothers, Domonick, Rasheem, Eric and Reynard Jr. ... Brother Domonick played football at Portland State ... Brother Eric played football at New Mexico State ... Born July 28, 1990.

DEFENSE	G	SOLO	ASST.	TOTAL	SACKS/YDS	TFL/YARDS	FF	FR	P DEF	INT/YDS
2008	11	17	18	26	--	--	--	--	1	1 / 6
2009	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
2010	12	25	14	32	2 / 12	5.5 / 21	2	--	5	--
2011	14	35	14	42	--	1.5 / 3	--	--	13	4 / 81
TOTAL	37	77	46	100	2 / 12	7 / 24	2	--	19	5 / 87



Oakland Raiders Draft Pick



DE Shelby Harris

Illinois State

6-2, 255

Seventh Round, 235th Overall

**Acquired along with 2013 sixth-round selection (later traded to Houston) from Arizona in exchange for Carson Palmer and 2013 seventh-round selection*

2012: First-Team All-MVFC selection ... started all 13 games at defensive tackle ... ranked third on the team and fifth in the MVFC with 16 tackles-for-loss ... 11 of those came in conference play, which ranked second ... also ranked third on the team with seven sacks ... added 85 tackles, six quarterback hurries, a forced fumble, three fumble recoveries, three pass breakups and an interception ... tallied seven tackles, a sack and two TFL against Southern Illinois ... posted season-best efforts with 12 tackles, two sacks and three TFL against Missouri State ... also had two sacks and eight tackles in a road win at UNI ... recorded first career INT in road win at Indiana State ... credited with six tackles, two sacks, three TFL and a pass breakup in the playoff quarterfinal loss at Eastern Washington.

2011: Played in nine games, with six starts at defensive tackle ... was sixth on the team with 49 total tackles ... was third on the team with 12.5 tackles-for-loss and added six sacks ... also forced a safety, blocked a pair of kicks and recovered a fumble ... had a career-high ten tackles, including 1.5 tackles-for-loss, in the season-opener at Eastern Illinois ... tallied a career-high 2.5 tackles-for-loss in a win over Western Illinois ... recorded a pair of sacks and six tackles in a win over No. 16 Indiana State ... named the MVFC Defensive Player of the Week after his performance against the Sycamores.

2010: Missouri Valley Football Conference All-Newcomer Team selection ... played in all 11 games, with eight starts ... ranked seventh on the team with 39 tackles, including 19 solo stops ... tallied a sack and four tackles-for-loss ... credited with a team-high six quarterback hurries, a forced fumble and blocked a punt on special teams ... tied a career-high with six tackles in each win against No. 20 South Dakota State and Missouri State: Recorded five tackles, with four solo stops, and a TFL at No. 19 UNI ... finished the season strong with five solo tackles, two TFLs and first career sack in the season finale against Eastern Illinois ... also blocked a punt against the Panthers.

Wisconsin: Redshirted freshman season in 2009 ... named UW's defensive scout team player of the week for the Michigan State game.

Homestead HS: Ranked as the 16th-best DE in the nation and the No. 2 player in Wisconsin after senior season ... No. 33 player in the Midwest (SuperPrep) ... first-team all-state (WFCA, A.P.), all-region, all-suburban and all-conference as a senior ... Milwaukee Journal Sentinel all-area selection ... area player of the year ... team captain, team MVP and member of state championship team ... finished the season with 87 tackles, seven sacks, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery ... first-team all-state (WFCA, AP), all-region, all-suburban and all-conference as a junior ... Milwaukee Journal Sentinel all-area ... WFCA and conference defensive player of the year ... played in state championship game ... recorded 106 tackles, six sacks, two blocked punts, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery ... member of state championship team as a sophomore ... tallied 45 tackles, one interception and three sacks ... also lettered in basketball ... head coach was Dave Keel.

Personal: Born August 11, 1991, in Milwaukee, Wis. ... son of Rachel Crumpton ... his grandmother played basketball at Alabama State (1951-55) and grandfather played basketball at Northwestern (1949-53) ... major: undeclared.



Oakland Raiders Draft Pick



S Jonathan Dowling

Western Kentucky

6-3, 190

Seventh Round, 247th Overall#

Acquired from Seattle in exchange for Terrelle Pryor.

2013 (r-Jr.)

Dowling in the regular season had 67 tackles, three interceptions, and forced six fumbles. Against UK Dowling had eight tackles along with one fumble recovery. Week two against Tennessee Dowling finished with six tackles. Against South Alabama he had a season-high nine tackles and one forced fumble. The following week Dowling had four tackles. Week five against Navy Dowling finished with four tackles, one of which for a loss, and two interceptions returned for 21 yards. Against ULM Dowling had six tackles and one forced fumble. Against UL Dowling had eight tackles in the game. The following week against Troy he had three tackles. Week nine at Georgia State he had four tackles. The following week at Army he had seven tackles in the game. Against Texas State he recorded six total tackles in the game. In the last game of the regular season against Arkansas State he had one tackle, one forced fumble and one interception.

2012 (r-So.)

Dowling emerged as one of WKU's top playmakers during his first season on the Hill, racking up a team-high six interceptions and recording 68 tackles on his way to being named a First-Team All-Sun Belt Conference defensive back. He intercepted six passes during the 2012 campaign, a mark that ranked fifth nationally. He started 11 games, tallying five or more tackles in 7-of-12 games played, including a career-high 10 on an ESPNU game versus Middle Tennessee on Nov. 1. Dowling made his Hilltopper debut against Austin Peay on Sept. 1, where he totaled seven tackles and recorded his first career interception. The next week against top-ranked Alabama, Dowling notched five stops in Tuscaloosa on Sept. 8. He intercepted Kentucky quarterback Max Smith three times in a 32-31 road win on Sept. 15. His three interceptions were the most by a Hilltopper in a single game since 1978 and tied the national single-game high in 2012. Dowling racked up nine tackles in a nationally-televised win at Troy on Oct. 11. He showed off his versatility against ULM, hauling in a 37-yard pass on WKU's first offensive play and intercepting ULM QB Kolton Browning on ULM's first play of the Oct. 20 game. Dowling totaled six tackles and forced his second fumble of the season at Louisiana-Lafayette on Nov. 17. He sparked WKU's fourth-quarter comeback against North Texas on Nov. 24 in the regular-season finale, intercepting a pass and returning it 39 yards for a touchdown. WKU went on to win 25-24 after trailing by 14 before Dowling's interception. At the Little Caesars Pizza Bowl against Central Michigan on Dec. 26, Dowling led WKU in tackles with eight, including a tackle for eight yards lost.

2011 (r-Fr.)

Dowling sat out the 2011 season after transferring from Florida.

Before WKU

Dowling transferred to WKU from the University of Florida after seeing action in two games during his freshman year with the Gators. He played on special teams against Miami (Ohio) and in the defensive secondary against Kentucky.

HS/Misc

Dowling was rated a four-star prospect by both Scout.com and Rivals.com out of Southeast High School while also ranked as the No. 5 safety in the country by Scout.com. He participated in the 2010 Under Armour All-American Game and was named to the Top 150 Dream Team by PrepStar Magazine. Dowling recorded 58 tackles, 14 interceptions, two returns for touchdowns and three blocked punts during his senior season. The versatile Dowling also had 241 yards receiving and five touchdowns as a senior. During his junior campaign, Dowling had 48 tackles, eight pass deflections and 14 interceptions on his way to being named 4A FSWA All-State selection in 2008. He was also a member of the track team at Southeast High School.

Defense	G	Solo	Asst.	Total	Sacks/Yds	TFL/Yards	FF	FR	P Def	Int/Yds
2012	12	40	28	68	--	2.5 / 12	2	--	7	6 / 111
2013	12	55	12	67	--	1 / 1	6	1	7	3 / 21
TOTAL	24	95	40	135	--	3.5 / 13	8	1	14	9 / 132