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DEFENSIVE BACK

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2022 East-West Shrine Game Participant
2021 All-SEC Second Team (Coaches)
2021 All-SEC Third Team (Phil Steele)

CAREER

Veteran defensive back out of Nashville, who provided tremendous leadership in his five seasons ... Can play nickel, corner or safety and was one of the nation's top defensive backs in his final season ... Played in 56 games and made 24 starts ... Tallied 190 career tackles, 12 tackles for loss, three interceptions (one pick-six) and 20 passes defended ... Member of the team's leadership council ... Graduated from Tennessee in December 2021.

2021 - SENIOR (FIFTH YEAR)

Enjoyed the best season of his career and was the leader of the defense ... Selected by the SEC coaches to the All-SEC Second Team ... Started 12 games at the STAR position ... Did not play against South Carolina (10/9) due to injury ... Finished the year with 78 tackles, nine tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks, 12 pass breakups and one interception (returned for a TD) ... Ranked second in the SEC and tied for 14th in the FBS in pass breakups ... Tied for the SEC lead in tackles for loss among defensive backs ... Played his final game in his hometown at the Music City Bowl and notched five tackles and one pass breakup ... Shined in his final game in Neyland Stadium with a 55-yard pick-six on the fifth play from scrimmage against Vanderbilt (11/27) ... Added four tackles, a TFL, a pass breakup and two QB hurries in home finale ... Had six tackles and two TFLs in win vs. South Alabama (11/20) ... Tallied three tackles and a quarterback hurry against No. 1 Georgia (11/13) ... Broke up three passes, the second best single game performance by an SEC player this season, and tied a career-high with 11 tackles at No. 18 Kentucky (11/6) ... Posted three tackles at No. 4 Alabama (10/23) before leaving the game with an injury in the first half ... Made nine tackles, five solo, and had a pass breakup vs. No. 13 Ole Miss (10/16) ... Collected five tackles and a pass breakup in the win at Mizzou (10/2) ... Made seven tackles at No. 11 Florida (9/25) and had 0.5 TFL, marking his fourth consecutive game with a TFL ... Became first Vol with a four-game TFL streak since Kyle Phillips had five-straight in 2018 ... Recorded three tackles, 1.5 TFLs, a PBU and half a sack against Tennessee Tech (9/18) ... Matched his career-high in tackles with 11, including two TFLs and recorded his first-career sack vs. Pitt (9/11) ...

Started the season opener against Bowling Green (9/2) and set new career-highs in tackles (11), tackles for loss (2.5) and passes defended (3) ... His 2.5 tackles for loss were the most by a Vol DB since Emmanuel Moseley had 3.0 against Alabama on Oct. 15, 2016.

2020 - SENIOR

Played in all 10 games and made six starts at UT's STAR secondary position ... Started the final five games of the year and the Missouri contest ... Totaled 31 tackles, one tackle for loss, three passes defended, one interception and one fumble recovery on the year ... Had six tackles and a pass breakup in season finale vs. No. 5 Texas A&M

CAREER STATS

Defense	GP/GS	UT	AT	TT	Sack	TFL	FF	FR	QBH	Int	High Tk
2017	11/0	6	2	8	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0-0	3-UK
2018	11/1	16	4	20	0-0	1-3	1	0	2	0-0	5-AL
2019	12/5	29	24	53	0-0	1-2	0	0	3	1-0	9(2x)
2020	10/6	19	12	31	0-0	1-3	0	1	3	1-36	10-AR
2021	12/12	37	41	78	1.5-5	9-25	0	0	12	1-55	11(3x)

CAREER HIGHS

Tackles	11 (3x), last at Kentucky, 11/6/21
Tackles for Loss	2.5 vs. Bowling Green, 9/2/21
Sacks	1 vs. Pitt, 9/11/21
Interceptions	1 (3x), last vs. Vanderbilt, 11/27/21
Passes Defended	3 (2x), last at Kentucky, 11/6/21
Quarterback Hurries	2 vs. Vanderbilt, 11/27/21
Forced Fumbles	1 vs. West Virginia, 9/1/18
Fumbles Recovered	1 vs. Alabama, 10/24/20
Touchdowns	1 (INT) vs. Vanderbilt, 11/27/21

GAME-BY-GAME

2021 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
*Bowling Green	6-5-11, 2.5 tfl, 3 pd
*Pitt	7-4-11, 2 tfl, 1 s, 1 pd
*Tennessee Tech	1-2-3, 0.5 s, 1.5 tfl, 1 pd
*at Florida	0-7-7, 0.5 tfl
*at Missouri	4-1-5, 1 pd
*Ole Miss	5-4-9, 1 pd
*at Alabama	3-0-3
*at Kentucky	6-5-11, 3 pd
*Georgia	1-2-3, 1 qbh
*South Alabama	3-3-6, 2 tfl
*Vanderbilt	0-4-4, 1 int, 1 td
	0.5 tfl, 1 pd, 2 qbh
*vs. Purdue	1-4-5, 1 pd
2020 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
at South Carolina	1-0-1
*Missouri	1-2-3, 1 int, 1 pd
at Georgia	1-1-2
Kentucky	0-0-0
Alabama	0-0-0, 1 fr
*at Arkansas	8-2-10, 1 tfl
*at Auburn	3-1-4
*Florida	2-3-5, 1 pd
*at Vanderbilt	0-0-0
*Texas A&M	3-3-0, 1 pd

GAME-BY-GAME (cont.)

2019 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Georgia State	1-5-6
*BYU	4-5-9, 1 tfl, 1 pd
*UTC	2-1-3
*at Florida	5-1-6, 2 pd, 1 int
*Georgia	4-5-9
Mississippi State	2-2-4
*at Alabama	4-1-5
South Carolina	1-2-3
at Kentucky	2-0-2
at Missouri	2-0-2
Vanderbilt	2-1-3
vs. Indiana	0-1-1
2018 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
vs. West Virginia	1-0-1, 1 ff
ETSU	2-0-2, 1 tfl
UTEP	3-0-3
*Florida	3-0-3
at Georgia	0-0-0
at Auburn	0-1-1
Alabama	4-1-5
at South Carolina	0-0-0
Charlotte	0-1-1
Kentucky	1-0-1, 2 pd
Missouri	2-1-3
2017 Opp.	U-A-T, Other
Indiana State	1-0-1
at Florida	0-0-0
UMass	0-0-0
Georgia	1-0-1
South Carolina	0-1-1
at Alabama	1-0-1
at Kentucky	2-1-3
Southern Miss	0-0-0
at Missouri	1-0-1
LSU	0-0-0
Vanderbilt	0-0-0

(12/19) ... Made five tackles and had a PBU vs. No. 6 Florida (12/5) ... Collected four tackles in start at #23 Auburn (11/21) ... Recorded a season-high 10 tackles, including one tackle for loss at Arkansas (11/7) ... Recovered his first career fumble vs. No. 2 Alabama (10/24) ... Started in win over Missouri (10/3) and finished the game with three tackles and a key fourth-quarter interception.

2019 - JUNIOR

Ranked fourth on the team with 53 tackles ... Added one interception, one tackle for loss and two pass breakups ... Appeared in 12 games with five starts at safety ... Finished with three tackles versus Vanderbilt (11/30) and had a pair of stops at Kentucky (11/9) and Missouri (11/23) ... Made three tackles versus South Carolina (10/26) ... Had five tackles in loss to No. 1 Alabama (10/19) ... Tied his career-high with nine stops against No. 3 Georgia (10/5) ... Had six tackles and made his first-career interception at Florida (9/21) ... Led UT with a season-high in tackles with nine vs. BYU, including a TFL and a PBU (9/7) ... Made six stops against Georgia State in season opener (8/31).

2018 - SOPHOMORE

Saw action in 11 games, making one start ... Finished the season with 20 tackles, one tackle for loss and two pass breakups ... Totaled three tackles against Missouri (11/17) ... Had a career-high two PBUs and one tackle in win over No. 11 Kentucky (11/10) ... Had career-best five tackles against Alabama (10/20) ... Made first-career start against Florida (9/22) ... Made three tackles vs. UTEP (9/15) ... Made two tackles against ETSU (9/8) ... Recorded his first career forced fumble in the season-opener against West Virginia (9/1).

2017 - FRESHMAN

Played in 11 games and emerged as viable reserve ... Finished with eight tackles as a backup safety and special team contributor ... Had one tackle in his collegiate debut against Indiana State (9/9) ... Made three tackles at Kentucky (10/28).

HIGH SCHOOL

Rated as a three-star recruit and top-25 prospect in Tennessee ... Starred at Overton High School in Nashville ... Helped lead the Bobcats to the second round of the 2016 Class 6A state playoffs as a senior ... Led Overton with five interceptions as a senior in 2016 en route to Region 6-A Defensive MVP honors ... Named to TSWA Class 6A All-State Team in 2016 ... Named to The Tennessean's 2016 Dandy Dozen ... Played in the 2016 Toyota East-West All-Star Game.

PERSONAL

Full name is Thedarrius SL Jackson ... Born on Oct. 2, 1998 ... Grew up in Brentwood, Tennessee ... Son of Nate and Tanissa Foster ... Father played at Western Kentucky ... Earned his undergraduate degree in communication studies in December 2021 ... Recipient of the Jack Clark Athletic Scholarship Endowment and the Tom & Linda Morris Athletics Scholarship Endowment ... Says he started taking football seriously when he was age 11 and getting into youth teams coached by his dad ... Favorite food is his mom's chicken alfredo ... Bucket list item is to go to Spain ... Is an avid bowler and considers himself the best bowler on the team ... Twitter handle is @theo_jackson05 and Instagram handle is @theo.jackson26.

