



2007 SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown/High School/Prep School/Junior College
Baskin, Andrey	WR	6-2	200	Camden, N.J. (Woodrow Wilson HS/Milford Academy)
Battles, Chad	LB	6-3	220	Newport News, Va. (Heritage HS)
Catalina, Cody	QB	6-3	205	Ruffs Dale, Pa. (Greensburg Central Catholic HS)
Cervino, Chaz	WR/DB	5-10	180	Wayne, N.J. (DePaul Catholic HS)
Chew, Van	WR	6-1	160	Centreville, Va. (Centreville HS)
Gillum, Ryan	S	5-11	205	Youngstown, Ohio (Liberty HS)
Haney, Oliver	DL	6-3	275	Clark, N.J. (A.L. Johnson HS)
Hogue, Doug	RB	6-2	215	Yonkers, N.Y. (Roosevelt HS)
Holmes, Michael	DB	5-11	185	Jacksonville, Fla. (Mandarin HS)
Howard, Ryan	CB	5-8	185	Carson, Calif. (Bishop Montgomery HS/Long Beach City CC)
Knox, Jamere	RB	5-9 1/2	170	Salisbury, Md. (Wicomico HS)
Legree, David	QB	6-3	190	Brooklyn, N.Y. (South Shore HS)
Long, Rob	P	6-4	175	Downingtown, Pa. (Downingtown West HS)
McKinnon, Randy	RB/S	5-10	200	Jacksonville, Fla. (The Potter's House Christian Academy)
Mele, Mike	LB	6-0	218	Sea Girt, N.J. (Manasquan HS)
Merkerson, Da'Mon	WR/CB	6-1	185	Passaic, N.J. (Saint Mary's HS)
Middleton, Lamar	DE/TE	6-2	230	Newark, N.J. (M.X. Shabazz HS)
Pierce, Jermaine	LB	6-3	240	Norristown, Pa. (Kennedy-Kenrick HS/Milford Academy)
Pratt, Darnell	H-Back/TE	6-4	220	Syracuse, N.Y. (Nottingham HS/Milford Academy)
Provo, Nick	TE	6-4 1/2	225	West Palm Beach, Fla. (John I. Leonard HS)
Scott, Kevyn	DB	5-11	185	Tamarac, Fla. (Saint Thomas Aquinas School)
Stewart, Zary	DE	6-4	220	Upper Marlboro, Md. (Frederick Douglass Sr. HS)
Suter, Max	RB/S	5-11	190	Ruffs Dale, Pa. (Greensburg Central Catholic HS)
Tribbey, Bud	DT	6-0	280	Richmond, Va. (Varina HS)
Tucker, Romale	LB	6-4	218	Washington, D.C. (Frank W. Ballou HS)
White, Josh	OT	6-5	290	Salisbury, Md. (Wicomico HS)

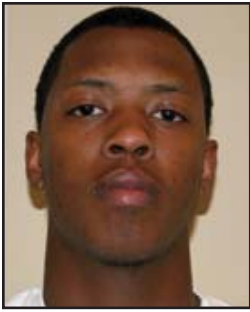
Syracuse's Class by State

Florida	4
New York	3
Maryland	3
Pennsylvania	4
New Jersey	6
Virginia	3
California	1
Ohio	1
Washington, DC	1

Syracuse's Class by Position

Offensive Tackle	1
Wide Receiver	4 *
Defensive Back	8 *
Defensive Line	4 *
Linebacker	4
Running Back	4 *
Quarterback	2
Tight End	3 *
H-Back	1 *
Punter	1

* Indicates player is listed at more than one position.



ANDREY BASKIN

WIDE RECEIVER • 6-2 • 200

CAMDEN, N.J. (WOODROW WILSON HS/MILFORD ACADEMY)

Milford Academy: Ranked the 25th-best prospect by *Scout.com* ... Milford Academy coach: William Chaplick ... **High School:** 2006 *SuperPrep* All-American ... Ranked the No. 6 prospect in New Jersey and the 32nd-best wide receiver in the country by *Rivals.com* in 2006 ... Rated sixth-best wide receiver in the country and fifth-best prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* following his senior season at Woodrow Wilson High School ... Ranked the 86th-best prospect in the country on the *ESPN* 150 list and the 13th-best wide receiver in the nation by *ESPN* in 2006 ... First-team *Philadelphia Inquirer* All-South Jersey selection as a senior ... Caught 36 passes for 686 yards and 10 touchdowns ... High school coach: Mike McBride ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... **Personal:** Andrey Baskin.



CHAD BATTLES

LINEBACKER • 6-3 • 220

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. (HERITAGE HS)

High School: Ranked the 49th-best outside linebacker by *ESPN.com* ... Recorded 58 tackles and five sacks in limited action due to injury as a senior and was named to the All-Peninsula First Team as a senior ... As a junior, posted 75 tackles, 12 sacks and two interceptions, which were both returned for touchdowns, and earned second-team All-Peninsula accolades ... High school coach: Jason Robinson ... Recruited by assistant coach Jim Salgado ... **Personal:** Chad Battles ... Son of Linda Battles.

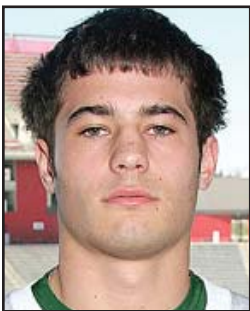


CODY CATALINA

QUARTERBACK • 6-3 • 205

RUFFS DALE, PA. (GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)

High School: Rated the 19th-best pro-style quarterback by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked the No. 24 prospect in the state of Pennsylvania by *Rivals.com* ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-East accolades ... Completed 61-of-103 passes for 893 yards, rushed for 253 yards on 60 carries and scored 10 touchdowns in 2006 ... Earned all-conference accolades as a senior ... Named 2005 *All-Pennsylvania Football News* Second Team ... Set school records with 193 career pass completions and 2,884 career pass yards ... Attended the same high school as Syracuse 2007 NLI signee Max Suter ... High school coach: Bill "Muzzy" Colosimo ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **Personal:** Cody Catalina ... Son of Ron and Becky Catalina.

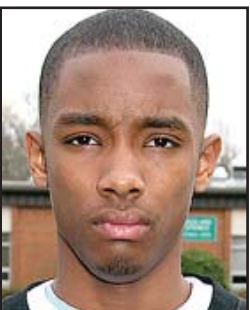


CHAZ CERVINO

WIDE RECEIVER/DEFENSIVE BACK • 5-10 • 180

WAYNE, N.J. (DEPAUL CATHOLIC HS)

High School: *Velocity/PrepStar* All-American ... Named 2007 All-State Second Team on offense ... Earned first-team All-Non-Public and All-Passaic on offense ... Passed for 1,270 yards and 15 touchdowns, rushed for 1,003 yards and 13 touchdowns and recorded 73 tackles on defense as a senior ... Passed for 5,617 yards and 61 touchdowns and rushed for 2,162 yards and 30 touchdowns during his career ... High school coach: John McKenna ... Recruited by assistant coach Desmond Robinson ... **Personal:** Chaz Cervino ... Son of Robert and Maria Cervino.



VAN CHEW

WIDE RECEIVER • 6-1 • 160

CENTREVILLE, VA. (CENTREVILLE HS)

High School: Named 2006 All-Concorde District First Team ... Rushed for 338 yards and four touchdowns on 67 carries, completed 48-of-80 passes for 640 yards and 14 touchdowns and 26 passes for 269 and two touchdowns as a senior ... High school coach: Mike Skinner ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... **Personal:** Van Chew ... Son of Van and Vicki Chew ... Cousin of Syracuse sophomore wide receiver Daniel Bailey.



RYAN GILLUM
SAFETY • 5-11 • 205
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO (LIBERTY HS)

High School: Named to the *SuperPrep* Midwest Team ... Ranked the 53rd-best safety by *Rivals.com* ... Rated the No. 31 prospect in the state of Ohio by *Rivals.com* ... Earned All-Trumbull County accolades by the *Tribune Chronicle* ... Recorded 66 tackles and two interceptions during his senior season ... Earned all-county and all-league honors as a junior ... High school coach: Jeff Whittaker ... Recruited by assistant coach Steve Russ ... **Personal:** Ryan Gillum ... Son of Lisa Gillum.



OLIVER HANEY
DEFENSIVE LINE • 6-3 • 275
CLARK, N.J. (A.L. JOHNSON HS)

High School: Named 2006 Northeast Regional Team and rated the 21st-best prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-East and all-state accolades ... Named to the All-Group 2 and All-Union First Team ... Posted 75 tackles, 10.5 sacks and eight forced fumbles as a senior ... High school coach: Albert Fracassa ... Recruited by assistant coach Desmond Robinson ... **Personal:** Oliver Haney.

DOUG HOGUE
RUNNING BACK • 6-2 • 215
YONKERS, N.Y. (ROOSEVELT HS)

High School: Rated the 31st-best running back and the 58th-best prospect in the east by *Scout.com* ... Ranked the fourth-best prospect in New York by *Scout.com* and the fifth-best prospect by *Rivals.com* ... Named to the *Scout.com* All-East Team ... Earned Northeast Regional Team accolades and graded the sixth-best prospect in New York by *SuperPrep* ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-East and first-team all-state accolades ... Rushed for 589 yards and two touchdowns and posted 12.5 tackles per game in limited action due to injury as a senior ... Ran for 2,052 yards and 14 touchdowns during his career ... High school coach: Anthony Fiorelli ... Recruited by assistant coach Jim Salgado ... **Personal:** Doug Hogue ... Son of Doug and Alicia Hogue.



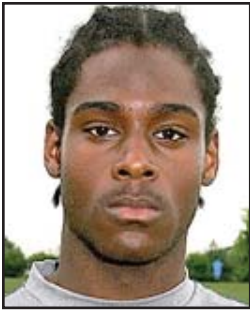
MICHAEL HOLMES
DEFENSIVE BACK • 5-11 • 185
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (MANDARIN HS)

High School: Named third-team All-First Coast by the *Jacksonville Times Union* ... Voted District MVP as a senior ... Rushed for 1,243 yards and 13 touchdowns on 198 carries as a senior ... Led the team in interceptions and second in tackles as a sophomore ... Finished second at the 2005 state championship in the 4x100-meter relay ... High school coach: J.D. Hall ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **Personal:** Michael Holmes ... Son of Michael and Vera Holmes.



RYAN HOWARD
CORNERBACK • 5-8 • 185
CARSON CALIF. (LONG BEACH CITY C.C./BISHOP MONTGOMERY HS)

Long Beach City: Earned 2006 all-state honors ... Earned first-team All-Mission Conference American Division accolades as a cornerback and second-team honors as a punt returner ... Recorded 30 tackles, including 23 solo stops, three tackles for loss, four interceptions, six pass breakups and returned 12 punts for 217 yards (18.1 average) ... Coached by Jerry Jaso ... Recruited by assistant coach Phil Earley ... **High School:** Did not play football in high school ... Started at point guard for Bishop Montgomery, which advanced to the CFL Finals ... **Personal:** Ryan Howard.



JAMERE KNOX
RUNNING BACK • 5-9 1/2 • 170
SALISBURY, MD. (WICOMICO HS)

High School: Ranked the 12th-best prospect in the state of Maryland by *Rivals.com* ... Rated the 16th-best prospect in the Mid-Atlantic by *SuperPrep*, earning all-region accolades ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-Atlantic honors ... Named *The Daily Times* Player of the Year ... Earned consensus all-state accolades ... Earned first-team all-conference accolades and named conference's Offensive Player of the Year ... Led all players in the state of Maryland with 212 points in 2006 ... Finished second in the state with 1,745 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns on 126 carries (13.85 average) ... Set single-season school records with his 1,745 rushing yards and 33 total touchdowns ... Attended the same high school as 2007 Syracuse NLI signee and his cousin, Josh White ... High school coach: David Nettles ... Recruited by assistant coach Phil Earley ... **Personal:** Jamere Knox ... Son of Ardella Knox.



DAVID LEGREE
QUARTERBACK • 6-3 • 190
BROOKLYN, N.Y./SOUTH SHORE HS

High School: Rated the 25th-best pro-style quarterback by *Rivals.com* ... Ranked the sixth-best prospect in New York by *Rivals.com* ... Earned Northeast Regional Team accolades and graded the fourth-best prospect in New York by *SuperPrep* ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-East accolades ... Earned second-team all-state accolades as linebacker during his senior season ... Completed 64-of-130 passes for 1,115 yards and five touchdowns and rushed for 458 yards and three touchdowns as a senior ... Named New York City Player of the Year after his junior season ... Attended the same high school as Syracuse redshirt freshman linebacker Parker Cantey ... High school coach: Thomas Salvato... Recruited by assistant coach Jim Salgado ... **Personal:** David Legree ... Son of Jeff Legree and Donna Cyrus.



ROB LONG
PUNTER • 6-4 • 175
DOWNINGTOWN, PA. (DOWNINGTOWN WEST HS)

High School: Earned All-Chestnut accolades as a punter his junior season and as a kicker his senior year ... Named to the all-area team as a punter his junior and senior seasons ... Invited to play in the 2006 Pennsylvania East-West All-Star Game as a punter and kicker ... Named to the Valor Bowl All-Star game as punter and kicker ... Averaged more than 40 yard per punt with a long punt of 70 yards ... Five-of-Six on field goal attempts and 40-of-41 on PATs ... High school coach: Mike Milano ... Recruited by assistant coach Steve Russ ... **Personal:** Rob Long ... Son of Bob and Mary Jo Long.



RANDY MCKINNON
RUNNING BACK/SAFETY • 5-10 • 200
JACKSONVILLE, FLA. (THE POTTER'S HOUSE CHRISTIAN ACADEMY)

High School: Earned 2006 second-team all-state honors in Class 1B ... Received honorable mention to the All-First Coast Team and was named to the Super 24 by the *Jacksonville Times Union* ... Rushed for 1,172 yards and eight touchdowns on 178 carries as a senior ... Posted 16.5 tackles and one sack on the defensive side ... Received honorable mention to the all-state team as a junior ... High school coach: Laurence Johnson ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **Personal:** Randy McKinnon ... Son of Fred and Clare McKinnon.



MIKE MELE
LINEBACKER, 6-0, 218
SEA GIRT, N.J. (MANASQUAN HS)

High School: Rated the 50th-best weakside linebacker by *Scout.com* ... Earned Northeast Regional Team accolades and graded the 14th-best prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Ranked the No. 27 prospect in New Jersey by *Rivals.com* ... Earned first-team all-state and All-Monmouth honors ... Named to the All-Group 2 First Team on defense ... Recorded 100 tackles as a senior for a defense that didn't allow more than one touchdown in any game ... Led the Shore Conference with 1,974 rushing yards and 30 touchdowns ... High school coach: Vic Kubu ... Recruited by assistant coach Steve Russ ... **Personal:** Mike Mele ... Son of Joe and Patti Mele.



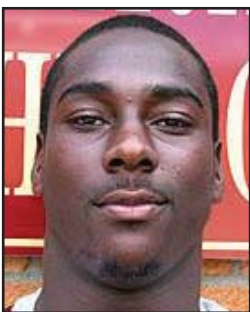
DA'MON MERKERON
WIDE RECEIVER/CORNERBACK • 6-1 • 185
PASSAIC, N.J. (SAINT MARY'S HS)

High School: Earned Northeast Regional Team accolades and graded the 30th-best prospect in New Jersey by *SuperPrep* ... Named to the MaxPreps All-Heisman Team in the tri-state area ... Earned Defensive Player of the Year honors in Parochial A-B ... Earned second-team all-state accolades ... Named to the All-Bergen Defensive Team ... Named to the All-Non-Public First Team on defense ... Earned first-team all-area honors as a wide receiver ... Recorded 28 solo tackles and six interceptions as a senior and posted 614 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns as a wide receiver ... Led St. Mary's to its first Non-Public Group 1 state championship ... Two-time 400-meter state champion ... High school coach: Mike Sheridan ... Recruited by assistant coach Desmond Robinson ... **Personal:** Da'Mon Merkeron ... Son of Amod Fields.



LAMAR MIDDLETON
DEFENSIVE END/TIGHT END • 6-2 • 230
NEWARK, N.J. (M.X. SHABAZZ HS)

High School: Ranked the 23rd-best prospect in New Jersey by *Scout.com* ... Earned 2006 all-county and all-conference accolades ... Recorded 20 receptions for two touchdowns on offense and posted 60 tackles and eight sacks on the defensive line ... High school coach: David McCombs ... Recruited by assistant coach Desmond Robinson ... **Personal:** Lamar Middleton ... Son of Don Massy and Felicia Middleton.



JERMAINE PIERCE
LINEBACKER • 6-3 • 240
NORRISTOWN, PA. (KENNEDY-KENRICK HS/MILFORD ACADEMY)

Milford Academy: Ranked the 13th-best middle linebacker by *Scout.com* ... Rated the No. 12 prep school prospect by *Rivals.com* and the 13th-best by *Scout.com* ... Named team's defensive MVP ... Milford Academy Coach: William Chaplick ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **High School:** 2005 All-City in Philadelphia by the *Philadelphia Daily News* ... Led the Wolverines with 39 catches, 750 yards and six touchdowns and played linebacker ... Set the Kennedy-Kenrick single-game receiving yards records with 124 ... Returned an interception and a fumble recovery for touchdowns ... **Personal:** Jermaine Pierce ... Son of Sharon Davis



DARNELL PRATT
H-BACK/TIGHT END • 6-4 • 220
SYRACUSE, N.Y. (NOTTINGHAM HS/MILFORD ACADEMY)

Milford Academy: Graded the 50th-best prep-school prospect by *Scout.com* ... Milford Academy Coach: William Chaplick ... **High School:** Earned second-team all-state honors ... Named to the All-CNY Team by the *Syracuse Post-Standard* ... High school coach: Paul Sealy ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **Personal:** Darnell Pratt ... Son of Cecelia Davis.



NICK PROVO

TIGHT END • 6-4 1/2 • 225

WEST PALM BEACH, FLA. (JOHN I. LEONARD HS)

High School: Rated the 40th-best player in Florida by *FloridaFB.com* ... Ranked the 32nd-best tight end by *Scout.com* ... Named to the Dixie Region Team by *SuperPrep* ... Named to the all-state third-team ... Earned first-team all-county accolades from the *Palm Beach Post* and the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* ... Led all receivers in Palm Beach County with 39 receptions for 756 yards and eight touchdowns as a senior ... Named MVP of the American team in the Outback Steakhouse Treasure Coast High School All-Star Game ... High school coach: Brian Coe ... Recruited by assistant coach Jim Salgado ... **Personal:** Nick Provo ... Son of Sam Provo and Terese Machavo.

KEVYN SCOTT

DEFENSIVE BACK • 5-11 • 185

TAMARAC, FLA. (SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL)

High School: Earned second-team All-Broward County accolades by the *South Florida Sun-Sentinel* and third-team honors by *The Miami Herald* ... Recorded 32 tackles, including 22 solo stops, 3.5 tackles for loss, two interceptions, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery during his senior season ... High school coach: George Smith ... Recruited by assistant coach Jim Salgado ... **Personal:** Kevyn Scott ... Son of Ken and Michelle Scott.

ZARY STEWART

DEFENSIVE END • 6-4 • 220

UPPER MARLBORO, MD. (FREDERICK DOUGLASS SR. HS)

High School: Ranked the 18th-best prospect in Maryland by *Scout.com* ... Named to the all-county second team following his junior season ... Selected to play in the Prince George's County Senior All-Star Game ... High school coach: Julius Pinkney ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... **Personal:** Zary Stewart ... Son of Denise Stewart.

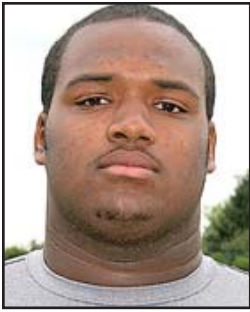


MAX SUTER

RUNNING BACK/SAFETY • 5-11 • 190

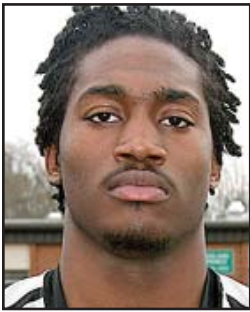
RUFFS DALE, PA. (GREENSBURG CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS)

High School: Ranked the 36th-best safety by *Scout.com* ... Rated the No. 23 prospect in Pennsylvania by *Scout.com* and the 30th-best by *Rivals.com* ... Earned 2006 *Velocity/PrepStar* All-East accolades ... Invited to play for Pennsylvania in the 50th-annual Big 33 Game against Ohio ... Named to the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22" team as a senior and the "Terrific 25" team following his junior year ... Named to the all-conference team by the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* ... Earned first-team All-WIAPL Class AA accolades ... Named *PA Football News* First Team All-State in 2006 ... Finished his career ranked eight on the WIAPL all-time rushing list and 30th in the state with 5,177 yards ... Recorded 2,247 rushing yards on 231 carries, caught 17 passes for 165 yards and scored 36 touchdowns as a senior ... Finished his career with 5,252 rushing yards and 82 touchdowns ... *All-Pennsylvania Football News* honorable mention selection and earned all-conference accolades as a running back in 2005 ... Attended the same high school as 2007 Syracuse NLI signee Cody Catalina ... High school coach: Bill "Muzzy" Colosimo ... Recruited by assistant coach Scott Spencer ... **Personal:** Max Suter ... Son of Barry and Carol Suter.



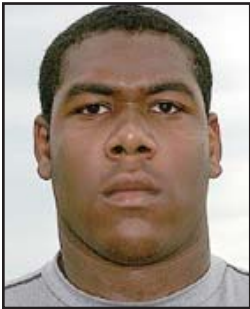
BUD TRIBBEY
DEFENSIVE TACKLE • 6-0 • 280
RICHMOND, VA. (VARINA HS)

High School: Rated the 15th-best defensive tackle by *ESPN.com* and the 50th-best defensive tackle by *Rivals.com* ... Graded the 26th-best prospect in Virginia by *Rivals.com* ... Named to the all-state and all-conference first teams ... Earned first-team all-metro honors by *The Richmond Times-Dispatch* ... Named to the all-region team ... Recorded 74 tackles, including 46 solo stops, seven sacks for 57 yards, six tackles for loss and one fumble recovery during his senior season ... High school coach: Gary Chilcoat ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... **Personal:** Bud Tribbey ... Son of Duke and Faith Tribbey.



ROMALE TUCKER
LINEBACKER • 6-4 • 218
WASHINGTON, D.C./FRANK W. BALLOU HS

High School: Ranked the 27th-best strongside linebacker by *Scout.com* and the 36th by *Rivals.com* ... Graded the 27th-best prep school prospect and the fifth-best prospect in Washington, D.C. by *Rivals.com* ... Earned *Velocity/PrepStar* All-Atlantic accolades ... Named to the DCIAA All-League Team by the *Washington Post* ... Posted 92 tackles, including 65 solo stops, 10 sacks and one interception during his senior season ... Recorded 30 solo tackles, 16 assisted tackles, 15 sacks and one fumble recovery as a junior ... High school coach: Moses Ware ... Recruited by assistant coach Chris White ... **Personal:** Romale Tucker ... Son of Keith Barnes and Angela Tucker.



JOSH WHITE
OFFENSIVE TACKLE • 6-5 • 290
SALISBURY, MD. (WICOMICO HS)

High School: Rated the 28th-best prospect in the Mid-Atlantic by *SuperPrep*, earning all-region accolades ... Named to the first-team small-school all-state team ... Earned first-team all-conference accolades as a senior ... Paved the way for teammate and cousin Jamere Knox to run for 1,745 yards, the second-highest total in Maryland ... High school coach: David Nettles ... Recruited by assistant coach Phil Earley ... **Personal:** Josh White ... Son of Vanessa Townsend ... Cousin of 2007 Syracuse NLI signee Jamere Knox.