

Head football coach Ryan Silverfield announces 34 sign intent letters for 2024 season... from sports page 1

(7.1 YPC) and 20 touchdowns.
Jalen Charles
 Defensive Line | 6-3 | 222
 Manvel, Texas | Manvel HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 No. 134 overall recruit from the state of Texas and 55th-ranked EDGE rusher in the country by 247 Sports ... Recorded 80 tackles (27 for loss), 15 sacks, 34 hurries, and interception and forced three fumbles his senior season at Manvel ... Second-most sacks in school history (23) and two-time First Team All-District honoree.

Mond Cole
 Defensive Line | 6-1 | 325
 Meridian, Miss. | West Lauderdale HS | Holmes CC
 Ranked as the No. 20 JUCO defensive lineman and No. 31 JUCO player in Mississippi by 247 Sports ... Played nine games for Holmes CC in 2023, registering 22 tackles and a pair of sacks.

Caden Costa
 Kicker | 6-0 | 200
 Mandeville, La. | Mandeville HS | Ole Miss
 Rated a 4.5-star prospect by Chris Sailer Kicking ... Tabbed a three-star prospect by Rivals, ESPN and the 247 Sports Composite ... Touted as the nation's No. 7 kicker and the No. 53 player in Louisiana via the 247 Sports Composite ... Saw action in 11 games as a true freshman in 2021 ... 14 field goals on the season tied for the program record for the most ever by a true freshman ... Was a perfect 9-for-9 on field goals less than 40 yards ... Became first Rebel to connect on a 50-yard field goal since Andrew Ritter made a 50-yarder against Idaho in 2013 ... Was one-for-one (36 yards) on field goals in 2023 for the Rebels.

Jaidyn Denis
 Defensive Back | 6-2 | 191
 Charlotte, N.C. | Mallard Creek HS | Elon
 Three-star recruit, No. 57 player and No. 153 cornerback in North Carolina by 247 Sports in the class of 2020 coming out of high school ... Redshirted as a freshman at Elon in 2020, seeing action in three games ... Started against Appalachian State and appeared in 10 games during the 2021 season ... Made six starts at cornerback and played in all 12 games during the 2022 season, making 27 tackles, six pass break-ups and a forced fumble ... Totaled 40 tackles (27 solo) to go with a sack and three interceptions in 2023 ... Named to Pro Football Focus' (PFF) FCS All-American team and Phil Steele First Team All-CAA in 2023.

Bryce Dorsey
 Wide Receiver | 5-10 | 172
 Hitchcock, Texas | Hitchcock HS
 Named Texas Class 3A First Team All-District 12 honors as a wide receiver ... Also plays varsity basketball.

Jayden Flaker
 Linebacker | 6-2 | 222
 Scarborough, Maine | Scarborough HS | North Carolina Central
 Played in 12 games as a freshman at NC Central and tallied a dozen tackles and a pair of blocked kicks ... Started all 12 games and led the team defen-

sively in 2023, recording 85 tackles (54 solo), 10 tackles-for-loss, 4.5 sacks, an interception and a pair of forced fumbles ... Led the MEAC in tackles in 2023.

Kamore Harris
 Linebacker | 5-11 | 250
 Sylacauga, Ala. | BB Comer Memorial HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 No. 69 overall player from the state of Alabama by 247 Sports ... No. 85-ranked athlete in the country by On3 ... Versatile athlete and four-year varsity starter that played linebacker and running back ... Ran for 1,660 yards and 19 touchdowns while leading BB Comer to an Alabama Class 2A State Championship appearance as a junior in 2022, also adding 96 tackles and three sacks on the defensive side of the ball ... Invited to play in the Mississippi / Alabama All-Star Game.

Keonde Henry
 Wide Receiver | 6-3 | 190
 Lake Dallas, Texas | Lake Dallas HS
 Four-star recruit by 247 Sports, Rivals.com and On3 ... No. 30 player in the state of Texas and No. 32 wide receiver in the country by On3 ... Racked up over 2,000 receiving yards and 27 scores during his career at Lake Dallas ... Hauled in 56 receptions for 970 yards and 12 touchdowns as a senior.

Trent Holler
 Offensive Line | 6-2 | 311
 Latrobe, Pa. | Greater Latrobe HS | East Carolina | Marshall
 Rated as a three-star prospect in the class of 2019 by ESPN and 247 Sports ... Originally attended East Carolina before transferring to Marshall in 2022 ... Appeared in 12 games and made five starts for the Herd on the offensive line in 2022 ... Played in 11 games on Marshall's offensive line in 2023.

Matt Hudson
 Linebacker | 6-2 | 237
 Eagle, Idaho | Fork Union Military Academy (Va.) | Harvard
 Did not play as a freshman at Harvard due to the Ivy League's season cancellation due to COVID ... Played in all ten of Harvard's games in 2021, making five tackles ... Saw action in 10 games and ranked second on the team with 50 tackles in 2022, including six that went for a loss ... Recorded a pair of sacks, three pass break-ups and three quarterback hurries ... Forced a fumble and had a fumble recovery ... Logged three or more tackles in nine games ... Had a season-high 10 tackles and 2.0 TFL vs. Princeton ... Ranked second on the team again in 2023 with 66 stops (34 solo, 4.0 TFL) ... Added an interception and a fumble recovery ... Second Team All-Ivy League linebacker in 2023 by Phil Steele.

Samson Israel
 Defensive Back | 6-0 | 166
 Douglasville, Ga. | Douglas County HS | Coahoma CC | Itawamba CC
 Played in six games as a freshman at Coahoma CC, recording 22 tackles (one for loss) and pulling down three interceptions ... Chose Memphis over UConn,



Temple, UMass and Louisiana Tech.

Richard Kinley II
 Defensive Line | 6-2 | 237
 Memphis, Tenn. | Lausanne Collegiate HS | Middle Tennessee
 Redshirted for Middle Tennessee in 2019 after seeing action in four games ... Played in eight games in 2020, recording 21 tackles and a pair of sacks ... Started all 13 games in 2021, ending the year with 32 tackles and 1.5 sacks ... Played in just six games in 2022 due to injury, recording six tackles ... Played in nine games, recorded three sacks and logged 20 tackles in 2023.

Brady Kluse
 Wide Receiver | 6-2 | 188
 Kennesaw, Ga. | Harrison HS
 Consensus three-star recruit...
 Ranked as No. 169 overall recruit from state of Georgia and the nation's 220th-ranked wide receiver by 247 Sports... Caught 38 passes for 616 yards and six touchdowns as a sophomore for Harrison... Hauled in 66 receptions for 1,033 yards and 13 touchdowns as a junior... Was named Georgia Class 7A First Team All-Region 3 as a senior after catching 67 balls for 910 yards and nine touchdowns.

Keydrell Lewis
 Offensive Line | 6-5 | 338
 Stockbridge, Ga. | Mallard Creek HS | San Jose State | Louisiana-Monroe
 Consensus three-star recruit coming out of high school ... Ranked as No. 58 player in North Carolina by ESPN ... Redshirted at San Jose State as a freshman in 2020 ... Made 11 starts and saw action in all 12 of Louisiana-Monroe's games in 2021 ... Made 12 starts at right tackle in 2022 and 2023 for the Warhawks.

Taccofah Lewis
 Offensive Line | 6-2 | 286
 Pearl, Miss. | Pearl HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 No. 38 overall player from the state of Mississippi and No. 119 interior offensive lineman in the country by 247 Sports.

Patrick Lucas Jr.
 Defensive Line | 6-2 | 320
 Prattville, Ala. | Wetumpka HS | Ole Miss | Indiana
 Rated as the No. 25 defensive tackle in the nation and No. 15 overall recruit in Alabama by 247 Sports coming out of high school ... Redshirted the 2019 season at Ole Miss after seeing action in four games ... Played in all seven of Ole Miss's games as a redshirt freshman in 2020 ... Made his lone appearance of 2021 in a win over Tulane ... Transferred to Indiana prior to the 2022 season where he played in all 12 of IU's games in both 2022 and 2023.

Javante Mackey
 Linebacker | 6-2 | 222

Chicago, Ill. | Whitehaven HS | Arkansas State
 Ranked as a three-star recruit by ESPN and 247 Sports coming out of high school ... ESPN listed Mackey as its No. 27 player in the state of Tennessee and No. 61 EDGE nationally ... Totaled 84 tackles at Arkansas State in 2023 to rank second on the squad ... Logged a pair of sacks and recovered a fumble.

Arrington Maiden
 Quarterback | 6-2 | 204
 College Station, Texas | College Station HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 68th-ranked quarterback in the country by 247 Sports ... No. 177 overall recruit from the state of Texas by On3 ... Started junior season of high school as a backup before taking over the starting job and leading College Station to the state championship game ... Led the Cougars on another deep playoff run as a senior, throwing for 2,803 yards and 30 touchdowns while completing 67 percent of his passes.

Kourtlan Marsh
 Defensive Back | 5-11 | 188
 Warrior, Ala. | Mortimer-Jordan HS | Samford
 Played both cornerback and quarterback at Mortimer-Jordan High School ... Helped lead his team to a region title and Alabama Class 5A North Runner-Up finish ... Passed for 5,461 yards, rushed for 2,573 yards and had a combined 95 touchdowns in his high school career ... Was named All-State, Super All-State and was a finalist for AHSAA Player of the Year ... Also named his team's Offensive MVP and was a finalist for Blitz Player of the Year ... Appeared in 10 games for Samford in 2021 ... Appeared in all 13 games for Samford in 2022, starting two for the Southern Conference Champions ... Ranked sixth on the defense with 50 tackles and 33 solo stops ... Finished the season with 11 pass breakups, the second most on the team ... Played in 11 games in 2023, making 51 tackles and nabbing an interception.

Calvin McMillan
 Offensive Line | 6-5 | 290
 Houston, Miss. | Houston HS | Mississippi State | Southern Miss | Holmes CC
 Three-star recruit by 247 Sports ... Top-35 recruit in state of Mississippi by ESPN (No. 18) coming out of high school ... Ranked as the 22nd-best player in the state of Mississippi and No. 62 offensive tackle recruit in the nation by 247 Sports ... Played in nine games in 2023 at Holmes CC.

Cameron Pascal
 Offensive Line | 6-4 | 295
 Union, Miss. | Union HS | Northwest Mississippi CC
 Three-star recruit by 247 Sports coming out of high school ... Helped the Yellow Jackets to the second round of the MHSAA Class 3A playoffs as a senior ... Chosen to the 2021 MaxPreps Small Town All-America second team ... Named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches 3A All-State first team...selected to participate in the Bernard Blackwell All-Star Classic ... Named to The Meridian Star's 2021 Premier

Preps first team ... Region 5-3A Most Valuable Offensive Lineman ... Named by SBLive as one of the Top 15 Offensive Lineman in Mississippi ... As a junior, selected to the MAC 3A All-State second team ... Played in four games as a freshman at Northwest Mississippi CC and started 10 games in 2023.

Izaiah Reed
 Offensive Line | 6-6 | 295
 Jackson, Tenn. | Jackson North Side HS | Louisville
 Part of Louisville's 2022 recruiting class where he was a four-star recruit by On3 and No. 17 overall player in the state of Tennessee and No. 54 offensive tackle nationally by 247 Sports ... Saw lone action of 2023 in Louisville's win over Murray State.

Jyaire Shorter
 Wide Receiver | 6-2 | 218
 Killeen, Texas | Ellison HS | North Texas | Auburn
 Three-star prospect coming out of high school by 247 Sports and Rivals ... Redshirted his first season with the Mean Green in 2018 ... Made 10 starts in 2019 and was an Honorable Mention All-Conference USA selection after reeling in 24 passes for 473 yards ... Four catches for 97 yards before season-ending injury in 2020 ... Saw action in a pair of games before injury in 2021, catching six passes for 107 yards vs. SMU (9/11/21) ... Honorable Mention All-Conference USA honoree and Comeback Player of the Year Semi-Finalist in 2022 ... Played in 13 games (11 starts), hauling in 23 receptions for 628 yards and 11 touchdowns (tied for seventh in FBS) ... Led all of FBS in yards per reception (27.2) ... Pro Football Focus (PFF) National Team of the Week (9/24/22) ... Transferred to Auburn in 2023, seeing action in seven games ... Caught one pass for 10 yards.

Joshua Sloan
 Punter | 6-2 | 189
 Melbourne, Victoria, Australia | ProKick Australia | UTEP
 Started all eight games for the Miners as a freshman in 2020 ... Booted 10 punts of 50-plus yards in 2021 ... Punted in all 12 games for the Miners in 2022, ranking third in Conference USA and No. 19 nationally in punting average (44.0) ... Recorded 11 punts of 50-plus yards and placed 15 punts inside the 20-yard line and was an honorable mention All-Conference USA honoree ... Punted 51 times in 2023, averaging 44.2 yards-per punt ... Had a season-long 66-yard punt against Liberty ... Downed 18 punts inside the 20-yard line and had nine punts of 50-plus yards ... 2023 Second Team All-Conference USA selection.

Nate Thomason
 Linebacker | 6-2 | 207
 Helena, Ala. | Helena HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 No. 54 overall player from the state of Alabama and No. 137 linebacker nationally by 247 Sports ... Tallied 141 total tackles, 27 tackles-for-loss, seven sacks, three forced fumbles, six pass-breakups and an interception as a senior at Helena ... Selected to play in the AHSAA

North vs. South All-Star Game.
AJ Watts
 Defensive Back | 5-11 | 193
 Columbus, Ga. | Carver HS | Akron | Louisiana-Monroe
 Three-star recruit by 247 Sports coming out of HS ... Played in all 12 games for Akron in 2019 with seven starts at corner ... The only true freshman to play in all 12 games ... Had 33 tackles, 2.5 TFL, a team-best six break-ups, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery ... Tallied 29 tackles and picked off two passes for Akron in 2020 ... Made 30 stops for the Zips on 2021 ... Transferred to Louisiana-Monroe and was in on 53 tackles (37 solo), pulled down a pair of INTs and recovered a fumble in 2023.

Ethan Wilder
 Defensive Back | 5-11 | 170
 Gordo, Ala. | Gordo HS
 Saw action on both sides of the ball during his high school career ... Scored five touchdowns in the first half alone of Gordo's 63-0 win over Carbon Hill - two rushing, one pick-six, one fumble recovery and one blocked punt each returned for scores.

Elijah Williams
 Offensive Line | 6-5 | 300
 Irmo, S.C. | Irmo HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 Ranked as the No. 18 player in South Carolina and No. 117 offensive tackle by 247 Sports.

Kobe Williams
 Offensive Line | 6-3 | 336
 Aberdeen, Miss. | Amory HS
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 No. 23 overall player from the state of Mississippi and No. 58 interior offensive lineman in the country by 247 Sports ... Mississippi Class 4A Second Team All-State selection by Prep Redzone Mississippi ... Selected to play in Mississippi / Alabama All-Star Game.

Jonathan Young
 Offensive Line | 6-5 | 286
 Orland Park, Ill. | Victor J. Andrew HS | Iowa Central CC
 Consensus three-star recruit ...
 Ranked as the No. 3 JUCO offensive tackle recruit in the country by On3 and No. 6 by 247 Sports ... Saw action for Iowa Central in both 2022 and 2023.

The Memphis Tigers will face Iowa State in the 65th AutoZone Liberty Bowl at Simmons Bank Liberty Stadium on Friday, Dec. 29 at 2:30 p.m.
 Tickets for the AutoZone Liberty Bowl are on sale now through the Memphis Ticket Office online at www.GoTigersGoTix.com or via phone at (901) 678-2331.

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Tennessee Titans travel to face Texans on New Year's Eve

Tennessee Titans (5-10) vs. Houston Texans (8-7)
 Sunday, Dec. 31, 2023 • Noon CST • NRG Stadium • Houston, Texas • TV: FOX

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans (5-10) embark on their final road trip of the season this week, traveling to Houston for a New Year's Eve showdown with the AFC South rival Texans (8-7). Kickoff at NRG Stadium (capacity 71,995) is scheduled for noon CST on Dec. 31.
 The two teams will square off for the second time in a three-week span. On Dec. 17, the Texans delivered the Titans a 19-16 overtime defeat at Nissan Stadium.

Houston's Ka'imi Fairbairn provided the game-winning points with a 54-yard field goal as time expired in the extra period.
 The contest will be regionally televised on FOX, including Nashville affiliate WZTV FOX 17. The broadcast team includes play-by-play announcer Chris Myers, analyst Robert Smith and reporter Jen Hale.
 Fans in Nashville can stream live Titans games on mobile devices with NFL+, which offers access to local games and all primetime games on phones and tablets. Out of market, fans can watch every Sunday afternoon game with Sunday Ticket. More information on ways to watch NFL games

can be found here.
 The Titans Radio Network and Nashville flagship 104.5 The Zone carry all Titans games across the Mid-South with the "Voice of the Titans" Mike Keith, analyst Dave McGinnis, sideline reporter Ramon Foster and gameday host Rhett Bryan. Streaming is available at the Titans Mobile App for listeners in the Nashville market and available everywhere for desktop users.
 TITANS CONCLUDE SEASON WITH TWO DIVISION GAMES
 The Titans have two games remaining on their schedule, and both will take place against AFC

South opponents in a narrow division race. Following this week's game, the Titans will close out the regular season at home in Week 18 against the Jacksonville Jaguars. The finale will be played on either Jan. 6 or Jan. 7 (day and time TBA).
 Last week the Titans hosted the Seattle Seahawks and fell by a final score of 20-17. They took a 17-13 lead inside the final four minutes of the fourth quarter, but the Seahawks scored the game-winning touchdown with 57 seconds remaining on a five-yard pass from Geno Smith to tight end Colby Parkinson.
 With rookie quarterback Will Levis inactive due to an ankle in-

jury, veteran Ryan Tannehill recorded his first start since Oct. 15. Tannehill completed 18 of 26 passes for 152 yards.
 Running back Derrick Henry provided the Titans' only touchdown pass of the game—a 12-yarder to tight end Chig Okonkwo. Henry now has four career touchdown passes in the regular season and one in the postseason. Against the Seahawks, he also rushed for 88 yards, including a two-yard touchdown run. With 972 rushing yards and 11 touchdowns in 2023, he needs 28 more rushing yards to become the 10th player in NFL history to register five or more seasons with 1,000 rushing

yards and 10 rushing touchdowns.
 THE TEXANS
 The Texans hosted the Cleveland Browns last week and suffered a 36-22 setback. With rookie C.J. Stroud inactive with a concussion, Case Keenum started at quarterback for the second consecutive week. Davis Mills also saw action at quarterback for the Texans in the fourth quarter.
 Despite the loss, the Texans did not lose ground in the AFC South standings due to losses by every other club in the division. The Jaguars, Colts and Texans are tied with 8-7 records, but the Jag-

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