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Jaden Alexis
WIDE RECEIVER
5-11 • 185 • Fr.-HS
Pompano Beach, Fla. (Monarch)
HS Coach: Dante Lombardi

An all-county and all-district selection ... ranked No. 53 among wide receivers nationally and No. 59 overall in the state of Florida by Rivals ... slotted at No. 59 at his position nationally and No. 59 in the state of Florida by ESPN ... the No. 57 receiver nationally and No. 49 recruit in Florida according to 247Sports ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... elected not to play in the 2020 season ... named first-team All-County by the South Florida Sun Sentinel, and second-team All-Broward 8A-6A by the Miami Herald in 2019 ... pulled in 49 receptions for 894 yards and eight touchdowns, while also rushing for one touchdown as a junior ... also played defense and recorded one interception ... posted six 100-yard receiving games ... caught six passes for 121 yards and two touchdowns against Nova ...

Morice Blackwell Jr.
(mahr-EECE)
LINEBACKER
6-1 • 200 • Fr.-HS
Arlington, Texas (Martin)
HS Coach: Bob Wager

An All-America, all-state and three-time all-district honoree ... selected for the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game ... also played safety and participated on special teams at Martin ... ranked No. 294 nationally, No. 31 among linebackers and No. 48 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 38 in the state of Texas and No. 18 among outside linebackers by 247Sports ... ranked No. 47 in the state of Texas and No. 27 among outside linebackers by Rivals ... listed as the No. 2 linebacker and No. 20 overall in the Area Top 50 by the Dallas Morning News ... rated No. 46 on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 ... ranked the No. 4 outside linebacker and No. 77 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... **a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... chosen District MVP and first-team All-District 8-6A in 2020 ... registered 95 tackles, eight tackles for loss, one sack, two fumble recoveries, including one for a touchdown, four passes batted down, one forced fumble and two rushing touchdowns as a senior ... games against North Crowley and Sam Houston ... also returned an interception for a touchdown against Sam Houston ... blocked two punts against Trimble Tech ... helped Martin to a 5-2 district record and an appearance in the 6A Division 1 bi-district playoffs in 2018 ... also competed in Track and Field as a high-jumper and sprinter.

Jonathon Brooks
RUNNING BACK
6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS
Hallettsville, Texas (Hallettsville)
HS Coach: Tommy Psencik

An all-state honoree and district MVP ... ranked No. 15 among running backs and No. 41 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... slotted at No. 20 among running backs and No. 51 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... ranked No. 39 at his position and No. 92 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked the No. 6 running back and No. 54 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... named a top-10 finalist for Dave Campbell's Mr. Texas High School Football Player of the Year in 2020 ... selected to the Texas MaxPreps All-State first team **... a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... rushed for 3,530 yards and 62 touchdowns on 295 carries (12.0 ypc) as a senior ... also caught 15 passes for 284 yards and three touchdowns, intercepted two passes with 116 return yards (58.0 ypr) and returned three punts for 124 yards (41.3)

Casey Cain
WIDE RECEIVER
6-3 • 180 • Fr.-HS
New Orleans, La. (Warren Easton)
HS Coach: Jerry Phillips

An all-region honoree ... ranked No. 129 among wide receivers and No. 24 in the state of Louisiana by 247Sports ... slotted at No. 24 and No. 35 in his home state by Rivals and ESPN, respectively ... listed in the top 10 of New Orleans area recruits in 2020 ... **a PrepStar All-Southeast Region selection** ... anchored an offense that scored at least 20 points in 11 out of 12 games this season, including five games with at least 35 points ... caught two touchdowns of 39 and 26 yards in length during a 62-27 quarterfinal win over Tioga ... finished with four catches for 72 yards and two touchdowns in a playoff win over L.B. Landry ... also caught a pair of two-point conversions.

JD Coffey III
DEFENSIVE BACK
6-0 • 180 • Fr.-HS
Kennedale, Texas (Kennedale)
HS Coach: Richard Barrett

An All-America and three-time all-state honoree and district MVP **... a PrepStar Top 350 All-American**... selected for the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game ... named a finalist for the 2020 SI All-American team ... finished his career with 313 tackles, 28 tackles for loss, 19 interceptions, 25 pass break ups and 10 touchdowns ... ranked No. 123 nationally, No. 7 at safety and No. 18 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... slotted at No. 197 nationally, No. 9 at his position and No. 30 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 224 nationally, No. 16 at safety and No. 35 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... listed No. 32 on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 ... chosen as the top safety in the area and No. 9 overall by the Dallas Morning News ... ranked the No. 2 safety and No. 43 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... defense that registered four consecutive shutouts ... helped Kennedale to a 7-4 overall record, including a 6-0 district mark and title, and an appearance in the bi-district playoffs in 2019 ... chosen honorable mention 4A All-State as a defensive back by the Texas Sports Writers Association in 2018 ... selected first-team All-District 6-4A Division 1 as both a safety and kick returner ... posted 39 tackles and six interceptions as a sophomore ... received first-team 4A All-State honors as a defensive back in 2017 ... named Defensive Newcomer of the Year in District 5-4A

Hayden Conner
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-5 • 315 • Fr.-HS
Katy, Texas (Taylor)
HS Coach: Chad Simmons

A two-time all-district honoree and four-year varsity letterman ... named a finalist for the 2020 SI All-American team ... ranked No. 258 nationally, No. 12 among offensive guards and No. 44 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 41 among offensive tackles and No. 54 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... slotted at No. 55 among offensive tackles and No. 97 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... listed No. 38 on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 ... ranked the No. 4 offensive guard and No. 55 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... named unanimous first-team All-District 6A-19 in 2020 ... also Academic All-District ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... tallied 49 pancake blocks in a shortened nine-game regular season as a senior ... part of a line that averaged 22.9 pancake blocks per game ... anchored the line for an offense that averaged 32.3 points per game ... engineering at Texas.

Terrence Cooks II
LINEBACKER
6-2 • 210 • Fr.-HS
Pearland, Texas (Shadow Creek)
HS Coach: Brad Butler

A two-time all-district honoree and member of Shadow Creek's undefeated 2019 5A Division 1 State Championship team ... listed No. 44 on the Austin American-Statesman's Fab 55 ... ranked No. 209 nationally, No. 25 among outside linebackers and No. 33 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... slotted at No. 29 at his position and No. 56 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... ranked No. 33 at his position and No. 52 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... ranked the No. 2 inside linebacker and No. 48 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... **a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... selected second-team All-District 23-6A in 2020 ... recorded 72 tackles, including 47 solo stops, nine tackles for loss, five sacks, seven pressures, two fumble recoveries and two forced fumbles as a senior ... part of a defense that allowed 18.5 points per game, including three consecutive shutouts followed by a six-point game ... tallied 25 tackles, including 12 solo, three tackles for loss, one sack and a forced fumble against Pearland ... helped Shadow Creek to a 6-4 overall record, including a 4-1 district mark and an appearance in the 6A Division 2 regional playoffs in 2020 ... a second-team honoree on Dave Campbell's Texas Football Super Team in 2020 ...

Juan Davis
TIGHT END
6-4 • 215 • Fr.-HS
Fort Worth, Texas (Everman)
HS Coach: Dale Matlock

An all-district quarterback in high school ... ranked at No. 31 among tight ends and No. 72 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... ranked No. 44 among athletes and No. 101 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... slotted at No. 51 among athletes and No. 104 in the state of Texas by ESPN ranked the No. 3 athlete and No. 60 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... was a quarterback and receiver in high school ... caught 40 passes for 780 yards (19.5 ypc) and eight touchdowns, and rushed for 790 yards and 12 touchdowns on 107 carries (7.4 ypc) in 12 games this season finale against Joshua ... also competed in Track and Field ... competed in the 200 meters, triple jump, 4x200-meter relay and 4x400-meter relay ... logged a 24-second 200-meter dash and 43-foot triple jump as a sophomore in the spring of 2019.

Derrick Harris Jr.
LINEBACKER
6-2 • 215 • Fr.-HS
New Caney, Texas (New Caney)
HS Coach: Travis Reeve

A two-time all-state and all-district honoree ... ranked No. 188 nationally, No. 21 among outside linebackers and No. 29 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 20 at his position and No. 43 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... listed as the No. 32 weakside defensive end and No. 84 player in Texas by 247Sports ... ranked the No. 3 outside linebacker and No. 63 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... chosen to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Super Team Defense in 2020 ... missed most of his senior season due to a knee injury ... helped New Caney to the state playoffs in 2020 ... a first-team honoree on Dave Campbell's Texas Football Preseason Super Team in 2020 ... **a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... tabbed second-team 5A All-State by the Texas Sports Writers Association in 2019 ... selected Defensive MVP and to the first team of District 9-5A Division 1 ... logged 89 tackles, 17 tackles for loss, five sacks, broke up seven passes and intercepted one as a junior in 2019 ... anchored a New Caney defense that helped the Eagles finish 10-1 ... finished with 11 tackles (9 solo) and one tackle for loss in the season opener against Crosby ... posted a season-high 12 tackles and three tackles for loss against

Jamier Johnson
(juh-MEER)
DEFENSIVE BACK
6-0 • 170 • Fr.-HS
Pasadena, Calif. (Muir)
HS Coach: Zaire Calvin

A two-time all-league and all-area honoree who played both ways on offense and defense in high school ... ranked No. 214 nationally, No. 21 among cornerbacks and No. 18 in the state of California by Rivals ... slotted at No. 286 nationally, No. 17 among cornerbacks and No. 24 in the state of California by ESPN ... ranked No. 25 among cornerbacks and No. 26 in California by 247Sports ... did not play in 2020, with John Muir expected to play a spring schedule due to the COVID-19 global health crisis ... played both ways as a junior ... chosen first-team All-Pacific League in 2019 ... **a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... logged 32 total tackles (27 solo), three tackles for loss, four interceptions, one pass breakup and one forced fumble as a junior ... also blocked one punt and blocked one field goal ... logged two tackles and an interception in his season opener against Burroughs ... the Valle Vista All-League First Team on defense in 2017 ... secured 23 tackles, three interceptions with 71 return yards and one touchdown as a freshman ... posted a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown against Rosemead ... helped Northview to a 7-4 overall record, including a 4-1 league mark, and an appearance in the first round of the Southern Section Division 8 playoffs in 2017.

Max Merril
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-4 • 280 • Fr.-HS
Houston, Texas (Strake Jesuit)
HS Coach: Klay Kubiak

A two-time first-team all-district performer ... ranked No. 68 among offensive tackles and No. 125 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... slotted at No. 93 among offensive tackles and No. 182 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... selected unanimous first-team All-District 23-6A at offensive tackle in 2020 ... battled injuries but anchored a Strake Jesuit offensive line that rushed for 1,869 yards on 316 carries (5.9 ypc) as a senior ... the Fighting Crusaders also scored 17 touchdowns on the ground and averaged 207.7 rushing yards per game ... started at left tackle as a junior in 2019 ... was named a first-team All-District 23-6A selection as an offensive tackle ... blocked for an offense that rushed for 242.8

Byron Murphy II
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-1 • 295 • Fr.-HS
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
HS Coach: Claude Mathis

An all-state and two-time all-district honoree and four-year varsity letterman ... ranked as the No. 20 defensive tackle and No. 44 player in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... the No. 27 defensive tackle and No. 48 player in the state, per Rivals ... slotted at No. 33 among his position and No. 75 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... ranked the No. 2 defensive tackle and No. 36 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... rated No. 19 in the Dallas Morning News Area Top 100 ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... selected to the Texas MaxPreps All-State first team in 2020 ... chosen first-team All-District 11-6A ... compiled 79 tackles, 22 tackles for loss, 14 sacks, 14 pressures, one fumble recovery and one forced fumble as a senior.

Ja'tavion Sanders
(juh-TAY-vee-on)
ATHLETE
6-4 • 220 • Fr.-HS
Denton, Texas (Ryan)
HS Coach: Dave Henigan

An All-America, all-state and two-time all-district honoree who helped Denton Ryan to the 5A Division 1 state title in 2020 ... selected for the 2021 Under Armour All-America Game ... named a finalist for the 2020 SI All-American team ... chosen as a finalist for the 2020 Mr. Texas Football award ... ranked No. 13 nationally, No. 2 among athletes and No. 2 in the state of Texas by ESPN ... rated No. 13 nationally, No. 1 among athletes and No. 3 in the state of Texas by Rivals ... ranked No. 29 nationally, No. 1 among athletes and No. 3 in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... ranked the top defensive end and No. 3 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... chosen for the cover of the 2021 Dave Campbell's Texas Football Rising magazine ... selected to the Texas MaxPreps All-State first team as an all-purpose player in 2020 ... chosen co-MVP of District 5-5A Division 1 ... chosen to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Super Team Defense ... tabbed mid-season 5A co-Player of the Year by the Dallas Morning News ... rated No. 2 in the Dallas Morning News Area Top 100 ... **a PrepStar Top 150 Dream Team selection** ... pulled in 63 receptions for 1,161 yards (18.4 ypr) and 16 touchdowns, while rushing 23 times for

Jordon Thomas
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-3 • 240 • Fr.-HS
Port Arthur, Texas (Memorial)
HS Coach: Brian Morgan

A two-time all-district honoree ... named a finalist for the 2020 SI All-American team ... rated No. 219 nationally, the No. 25 defensive end and No. 37 in Texas by ESPN ... ranked No. 296 nationally, the No. 19 weakside defensive end and No. 41 overall in Texas by 247Sports ... rated the No. 25 weakside defensive end nationally and No. 73 overall in Texas by Rivals ... ranked the No. 5 defensive end and No. 38 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... listed No. 25 on the Austin American-Statesman's Feb 55 **... a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... named first-team All-District 9-5A Division 1 in 2020 ... selected to the Texas MaxPreps All-State second team ... chosen as fan's choice to Dave Campbell's Texas Football Super Team Defense ...

Charles Wright
QUARTERBACK
6-1 • 195 • Fr.-HS
Austin, Texas (Austin)
HS Coach: Michael Wooten

An academic all-state, district MVP and three-time all-district honoree who was a four-year varsity letterman ... ranked No. 25 national among dual threat quarterbacks by Rivals ... rated No. 26 nationally among pro-style quarterbacks and No. 128 overall in the state of Texas by 247Sports ... ranked the No. 12 quarterback and No. 99 overall in the state by Dave Campbell's Texas Football ... **a PrepStar All-Midlands Region selection** ... finished his high school career with over 8,000 passing yards and 80 passing touchdowns ... chosen MVP and first-team All-District 26-6A in 2020 ... named second-team 6A Academic All-State by the Texas High School Coaches Association ... completed 222-of-345 passes for 2,759 yards and 35 touchdowns with nine interceptions rushed 112 times for 442 yards and five touchdowns in just nine games as a senior ... threw for at least 300 yards in five games, including three over 400 yards ... passed for at least three touchdowns in seven games, including four with five or more ... opened the season with six touchdown passes and one rushing touchdown against Pflugerville Connally ... threw for 405 yards and six touchdowns, rushed for 39 yards and one touchdown and led a 21-point fourth quarter comeback against Bowie ... rushed for season highs of 109

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6-0 • 190 • Fr.-HS
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HS Coach: Tommy Psencik

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Casey Cain
WIDE RECEIVER
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An all-region honoree ... ranked No. 129 among wide receivers and No. 24 in the state of Louisiana by 247Sports ... slotted at No. 24 and No. 35 in his home state by Rivals and ESPN, respectively ... listed in the top 10 of New Orleans area recruits in 2020 ... **a PrepStar All-Southeast Region selection** ... anchored an offense that scored at least 20 points in 11 out of 12 games this season, including five games with at least 35 points ... caught two touchdowns of 39 and 26 yards in length during a 62-27 quarterfinal win over Tioga ... finished with four catches for 72 yards and two touchdowns in a playoff win over L.B. Landry ... also caught a pair of two-point conversions ... scored two touchdowns, including a 54-yard effort on a screen pass, in the season opener against Karr ... hauled in a 17-yard touchdown pass against Holy Cross ... has helped Easton compile a 9-3 overall record, including a 4-0 district mark and title and an appearance in the LHSAA Non-Select Prep 4A state semifinals in 2020 ... caught 16 passes for 329 yards and four touchdowns in seven appearances as a junior, per MaxPreps ... part of an offense that averaged 39.4 points per game, including four games of 50-plus points with a high of 77 against Lusher ... scored a 32-yard touchdown against Holy Cross ... caught two passes for 44 yards and one

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Hayden Conner
OFFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-5 • 315 • Fr.-HS
Katy, Texas (Taylor)
HS Coach: Chad Simmons

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HS Coach: Travis Reeve

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Amier Johnson

(juh-MEER)

DEFENSIVE BACK

6-0 • 170 • Fr.-HS

Pasadena, Calif. (Muir)

HS Coach: Zaire Calvin

A two-time all-league and all-area honoree who played both ways on offense and defense in high school ... ranked No. 214 nationally, No. 21 among cornerbacks and No. 18 in the state of California by Rivals ... slotted at No. 286 nationally, No. 17 among cornerbacks and No. 24 in the state of California by ESPN ... ranked No. 25 among cornerbacks and No. 26 in California by 247Sports ... did not play in 2020, with John Muir expected to play a spring schedule due to the COVID-19 global health crisis ... played both ways as a junior ... chosen first-team All-Pacific League in 2019 ... **a PrepStar Top 350 All-American** ... logged 32 total tackles (27 solo), three tackles for loss, four interceptions, one pass breakup and one forced fumble as a junior ... also blocked one punt and blocked one field goal ...

Max Merril

OFFENSIVE LINEMAN

6-4 • 280 • Fr.-HS

Houston, Texas (Strake Jesuit)

HS Coach: Klay Kubiak

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Byron Murphy II
DEFENSIVE LINEMAN
6-1 • 295 • Fr.-HS
DeSoto, Texas (DeSoto)
HS Coach: Claude Mathis

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(juh-TAY-vee-on)
ATHLETE
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