

#38 SEAN MIZZER



RUNNING BACK
5-9, 185 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
ECON. & BUSINESS MAJOR
PRINCE FREDERICK, MD.
(FORK UNION/ CALVERT)

ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - A freshman sensation from a year ago - gave the offense big play capability with his speed and explosiveness...looking to add to what has been a terrific start to a collegiate career...expected to start at "super" running back...will be counted on to produce again in the running game and must also absorb more of the backfield roles filled by the graduated John Bell last season...has a great work ethic and is an extremely tough.

2002 - Was second on the team in rushing with 510 yards on 93 carries and led the team with a 5.5 yards per carry average...twice named Southern Conference Freshman of the Week (Chattanooga, Western Carolina)...became the first VMI player to rush for over 100 yards and receive 100 yards in a game when he gained 106 yards with a touchdown on 12 carries and caught four passes for 104 yards and score against Western Carolina...rushed for 125 yards on 19 carries and scored a pair of touchdowns in VMI's 35-31 win over Chattanooga...rushed for 121 yards on 12 carries against Liberty...rushed for over 100 yards in three straight games (Chattanooga, Liberty, Western Carolina) becoming the first VMI back to accomplish the feat since Thomas Haskins closed out the 1996 season with five straight 100-yard games...scored on TD runs of 51 yards vs. Furman and caught a 65-yard TD shovel pass against Western Carolina and also scored on a 28-yard run...scored six touchdowns on the year...set team season-highs in punt returns (21) and co-led with T.J. Snelling for rushing yards (125 vs. UTC) and rushing touchdowns in a game (Chattanooga)...earned first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - Co-Captain of the Calvert squad that captured the Maryland 3A 2000 football champs...Lettered three years at running back and defensive back...an All-SMAC all-conference and all-County pick...Also named to the all-decade team...attended Fork Union after graduation and ranked among the top 15 out of 100 students in his class...named Who's Who of High School Students of America...father played football and was a wrestler at the University of Maryland and mother competed in gymnastics at Montclair State University.

PERSONAL - Full name is Sean Edwards Mizzer...born 5/12/83.

SEAN MIZZER'S OFFENSIVE/ SP. TEAMS STATISTICS

Rushing

YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	P/G
2002	11	93	510	5.5	51	5	46.4
Totals	11	93	510	5.5	51	5	46.4

Receiving

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2002	11	11	179	16.3	65	1	16.3
Totals	11	11	179	16.3	65	1	16.3

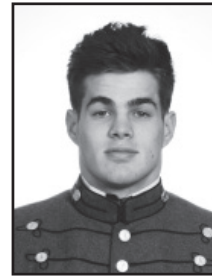
Kickoff Returns

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	11	17	361	21.2	31	0
Totals	11	17	361	21.2	31	0

Punt Returns

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
2001	11	8	65	8.1	0	21
Totals	11	8	65	8.1	0	21

#14 KIRK MONTELEONE



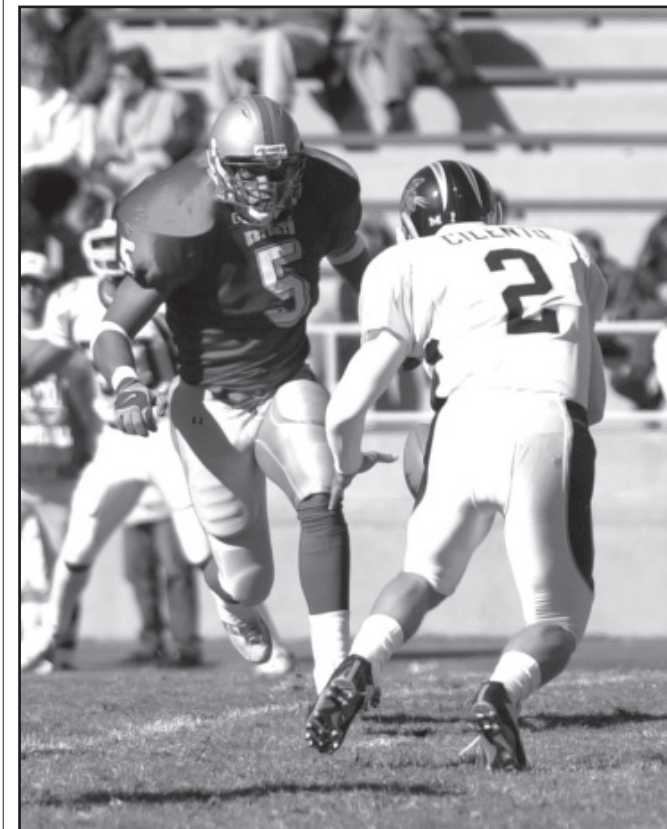
QUARTERBACK
6-1, 190 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
ECON. & BUSINESS MAJOR
SUMMERHILL, PA.
(FOREST HILLS)

Moved back to quarterback from wide receiver in the spring...completed 56 percent of his passes during live drill work in the spring...showed some big plays in spring drills caught some eyes...athletic but needs to work on consistency and decision making...will compete with three other candidates for the starting job at quarterback in fall...completed seven of 11 passes for 83 yards and a 15-yard touchdown pass to Gary Price.

2002 - Played in two games last season (Chattanooga and Appalachian State)...recruited as a quarterback, but switched to wideout to help the depth situation...credited with one tackle against Appalachian State.

HIGH SCHOOL - A first team AAAA All-OVAC selection at quarterback both junior and senior years at John Marshall High School...named first team AAA All-State at quarterback for both junior and senior years...threw for 2,100 yards passing and rushed for 220 yards his junior year and completed 104 of 179 passes for 1800 yards his senior year...threw 36 touchdown passes and rushed for seven scores...Also rushed for 689 yards in 2001...holds school records for single season and career passing yardage and TD passes.

PERSONAL - Full name is Kirk Anthony Monteleone...born 11/15/82.



Senior linebacker Derik Screen (Lynchburg, Va.) led the team in tackles in 2001 with 106 stops.

#17 SEAN MOORE



DEFENSIVE END
6-4, 220 LBS.
JUNIOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR
HEDGESVILLE, W.VA.
(HEDGESVILLE)

ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Working to step into the role occupied by the graduated four-year starter Mike Bradley...made good progress in the spring and was listed on the post-spring depth chart at "Ram" defensive end...has game experience which has aided his improvement...projected to make a major contribution to the defense.

2002 - Played in all 12 games both as a reserve defensive end and a special teams player...made 15 tackles on the season including three for loss (-9)...had five tackles against William & Mary...made a start against Georgia Southern and had three tackles...also made three tackles against Liberty including a sack for -5 yards...earned his first varsity letter.

2001 - Played against Furman, Wofford and The Citadel and had a solo tackle in the Furman contest.

HIGH SCHOOL - Named first team West Virginia All-State...was the *Martinsburg (W.Va.) Journal* Player of the Year and the *Herald-Mail* Defensive Player of the Year...also selected Channel 25 Defensive Player of the Year...All-CVAL and All-Big School team...had 13 sacks in 2000 and 10 sacks in 1999...played two years under former VMI defensive coach Dave Lopez...also lettered one year in track and threw the discus...named to the National Honor Society.

PERSONAL - Full name is Sean Thomas Moore...Born 12/9/82.

SEAN MOORE'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2001	3	1/0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	8	5/10	15	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	11	6/10	16	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0

#93 STEEL NARDOZZI



NOSE TACKLE
6-2, 240 LBS.
FRESHMAN
HISTORY MAJOR
COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA.
(THOMAS DALE)

Came to the team as a walk-on and has worked himself into the two-deep picture at nose tackle...came out of a productive spring practice listed at the No. 1 spot...made huge strides in the off-season and spring drills improving his all-around game...wrapped up a good spring practice with a tackle for loss (-3 yards) in the spring game.

2002 - Was an invited walk-on in fall camp...worked with the scout squad...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Thomas Dale High School in Chester, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Steel James Nardozzi...born 8/23/84.

#69 ROBERT OAKS



OFFENSIVE GUARD
6-4, 285 LBS.
JUNIOR
HISTORY MAJOR
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
(RICKS J.C./ TIMPVIEW)

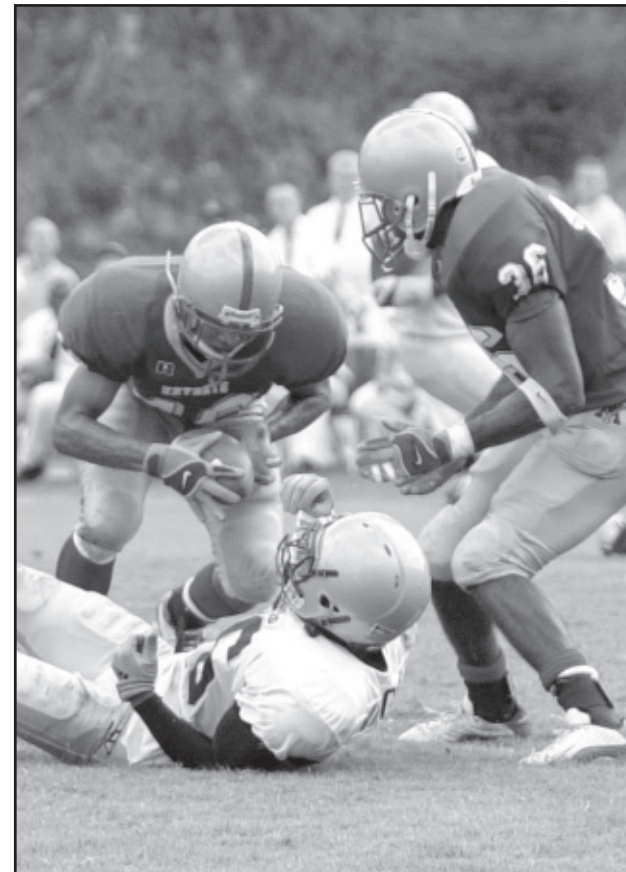
Will battle for playing time at guard...listed on the depth chart at right guard...improved in spring drills...serves as class president of the class of 2005...came to VMI after serving a two-year Mormon mission...played one year at Ricks Junior College before serving on the mission.

2002 - Did not see game action.

2001 - Came to VMI as a junior college transfer and did not play during the season.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Timpview High School in Provo, Utah.

PERSONAL - Full name is Robert James Oakes...Born 1/22/80.



Junior strong safety Maury Pauling (Hampton, Va.) had 10 tackles and intercepted a pass in the win over Wofford last year.

#20 MAURY PAULING



STRONG SAFETY
6-0, 205 LBS.
JUNIOR
ECON./ BUSINESS MAJOR
HAMPTON, VA.
(PHOEBUS)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN – A returning starter who will be counted on for experience and leadership...Returns to the strong safety position where he started the majority of games last season...has the knack for turning in the big plays on defense...excels in the run support part of the game...continues to be a big part of special teams play.

2002 – Played in all 12 games and lettered for the second time...finished seventh on the team in tackles with 51 stops and was third on the team in tackles with eight for -26 yards...started the year at reserve free safety, but moved into the starting role for seven straight games after Kamau Hull went down with a knee injury...emerged as a leader with a break-out game against Wofford when he posted 10 tackles (one for loss for -7 yards) and was named the *Richmond Times-Dispatch's* Big Man on Campus recipient...Intercepted a pass and returned it for 35 yards against Wofford...made eight tackles in the win over Liberty and logged three tackles for loss against Appalachian State...made six tackles in the season finale against The Citadel...lettered for the second time.

2001 - Played in all 11 games - mostly on special teams...finished with two tackles and two assists...blocked a punt against Appalachian State...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Phoebus High School in Hampton, Va...lettered two years...had 115 tackles and 11 sacks as a senior...was named Player of the Week for his two interceptions and a TD against Heritage on 9/22/00...had three fumble recoveries in 2000...won the team's coach's award...lettered four years in wrestling and placed fifth in the district.

PERSONAL - Full name is Maury Dean Pauling...Born 5/11/82.

MAURY PAULING'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2001	11	2/2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	11	25/26	51	1	8	0	4	0	1	35	0
Totals	22	27/28	55	1	8	0	4	0	1	35	0

#53 CHRIS PERRY



DEFENSIVE END
5-11, 230 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
HISTORY MAJOR
HAMPTON, VA.
(HAMPTON)

Will be making the transition to defensive line from linebacker this season...has seen results in off-season conditioning and gains in size and strength...made good progress in the transition to the new position in the spring...listed on the spring depth chart at "Ram" but could be moved to nose tackle.

2002 - Did not see game action.

2001 - Saw action in eight games in limited reserve duty and special teams...credited with one assist in the season opener against Duquesne.

HIGH SCHOOL - A two-way starter for Hampton (Va.) High School...a second team *Daily Press* All-Star selection at offensive tackle in 2000...lettered three years in football...also lettered four years in wrestling and three years in track...placed second in the district in wrestling...was named the team's most outstanding performer as a shot putter...received several team academic and GPA awards.

PERSONAL - Full name is Christopher O'Neal Perry...Born 1/27/83.

#19 DAVID POLDIAK



QUARTERBACK
6-2, 195 LBS.
SENIOR
BIOLOGY MAJOR
SUMMERHILL, PA.
(FOREST HILLS)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN – Will contend for the starting quarterback job and is one of two returning quarterbacks with game experience at signalcaller...has two years of eligibility remaining as he was redshirted last season...takes care of the football and had zero ball security errors in spring drills which ranked first among QB's...runs the system well...working hard to continue to build arm strength...a tough competitor who usually finds a way to get it done...will serve as VMI honor court president in 2003-2004 marking the second straight season that a VMI football player has held this prestigious leadership role in the Corps (linebacker Chris Walsh in 2002-03)...SoCon Academic Honor Roll recipient.

2002 – Was redshirted and did not see game action.

2001 - Played in six games and earned his second varsity letter...started one game (against The Citadel)...completed 35 of 63 passes for 288 yards on the year for a 55.6 completion percentage...completed 11 of 16 passes for 89 yards against Furman and 10 of 14 passes for 72 yards.

2000 - Did not see game action in the first four games of 2000, but was pressed into service when Joey Gibson was sidelined with a collapsed lung...took his first snap against national champion Georgia Southern in week five...played in six of the last seven games and earned his first varsity letter...completed 10 of 16 passes for 113 yards and one touchdown in reserve action against Wofford and threw a 22-yarder in that contest.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Forest Hills High School in Summerhill, Pa...a four-year starter at quarterback...threw for 4,873 yards and 47 touchdowns in his career...completed 60 percent of his passes his senior year and threw for 1,443 yards and 14 TD's in nine games...Named all-district and all-region in 1999 and received the Senior Award and Scholar-Athlete Award...led his team to the Laurel Highlands Conference Championship and a 12-2 record in 1999.

PERSONAL - Full name is David Matthew Poldiak...Born 3/17/82.

DAVID POLDIAK'S OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	Att.	Comp.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	INT	LP
2000	6	27	17	63.0	169	2	2	22
2001	6	63	35	55.6	288	0	2	38
Totals	12	90	52	57.8	457	2	4	38

#32 GARY PRICE



SLOTBACK
5-10, 170 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
CIVIL ENGINEERING MAJOR
WOODBRIIDGE, VA.
(POTOMAC)

ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN – Another freshman who made a big impact with his contribution last fall...a quick, versatile offensive slot in the Keydet backfield and is expected to provide depth and compliment T.J. Snelling and Titus Green...has great hands out of the backfield and is an excellent perimeter blocker in the option...looks to pick up where he left off after superb freshman campaign.

2002 – Played in all 12 games and lettered...started out in special teams over the first six games, but was forced into action at slotback at midseason because of injuries...caught eight passes for 78 yards and a score on the year...produced one of five VMI SoCon Freshman of the Week performances when he led the Keydets with six receptions including a four-yard touchdown catch against Wofford...also recovered a fumble in the second quarter against Wofford that led to a score and had a critical 27-yard reception on another second quarter touchdown drive against Wofford...had three rushes for 19 yards against The Citadel including a 14-yard lateral run...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A versatile player at Potomac who played four different positions in high school - quarterback, running back, defensive back, and wide receiver...lettered four years in football and also lettered four years in basketball as a point guard...lettered three years in track and was a competitor in the sprints and long jump.

PERSONAL – Full name is Gary Adrian Price...born 5/6/84.

GARY PRICE'S OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Rushing

YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	P/G
2002	12	9	25	2.8	0	14	2.1
Totals	12	9	25	2.8	0	13	2.1

Receiving

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	YPG
2002	12	8	78	9.8	27	1	6.5
Totals	12	8	78	9.8	27	1	6.5

#8 JOHN PUVOGEL



WIDE RECEIVER
6-3, 200 LBS.
JUNIOR
ELEC. ENGINEERING MAJOR
MANASSAS, VA.
(FUMA/ STONEWALL JACKSON)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - Coming off a medical redshirt season where he rehabbed a torn ACL...expected to be back into the mix at wideout and will help the receiving corps depth with his sure hands and experience...was very productive in his sophomore season two years ago and should see a great deal of action this fall...should rotate at

the "X" receiver slot.

2002 – Tore his ACL in a pickup basketball game during the summer before August camp and underwent surgery...missed the entire season and rehabbed...was redshirted for medical reasons.

2001 - Played in all 11 games and finished third on the team in receptions with 35 catches with 348 receiving yards...tied for the team lead in touchdown receptions with three...caught a career-high 10 passes for 82 yards and a touchdown against Samford...caught five passes for 88 yards and one touchdown in the season finale against East Tennessee State...caught a 39-yard halfback option pass from Titus Green against Georgia Southern for his longest reception of the year...lettered for the second time.

2000 - Played in 10 games as a freshman and snagged eight catches for 68 yards...made his first collegiate reception (6 yards) at William & Mary the second week of the season...caught three passes for 35 yards against I-AA champion Georgia Southern and followed up the next week with three catches for 22 yards against Wofford...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Stonewall Jackson High School in Manassas, Va...A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter...as a junior, he led the district in receiving and was selected second team all-district and first team all-area...led the district again in receiving as a senior and was named first team on both the all-district and all-area squads...also served as the team captain.

PERSONAL - John Benjamin Puvogel...born 10/12/81.

JOHN PUVOGEL'S OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Receiving

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	RPG
2000	10	8	68	8.5	16	0	0.8
2001	11	35	348	9.8	39	3	3.2
Totals	21	43	416	9.7	39	3	2.0

#3 MUSA SARKI



CORNERBACK
5-10, 170 LBS.
SENIOR
ECON. & BUSINESS MAJOR
HAMPTON, VA.
(PHOEBUS)

THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN – Returning all-conference performer...expected to be one of the key leaders on defense and will patrol the secondary...emerged as real playmaker on defense last year and gave the defense a lift...excellent instincts to go along with athleticism...has three years of starting experience...will start at Will cornerback...one of seven upperclassmen with three varsity letters...showed great improvement between sophomore and junior seasons and is looking forward to a big senior season.

2002 – Named second team All-Southern Conference at defensive back...Rated statistically as the top defensive back in the SoCon during the season and led the league in passes defended with 18...intercepted six passes last year which ranked second in the SoCon...intercepted the most passes in a season by a Keydet defender since Mike Mayo's seven interceptions in 1985...returned an interception 48 yards for a touchdown against Furman – the first by a VMI player since Richard Holland's 62-yard return for a score against The Citadel in 2000...ranked third on the team in tackles with 68 including 42 solos...intercepted a pass (46-yard return) with :09 left to help secure VMI's 27-24 come from behind win over Charleston Southern in the season opener...Picked off a pass and returned it 34 yards against Davidson...Had a season-high 10 tackles against William & Mary...recovered a fumble against Liberty...broke up three passes in

the season finale against The Citadel...lettered for the third time.

2001 - Played in all 11 games and lettered for the second time...started the first five games of the season before rotating in as a reserve for the final six games...finished with 33 tackles on the year...made an interception in overtime to stop Chattanooga's offensive possession and set up the Keydets for a 19-16 win over the Mocs...made eight tackles including seven solos against William & Mary and also had a sack for -5 yards against the Tribe...was the only secondary man to log sacks on the year and finished with two...broke up passes against Wofford and East Tennessee State.

2000 - Played in all 11 games mostly on special teams...made 15 tackles on the season...recovered fumbles against East Tennessee State and Appalachian State...made six tackles including four solos against Appalachian State...had three tackles in both the East Tennessee State and Western Carolina games...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Phoebus High School in Hampton, Va...ranked on a top 100 Virginia prospect list despite having played in high school for just two seasons...named second team all-district in 1999 and posted 47 tackles.

PERSONAL - Full name is Musa Bala Sarki...Born 10/20/82.

MUSA SARKI'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2000	11	6/9	15	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
2001	11	24/9	33	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	0
2002	12	42/26	68	0	1	1	1	12	6	134	1
Totals	34	72/44	116	2	4	3	2	15	7	134	1

#72 RYAN SCHELSEKE



DEFENSIVE TACKLE
6-5, 255 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
MECH. ENGINEERING MAJOR
AURORA, COLO.
(EAGLE CREST)

ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Returning for his third year in the program and will add much depth to the defensive line with the departure of three graduated starters from last season...Showed potential in limited playing time last year...has benefited from off-season program and has improved speed and quickness...in the two-deep picture at tackle and was listed behind Vicheal Foxx on the post-spring depth chart...capped a good spring practice with a sack for -9 yards in the spring game.

2002 - Saw reserve action in four games...Played against William & Mary, Furman, Georgia Southern, and Appalachian State...had three tackles against William & Mary and two tackles against Furman.

2001 - Came to the team as a walk-on, but did not see game action...was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Eagle Crest High School in Aurora, Colo.

PERSONAL - Full name is Ryan Michael Schelske...born 8/6/82.

RYAN SCHELSEKE'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2002	4	0/6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	4	0/6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

#5 DERIK SCREEN



LINEBACKER
6-3, 220 LBS.
SENIOR
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR
LYNCHBURG, VA.
(HERITAGE)

THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN - All-Conference candidate who had his junior season shortened by injury...looking to roar back with a big senior season...a big play performer on defense and special teams...moving to inside linebacker after playing outside linebacker the last three years...made the adjustment well in spring practice and his presence will bring more speed and quickness to the inside spots...explosive and exciting to watch...has two years starting linebacking experience...has been on the field for over 100 plays in several games in his career.

2002 - Started the first four games of the season at outside linebacker before a neck stinger sustained in the ETSU game sidelined him for four games...returned to the lineup against Liberty in week nine and gradually returned to form...finished sixth on the team in tackles with 55 and was second on the team in tackles for loss with 11 for -41 yards...was second on the team in sacks with five for -31 yards...made three tackles for loss for -7 yards against Charleston Southern including a sack for -5 yards...logged six tackles with two sacks (-15) and a pass broken up against Davidson...blocked a punt in the Liberty game which led to a second quarter touchdown...finished the season in strong fashion with 10 tackles (2 TFL) against Appalachian State and nine tackles (2 TFL) against The Citadel...lettered for the third time.

2001 - Started all 11 games at outside linebacker and led the team in tackles with 106, which ranked fifth in the league...led the Southern Conference with 22 tackles for loss, which ranked sixth in the nation...selected the team's most valuable defensive player...lettered for the second time...named SoCon defensive player of the week in VMI's 19-16 overtime win over Chattanooga when he posted 14 tackles including five for loss (-10 yards) and a sack...became the first VMI defender to earn SoCon defensive player of the week since Mike Rogers against The Citadel in 1996...returned a fumble for a touchdown in the second quarter against Western Carolina marking the second time he had scored a touchdown in his career...had 14 tackles against East Tennessee State and six tackles for loss for -35 yards and two sacks for -24 yards...also made 10 stops against Samford...had 10 or more tackles in five games...intercepted a pass against Appalachian State.

2000 - Played in all 11 games and saw the most snaps of any Keydet frosh defender...led freshman players in tackles with 31 solos and 21 assists for 52 total stops which placed 11th on the team...had four tackles for loss (-26 yards) and three sacks (-22 yards)...made 16 tackles (seven solos, nine assists) and broke up a pass...made 11 tackles against I-AA national champion Georgia Southern...registered nine yard sacks against Duquesne and Charleston Southern and also had a sack for -4 yards against Furman...returned a blocked punt for a touchdown against Chattanooga for one of VMI's three blocked punts returned to the endzone...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Heritage High School in Lynchburg, Va...made 122 tackles in 1999 with six sacks, three interceptions, and 12 pass breakups...named all-district and all-region...served as team captain of Heritage High School...also competed in the triple jump and 55-meter dash in track.

PERSONAL - Full name is Derik Jarrell Screen...born 5/21/82.

DERIK SCREEN'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2000	11	31/21	52	3	4	0	2	1	0	0	0
2001	11	61/45	106	4	22	2	2	1	1	3	1
2002	8	18/37	55	5	11	0	2	1	0	0	0
Totals	30	110/103	213	12	37	2	6	3	1	3	1

#1 MATT SHARPE



PLACEKICKER/ PUNTER
5-8, 170 LBS.
SENIOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR
CHESTERFIELD, VA.
(L.C. BIRD)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - A veteran performer who may end up shouldering both the placekicking and punting duties this fall...should be set as the placekicker, but will also continue to audition for the punting role vacated by All-American Brent Barth...has established himself as one of the top placekickers in VMI history...stands third on the all-time list in PAT's attempted (59) and made (55)...stands seventh in career kicking points with 84...has increased leg strength and range each year...deadly accurate from close range and has now a threat from longer distances...SoCon academic honor roll recipient and a dean's list student and attends VMI on a prestigious academic Institute Scholarship...posted a 4.0 GPA in 2002-03.

2002 - Led the team in scoring with 55 points...converted a school record 37 PAT's on 41 attempts...was 6 of 9 in field goal attempts with a long of 35 yards...booted a game winning 35-yarder with :44 left to lift VMI to a 27-24 come from behind win over Charleston Southern in the season opener...made five of his first six attempts of the season before hitting two of the last four...hit field goals of 29 and 24 yards against Wofford...nailed a clutch 22-yarder in the Military Classic of the South against The Citadel to give VMI the lead for good...earned his second varsity letter.

2001 - Started the year at reserve placements kicker, but got the chance to convert PAT's early on and made the most of it...converted his first PAT against Furman and knocked down a perfect 18 of 18 for the season...drilled a 20-yard field goal in overtime to lift VMI to a 19-16 win over Chattanooga - the first collegiate FG attempt of his career...finished the year four of five in field goals with a long of 32 yards against Western Carolina and also kicked a 31-yarder against East Tennessee State in the season finale...earned his first varsity letter...served as the backup punter and placekicker last season...an extremely accurate kicker.

2000 - Spent the season as reserve placekicker and punter and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of L.C. Bird High School in the Richmond, Va. area...was first team all-region for both punter and placekicker...named second team all-state as a punter in 1999...was honored in *USA Today* as one of Virginia's players of the week during the 1999 season.

PERSONAL - Full name is Matthew David Sharpe...Born 3/21/82.

MATT SHARPE'S KICKING STATISTICS

YR	G	XPM	XPA	Pct.	FGM	FGA	Pct.	LG	Points
2001	9	18	18	100.0	4	5	80.0	32	30
2002	11	37	41	90.2	6	9	66.7	35	55
Totals	20	55	59	13.2	10	14	71.4	35	85

#22 R.C. SIMMONS



SLOTBACK
5-11, 190 LBS.
SENIOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR
WINCHESTER, VA.
(HANDLEY)

ONE-YEAR LETTERMAN - Hopes to return to active duty this fall after missing the second half of the 2002 season and spring practice with a severely broken ankle...performed well on special teams over the past several years and is still working to find his role in the offensive picture.

2002 - Played in the first six games on special teams before sustaining a broken ankle before the Wofford game.

2001 - Played in 11 games and earned his first varsity letter...saw his most action against Furman when he played in 32 plays...caught four passes for 36 yards including a 21-yarder in the Furman game...had two tackles on special teams in both the Samford and East Tennessee State games.

2000 - Came to the team as an invited walk-on and worked out at wide receiver...saw action in the Furman game in week number four and traveled on three road trips.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Handley High School in Winchester, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Robert Charles Simmons...born 5/12/81.

R.C. SIMMONS' OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Receiving

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	RPG
2001	11	4	36	9.0	21	0	0.5
Totals	11	4	36	9.0	21	0	0.5

#16 GENYA SKVORTSOV



WIDE RECEIVER
5-9, 175 LBS.
FRESHMAN
HISTORY MAJOR
RICHMOND, VA.
(MILLS GODWIN)

Contributed to the team with a hard work ethic on the scout team...could see some action on the special teams this fall...listed on the post-spring depth chart at "Z" receiver.

2002 - Came to the program as a walk-on and participated on the scout team...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Mills Godwin High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Yevgeniy A. Skvortsov...born 12/4/83.

#61 CLARENCE SMITH



OFFENSIVE GAURD
6-4, 285 LBS.
JUNIOR
CIVIL ENGINEERING MAJOR
CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA.
(HAYFIELD)

Should compete for playing time at reserve offensive guard...slated in the No. 2 slot at right guard on the post-spring depth chart...a steady player who makes few mental errors...continues to develop skills and has seen the improvement in conditioning as his career has progressed.

2002 - Played in four games at backup right guard last season...graded 57.7 percent on the season with three knockdowns and did not give up a sack...saw action overall in six games including special teams and played against Davidson, William & Mary, Furman, Georgia Southern, Liberty, and Appalachian State.

2001 - Played in five games as a reserve...graded 92.5 percent overall with three knockdowns on the year.

2000 - Came to the team as an invited walk-on...did not see game action...dressed for all six home games.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Hayfield High School in Fairfax, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Clarence Eugene Smith...Born 8/16/81.



Senior slotback T.J. Snelling (Chester, Va.) found the end zone eight times in 2002.

#27 TRIPP SMITH



WILL LINEBACKER
6-0, 210 LBS.
JUNIOR
BIOLOGY MAJOR
SUWANEE, GA.
(HARGRAVE MILITARY)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN - One of the dynamic special teams players who has delivered memorable hits throughout his college football career...moved from the secondary to the outside will linebacker slot in the spring and will add needed depth to the position...will continue to learn and adapt to the new role as the season progresses...listed on the pre-season depth chart at No. 2 will backer behind Justin Huggard.

2002 - Played in all 12 games - mostly on special teams where he delivered jarring hits that sparked the Keydets in the Charleston Southern, Wofford, and Liberty games...his hit on Wofford return man Jesse McCoy forced a fumble which keyed VMI's first touchdown of the day...finished the year with 25 tackles including three for loss for -12 yards...recovered a key fumble off a fake punt attempt at the Citadel 49-yard line in the third quarter of the game which keyed the drive for a go-ahead field goal by Matt Sharpe in the third quarter...made two starts at strong safety (Davidson, Furman) and racked up a season high nine tackles with one for loss (-4) when he filled in for the injured Kamau Hull who went down with a torn ACL early in the game.

2001 - Played in all 11 games - mostly on special teams - and earned his first varsity letter...made seven tackles on the season...had three stops against Furman.

HIGH SCHOOL - Prepped a year at Hargrave Military Academy after an outstanding scholastic year at North Gwinnett High School in Suwanee, Ga...led Hargrave in special teams tackles in 2000...lettered three years as a linebacker and halfback at North Gwinnett...was selected Gwinnett County Honor Roll Player of the Week seven times and was twice named Player of the Month...posted 100 tackles as a high school senior and 89 tackles as a junior...was the team's "Big Stick" award winner in 1998...lettered two years in track and ran the 100 meter and 400 meter dash...named Who's Who two years...father Chip played football and baseball at Liberty University, setting 23 school rushing records and currently serves as a professional speed and strength coach to NFL, NBA, and NFL players.

PERSONAL - Full name is Carleton Eugene Smith III...Born 4/14/82.

TRIPP SMITH'S DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	FF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
2001	11	4/3	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	11	12/13	25	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	22	16/16	32	0	3	1	1	0	0	0	0

#41 T.J. SNELLING



SLOTBACK
6-2, 205 LBS.
SENIOR
COMPUTER SCIENCE MAJOR
CHESTER, VA.
(L.C. BIRD)

THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN – A talented multi-threat back/receiver who has thrived in the VMI's multiple set offense...provided numerous big plays over the last two seasons and will be relied on again for leadership...has all-conference ability due to a good work ethic and well-rounded skills...runs and catches the ball extremely well...projected as a starter at slotback and should continue to put up great numbers...also runs track for the Keydets...brother Jason is a starting running back for the University of Virginia.

2002 – Played in all 12 games and was second on the team in receiving with 37 catches for 408 yards and three touchdowns...rushed the ball 88 times for 416 yards and was found the endzone five times...was second on the team in scoring with 48 points...rushed for a career-high 125 yards on 21 carries and scored on touchdown runs of 16 and two yards in the 38-14 win over Liberty and averaged six yards per carry on the day...the 125 yards versus Liberty tied him with Sean Mizzer for top rushing performance by a Keydet during the season...ranked ninth in the SoCon in scoring and scored three touchdowns against Davidson - a 63-yard run for a touchdown in that game along with a three-yard TD run and a 21-yard TD catch...caught six passes for 90 yards and a nine-yard TD reception against William & Mary...was second on the team in all-purpose running (85.1) per game...lettered for the third time.

2001 - Played in seven games and lettered for the second time...started the first two games at slotback before being diagnosed with a stress fracture the week before the Furman game (game three)...missed four games before returning to the starting lineup at slotback against Western Carolina and starting the last five games...caught 19 of his 33 pass receptions with two touchdowns over the last four games...took a swing pass 60 yards for a touchdown against Samford tying him for the longest pass play of the year and caught four passes for 93 yards for the year...finished fourth on the team in catches (33) and fourth in receiving yardage (313).

2000 - Played in 10 games at reserve slotback and also saw considerable action on special teams...rushed six times for 20 yards and one touchdown...his score came against Charleston Southern on a six-yard run...caught one pass for eight yards against Georgia Southern...returned a kick for 10 yards against Appalachian State...made five tackles on special teams...lettered for the first time.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of L.C. Bird High School near Richmond, Va...named first team all-district at running back and defensive back and first team all-region at defensive back in 1999...named 1999 all-state second team at defensive back and first team All-Metro Richmond at defensive back...was Dominion District Co-Player of the Year in 1999...rushed for nearly 1,300 yards as a junior.

PERSONAL - Full name is Timothy James Snelling...Born 10/4/81.

T.J. SNELLING'S OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Receiving

YR	G	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	RPG
2000	10	1	8	8.0	8	0	0.1
2001	7	33	313	9.5	60	2	4.9
2002	12	37	408	11.0	30	3	3.1
Totals	29	71	729	10.3	60	5	2.4

Rushing

YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Yds P/G
2000	10	6	20	3.3	6	1	2.0
2001	7	4	-15	-3.8	3	0	-2.1
2002	12	88	416	4.7	63	5	34.7
Totals	29	98	421	4.3	63	6	14.5

#79 GREG STURZ



OFFENSIVE GUARD
6-5, 280 LBS.
JUNIOR
BIOLOGY MAJOR
FAIRFAX, VA.
(PAUL VI)

TWO-YEAR LETTERMAN – A returning starter who continued to improve in spring practice...Will be a leader on the offensive as a starter at right guard...rebounded well from knee ailments before his sophomore season...needed game experience to become a complete lineman and now has it as he enters his final two years of eligibility...one of three expected returning starters to the offensive line.

2002 – Started all 12 games at right guard...Graded 62.7 percent on the season with 53 sacks and only one sack given up...Lettered for the second time.

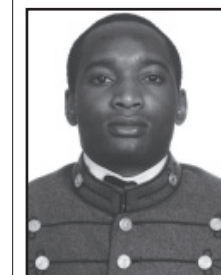
2001 - Played in six games before injuring his knee which sidelined him the rest of the year...earned his first varsity letter...graded 80.2 percent with two knockdowns.

2000 - Reshirted the season...did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Paul VI High School...started on both the offensive and defensive lines in 1999 for the 10-2 Paul VI team that captured the WCAC championship with a win over DeMatha at RFK Stadium.

PERSONAL - Full name is Gregogry Rees Sturz. Born 10/17/81.

#47 RON VAUGHNS



CORNERBACK
5-10, 165 LBS.
SENIOR
ECON. & BUSINESS MAJOR
WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.
(NORTH FORSYTH)

THREE-YEAR LETTERMAN – A veteran performer who will augment the secondary with his athleticism and experience...one of five Keydet defenders with three letters...has filled several roles during his playing career as both a starter and reserve...slated at backup will cornerback but can play other positions and will help fill slots as needed...runs track in the spring.

2002 – Played in 11 games and finished the season with 14 tackles...began the season with six unassisted tackles at Charleston Southern which stood as a season-high for him...credited with five tackles against ETSU filling in for Michael Kirk at cornerback who had been injured earlier in the game...finished with 11 solo tackles on the year...lettered for the third time.

2001 - Started the season rotating at weak corner and played in nickle back situations...moved into the starting lineup in week six against Chattanooga and started all games the rest of the way...credited with 39 tackles on the season...made a season-high 10 tackles with six solos and a tackle for loss against Samford...made five tackles in consecutive games against Chattanooga, Western Carolina, and Appalachian State...made a tackle for loss for -5 yards against William & Mary.

2000 - Did not see game action after sustaining a knee injury in fall camp...underwent surgery and was redshited.

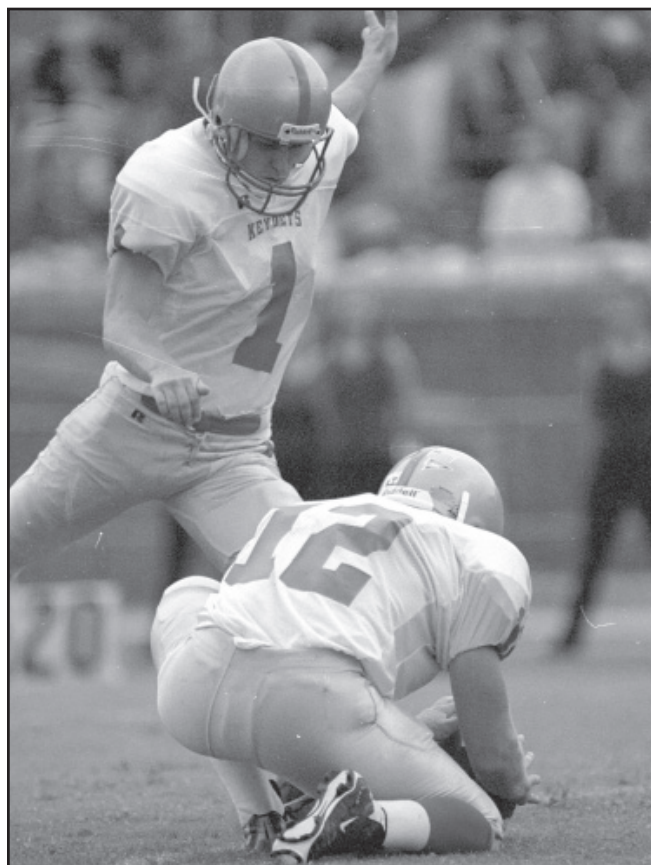
1999 - Played in all 11 games and saw action in reserve and special teams roles...credited with three tackles on the year...earned his first varsity letter.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of North Forsyth High School in Winston-Salem, N.C...selected all-conference in both his junior and senior years...led the team in interceptions with five during his senior year of 1998 and finished his career with nine pickoffs...also a standout in track...ran the 400 meters in 51 seconds and the 200 meters in 22.5 seconds.

PERSONAL - Full name is Edward Kiron Vaughns... Born 11/24/80.

RON VAUGHNS' DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

YR	G	T/A	Tot.	QBS	T/L	FR	CF	PBU	Int.	Yds.	TD
1999	11	2/1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	11	26/13	39	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	8	11/3	14	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Totals	30	39/17	56	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0



Senior placekicker Matt Sharpe (Chesterfield, Va.) is 10 for 14 in career field goal attempts heading into the season.

#63 RANDY WAINMAN



NOSE TACKLE
5-9, 215 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
ELEC. ENGINEERING MAJOR
RICHMOND, VA.
(MILLS GODWIN)

Enters his third year of the program...will add depth to the lineup.

2002 – Worked out on the scout squad and did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Mills E. Godwin High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Randall Leslie Wainman...born 5/2/83.

#46 ANDREW WALTON



RUNNING BACK
5-11, 215 LBS.
FRESHMAN
HISTORY MAJOR
RICHMOND, VA.
(JAMES RIVER)

Came to the team as an invited walk-on last season and enters fall camp searching for his role...worked hard during his redshirt season and a good spring practice...hits the weights hard and is very coachable...will look to compete in the fullback position in certain back formations and will look to earn playing time on special teams...younger brother of VMI center Tommy Walton...father Tom, Sr. is VMI class of 1974.

2002 – Did not see game action.

HIGH SCHOOL – A graduate of James River High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL – Full name is Andrew Burke Walton...born 12/10/83.

#74 TOMMY WALTON



CENTER
5-11, 255 LBS.
JUNIOR
ECON. & BUSINESS MAJOR
MIDLOTHIAN, VA.
(JAMES RIVER)

Will provide quality depth at the center position...will battle Alex Correll for the No.2 center spot...older brother of VMI running back Andrew Walton...father Tom, Sr. is VMI Class of 1974.

2002 - Did not see game action.

2001 - Did not see game action.

2000 - Did not see game action and underwent knee surgery...took a medical redshirt year.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of James River High School in Richmond, Va.

PERSONAL - Full name is Thomas Howard Walton, Jr...Born 7/8/82.

#70 JEREMY WARD



OFFENSIVE GUARD
6-4, 270 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
BIOLOGY MAJOR
GRUNDY, VA.
(GRUNDY)

Realized his potential with a productive spring practice...has positioned himself for the starting right tackle spot...one of the strongest linemen on the team...has considerable game experience which should help him as he moves into a starting role.

2002 - Played in seven games last year at both left and right tackle...played in all 12 games on special teams on PAT/FG units...graded 58.8 percent overall on assignments last year with 11 knockdowns and two sacks given up.

2001 - Did not see game action...Was redshirted.

HIGH SCHOOL - A graduate of Grundy (Va.) High School...named first team all-district for offensive and defensive tackle and was second team all-region selection...lettered three years in football...also lettered three years in track and threw the shot (41') and discus (115')...named Grundy's most dedicated athlete...named Who's Who.

PERSONAL - Full name is Jeremy Matthew Ward...Born 11/19/83.

#42 FRANK WILLIAMS



RUNNING BACK
5-10, 230 LBS.
SOPHOMORE
PSYCHOLOGY MAJOR
ATLANTA, GA.
(NORTH GWINNETT)

Powerfully built running back who is looking to establish himself as a fullback in the Keydet backfield...Has been nagged by injuries early in his college career which have kept him from his full potential...will be counted on in special teams...will compete for playing time at reserve fullback and could be used in certain short yardage situations.

2002 - Played in three games on the year- seeing action against Davidson, Liberty, and Western Carolina...carried six times for 93 yards including a season-long nine yard run against Davidson.

2001 - Did not see game action and took a redshirt year.

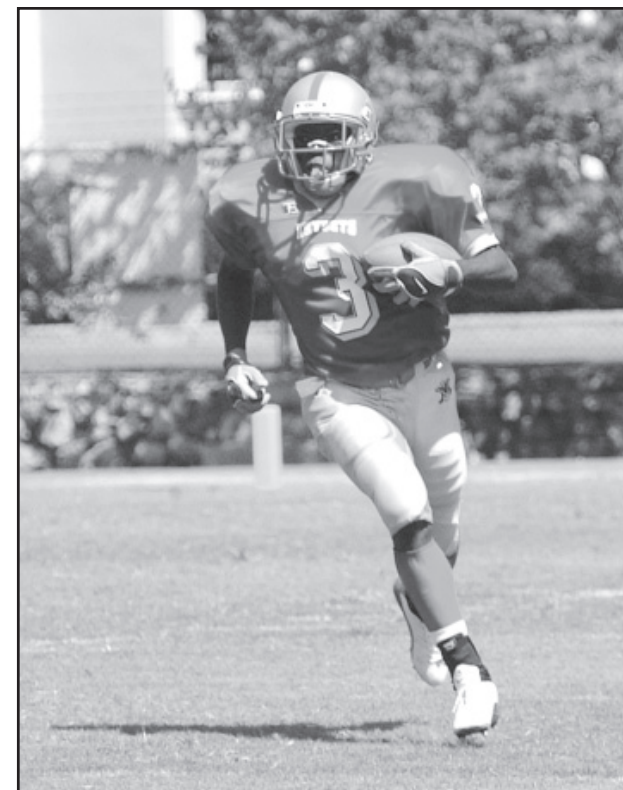
HIGH SCHOOL - A four-year letterman in varsity football and a graduate of N. Gwinnett outside Atlanta...named best lineman of the year his sophomore season at Lakeside High School...named to the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution's* Dekalb All-County second team as a sophomore and Gwinnett All-County second team at fullback in 2000 was named Gwinnett Prep Rally Player of the week for Sept. 8, 2000...also lettered two years in track and wrestling.

PERSONAL - Full name is Frank Graham Williams Jr...Born 2/17/83.

FRANK WILLIAMS' OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Rushing

YR	G	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD	Yds P/G
2002	3	6	23	3.8	23	0	7.7
Totals	3	6	23	3.8	23	0	7.7



Senior cornerback Musa Sarki (Hampton, Va.) picked off six passes last year - the most by a Keydet since 1985.

#4 JONATHAN WILSON



QUARTERBACK
6-1, 207 LBS.
FRESHMAN
ECON & BUSINESS MAJOR
LEXINGTON, VA.
(ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY)

Will compete for the quarterback job with three other candidates in fall camp...possesses the strongest arm of the quarterback group...very athletic QB who has the ability to make plays...led QB's in rushing and total yards during the spring...accuracy and decision making will be the keys to improvement...connected six times on 13 attempts for 78 yards in the spring game.

HIGH SCHOOL – Local product out of Rockbridge County High School and was selected *Associated Press* All-State and All-Timesland (*Roanoke Times*)...named first team quarterback on All-region II, All-Valley District and was 2001 All-Valley District Player of the Year...also named *All-Daily News-Record* (Harrisonburg)...a two-time top gun award MVP...listed on the *Roanoke Times* Top 100 Recruits List for Virginia...All-Blue Ridge District in 2000...holds 16 Rockbridge County High School records and threw for 4,600 yards and 39 TD's and rushed for 600 yards and 12 TD's in his career...threw for four touchdowns each in games against Waynesboro and Louisa in 2001...completed 60 percent of his passes as a senior...Also a three-year letterman in baseball.

PERSONAL – Full name is Jonathan Lee Wilson...Born 4/19/84.



Gary Price (Woodbridge, Va.) was named SoCon freshman of the week against Wofford last year.



The Keydets blocked three punts in 2002, including this one against Furman.