



RETURNEES



MICHAEL TAUILIILI
#34 ■ LB
5-11 ■ 235 ■ Sr. ■ 3V
Houston, Texas
Alief Taylor

2008: Returning three-year starter at middle linebacker ... preseason first team All-ACC choice by *Athlon* ... preseason second team All-ACC selection by both *Lindy's* and *Phil Steele's College Football Preview* ... has secured tremendous game experience with 33 career starts ... vocal leader of the Duke defense ... has reached the 90-tackle plateau in each of his first three seasons as a Blue Devil with over 100 tackles as a junior in 2007 ... in 34 career games, has 294 tackles including 33.0 tackles for loss ... owns career per game averages of 8.65 tackles and 0.97 tackles for loss ... the 33.0 career tackles for loss rank sixth on Duke's all-time list ... leads all active ACC players in career tackles (294) and career tackles for loss (33.0) ... has 12 career double figure tackle games to his credit ... has notched five or more tackles in 28-of-34 career games and in 27 of his last 30 contests dating back to the 2005 season ... has carded at least one tackle for loss in 25-of-34 career games ... two-time honoree as Duke's co-Most Outstanding Defensive Player ... prior to the 2006 season, changed last name from Brown to Tauiliili to honor his Samoan heritage ... childhood friend of Duke teammate Vince Oghobaase.

2007: Started the final 11 games of the season at middle linebacker ... did not play in the season-opener against Connecticut ... reached the century mark with 108 tackles in 11 games to lead the team in tackles per game and rank second overall behind Vincent Rey (111) ... led the squad with 13.0 tackles for loss and tied for the team lead with three interceptions ... finished the year with 4.0 sacks, two pass breakups, two quarterback pressures, one caused fumble and one fumble recovery ... ranked third in the ACC and 35th nationally in tackles per game with a 9.82 average ... ranked seventh in the ACC and tied for 50th in the NCAA with 1.18 tackles for loss per game ... recorded five games with 10 or more tackles on the season ... posted seven or more tackles in 10 of his 11 contests ... had nine games with a tackle for loss, including three outings with two or more ... tallied a season-high 15 tackles, including eight solo stops and 2.5 tackles for loss at Navy ... recorded 13 tackles, 1.5 tackles for loss, one interception and one fumble recovery against Virginia Tech ... tallied 13 tackles, 1.0 tackle for loss and one interception at Georgia Tech ... registered 11 tackles, including seven solo stops, 2.5 tackles for loss and 2.0 sacks versus Clemson ... had 12 tackles, 2.0 tackles for loss and one sack at Notre Dame ... forced a fumble to go with seven tackles at Virginia ... recorded first collegiate interception at Northwestern ... posted nine tackles against both Wake Forest and Florida State ... had eight tackles at Miami and seven at North Carolina ... tallied 749 total snaps for the season with 689 on defense and 60 on special teams ... logged at least 50 snaps in all 11 of his games with a season-high 93 at Florida State.

2006: Started all 12 games ... led Duke in tackles with 94 ... ranked eighth in the ACC and 71st nationally in tackles per game with a 7.8 average ... registered four double figure tackle outings including a season-best 13 stops against Navy ... also reached double figures versus Richmond (11), Virginia Tech (11) and North Carolina (11) ... along with Patrick Bailey, co-recipient of Duke's Most Outstanding Defensive Player honor ... became just the second Blue Devil ever to pace the squad in tackles in his freshman and sophomore seasons, joining Ryan Fowler (2000-01) ... ranked tied for third on the team in quarterback pressures (4) and fourth in tackles for loss (10.0) ... had at least one tackle for loss in eight games ... on the field for 797 total snaps, the fourth-highest total on the team.

2005: First team Freshman All-America, ACC Defensive Freshman of the Year and first team Freshman All-ACC choice by *The Sporting News* ... first team Freshman All-America selection by *Scout.com* ... played in all 11 games, starting the final 10 ... led all rookie linebackers nationally in tackles (92), tackles for loss (10.0) and forced fumbles (3) ... in the ACC, ranked seventh in tackles and tied for fourth in caused fumbles ... joined Erwin Sampson (1988) and Ryan Fowler (2000) as the only freshmen to lead Duke in tackles ... became just the third rookie in school history to pace the team in tackles

for loss, joining Fowler and Chris Combs (1996) ... registered three double figure tackle games, the most by a Blue Devil rookie since Fowler's four in 2000 ... had a season-best 15 stops against Wake Forest ... picked up 14 tackles, three tackles for loss and the first quarterback sack of his career in the season finale at North Carolina ... added 13 tackles including one for loss versus Florida State ... averaged 11.8 tackles per game over the final five weeks of the season ... carded at least one tackle for loss in eight games ... named the co-recipient of Duke's Outstanding Defensive Player award along with Brendan Dewan.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman for Tom Gerber at Alief Taylor ... credited for a team-leading 121 total tackles, 15 tackles for loss, four sacks and one interception to earn first team all-district honors ... named Alief Taylor's Defensive MVP in 2004 ... named All-Greater Houston and a finalist for the Greater Houston Touchdown Club's defensive player of the year award ... first team all-district choice as a junior after totaling 111 tackles, 14 tackles for loss and three sacks ... carded 102 tackles to garner second team all-district accolades in sophomore season ... three-year team captain and leading tackler ... helped squad to back-to-back state playoff berths in 2003 and 2004.

Personal: Son of Iva Brown and Daryl McMullen ... father played basketball at Tennessee State University ... born October 29, 1986.

Tauiliili's Career Defensive Statistics

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	Int	PBU
2005	11/10	56	36	92	10.0-26	1.0-2	0	0
2006	12/12	32	62	94	10.0-31	0.5-3	0	1
2007	11/11	53	55	108	13.0-47	4.0-22	3	2
Total	34/33	141	153	294	33.0-104	5.5-27	3	3




PLAYERS

Michael Tauiliili



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DAMIAN THORNTON

#56 ■ LB

6-1 ■ 235 ■ So. ■ IV

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PAUL THORNTON

#57 ■ LB

6-3 ■ 225 ■ Jr. ■ SQ

Katy, Texas

Katy

2008: Reserve linebacker ... listed as the backup at middle linebacker following spring practice.

2007: Played in the final nine games of the season on special teams ... recorded one tackle at both Miami and North Carolina ... played a total of 102 snaps on the season.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Hibriten under Chuck Cannon ... received all-county and all-conference honors as a senior after recording 217 tackles, 13 tackles for loss, three sacks and 14 quarterback pressures ... posted 135 tackles with 10 tackles for loss and four sacks as a junior ... helped squad to state playoff berths in both 2005 and 2006 ... also participated in basketball, wrestling and track and field.

Personal: Son of Howard and Mary Pearson ... both parents played basketball at Lees-McRae ... born June 26, 1989.

2008: Reserve outside linebacker.

2007: Did not see game action.

2006: Did not see game action.


2005: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Katy under Gary Joseph and Mike Johnson ... charted as the 64th-top outside linebacker in the nation by *Rivals.com* ... all-region selection by *Prep Star* magazine ... tabbed one of the top 100 players in Texas by the *Houston Chronicle* ... as a senior, co-captained Katy to a 12-2 record and state playoff berth by registering 111 tackles and six sacks ... received first team All-Greater Houston and honorable mention all-state accolades ... finalist for the Houston Touchdown Club's Defensive Player of the Year award ... in junior campaign, picked up 116 total tackles, eight sacks and one interception as Katy went 15-1 and captured the state championship ... two-time first team all-district selection ... helped high school team to three-year record of 38-7 ... finished career with 227 tackles, 14 sacks, three interceptions and a pair of blocked kicks ... also an all-district choice in track and field in the discus competition.

Personal: Son of Bodley and Karen Thornton ... grandfather, Ben Boehnke, played football at North Texas State (1954-56) and coached at Blinn Junior College (1963-90) ... born November 29, 1986.

D. Thornton's Career Defensive Statistics

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	Int	PBU
2007	9/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
Total	9/0	1	1	2	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0



JOSH TREZVANT

#86 ■ WR

5-11 ■ 185 ■ R-Fr. ■ SQ

Morrilton, Ark.

Morrilton

2008: Reserve wide receiver.

2007: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Played four seasons at Morrilton under Buddy Greeson ... All-Region selection by *PrepStar* magazine ... hauled in 74 passes for 1,353 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior ... as a junior, caught 66 passes for 1,107 yards and six touchdowns while rushing for an additional 920 yards and 14 scores ... caught 57 passes for 653 yards and seven TDs during sophomore year ... named one of three finalists for Arkansas' 5A Offensive Player of the Year ... helped Morrilton to 27 wins and three state playoff berths in four years ... selected to the Arkansas High School Coaches Association All-Star Football Game (June 22, 2007 at Reynolds Razorback Stadium on the University of Arkansas campus) ... listed on Arkansas' 2005 *Associated Press* Super Team ... also participated in basketball and track and field.

Personal: Son of Gertie and Terry Trezvant ... born January 16, 1989.



Damian Thornton

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GARRETT UTT
#89 ■ TE
6-4 ■ 220 ■ R-Fr. ■ SQ
Atlanta, Ga.
Lovett & Hargrave Military Acad.

2008: Reserve tight end.

2007: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Four-year letterman at Lovett under Bill Bailey and Mike Muschamp ... played the 2006 season at Hargrave Military under Robert Prunty ... as a junior at Lovett, started at quarterback and totaled 1,268 yards of total offense with 14 touchdowns ... in 2005, caught 11 passes for 192 yards and five touchdowns in just three games before suffering season-ending injury ... helped Lovett to a four-year mark of 26-17 with four state playoff berths, serving as team captain as a senior ... helped Hargrave to a 7-3 ledger in 2006 ... also participated in track and field at Lovett, capturing the 2005 regional championship in the discus while helping team to three region titles.

Personal: Son of Ben and Liz Utt ... father was a three-year starter (1978-80) on the offensive line at Georgia Tech, served as team captain in 1980 and later played with the Baltimore and Indianapolis Colts from 1982-89 ... born November 2, 1987.




JUSTIN WILKERSON
#44 ■ DE
6-3 ■ 230 ■ R-Fr. ■ SQ
Oxford, N.C.
Webb

2008: Moved to defensive end from linebacker in spring practice.

2007: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Webb under John Hammett ... first team all-conference and all-area selection as a senior after posting 87 tackles, five caused fumbles and one interception while catching 18 passes for 260 yards and three touchdowns ... registered first team all-conference honors on both sides of the ball as a junior following a 102-tackle campaign that included 18 pass receptions for 240 yards and four touchdowns ... had 116 tackles, five caused fumbles and two fumble recoveries during sophomore season ... helped Webb to state playoff appearances in 2004 and 2006 ... also participated in basketball and baseball.

Personal: Son of Delios and Lewis Wilkerson ... both parents participated in college athletics at St. Augustine's (father - baseball; mother - track and field) ... born December 21, 1988.



ALFRED WILLIAMS
#33 ■ LB
6-2 ■ 245 ■ Sr. ■ 3V
College Park, Ga.
Westlake

2008: Veteran reserve linebacker who will compete for playing time at middle linebacker.

2007: Played in all 12 games ... tallied 16 total tackles ... posted a season-high three tackles against both Connecticut and Navy ... registered two tackles with one tackle for loss against Wake Forest ... also had two tackles against Virginia Tech and Clemson ... recorded at least one tackle in nine of the 12 games ... played 216 snaps on the season with 125 on defense and 91 on special teams ... had a season-high 28 plays against Virginia Tech ... tallied 20 or more snaps in five games ... selected as a game captain for the Wake Forest contest.

2006: Played in all 12 games ... finished with four tackles ... on the field for 152 total snaps.

2005: Played in seven games ... recorded six total tackles including a season-best three against Virginia Tech ... had two stops at Miami.

2004: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Listed as the 45th-top overall prospect and the seventh best linebacker in Georgia by *SuperPrep* ... played for coach Dallas Allen ... as a senior, carded 127 tackles with six sacks and one interception while leading Westlake to an 9-3 record and state playoff berth ... guided a Westlake defense that allowed just 9.3 points per game during the regular season in 2003 ... as a junior, totaled 114 tackles with four sacks.

Personal: Son of Alfreda Williams ... grandson of Alfred and Verdell Pierce ... born December 8, 1985.

A. Williams' Career Defensive Statistics

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	Int	PBU
2005	7/0	3	3	6	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
2006	12/0	2	2	4	0.0-0	0.0-0	0	0
2007	12/0	7	9	16	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0
Total	31/0	12	14	26	0.5-1	0.0-0	0	0

A. Williams' Career Kickoff Return Statistics

Year	G/GS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2005	7/0	1	16	16.0	0	16
2006	12/0	1	7	7.0	0	7
2007	12/0	1	6	6.0	0	6
Total	31/0	3	29	9.7	0	16




Alfred Williams

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GLENN WILLIAMS
 #24 ■ FS
 5-10 ■ 185 ■ Sr. ■ 3V
 Baltimore, Md.
 Archbishop Curley

2008: Experienced defensive back listed as the starter at free safety entering the fall ... moved back to safety after playing cornerback in 2007 ... one of 15 active players in the ACC with over 140 career tackles.

2007: Played in all 12 games with 10 starts at cornerback ... ranked fifth on the team with 66 tackles and ranked 39th in the ACC with 5.5 tackles per game ... finished the season with 2.0 tackles for loss, one sack and three pass breakups ... recorded two double digit tackle games ... posted a career-high 11 tackles with eight solo stops against Wake Forest ... tallied 10 tackles and two pass breakups at Northwestern ... registered nine tackles and one pass breakup at Florida State ... had tackles for loss against Virginia Tech, Clemson and North Carolina ... recorded seven tackles at Georgia Tech ... posted three or more tackles in 10 of the 12 games ... one of three players to record over 800 snaps on the season, joining Chris Davis (1,070) and Leon Wright (987) ... finished with a total of 857 plays on the gridiron ... tallied over 65 plays in nine games with season highs of 96 snaps against Connecticut and Northwestern.

2006: Played in all 12 games ... started the season-opener versus Richmond ... finished seventh on the team with 54 total tackles ... added two sacks, two PBUs and one fumble recovery ... had a career-high eight tackles with one sack versus Virginia ... carded seven stops against North Carolina ... played 572 total snaps including a season-best 85 versus North Carolina ... named Duke's Most Improved Defensive Player.


2005: Played in all 11 games ... recorded 21 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss and one pass breakup ... recorded a season-high six stops including one for loss and a PBU against Wake Forest ... on the field for 229 snaps.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Archbishop Curley under Sean Murphy ... helped team to conference championships in 2003 and 2004 ... as a senior, recorded 33 tackles, two interceptions and 16 pass breakups ... in junior season, credited with 44 tackles, three interceptions and 12 pass breakups ... finished career with 2,922 rushing yards and 41 rushing touchdowns along with four additional TDs on special teams returns ... first team all-state pick following senior season ... twice named first team all-metro, all-city and all-conference ... team MVP in both 2003 and 2004 ... recipient of a National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete award ... also participated in track and field.

Personal: Son of Deatra Solomon and Glenn Williams, Sr. ... born March 14, 1987.

G. Williams' Career Defensive Statistics

Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	Int	PBU
2005	11/0	14	7	21	1.5-5	0.0-0	0	1
2006	12/1	29	25	54	2.5-11	2.0-10	0	2
2007	12/10	37	29	66	2.0-8	0.5-3	0	3
Total	35/11	80	61	141	6.0-24	2.5-13	0	6



RYAN WOOD
 #82 ■ WR
 6-1 ■ 190 ■ Sr. ■ 3V
 Buford, Ga.
 Buford

2008: Returning wide receiver who is scheduled to compete for playing time ... listed first on the depth chart at the No. 2 wide receiver spot along with Raphael Chestnut ... returns as the team's holder on placement kicks ... married to the former Erin Pridemore of Buford, Ga. ... brother-in-law of Blue Devil teammate Matt Pridemore.

2007: Played in all 12 games ... served as the holder on placement kicks ... on the field for a total of 42 snaps.

2006: Played in eight games, sitting out the Richmond, Wake Forest, Virginia Tech and Navy contests ... returned one punt for three yards at Georgia Tech ... on the gridiron for 22 total plays.

2005: Played in all 11 games ... caught four passes for 26 yards ... had three receptions for 20 yards against Navy ... played 134 snaps including a season-best 34 against Navy.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Buford under his father, Dexter Wood ... helped Buford to 45 consecutive victories and three straight state titles ... as a senior, caught 30 passes for 555 yards and three touchdowns and earned first team all-area and all-county honors ... served as team captain during senior season ... during junior campaign, hauled in 29 passes for 455 yards and four touchdowns en route to receiving second team all-area and all-county accolades ... three-year starter ... set school record for career pass receptions with 70 ... also participated in basketball and track and field ... selected to play in Georgia's North-South All-Star Game ... three-year member of the National Honor Society.

Personal: Son of Dexter and Martha Wood ... father played football at Alabama from 1969-73 ... born February 4, 1986.

Wood's Career Receiving Statistics

Year	G/GS	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2005	11/0	4	26	6.5	0	9
2006	8/0	0	0	—	0	0
2007	12/0	0	0	—	0	0
Total	31/0	4	26	6.5	0	9

Wood's Career Punt Return Statistics

Year	G/GS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2005	11/0	0	0	—	0	0
2006	8/0	1	3	3.0	0	3
2007	12/0	0	0	—	0	0
Total	31/0	1	3	3.0	0	3



Glenn Williams




Ryan Wood





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LEON WRIGHT
#7 • CB
5-9 • 170 • Jr. • 2V
St. Petersburg, Fla.
Northeast

2008: Returning starter at left cornerback ... also returns as Duke's punt returner from last season ... has good speed and quickness ... ranks tied for ninth among active ACC players with four career interceptions.

2007: Started all 12 games at cornerback ... tied for the team lead with three interceptions while leading the squad with eight pass breakups ... finished the season ranked fourth on the team with 67 tackles ... ranked 37th in the ACC with 5.6 tackles per game and was ninth with 11 passes defended ... returned 15 punts for 85 yards to rank ninth in the ACC with a 5.7 punt return average ... recovered a fumble and returned it 24 yards for a touchdown against Georgia Tech ... it marked Duke's first fumble return for a touchdown since November 8, 1997 when Darius Clark returned a fumble five yards for a score against Clemson ... recorded two interceptions and seven tackles at Miami ... made a career-high 11 tackles, including 10 solo stops, at Florida State ... posted seven solo tackles and one interception at Northwestern ... registered seven tackles and a career-high three pass breakups against Clemson ... tallied eight tackles in the season-opener against Connecticut ... recorded eight games of five or more tackles ... had a pass breakup in each of the final five games ... top game as a punt returner came against Wake Forest with four returns for 52 yards, including a season-long 26-yard return ... one of two players with over 900 snaps on the season, joining Chris Davis (1,070) ... tallied 987 total snaps with 10 games of over 70 plays ... registered 105 plays at Florida State and 104 at Navy.

2006: Played in 11 games, missing only the Miami tilt ... posted 17 tackles including a season-best six versus Florida State ... also picked up first collegiate interception against the Seminoles ... returned 15 punts for 91 yards to rank first among ACC rookies, 10th overall in the league and 69th nationally with a 6.1 per return average ... long punt return of 22 yards came at Alabama ... had six kickoff returns for 116 yards and a 19.3 average ... long kickoff return of 27 yards came at Virginia Tech.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterman at Northeast High School under coach Jerry Austin ... listed as the 64th-top cornerback in the country by *Scout.com* ... earned first team all-county and all-conference honors as a senior after rushing for 1,290 yards and 13 touchdowns while recording 71 tackles and four interceptions ... in junior season, had 69 tackles and six interceptions to garner first team all-county accolades ... named first team all-county as a sophomore following a 58-tackle, nine-interception campaign while helping squad to the district crown ... also participated in basketball, serving as team captain.

Personal: Son of Kayla and Leon Wright ... born September 4, 1987.

L. Wright's Career Defensive Statistics								
Year	G/GS	Solo	Ast	Total	TFL	QBS	Int	PBU
2006	11/0	12	5	17	0.0-0	0.0-0	1	0
2007	12/12	54	13	68	2.0-3	0.0-0	3	8
Total	23/12	66	18	84	2.0-3	0.0-0	4	8

L. Wright's Career Kickoff Return Statistics						
Year	G/GS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2006	11/0	6	116	19.3	0	27
2007	12/12	0	0	—	0	0
Total	23/12	6	116	19.3	0	27

L. Wright's Career Punt Return Statistics						
Year	G/GS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD	Lg
2006	11/0	15	91	6.1	0	22
2007	12/12	15	85	5.7	0	26
Total	23/12	30	176	5.9	0	26



Leon Wright



KEVIN WU
WR
5-6 • 160 • So. • SQ
Lexington, Mass.
Lexington

2008: Reserve walk-on wide receiver ... earned the Devil Heart Award following spring practice.

2007: Did not see game action.

Prior to Duke: Three-year letterwinner at Lexington under coach Bill Tighe ... tallied 70 tackles, five sacks and one fumble recovery during his senior season ... served as defensive captain in his senior season ... recorded 10 carries for 64 yards and two touchdowns during his sophomore campaign to go with two sacks, one caused fumble and one fumble recovery ... also participated in track and field, wrestling and basketball ... member of the 2007 Massachusetts Division I State Champion track and field team and placed second in the 4x100 meter relay at the state championships.

Personal: Son of Yaming and Mei Wu ... born January 6, 1989 in Logan, Utah.

