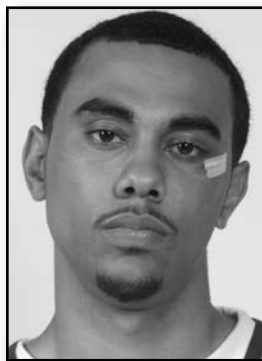


MEET THE 2008-09 BULLDOGS

**VERDELL BILLINGSLEY**

6-6 ♦ 220 ♦ Junior ♦ Forward
Cleveland, Ohio/Lakewood (Owens CC)



2008-09: Has the potential to be a quality all-around player ... Displays the skills to be a good defensive player and rebounder ... Making adjustments to Division II level ... Versatile player who will provide a good interior presence.

College: Averaged 11.6 points and 6.3 rebounds per game in 25 contests as a sophomore during the 2007-08 campaign at Owens Community College in Toledo, Ohio ... Coached by Kevin Skaggs while at Owens CC ... Owens CC finished last season with a 10-19 overall record and a sixth-place (3-11) league finish as an Ohio Community College Athletic Conference (OCCAC) member ... Was one of three Express players from last year to move onto the NCAA Division II level ... Previously played at Cleveland's Cuyahoga Community College during the 2004-05 season ... Also attended the University of Toledo as a student from 2005-07.

High School: Graduated in 2004 from Lakewood (Ohio) High School near the Cleveland area in Ohio ... Was an All-Lake Erie League First Team pick ... Also garnered All-Northeast Ohio accolades and was an all-area honoree ... Averaged 15.3 points per game as a prep senior.

Personal: Plans to major in history education at Ferris State University.

BILLINGSLEY FILE

YEAR
Junior
POSITION
Forward
HEIGHT
6-6
WEIGHT
220
HOMETOWN
Cleveland, Ohio
HIGH SCHOOL
Lakewood
JUNIOR COLLEGE COACH
Kevin Skaggs
COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE
Junior College
PREVIOUS COLLEGE
Owens CC

**JIM BOYLAN**

6-10 ♦ 250 ♦ RFreshman ♦ Center
Grayling, Mich.



2008-09: Coming off a redshirt season ... Brings a tremendous amount of size to the program ... Made strides in the last year ... Continues to improve conditioning level ... Making gradual adjustment to collegiate game.

College: Redshirted at FSU during the 2007-08 season.

High School: A 2007 graduate of Grayling High School ... Averaged 15 points and 12 rebounds for GHS as a prep senior in 2006-07 ... Ranked as the state's fifth-best senior prospect at the center position by *InsidePrepSports.com* ... Helped Vikings to a conference championship in the Lake Michigan Conference in 2005 ... Totaled 12 points and 10 boards per contest as a junior ... All-State Honorable Mention choice ... Team captain ... Named team's Most Improved Player in 2004 ... Earned all-conference honorable mention honors ... Tallied 10 points and 10 rebounds a game as a sophomore (2004-05) ... Scored eight points and grabbed eight rebounds as a freshman ... Helped team to 20-3 and 19-4 marks, respectively, in 2004-05 and 2005-06 ... Coached by Rich Moffit ... Four-year letterwinner ... Also competed in baseball.

Personal: Son of James and Cheryl Boyland of Grayling, Mich. ... Born 7/24/89 in Ann Arbor, Mich. ... Hobbies include shooting and hunting ... Father is a retired corrections officer ... His brother, Mike, plays collegiate basketball at Lake Superior State University ... Also has a younger sister, Laura ... Criminal Justice major.

BOYLAN FILE

YEAR
Redshirt Freshman
POSITION
Center
HEIGHT
6-10
WEIGHT
250
HOMETOWN
Grayling, Mich.
HIGH SCHOOL
Grayling
HIGH SCHOOL COACH
Rich Moffit
COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE
Redshirted last year
PREVIOUS COLLEGE
None

**MAX GOVER**

6-4 ♦ 200 ♦ Freshman ♦ Guard/Forward
Lansing, Mich./Catholic Central



2008-09: Nice-sized wing player ... Comes from an outstanding prep tradition ... Versatile player ... Should provide added depth ... Competitive and hard-nosed player ... Continues to develop overall game.

High School: A 2008 graduate of Lansing Catholic Central High School ... Led team to the 2008 MHSAA Class B State Championship ... Hit a game-winning jumper with 12 seconds remaining to lift the Cougars to a 54-53 win over Flint Powers in the state title game (3/15/08) at Michigan State University's Breslin Center in East Lansing, Mich. ... Earned 2008 *Detroit News* Class B All-State Sixth Team accolades ... Averaged 10.5 points, 5.1 rebounds and 2.1 assists per game as a senior ... Guided Lansing Catholic Central to its first-ever state title and first trip to the state semifinals since 1996 ... Two-time All-Capital Area Activities Conference (CAAC) selection ... Was a 2008 *Lansing State Journal* Class B All-Area pick ... Helped LCC become Mid-Michigan's first Class B State Champions since Okemos in 1982 ... Team won more than 20 games in each of his final two seasons ... Prepped by head coach Darren Zwick ... Squad claimed its first league title in 22 years his junior year and won a second-straight conference championship by capturing the CAAC White Division with a 23-4 overall record in 2007-08 ... Team MVP ... Blue-Chip Basketball Camp prospect ... Ranked as the number seven shooting guard in Michigan's Class of 2008 by Great Lakes Hoops ... Regarded as the 30th-best power forward in the state's class this year by Inside Prep Sports ... Also competed in football and was a three-year letterwinner.

Personal: Son of Diana and the late Mark Gover of Lansing, Mich. ... Born 3/7/90 in Lansing, Mich. ... Enjoys video games ... Has a younger sister, Elle.

GOVER FILE

YEAR
Freshman
POSITION
Guard/Forward
HEIGHT
6-4
WEIGHT
200
HOMETOWN
Lansing, Mich.
HIGH SCHOOL
Catholic Central
HIGH SCHOOL COACH
Darren Zwick
COLLEGIATE EXPERIENCE
None
PREVIOUS COLLEGE
None

