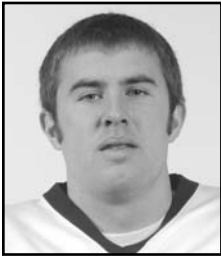


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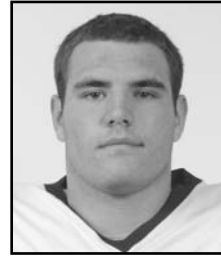
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TOM THORNTON
Defensive Tackle
 6-4 ♦ 277 ♦ R Freshman
 Flushing

Redshirt freshman tackle... Suffered a serious injury in spring ball and hopes to return back in full form by midseason... Hardworker... Has good all-around ability... Athletic... Shows good quickness and agility... Changes directions well... Missed entire 2004 season due to injury suffered in Michigan High School All-Star Game... Gained All-Big Nine Conference first-team laurels on offense and second-team honors on defense as a senior at Flushing High... Coached by Bob Buckel... A 2004 graduate... Two-time (2002-03) team captain... Chosen as squad's best lineman and best defensive player in final prep campaign... Received FHS "Iron Man" Award all four years... 2003 conference high jump champion... Birthdate: 11/4/85... Major: Management.

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JOHN VANDEMBERG
Fullback-H Back
 5-11 ♦ 236 ♦ Senior
 Trenton

Returns as starting fullback... Versatile... Powerful runner and blocker... Excels in short-yardage situations... Runs and catches the ball well... Tough and instinctive... Had a productive spring... Two-time (2004-05) GLIAC All-Academic Team selection... Three-time (2003-05) FSU Dean's Academic Award recipient... Started seven of 11 games played in 2005... Rushed for career-best 46 yards on four carries vs. Northwood (10/29)... Ran for 19 yards with two TD's on five attempts vs. Northern Michigan (10/15) to go with a season-high 19-yard kickoff return... Tallied a one-yard TD at Michigan Tech (10/22)... Had a 10-yard reception at North Dakota (10/8)... 11-game starter in 2004... Lone 2004 season carry was for 14 yards at Indianapolis (9/18)... Caught a 15-yard pass at Ashland (9/4) and one for eight yards vs. Findlay (10/2)... Appeared in five 2003 outings, primarily on special teams... Recorded season's lone tackle vs. Mercyhurst (10/18)... A honorable mention all-stater as a senior at Trenton High under coach Bob Czamecki... Named team MVP during senior season... Made a missionary trip to Ecuador... FSU Letters: Three... Birthdate: 4/13/84... Major: Criminal Justice.

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	CAREER STATISTICAL TOTALS	YDS	TD	LG	AVG/N	REC	YDS	TD	LG
2003-05	27-18	12	83	3	20	6.9	7	36	0	15	

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C.J. VAN WIEREN
Quarterback-Kicker
 6-4 ♦ 235 ♦ Junior
 Holland (West Ottawa)

Fearless competitor... Vying for starting job entering fall camp... Has developed passing skills... Mobile and athletic... Natural leader and playmaker... Rushed for a team-high 363 yards in 10 2005 outings... Named GLIAC Offensive Player of the Week (9/26) after rushing for a game-high 194 yards and three TD's while passing for 219 yards vs. Mercyhurst (9/24)... Threw for career-high 236 yards and two TD's at Hillsdale (9/10)... Totaled 67 rushing yards vs. Indianapolis (9/17)... Holds FSU game and season marks for rushing yards by a quarterback... Saw action in seven 2004 contests as a kickoff specialist... A first-team all-stater at West Ottawa High under coach Jim Caserta... Achieved *Detroit News* and *Grand Rapids Press*' First-Team Dream Team honors as a senior... Threw for 2,139 yards and 29 TD's as a senior to rank 20th all-time among state's single-season passing leaders and sixth in TD's... Guided Panthers to most wins in school history (8-3) in 2002... Received first-team OK Red Conference laurels in senior year... A 2002-03 *Detroit Free Press* Class A Sixth-Team All-State and *Associated Press* All-State HM pick... Also playing basketball at Ferris... FSU Letters: Two... Birthdate: 2/27/85... Major: Elementary Education.

YEAR	G-GS	ATT	COMP	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	LG	RUSH	YDS	TD	LG
2005	10-2	97	51	597	.526	3	5	52	83	363	4	32

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JAKE VISSER
Defensive Tackle
 6-2 ♦ 265 ♦ Sophomore
 Coopersville

An outstanding lineman... Earned All-GLIAC Honorable Mention laurels last season as an 11-game starter... Named FSU's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman in 2005 after placing second among team's tackles leaders... A 2005 GLIAC All-Academic Team pick... Posted season-high 14 tackles twice - at Grand Valley State (8/27) and at Findlay (10/1)... Tallied 13 stops vs. Northwood (10/29) and posted 10 tackles at Hillsdale (9/10)... Notched nine stops apiece vs. Ashland (9/3) and Mercyhurst (9/24)... Ranked 47th nationally in forced fumbles (0.27 avg.) and 64th in total tackles (8.9 avg.)... 2004 FSU Tomorrow's Team Defensive Player of the Year and lone action was vs. Michigan Tech (10/23)... An *Associated Press* All-State Class B First-Team pick as a senior at Coopersville High under coach Jim Meerman... Received *Detroit Free Press* All-State Division 4 honors in 2003 and was named to *Grand Rapids Press*' Dream Team in 2002 and 2003... Two-time (2002-03) all-league pick... Selected CHS' MVP in senior year... Registered 98 tackles as a senior with nine sacks... Finished career with 209 tackles and 15 sacks... Two-time CHS Weightlifter of the Year... Won a showmanship award for a steer at the Berlin (Ottawa County) Fair... FSU Letters: One... Birthdate: 2/20/86... Major: History Education.

YEAR	G-GS	SOLO	ASSIST	CAREER STATISTICAL TOTALS	TOTAL	INT	SK-YD	TFL-YD	FR
2004-05	12-11	43	55	98	0	4.0-22	8.0-29	2	

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KYLE WALKER
Defensive End
 6-1 ♦ 250 ♦ Sophomore
 Grand Haven

A high-energy player... Battling for starting duties at left end... Has improved size and strength... Intense... Enjoyed a solid spring... Hard worker... Chosen as team's Outstanding Defensive Rookie for 2005 campaign... Finished tied for sixth place in team's tackles a season ago... Posted season-best 11 tackles vs. Ashland (9/3) and had nine stops in season finale at Saginaw Valley State (11/5)... Made eight tackles at Michigan Tech (10/22) and seven at Findlay (10/1)... Had two sacks for minus 17 yards at North Dakota (10/8)... Redshirted in 2004... Earned all-conference plaudits during senior year at Grand Haven High... Coached by Steve Horodyski... Selected as GHHS' Most Outstanding Offensive Lineman in 2003 and served as a team captain... Twice (2002-03) named to all-area team... Dad played football at the Naval Academy... Moved to Michigan from Pennsylvania during freshman year... FSU Letters: One... Birthdate: 3/16/86... Major: Management.

YEAR	G-GS	SOLO	ASSIST	CAREER STATISTICAL TOTALS	TOTAL	INT	SK-YD	TFL-YD	FR
2005	11-10	25	27	52	0	3.0-21	10.0-42	1	

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PATRICK WELLS
Cornerback
 6-1 ♦ 200 ♦ Junior
 Miamisburg, Ohio

Athletic cornerback... Has good size and speed... Possesses good cover skills... Will be a key special teams performer... Can also play both safety positions... Competed the 2004-05 seasons at Glendale (Ariz.) Community College under coach Joe Kersting... Helped guide nationally top-ranked GCC to 2005 National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Championship title en route to an 11-0 overall record and a first-place 10-0 Western States Football League (WSFL) mark... Had 39 tackles with three interceptions for the Gauchos last year... Was a multi-sport star at Miamisburg High... Two-time (2002-03) All-Mid Miami League selection... Prepped by Tim Lewis... Compiled 51 tackles and seven pass thefts as a senior... Received All-Southwest Ohio and all-area kudos during senior year... Member of two (2001-02) conference championship teams (2001-02)... Competed four years apiece (2000-03) in track and basketball... His younger sister, Brittany, plays basketball at Findlay (Ohio)... Birthdate: 10/10/84... Major: Applied Biology.

