

# KNOW YOUR FRESHMEN

## WILL CAMPBELL - 73

Detroit's own, Campbell is an alum of Cass Tech. Campbell was rated as a consensus 5-star defensive tackle.

## VLADIMIR EMILIEN - 5

Though he missed his senior high school season with a knee injury, Vlad is expected to be healthy for the spring. He'll challenge for playing time at safety and on special teams.

## TATE FORCIER - 5

If the name's familiar, that's because Tate's older brother, Jason, spent a couple years with the Wolverines earlier this decade. Tate is expected to challenge for the starting QB position.

## BRANDIN HAWTHORNE - 7

If you loved Martavious Odoms last year, his high school teammates should thrill you once more in 2009. Hawthorne is a slightly undersized but very speedy outside linebacker. He was the defensive player of the year in South Florida.

## MIKE JONES - 27

Jones hails from the alma mater of Greg Mathews, Orlando Edgewater. He was a big safety in high school who may play linebacker in college.

## ANTHONY LALOTA - 30

Though he's only been playing football for a couple years, recruiting sites loved Lalota. With the ability to play either offensive line or defensive end, Lalota is a versatile player.

## VINCENT SMITH - 2

Another high school teammate of Martavious Odoms, Vincent Smith is an electrifying running back who was the Offensive Player of the Year in south Florida.

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## PREDICTED DEPTH CHART

LT	LG	C	RG	RT
71 - Ortmann	52 - Schilling	50 - Molk	60 - Moudsman	65 - Omenah
78 - O'Neill	56 - Barnum	63 - Khoury	74 - Ferrara	79 - Dorrestein

QB	PowerRB	SpeedRB	FB
5- Forcier	4- Minor	23 - Brown	44 - Moudros
16 - Cone	24 - Grady	2 - V. Smith	

TE	SE-X	SE-Z	SLOT
86 - Koger	13 - Mathews	21 - Hemmingway	9 - Odoms
80 - Webb	22 - Stonum	82 - Savoy	7 - Robinson

DE	NT	DE
53- Van Bergen	68 - Martin	55 - Graham
92 - Banks	95 - Sagesse	81 - Watson

WLB	MLB	SLB	OLB
25 - Demens	42 - Fitzgerald	45 - Ezech	3 - Brown
7 - Hawthorne	58 - Herron	9 - Evans	

CB	FS	SS	CB
6 - Warren	40 - Williams	28 - B. Smith	33 - Cissoko
29 - Woolfolk	9 - Emlien	27 - Jones	12 - Floyd

# WHAT TO WATCH FOR OFFENSE

## POSITION BATTLES

The offensive line started 2008 as a liability, but improved over the course of the year. Coming into 2009, all the starters return, but there are 6 redshirt freshmen who will have a chance to contribute. Patrick Omameh and Ricky Barnum are the most likely to get some playing time.

## QUARTERBACKS

At quarterback, the position battle won't be on display during the spring game - Nick Sheridan and Denard Robinson are supposed to be the main challengers to freshman Tate Forcier, but Sheridan is out for the spring with a broken right leg, and Robinson has yet to graduate from high school.

## SLOTS AND MORE SLOTS

Martavious Odums was impressive at slot receiver as a freshman last year, but now he won't be alone. Terrence Robinson returns from injury to join him. Freshman Jeremy Gallon will arrive in fall.

## DEFENSE

## POSITION BATTLES

Early-enrolled freshman William Campbell is expected to contribute on the defensive line this season, but he's still raw in terms of technique. Will he be able to earn serious playing time at one of the defensive tackle positions? He'll compete with Renaldo Sagesse and for fullback Vince Helmuth.

At linebacker, the only clear starter is Obi Ezeji, who has manned the middle of the unit for Michigan in the past two seasons. JB Fitzgerald, Marrell Evans, Brandon Herron, and freshman Brandin Hawthorne are in competition for the other spots (Jonas Mouton is out for spring with an injury). Stevie Brown is still technically a safety, but will play in the box more often.

In the secondary, Brandon Smith (who missed 2008 after appendectomy surgery) and Michael Williams are the likely starters at safety. However, Stevie Brown will also play a nickel safety role, and freshman Vladimir Emilian and Mike Jones will challenge for playing time.

# NEW DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

Greg "GERG" Robinson is the new man in charge on defense, the Wolverines' 4th coordinator in 5 years. With pro and college experience (including some of the most successful NFL defenses of the early 2000s), he hopefully will bring a steady hand to a unit that was shaky in 2008.

Among his changes is an increase in the number of hybrid positions. Stevie Brown will be playing a nickel safety hybrid with outside linebacker, and several players, including Brandon Graham, freshman Anthony Lalota, and former tight end Steve Watson, will try their hand at "Spinner," a hybrid between linebacker



## YOU MAY BE MISSING...

Several important contributors to the Wolverines graduated following the 2008 season. DTs Terrance Taylor and Will Johnson, DE Tim Jamison, CB Morgan Trent, and TE Carson Butler will hopefully move on to the NFL. Several other players, such as TE Mike Massey, LBs Johnny Thompson and Austin Panter, SS Charles Stewart and Brandon Harrison, and K KC Lopata also exhausted the eligibility.

Steven Threet was Michigan's starting quarterback for much of last year, but he has moved on from the Michigan program.

Toney Clemons, a wideout who played slot receiver last year, will leave Michigan to find a better-fitting offense for his skill set.

## DON'T LEAVE YET...

Stick around after the Spring Game. At 3pm the Michigan Baseball will take on the Fighting Illini at Ray Fisher Stadium. Come see what Formerly Anon is obsessed with. Inconveniently, at 3:05pm the Softball team is playing the Minnesota Golden Gophers at Alumni Field.

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