

**COMMITODDS**

Premium Board · Issue 01 · Week of October 27, 2026

TENNESSEE · CLASS OF 2027

TARGET BOARD

The defensive-line hole after the Mays flip, Bowman's "We home," a Wednesday decision, and the LSU commit Tennessee still has a real shot at.

18public commits
(Vols Wire, Oct 19)**7**of them in the
CommitOdds model**5.8**model-expected to hold
through Dec 2**0**defensive linemen
committed**INSIDE**

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THIS WEEK

TOP STORYLINES

Five things a Tennessee fan should know, Oct. 20–27, 2026.

01 The Mays flip exposed the defensive-line hole

Four-star junior-college defensive lineman Christian Mays, committed to Tennessee since June 6, flipped to Georgia on Oct. 19 after an official visit to Athens for Georgia–Auburn ([Vols Wire \(USA Today\), Oct 19, 2026](#)). 247Sports noted he was the only projected defensive lineman in the class ([247Sports, Oct 19, 2026](#)). Tennessee's public list now sits at 18, and our position count shows the gap plainly: **no DL or Edge commits**, no interior OL. The visible next lead is Memphis Central DL Joshua Lane, who has an official visit to Knoxville set for Kentucky weekend, Nov. 7 ([Vols On SI](#)). Mays (juco) and Lane are outside the CommitOdds tracked set, so we show no odds for them.

02 Bowman to the flip rumors: “We home”

On Oct. 14, after Vols On SI reported an SEC program was pushing to flip him, **Kesean Bowman** posted “We home” with two orange emojis on his public X account ([Rocky Top Insider, Oct 14, 2026 \(embeds his X post\)](#)). Our model agrees: his Tennessee hold odds are **81.7%** (+0.5 pts since Oct. 23). The caution flags are real but old: one prior decommitment (Oregon, Sept. 2025) and 42 offers, the most of any Tennessee commit.

03 Wednesday: Preston Glasco picks between Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee

The Grayson (Ga.) three-star cornerback announces Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. ET (5 p.m. MT) ([247Sports decision preview](#)). Tennessee offered Sept. 24 and hosted him for the Alabama game Oct. 17 ([Vols Wire, Oct 13, 2026](#)); 247Sports says the Vols displaced South Carolina among his finalists after that visit. He is a late riser outside our tracked set, so CommitOdds has no model number. This is the first test of whether Tennessee can close after losing Mays.

04 Tennessee's real upside is in the flip market

Only 4 of the 351 2027 prospects we track are still uncommitted, so adding talent now mostly means flipping someone. Tennessee's best odds on another school's commit belong to LSU OT **Terrance Smith: 16.1%**, second on his board behind LSU (77.6%). He visited Knoxville twice (unofficial Apr. 2, official Jun. 12) and committed to LSU three days after the official. LSU plays at Neyland on Nov. 21 ([UTSports.com 2026 schedule](#)).

05 The Jatori Williams race has four schools, and Tennessee isn't one

The top-100 interior lineman reopened his recruitment by decommitting from Miami on Oct. 13. He named Alabama, Georgia, Auburn and Florida State and set official visits for Oct. 24, Nov. 14, Nov. 7 and Oct. 31 ([FSU Wire \(USA Today\), Oct 21, 2026](#)). Tennessee is on his offer sheet, but the model has the Vols ninth at **0.8%** (down from 2.8% on Oct. 23), with Alabama at 80.5% right after his Oct. 24 visit to Tuscaloosa. Don't spend energy on this one.

THE WEEK IN NUMBERS

7/7

tracked commits whose hold odds rose since Oct. 23

Kenneth Simon II

lowest hold odds (78.2%); a former Alabama commit

5 of 7

tracked commits from Tennessee high schools

36 days

until the early signing period opens (Dec. 2)

1

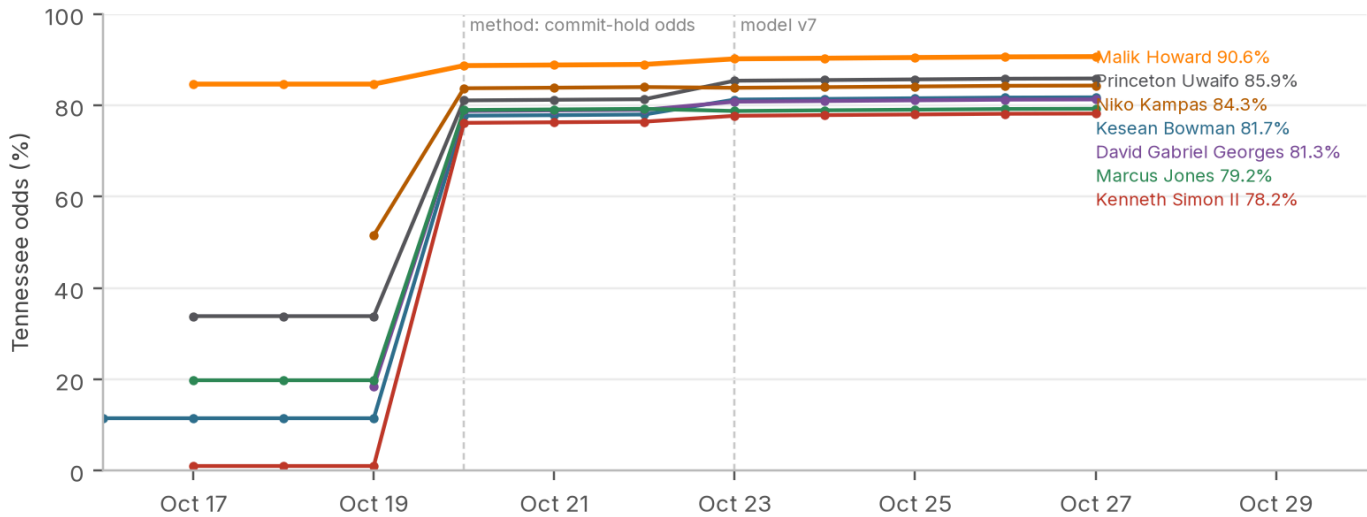
commit lost this month (Mays → Georgia, Oct. 19)

WHY THE ODDS MOVED

THE SIGNALS BEHIND EVERY NUMBER

Each card shows what our data shows: visits, offers, the player's own public posts and news. Nothing else.

How to read this week's moves. Since the current model went live on Oct. 23, every tracked Tennessee commit has drifted up a few tenths of a point. That isn't news. A commitment's hold odds rise as the Dec. 2 signing day gets closer, because historically fewer commits break with less time left. Between Oct. 23 and Oct. 27 we found **no new visits, offers or decommitments** for any Tennessee commit in the public 247 timelines our pipeline reads. The big jumps on Oct. 20 and Oct. 23 in the chart below are **methodology changes** (committed players switched to hold-rate odds, then model v7), not recruiting events. They're marked so nobody mistakes them for momentum.



Tennessee odds for each tracked Tennessee commit, daily published snapshots Oct. 16–27, 2026. Dashed lines = methodology changes.



Malik Howard

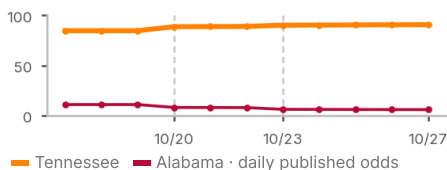
TE · 247 No. 211 · Oak Ridge (Oak Ridge, TN)

Committed to Tennessee · Jun 6, 2026

90.6%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		90.6%
Alabama		5.8%
Notre Dame		0.3%
Auburn		0.3%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Committed on Jun. 6 during his official visit, after unofficials Mar. 21 and May 23. Local product (Oak Ridge).
- One flag, now four months old: he took an official visit to Notre Dame on Jun. 12, after committing. Our 247 timeline shows no visits elsewhere since.
- His public X account in July: film posts like “If the ball goes up it’s mine!”

36 offers

3 Tennessee visits

3 official visits total

1 news item since Aug.

2 recent X film posts

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · [his X post \(2026-07-12\)](#) · [MSN, 2026-08-24](#)



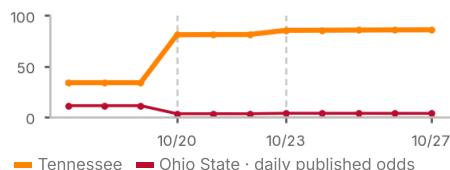
Princeton Uwaifo

OT · 247 No. 206 · Siegel (Murfreesboro, TN)
Committed to Tennessee · Nov 2, 2025

85.9%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		85.9%
Ohio State		3.5%
Auburn		3.3%
South Carolina		2.4%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- The longest-tenured commit on the board, committed since Nov. 2, 2025.
- 9 recorded Tennessee visits since Oct. 2024 (unofficials, a junior day, a camp, and an official Jun. 12). That is the deepest visit history of any Tennessee target we track.
- Local coverage this summer was all Tennessee-framed (Tennessean, Jul. 30; DNJ Q&A, Jul. 14).

10 offers

9 Tennessee visits

1 official visit total

1 recent X film post

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · his X post (2025-11-26) · tennessean.com, 2026-07-30



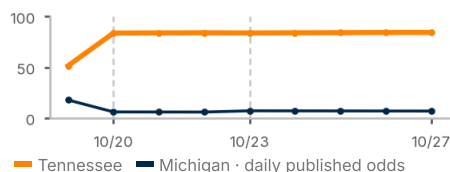
Niko Kampas

OT · 247 No. 323 · NFL Academy (London, EN)
Committed to Tennessee · Jul 17, 2026

84.3%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		84.3%
Michigan		6.8%
Auburn		4.4%
Vanderbilt		1.6%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Toured broadly before choosing: officials to Auburn (May 29), Michigan (May 30) and Vanderbilt (Jun. 16), then Tennessee (Jun. 19). Committed Jul. 17.
- No post-commit visits elsewhere in our data. Michigan and Auburn keep small residual odds from those summer officials.

27 offers

1 Tennessee visit

4 official visits total

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · Yahoo Sports, 2026-07-17



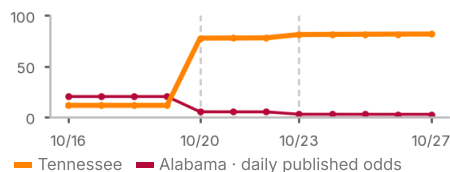
Kesean Bowman

WR · 247 No. 60 · Brentwood Academy (Brentwood, TN)
Committed to Tennessee · Mar 28, 2026

81.7%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		81.7%
Alabama		2.6%
Georgia		1.5%
Nebraska		1.0%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Committed Mar. 28, 2026; official visit Jun. 5.
- Oct. 14: publicly shut down flip talk on X (“We home”), the second public reaffirmation this year per Rocky Top Insider.
- Risk history: decommitted from Oregon in Sept. 2025 and visited Alabama in Oct. 2025, both before his Tennessee pledge.

42 offers

3 Tennessee visits

1 official visit total

2 news items since Aug.

3 recent X film posts

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · his X post (2026-08-21) · indystar.com, 2026-09-25



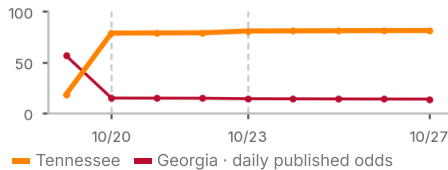
David Gabriel Georges

RB · 247 No. 9 · Baylor School (Chattanooga, TN)
Committed to Tennessee · Jul 22, 2026

81.3%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		81.3%
Georgia		13.7%
Ole Miss		2.3%
Ohio State		2.0%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Tennessee's highest-ranked commit (247 composite No. 9).
- Took four summer officials (Ohio State, Tennessee, Ole Miss, Georgia), the last one at Georgia on Jun. 19. Committed Jul. 22.
- Our news index shows a run of big games this fall (8 items since Aug., including Bleacher Report Oct. 17). That's great for the class but doesn't change his odds.

31 offers 4 Tennessee visits 4 official visits total 8 news items since Aug.

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · bleacherreport.com, 2026-10-17



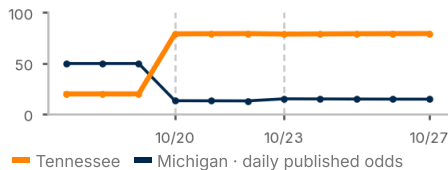
Marcus Jones

S · 247 No. 283 · The Haverford School (Haverford, PA)
Committed to Tennessee · Jun 26, 2026

79.2%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		79.2%
Michigan		14.6%
Ole Miss		2.4%
North Carolina		2.2%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Officials: Ole Miss (May 29), North Carolina (Jun. 5), Tennessee (Jun. 12), Michigan (Jun. 19). Committed Jun. 26.
- Michigan offered Apr. 30 and got the last official before his decision. That's why Michigan is his No. 2 at a meaningful number.
- His public X posts this fall are highlight reels (Sep. 9, Oct. 8), with no recruiting signals either way.

19 offers 1 Tennessee visit 4 official visits total 2 recent X film posts

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · [his X post](https://twitter.com) (2026-10-08) · [Yahoo Sports](https://www.yahoo.com), 2026-05-02



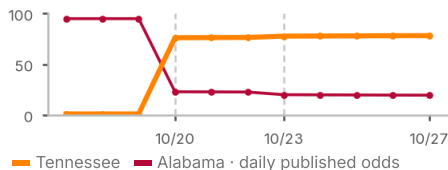
Kenneth Simon II

LB · 247 No. 143 · Brentwood Academy (Brentwood, TN)
Committed to Tennessee · Jun 13, 2026

78.2%

TENNESSEE HOLD ODDS

+0.5 pts since Oct. 23



Tennessee		78.2%
Alabama		19.5%
Georgia		0.8%
Ole Miss		0.2%

THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- The only Tennessee commit who has already flipped once: committed to Alabama May 11, officially visited Alabama May 29, flipped to Tennessee Jun. 13.
- In August he told Vols On SI he is "at peace" and "shut down... I don't talk to any other schools."
- The model still holds Alabama's history against him, so his Alabama residual is the biggest on the board.

25 offers 2 Tennessee visits 2 official visits total 2 news items since Aug.

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline) · [MSN](https://www.msn.com), 2026-08-22



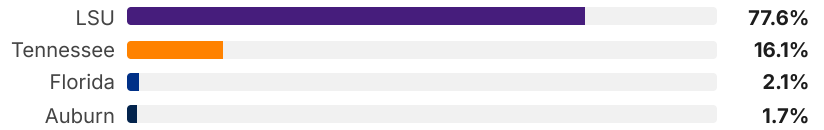
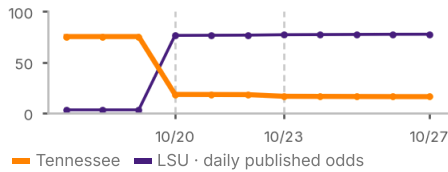
Terrance Smith

OT · 247 No. 151 · Lansdale Catholic (Lansdale, PA)
Committed to LSU · Jun 15, 2026

16.1%

TENNESSEE ODDS (FLIP)

-0.4 pts since Oct. 23



THE SIGNALS BEHIND THE NUMBER

- Committed to LSU Jun. 15 after officials at LSU (Apr. 17), Florida (May 28), Rutgers (May 29), Auburn (Jun. 5) and Tennessee (Jun. 12), plus a Tennessee unofficial Apr. 2.
- Tennessee hosted the last official visit before his decision. Tennessee is still his clear No. 2 in the model, well ahead of Florida and Auburn.
- Nothing in our data since June. LSU plays at Neyland Nov. 21; any visit there would be the first real flip signal.

32 offers

2 Tennessee visits

5 official visits total

Data: CommitOdds pipeline (247Sports public timeline)

EVERY TENNESSEE NUMBER THAT MOVED, OCT. 23 → OCT. 27 (SAME MODEL)

PLAYER	POS	STATUS	TN OCT. 23	TN OCT. 27	CHANGE (PTS)	LEADER
Jatori Williams	IOL	Open	2.8%	0.8%	-2.0	Alabama 80.5%
David Gabriel Georges	RB	Tennessee	80.8%	81.3%	+0.5	Tennessee 81.3%
Kesean Bowman	WR	Tennessee	81.2%	81.7%	+0.5	Tennessee 81.7%
Kenneth Simon II	LB	Tennessee	77.7%	78.2%	+0.5	Tennessee 78.2%
Princeton Uwaifo	OT	Tennessee	85.4%	85.9%	+0.5	Tennessee 85.9%
Malik Howard	TE	Tennessee	90.2%	90.6%	+0.5	Tennessee 90.6%
Marcus Jones	S	Tennessee	78.7%	79.2%	+0.5	Tennessee 79.2%
Niko Kampas	OT	Tennessee	83.8%	84.3%	+0.5	Tennessee 84.3%
Terrance Smith	OT	LSU	16.4%	16.1%	-0.4	LSU 77.6%
Cole Crawford	LB	Georgia Tech	10.2%	9.9%	-0.3	Georgia Tech 84.4%
Frederrick Ford	LB	Michigan	9.0%	8.8%	-0.2	Michigan 81.1%
Kenaz Sullivan	S	Maryland	8.5%	8.3%	-0.2	Maryland 81.0%
Montre Jackson	CB	Texas	8.8%	8.6%	-0.2	Texas 78.0%

The pattern. Tennessee commits tick up, and Tennessee's odds on other schools' commits tick down. Both are the same effect, the approaching signing day, not recruiting news. The one real break is [Jatori Williams](#): -2.0 pts. That drop lines up with his Oct. 24 official visit to Alabama entering his 247 timeline, while Tennessee isn't among his announced official visits. Breaks like that are what this table is for.

CALENDAR

VISITS & DECISIONS AHEAD

From our 247 timeline data plus public announcements we verified. Kickoff times as listed by UTSports.com (ET).

WED

Oct
28

DECISION

Preston Glasco (CB, Grayson, Ga.) announces between Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee at 7 p.m. ET / 5 p.m. MT.

[247Sports decision preview](#)

SAT

Oct
31

OPEN DATE

Tennessee idle. **Jatori Williams** officially visits Florida State (Clemson game).

[FSU Wire \(USA Today\)](#), Oct 21, 2026 · [CommitOdds 247 timeline](#)

SAT

Nov
7

HOME · KENTUCKY

Neyland, 6:15 p.m. ET (Homecoming). **Joshua Lane** (DL, Memphis Central) official visit to Tennessee. Same day: Jatori Williams officially visits Auburn.

[Vols On SI](#) · [UTSports.com 2026 schedule](#)

SAT

Nov
14

AWAY · TEXAS A&M

Jatori Williams' final announced official visit, Georgia.

[247Sports](#) · [CommitOdds 247 timeline](#)

SAT

Nov
21

HOME · LSU

Neyland, time TBD. LSU commit **Terrance Smith**, Tennessee's best flip odds (16.1%), is the name to watch. No visit announced in the sources we checked.

[UTSports.com 2026 schedule](#)

SAT

Nov
28

AWAY · VANDERBILT

Regular-season finale in Nashville.

[UTSports.com 2026 schedule](#)

WED

Dec
2

EARLY SIGNING OPENS

Early signing period, Dec. 2–4. The model's hold odds for commits are anchored to this date.

[NCSA signing-day calendar](#)

LAST TWO WEEKS

Oct 13 Jatori Williams decommits from Miami

Oct 14 Kesean Bowman: "We home"

Oct 17 Glasco game-day visit (Alabama game)

Oct 19 Christian Mays flips to Georgia

Oct 24 Jatori Williams official visit, Alabama

NOT ON THE CALENDAR

No future visit dates appear in our data for any Tennessee commit or for Caden Wayne (uncommitted, Tennessee 6.9%). In August, Kenneth Simon II said he plans to attend home games "as much as I can" ([Vols On SI](#), Aug 22, 2026).

What would change the numbers. Our pipeline re-reads public 247 timelines daily for uncommitted prospects and at least weekly for commits, plus a same-day re-check when one shows up on 247's commit/decommit feeds. For an uncommitted target, a new visit or offer moves his odds the next run. A commit's hold odds are built from base rates and his pre-commitment data, so a post-commit visit elsewhere doesn't move his number automatically. That's why this report flags those visits by hand (see Flip watch). Next week's issue will report what actually moved.

HEAD-TO-HEAD

WHERE TENNESSEE IS FIGHTING

Each bar splits the two schools' combined odds. None is a true coin flip by the model; these are the narrowest gaps on the board.

**Kenneth Simon II**

LB · 247 No. 143 · Brentwood, TN · committed to Tennessee

Tennessee 78.2%

Alabama 19.5%

WHO LEADS: Tennessee, clearly, but this is the largest residual threat to any Tennessee commit (19.5%).

WHY: Simon was an Alabama commit (May 11), visited Tuscaloosa officially May 29 and flipped to Tennessee Jun. 13. He took a Tennessee official six days later. He is a Brentwood Academy teammate of Kesean Bowman and has said he's "shut down."

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: A return trip to Alabama. Our timeline shows no visits anywhere but Tennessee since June.

**David Gabriel Georges**

RB · 247 No. 9 · Chattanooga, TN · committed to Tennessee

Tennessee 81.3%

Georgia 13.7%

WHO LEADS: Tennessee. Georgia (13.7%) is the only rival above 3%.

WHY: Three Tennessee unofficials in 2025, then an official in June. Georgia got the last official (Jun. 19), a month before he committed to Tennessee.

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: A fall visit to Athens. None is in our data. But Georgia just showed with Mays that it will recruit Tennessee commits late.

**Marcus Jones**

S · 247 No. 283 · Haverford, PA · committed to Tennessee

Tennessee 79.2%

Michigan 14.6%

WHO LEADS: Tennessee. Michigan sits at 14.6%, the second-largest residual on the board.

WHY: Michigan offered Apr. 30 and hosted the final official visit (Jun. 19), a week after Tennessee's. He's an out-of-region prospect from Haverford, Pa., so distance doesn't favor Tennessee.

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: Any Michigan game-day visit this fall. His public posts this season are highlight reels only.

**Terrance Smith**

OT · 247 No. 151 · Lansdale, PA · committed to LSU

Tennessee 16.1%

LSU 77.6%

WHO LEADS: LSU, 77.6% to 16.1%. Still Tennessee's most realistic flip on the board.

WHY: Two Knoxville visits, including the last official before his decision. He chose LSU three days later.

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: LSU at Neyland, Nov. 21. A visit by an LSU commit to an LSU road game would be the tell to watch.

**Frederrick Ford**

LB · 247 No. 209 · Greenwood, MS · committed to Michigan

Tennessee 8.8%

Michigan 81.1%

WHO LEADS: Michigan, 81.1%. Tennessee is No. 2 at 8.8%.

WHY: Tennessee got an unofficial (Mar. 31) and an official (Jun. 12), but Michigan landed him Jun. 25. Michigan outlets framed his commitment as filling a major need.

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: Realistically, only a Michigan decommitment; nothing in our data points that way.

**Kenaz Sullivan**

S · 247 No. 285 · Springfield, VA · committed to Maryland

Tennessee 8.3%

Maryland 81.0%

WHO LEADS: Maryland, 81.0%. Tennessee is No. 2 at 8.3%.

WHY: Tennessee hosted him unofficially (Apr. 11) and officially (Jun. 5). The newest signal: **an official visit to Virginia Tech on Oct. 16 while committed to Maryland.**

WHAT WOULD SWING IT: If the Virginia Tech visit is the start of a real reopening, Tennessee's summer official makes the Vols a natural landing spot. Watch for more fall visits.

CLASS PROJECTION

WHAT THE 2027 CLASS LOOKS LIKE ON SIGNING DAY

TENNESSEE'S 18 PUBLIC COMMITS, BY POSITION

QB	Derrick Baker
RB	<u>David Gabriel Georges</u> 81.3% Asa Barnes
WR	<u>Kesean Bowman</u> 81.7%
TE	<u>Malik Howard</u> 90.6%
OL	<u>Princeton Uwaifo</u> 85.9% Q'Mari Hudson <u>Niko Kampas</u> 84.3%
DL	— none committed —
LB	JP Peace <u>Kenneth Simon II</u> 78.2%
DB	Carter Jamison Brandon Leavell Dylan Haley <u>Marcus Jones</u> 79.2%
ATH	Jaden Butler Dayon Cooper
ST	Ford Fehling Sam McKeown

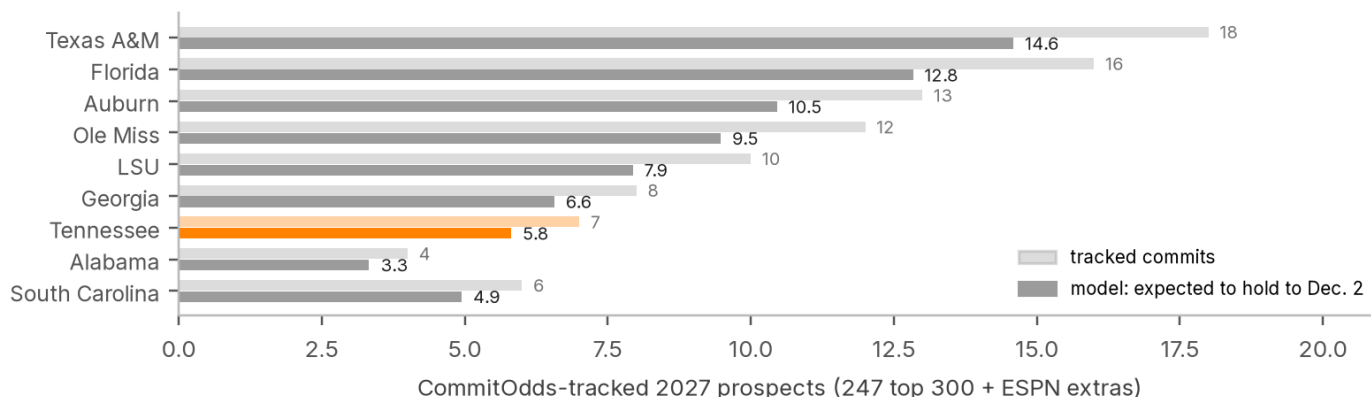
List: Vols Wire (USA Today), Oct 19, 2026. Orange names are in the CommitOdds model (hold odds shown). The others are outside our tracked set (247 top 300 + ESPN extras) or are specialists, and aren't modeled.

OUR PROJECTION

Public commits today	18
Untracked commits (counted as-is, not modeled)	11
Tracked commits expected to hold (of 7)	5.8
Likely tracked adds (Tennessee ≥25%)	none
Long-shot flip-in tail (sum of small odds)	+3.3
Model-based projection	≈20

Read it as 18–20. The ≈20 assumes every untracked commit holds and that the long-shot tail pays out at face value. Neither is safe. No single tracked prospect has Tennessee above 16.1%. The realistic adds are public-news targets the model doesn't cover: Glasco (decides Oct. 28) and Lane (official visit Nov. 7).

Biggest need: defensive line, followed by interior offensive line. Both are empty after the Mays flip.



SCHOOL	TRACKED COMMITS	TOP-100	EXPECTED TO HOLD	FLIP-IN UPSIDE*	MODEL TOTAL	BEST NON-COMMIT ODDS
Texas A&M	18	11	14.6	3.7	18.3	Karon Eugene 50.5%
Florida	16	3	12.8	2.2	15.0	Trenton Yancey 10.9%
Auburn	13	3	10.5	3.0	13.5	Gunner Rivers 17.9%
Ole Miss	12	3	9.5	1.8	11.3	Caden Moss 14.6%
LSU	10	4	7.9	2.5	10.4	Karon Eugene 26.3%
Georgia	8	4	6.6	4.4	11.0	Censere Gaylord 17.2%
Tennessee	7	2	5.8	3.3	9.2	Terrance Smith 16.1%
Alabama	4	2	3.3	3.4	6.8	Jatori Williams 80.5%
South Carolina	6	1	4.9	1.1	6.1	Frederick Ards 14.7%

*Sum of the school's odds across tracked prospects committed elsewhere or uncommitted. It's mostly a long tail of 1–5% chances, not names you can count on. Tracked set only; full-class team rankings aren't shown.

BEST REMAINING TARGETS

WHO TENNESSEE CAN STILL REALISTICALLY LAND

Tracked 2027 prospects not committed to Tennessee, ranked by Tennessee odds. Momentum = change since Oct. 23 (same model).

#	PLAYER	POS	247	STATUS	TN ODDS	TN RANK	LEADER	MOMENTUM	WHY HE'S HERE
1	Terrance Smith	OT	151	LSU	16.1%	#2	LSU 77.6%	-0.4	Two Tennessee visits; LSU at Neyland Nov. 21
2	Cole Crawford	LB	339	Georgia Tech	9.9%	#2	Georgia Tech 84.4%	-0.3	Tennessee official Jun. 5; committed to Georgia Tech Jun. 16
3	Frederrick Ford	LB	209	Michigan	8.8%	#2	Michigan 81.1%	-0.2	Tennessee official Jun. 12
4	Montre Jackson	CB	223	Texas	8.6%	#2	Texas 78.0%	-0.2	Tennessee official Jun. 19
5	Kenaz Sullivan	S	285	Maryland	8.3%	#2	Maryland 81.0%	-0.2	Took a Virginia Tech official Oct. 16 while committed
6	Jarrell Chandler	S	241	Clemson	8.2%	#2	Clemson 78.5%	-0.2	Knoxville (Halls) product; chose Clemson over Tennessee in May
7	Caden Waye	RB	375	Open	6.9%	#4	Florida State 17.5%	±0.0	Uncommitted; four-way race, no leader above 18%
8	Marquis Evans	DL	234	Auburn	6.7%	#2	Auburn 80.0%	-0.2	Tennessee official May 22
9	Ta'Shawn Poole	S	64	Florida State	6.3%	#2	Florida State 80.4%	-0.2	Tennessee official Jun. 5; Florida State unofficial Sep. 7
10	Caden Moss	OT	75	Ohio State	6.2%	#3	Ohio State 77.0%	-0.1	Ole Miss is the No. 2 here, not Tennessee
11	Gary Walker	RB	148	Clemson	5.7%	#2	Clemson 77.7%	-0.1	1 Tennessee visit on record
12	Keegan Croucher	QB	137	Ole Miss	5.6%	#2	Ole Miss 82.1%	-0.2	No Tennessee visits on record
13	Omarii Sanders	LB	63	Vanderbilt	5.4%	#2	Vanderbilt 77.0%	-0.1	1 Tennessee visit on record
14	Malachi Zeigler	QB	288	SMU	5.3%	#2	SMU 77.4%	-0.1	1 Tennessee visit on record

The honest read. Nobody here is better than a 1-in-6 shot, and momentum is flat to slightly negative across the board. That's the hold-rate effect again: as signing day nears, other schools' commits get harder to flip. The names worth your attention are [Terrance Smith](#) (the clearest Tennessee connection), [Kenaz Sullivan](#) (the only one with a fresh off-pledge visit), and [Caden Waye](#) (uncommitted with no clear leader).

Outside the model, but public. [Preston Glasco](#) (CB) decides Oct. 28 ([Vols Wire, Oct 13, 2026](#)). [Joshua Lane](#) (DL, Memphis Central) officially visits Nov. 7 ([Vols On SI](#)). [Jatori Williams](#) (IOL, uncommitted) is a long shot: Tennessee 0.8%, not in his announced top four ([FSU Wire \(USA Today\), Oct 21, 2026](#)).

FLIP WATCH

HOW SAFE IS EACH COMMITMENT?

Hold odds = the model's chance the commitment survives to the Dec. 2 early signing day.

TIER	COMMIT	HOLD ODDS	DAYS COMMITTED	TOP THREAT	WHY IT LOOKS SOLID	RISK FACTORS
Solid	Malik Howard TE · Oak Ridge, TN	90.6%	143	Alabama 5.8%	Committed on his official visit; local; highest hold on the board.	Took a Notre Dame official after committing (Jun. 12).
Solid	Princeton Uwaifo OT · Murfreesboro, TN	85.9%	359	Ohio State 3.5%	Committed nearly a year; 9 Tennessee visits on record.	None recorded.
Solid	Niko Kampas OT · London, EN	84.3%	102	Michigan 6.8%	No visits elsewhere since committing.	Summer officials to Michigan and Auburn left small residuals.
Steady	Kesean Bowman WR · Brentwood, TN	81.7%	213	Alabama 2.6%	Public "We home" on Oct. 14; Brentwood Academy teammate of Simon.	Reported flip push (Oct. 14); a 2025 Oregon decommitment.
Steady	David Gabriel Georges RB · Chattanooga, TN	81.3%	97	Georgia 13.7%	Three 2025 Tennessee unofficials plus an official; in-state.	Georgia got the final official (Jun. 19) and just flipped Mays.
Steady	Marcus Jones S · Haverford, PA	79.2%	123	Michigan 14.6%	No visits since committing; public posts are film only.	Out-of-region; Michigan hosted the final official.
Watch	Kenneth Simon II LB · Brentwood, TN	78.2%	136	Alabama 19.5%	Says he's "shut down" and plans to attend home games.	Already flipped once (from Alabama); largest residual threat.

Reading the tiers. Solid is 84% and up, Steady 79–84%, Watch below 79%. Even the lowest Tennessee commit is about a 4-in-5 hold. What separates them is *history*: a prior flip (Simon), a final official at a rival (Georges, Jones), or a post-commit visit (Howard). We found no new red flags for any Tennessee commit between Oct. 20 and Oct. 27.

The one that already got away. Christian Mays had told GoVols247 in late September that he was "still locked in" with Tennessee. Then Georgia offered, hosted him for an official, and flipped him within five weeks ([247Sports, Oct 19, 2026](#)). That's the template to watch for. A new offer plus an official visit from a rival is a stronger signal than any rumor.

RED FLAGS WE TRACK BY HAND (THE HOLD ODDS DON'T PRICE THESE IN AUTOMATICALLY)

SIGNAL	WHERE WE SEE IT	TENNESSEE COMMITS SHOWING IT TODAY
Official or unofficial visit to another school after committing	247 public timeline (weekly for commits)	Malik Howard (Jun. 12, Notre Dame; nothing since)
New offer from a rival that hosts him	247 offers list (weekly for commits)	none since Sept. 1
Prior decommitment or flip in his history	CommitOdds commitment history	Kesean Bowman, Kenneth Simon II
Public reaffirmation or shutdown	Player's own posts / interviews	Kesean Bowman (Oct. 14), Kenneth Simon II (Aug. 22)

METHOD

HOW THIS REPORT IS BUILT

METHOD & LIMITS (PLEASE READ)

What the odds are. Probabilities are CommitOdds model estimates (model v7) from public recruiting data: offers, official and unofficial visits, commitment timelines (247Sports public pages), distance from home, program strength and school-by-high-school pipelines. For a committed player, the number is the chance his commitment holds to the Dec. 2, 2026 early signing day. It blends historical hold rates from our commitment history with the model's pre-commitment odds. The remainder is spread across his other offers.

Odds history only goes back about a week and a half. Daily published snapshots start Oct. 16, 2026, and the current model has only been live since **Oct. 23**. Two methodology changes happened inside that window (Oct. 20 and Oct. 23), and both are marked on every chart. "Momentum" here always means change since Oct. 23. No longer-run trend lines are shown, and we make no claims about longer-term momentum.

Coverage. We track 351 class-of-2027 football prospects (247Sports composite top 300 + ESPN-ranked extras). 7 of Tennessee's 18 public commits are in that set. The rest, plus targets like Preston Glasco and Joshua Lane, appear only as public-news items, never with model odds.

Signals. "Why the odds moved" lists only signals in our pipeline data (247 timelines, our news index of public outlets, and posts from players' verified public X accounts) or in the public articles linked below, checked Oct. 27, 2026. Images are CommitOdds graphics only. Players are shown with initials badges, not photos.

Not included, by policy: contact details, addresses, or family/personal information about any prospect. We don't fetch On3 or Rivals pages or scrape Instagram, and we make no accuracy or backtest claims in this sample.

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