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JAMES O'GRADY '16, JACK RYAN '16 MATTHEW JEWETT '16

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#52 O'GRADY



A 6'2" linebacker from Carrboro, NC, **JAMES O'GRADY** has been a mainstay on the field for the Ephs the last two seasons. In 2014, he led the Ephs with 64 total tackles and in 2013 he finished second with 50. He has recorded a personal best for a single game of 11 tackles on three separate occasions throughout his career. In 2013, he hit that mark in a 14-10 loss vs. Bates. Last season, he repeated the mark in losses to Middlebury and Tufts.

Like many other players over the years, O'Grady was attracted to the rich football history and tradition at Williams. "When I was a junior in high school, I took a look at the NESCAC for the first time and I really liked what its schools had to offer. I remember Williams standing out though, because I had seen it host ESPN College Gameday in 2007 and heard about all its great football traditions. Then, midway through my senior year in high school, I saw the Sports Illustrated article about Mike Reily '64, as well as the tribute video made for him by his teammates. I knew then and there that I would go to Williams if I got the chance, and luckily I did," said O'Grady. He will look to end his successful Williams career on a high note in 2015.

#25 RYAN



JACK RYAN, a 6'3" defensive back from Barrington, RI loves several different aspects of Williams. "Cole Field will always stick out when I think about places on campus. After a tough practice, getting to look around and see nothing but our team and the mountains takes my mind right off of whatever homework is looming over my night," said Ryan. The Economics major and Environmental Science concentrator has also developed a love for the '82 Grill in the basement of the Paresky Center. "The '82 Grill has been a fixture of my experience here. Every night of school since winter study freshman year, I've gotten a pizza or a sandwich before going back to my room. The staff at '82 takes care of me," said Ryan.

The senior won't be at either of those two places on Saturday afternoons, as he will be busy on the field stopping opposing offenses. As a junior in 2014, Ryan recorded 25 tackles to go long with two fumble recoveries. The year before he recorded 18 tackles while appearing in all eight games. In that 36-0 victory over Bowdoin, Ryan had a career game with six tackles (five solo) and a fumble recovery. Ryan will be one of the leaders on a defensive unit filled with talented veterans.

#68 JEWETT



MATTHEW JEWETT, a 6'3" offensive lineman from Rumson, NJ was drawn to Williams for its elite academic reputation. In particular, the wide-ranging alumni network was a major selling point. Combine the world-class education with the opportunity to continue his athletic career at the collegiate level and Jewett was sold on Williams. "When it comes to success here, the sky is the limit. Williams affords its students the resources to accomplish whatever it is that they put their minds to. This applies to a broad spectrum of interests that students from a diverse set of backgrounds are passionate about," said Jewett. "The liberal arts education has helped me think outside of the traditional academic setting and has given me an experience that would be otherwise hard to find."

The Economics major plans to work in finance after graduation. But before he can even think of applying the skills he's acquired at Williams to his career, Jewett will worry about protecting Austin Lommen and Mark Pomella in addition to opening up holes in the run game. He will lead a veteran group of offensive lineman as the Ephs hope to improve their offensive production.

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