

# Taylor named most improved defensive player at FSU

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Thomas Dale alum Darvin Taylor II has now been at Florida State for two years.

While he was redshirted his first season and dealt with injuries in the offseason heading into and during the 2016-17 season, it appears that he's turning a corner, one of health and growing success on the field.

For one, he was named Florida State's most improved defensive player after the team's spring game. In an article on 247sports.com, he was

injury and how well it has been rehabbing and said that he has "been super."

Though Taylor hasn't seen reps in game action yet, he's a part of perhaps one of the deepest defensive lines in the country, including four players from Virginia. The line includes Brian Burns, Demarcus Christmas, Derrick Nnadi, Josh Sweat, Josh Kaindoh, and Marvin Wilson. The competition will be stiff, but Taylor has worked through each challenge he's faced at the college level.

Playing under coach Kevin Tucker and training under Roger Riggie at DefyGENETICS, Taylor was a leader on the 2014 edition of the famed "Dark Zone" defense as Thomas Dale went 9-3. He ranked as the nation's 18th best defensive tackle prospect and the state's 11th best player. He sported a 3.4 GPA in high school, and he has been the recipient of several academic accolades at FSU.

Thus far, the highlight of Taylor's career so far may be when he led his team out on Military Appreciation Day during his redshirt season. Both of his parents served in

the Army.

While this is a moment he would never forget, it appears that there may be more to come from the Chester native in 2017 Stay tuned.



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DARVIN TAYLOR II, RIGHT, AND MAVIN SAUNDERS POSE FOR THE CAMERA AFTER RECEIVING ACADEMIC AWARDS AT FLORIDA STATE.

applauded for his play in the game. Most importantly, he received praise from his coach, Jimbo Fisher, in a recent press conference.

Fisher talked about Taylor's shoulder

## Southside Speedway Race Night

Southside Speedway will run its second race of the season this Friday. The track opened last Friday night with one of the largest Late Model car counts in the state. The family owning the Chesterfield track prides themselves on running a family-friendly venue entertaining generations of fans. Southside Speedway will continue their 58-year tradition of great local short-track racing in central Virginia.

There are six different divisions of cars racing: Late Models, Modifieds, Grand Stocks, UCAR, Legends, and Bandoleros.

Front gates open at 6 p.m. Qualifying starts at that time, and racing gets under way around 7:30 p.m.

Scout Night will be Friday, May 12, Southside Speedway will offer all Scouts and Scouts Leaders wearing

full uniform free admission. Full details to follow.

New this year is the 75-Lap Late Model feature races on May 19 and Aug. 4. The Late Model division will run 75 laps rather than their normal 40. For the latest information, visit the speedway's website address at SouthsideSpeedway.net or their official Southside Speedway Facebook page. Social media is the easiest way to stay in touch for up-to-date information, including weather updates.

Southside Speedway is a third-mile, paved oval track located on Genito Road in Midlothian. The speedway was established in 1959 by J.M. Wilkinson, and is currently run by his daughter, Sue W. Clements, and granddaughter, Jennifer Mullis. The speedway hosts 12 nights of racing from April through August.

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**A Democratic Party Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, to nominate candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Virginia House of Delegates 63<sup>rd</sup>, 68<sup>th</sup>, and 70<sup>th</sup> Districts.**

**A Republican Party Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, to nominate a candidate for Governor and Lieutenant Governor.**

**The polls will be open from 6AM to 7PM.**

The Registrar's Office is located at 9848 Lori Road 23832 (in Court Square) and is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday for voter registration and for absentee voting. Absentee voting begins on April 28, 2017.

**The Registrar's Office will be closed May 29, 2017.**

**Voter Registration - Final day** to register to vote for these elections is Monday, May 22, 2017.

**Absentee Voting** - In-person absentee voting will begin at the Registrar's Office on Friday, April 28, 2017. Mailed absentee ballots must be received back in the Registrar's Office on or before 7 p.m. on June 13, 2017.

- Tuesday, June 6, 2017 - **Final day** to submit a request for an absentee ballot by mail.
- Saturday, June 10, 2017 - the Registrar's Office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for in-person absentee voting. June 10<sup>th</sup> is the **Final day** to vote absentee in-person.

The Electoral Board will meet in the Office of the General Registrar on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. for the canvass of the election.

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