

**BIO****#21 Royce Hill**

<b>Position:</b>	Defensive Back
<b>Height:</b>	6'0"
<b>Weight:</b>	187
<b>Year:</b>	Senior
<b>City/State:</b>	Houston, TX
<b>High School:</b>	Cypress Ridge HS

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**2011:** Broke up a game-high two passes and made five tackles against Troy ... Racked up nine tackles versus ASU ... Picked off FAU's quarterback for an 85-yard touchdown ... Broke up four passes and registered four tackles against the Owls ... Made five tackles, with one of them being a tackle for loss against Indiana ... Had six solo tackles and two assisted tackles against Houston ... Elected by team members as a co-captain for defense.

**2010:** Received the Bill Brashier Award for being North Texas' Outstanding Defensive Back ... Started all twelve games at cornerback ... Made 39 tackles and 1.5 tackles-for-loss on the season ... Broke up six passes and had one interception on the season ... Returned a fumble 22 yards against Arkansas State ... Returned two punts for three yards at Clemson ... Collected three tackles at Clemson ... Broke up three passes against Kansas State ... Registered four stops, including one for a loss against Rice ... Broke up one Owl pass in that game ... Made four stops against Army ... Picked off a key Jeff VanCamp pass in the 4th quarter against FAU ... Racked up four tackles against the Owls ... Tallied six tackles at Western Kentucky ... Made six tackles and broke up a pass against Troy

**2009:** Started all 12 games and led the team with three interceptions, which ranked eighth in the Sun Belt Conference ... Ranked eighth on the team in total tackles with 47 ... Recorded two tackles for a loss ... Ranked second on the team and third in the Sun Belt Conference in kickoff returns with an average of 26.3 yards per return (395 yards on 15 returns) ... Had three punt returns for 19 yards ... Key part of a defensive secondary that ranked second in the league in opponent completion percentage and third in the conference in pass efficiency defense.

**2008:** Made his first career start against Kansas State and started nine of 12 games at corner ... Tallied 34 tackles including 26 solo ... Ranked 7th on the team in total tackles ... Recovered a fumble and made one tackle for loss ... Broke up two passes ... Made a season-high seven tackles in opener at Kansas State ... Returned 17 kicks for 436 yards ... Had a long of 51 at Western Kentucky which set up a [Kevin Dickerson](#) touchdown in the 4th quarter ... Averaged a team-best 25.6 yards per return.

**AWARDS & HONORS**

2010

Bill Brashier Award (North Texas Outstanding Defensive Back)

**High School/Personal:** In 2007, recorded 38 tackles and three interceptions ... Ranked the 30th best corner in the nation by ESPN.com ... Selected to the all-district 17-5A team three times and made the first-team as a junior and senior ... Was one of eight finalists for the Houston Touchdown Club defensive player of the year award ... Rated No. 35 on the list of the top 100 players in the Greater Houston area by TexasPrepXtra.com ... Ranked in the top 110 players in the area the Houston Chronicle... Led the 17-5A in punt return average and finished second in kick return average ... Was the 2007 District 17-5A Return Specialist of the Year ... Selected to play in the 2008 Bayou Bowl ... Lettered in baseball and basketball in addition to football ... Son of Ronald and Renay Hill ... Born on Dec. 27, 1989.