

Coach Dale Carlson's Thoughts on the 2012 Recruits

SAM AKAINYAH (DL):

"Sam is an ideal nose tackle in the 3-4 defense. He is powerful, has a good first strike, and is hard to knock off the ball. He has been involved in turning his high school program at North Shore Country Day into a state playoff team."

JOSEPH ANGER (OL):

"Joe is a tall, long-armed, offensive lineman that will develop into a fine offensive tackle for us. He has good feet, plays physical, will fit our offensive style."

NICHOLAS BASILE (DB):

"Nicholas is a tough, smart football player. We will work him first at a corner. However, I believe he has the physical presence to move to safety if needed."

ZACH BIHARY (RB):

"Zach is an excellent blocker and receiver who will fit nicely into a fullback/H-Back/tight end role for us. We will be able to use him in the backfield, on the wing, and on the line of scrimmage. I like his versatility."

ARTHUR BRADLEY (DB):

"Arthur is a fast, talented cover corner. He is a sure tackler and has excellent ball skills. He has a very bright future as a defensive back for us."

AUSTIN BROSHAR (DL):

"Austin has the ability to grow into a dominant defensive interior player. He may be able to swing between end and nose as he progresses into our system."

AARON BRUNNER (TE):

"Aaron shows excellent blocking skills and played very physical on his tape. His team did not throw much, but I believe he will develop into a receiving threat at tight end. Has the frame to grow."

DERRICK CALDWELL (DB):

"Derrick is a transfer from the University of Indianapolis who will have to sit out the year. He will be an excellent player for us in 2013."

CODY COTTON (DB):

"Cody is a versatile player who played well at corner as a junior and at safety as a senior. He is an excellent tackler and is physical. We're not sure which spot we will start him out at in camp yet."

MAX DELIA (RB):

"Max is a downhill runner who is capable of getting tough yards inside and has the speed to bounce outside and make plays. Has excellent hands which is a must for backs in our offense."

TOM EHRLICH (OL):

"Tom has played all three positions through high school and junior college. We will start him out at guard but also give him reps at center when camp begins. Tom is a tough, physical offensive lineman."

AUSTIN ETZLER (WR):

“Austin is a competitor, who runs great routes, and has great hands. His skill set fits nicely with our offensive schemes.”

BRENDAN FLAHERTY (OL):

“Brendan is a tough, physical guard who will be competing with his older brother Colm for playing time. I like his punch and leverage.”

RYAN GORSKI (QB):

“Ryan is top quarterback prospect who makes plays passing and running the ball. He played in more of a pro-style offense in high school. He has the arm to make all the throws in our offense and is very accurate”

MEL GRAHAM (DB):

“Melvin is an outstanding athlete at the corner position. He covers well, makes tackles, and has great ball skills. He is very athletic.”

ALEX GREEN (LB):

“Alex is a tough, hard-nosed inside linebacker. He plays with great pad level and is very smart on the football field. Alex is quite simply a football player.”

JOHN GUILFORD (DL):

“John has an outstanding first step. He played in a relatively small school in Ohio but was dominant on defense.”

CHARLIE HACKETT (DL):

“We will move Charlie from a linebacker where he played in high school to defensive end. He is hard-nosed and physical. He will be able to use his speed off the edge in pass rush situations.”

BRANDON HALL (RB):

“Brandon is another back who can mix it up on the inside, yet is quick enough to get outside and be a play-maker. His skill set fits nicely into our offense.”

TREVOR HAMMER (DB):

“Trevor is a football player. He will play safety for us. We saw in his video an athlete who made plays on both sides of the ball.”

TRAE HOESKE (QB):

“Trae has the potential to be an excellent quarterback for us. He can make the throws we need and he has the ability to keep plays alive with his feet.”

CARLOS HUNTER (LB):

“Carlos is a teammate of Sam Akainyah’s and was involved in the turn around at North Shore Country Day. He is a little raw, but very athletic.”

TEVIN JOHNSON (LB):

“Tevin fits the 3-4 defense like a glove. He is athletic, physical, and great of the edge. He has outstanding potential in our defense.”

ALEX KOZLOWSKI (P/K):

“Alex has a live leg as both a punter and a kicker. He will compete for the starting kicker position in camp and the back-up punter spot behind Greg Wood.”

FRANKIE MANNINO (OL):

“Frankie is a solid, tough, road-grader type of offensive lineman. He will play guard for the Crusaders. He brings a great work ethic to our team.”

SAM MANTERNACH (OL):

“Sam is the type of offensive tackle we like. He is tall with good foot movement and long arms. He has the potential to grow into an excellent lineman in our system.

COLIN MARCOTT (WR):

“Colin is a very good receiver who will fit the needs of our offense. I believe he is versatile enough to play inside or outside for us.”

COLTON SANCHEZ (LB):

“Colton is an outstanding athlete (a decathlete in track) who will be an excellent outside linebacker. His athletic ability along with his willingness to play physical makes him a good fit for us.”

MIKE SCHEERHORN (OL):

“Mike is another tall, long-armed offensive lineman that can play any of the three positions. Mike has the frame to put weight on but will still be able to play with good feet.”

NICK SCOVILLE (DL):

“Nick is a football player that is tough, physical, and quick. He will develop into a very good defensive lineman for us. I like his enthusiasm on the field and his work ethic off it.”

ALI-AKBAR SHAHINE (DB):

“Ali is another versatile player who can play corner or safety. We thought of him more as a corner when he committed, but, due to some later commits, we might start him as a safety at camp. He has great ball skills and is an efficient tackler.”

BRAD SICULA (WR):

“Brad will play slot receiver for us. He is an excellent route runner with great hands. When you talk with him you sense a great understanding of the game. He is a tough kid as well.”

BRANDEN SLATTERY (TE):

“Branden is another multi-talented player who can line up on the line as a tight end, on the wing or in the slot, and in the backfield as a fullback type.”

SCOTT STAAL (QB):

“Scott has the skill set that fits our offense. He is a playmaker passing or running with the ball. He is accurate with his throws and sees the field well.”

DREW WHITE (DL):

“Drew is a tall defensive end with the frame to put on weight. He is quick off of the ball. He hustles and makes plays all over the field. I am excited to see him develop.”

JOSHUA YOUNG (K):

“Josh is a very accurate kicker who will come in and challenge for the place-kicker duties this fall.”