

Minot State football signs 11 student athletes

MINOT, N.D. – Minot State University head football coach Paul Rudolph announced the signing of 11 student athletes to letters of intent to join the Beavers in the fall of 2010.

As the university moves forward with its pursuit of NCAA Division II status, this marks the final football class under the NAIA.

The Beavers have added seven recruits from North Dakota and one each from Washington, Iowa, Oregon and Alberta, Canada.

“,” Rudolph said.

The Beavers expect to continue to sign players over the next month.

Here are the players who signed letters of intent:

North Dakota (7)

Joel Deckert, 6-1, 220, Defensive End, Minot, N.D. (Lewis & Clark-Our Redeemer’s)

Wyatt Grindy, 5-10, 180, Linebacker, Minot, N.D. (Minot High School)

Grindy was a second team All-State selection in Class AAA in 2009. He lettered for MHS for three seasons and was selected to the All-WDA team two seasons. He is an alternate for the 2010 Shrine Bowl and the 2010 Badlands Bowl. Grindy led the Magicians in tackles with 68 solo and 35 assisted in the 2009.

Bryce Jorgenson, 6-1, 195 Quarterback, West Fargo, N.D. (West Fargo High School)

Jorgenson was named to the 2009 Class AA All-State first team as well as the All-EDC team. He set four West Fargo records and tied another during the 2009 season, including completions in a game (23), completions in a season (134), passing yards (1,800) and total offense (2,599). He tied the record of four rushing touchdowns in a game. He was a two-year captain for the Packers.

Ryan Rauhauser, 6-4, 235, Defensive End, Turtle Lake, N.D. (Central McLean)

Rauhauser was named to the 2009 9-Man First Team All-State, Region 6 First Team All State, Missouri Valley All Conference First team, Missouri Valley Defensive MVP. He was chosen to play in the 2010 North Dakota Shrine Bowl and an alternate for 2010 Badlands Bowl.

Brent Sorensen, 5-9, 165, Wide Receiver, Hazen, N.D. (Hazen High School)

Sorensen was a 2009 Class A All-State and All-Region Defensive Back. He is a five-year letter winner in track and field, holding the school record in the 400-meters, and is a four-year letter winner in basketball. Sorensen was named to the All-State and All-Region teams in 2008 in football.

Casey Weinmann, 5-10, 195, Linebacker, Harvey, N.D. (Harvey High School)

Weinman was named to the 2009 Class A All-State first team and All-Region. He was the Region 3 Senior Athlete of the Year and a two-time selection to the Minot Daily News All Area Team.

He helped lead Harvey to the Class State Championship in football 2007 and 2008. In 2009, Weinmann rushed for 1,306 yards on 218 carries and caught nine passes for 163 yards. He finished with 40 solo and 43 assisted tackles and intercepted four passes on defense.

Michael White, 5-11, 190, Linebacker, Berthold, N.D. (Lewis & Clark-Our Redeemer's)

Washington (1)

Nathan Ernst, 6-2, 230, Defensive End, Puyallup, Wash. (Puyallup High School)

Ernst played linebacker, fullback and special teams as a senior captain for Puyallup High School as a senior. He is also involved in lacrosse.

Iowa (1)

Zeke Kasper, 5-5, 210, Running Back, Forest City, Iowa (Forest City High School)

Kasper finished 2009 with 1,285 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns and led his team in total yards averaging 7.3 yards per carry and 11.5 per reception. He finished the 2009 season with 80 total tackles, three sacks and three fumble recoveries. He was named to the District 2 3A team in both his junior and senior years.

Oregon (1)

Curtis Kauffman, 6-2, 250, Defensive End/Tackle, Rainier, Ore. (Rainier High School)

2009: Rushed for 2,001 yards and 27 TDs lead his team to the Oregon State Championship game. He was named to the Oregon 3A All-State team first team running back, the Lewis & Clark League Offensive Player of the Year, First-Team All-League Running Back and Defensive Lineman and All-Area Offensive Player of the Year. He was selected to play in the 2010 Oregon East-West All-Star Shrine Game.

Canada (1)

Nigel Atwood, 6-1, 285, OL, Lethbridge, Alberta (Lethbridge Collegiate Institute)

Atwood was named Southern Alberta High School Football League Most Valuable Defensive Lineman and Offensive Lineman All Star in 2009. He was the team captain for the Southern Alberta Bantam Bowl team and was selected for the Rocky Mountain West All Star team at the 2009 King Kamehameha Football Classic In Honolulu, Hawaii.

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