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Additions of Maurice Bennett and Willie Fletcher bring number of NLI signings to 19
Cal Adds Two to 2012 Signing Class

BERKELEY – California has signed two additional student-athletes to National Letters of Intent to join the Golden Bears football program to bring the total number in the class to 19, head coach Jeff Tedford announced Friday. The two additions are defensive lineman Maurice Bennett (Madison, MS/Madison Central HS) and defensive back Willie Fletcher (Orange, CA/Orange Lutheran HS).

The signing class includes nine players on at least one list of the nation's top prospects provided by five major recruiting services in ESPN, MaxPreps, Scout, Rivals and 247Sports.

"I'm really excited about the kids in this class not only as football players but as people," head coach Jeff Tedford said. "I'm excited about the future that they're going to bring to this program."

Cal is attempting to put together a Top 25 signing class for the third straight year after its 2011 group ranked as high as No. 13 in the nation by Scout and its 2010 class was No. 11 according to Rivals. Cal's 2012 class is currently ranked in the Top 25 according to MaxPreps (No. 15), ESPN (No. 22), Rivals (No. 23), 247Sports (No. 25) and Scout (No. T33).

If Cal is able to finish with a Top 25 class, it will mark the third straight year the Bears will have accomplished the feat. Cal's 2011 group ranked as high as No. 13 by Scout, while its 2010 class was as high as No. 11 according to Rivals.

Cal's highest Top 25 position group ranking is Rivals' placing its wide receivers group at No. 4, while the Bears check in No. 6 at quarterback, tied for No. 9 at kicker, tied for No. 14 at athlete and tied for No. 15 on the offensive line. According to Scout, Cal's wide receivers/tight ends group is No. 12.

First-team All-American and four-star quarterback Zach Kline (Danville, CA/San Ramon Valley HS) was on all five lists (No. 32 ESPN, No. 38 247Sports, No. 44 Rivals, No. 123 Scout, No. 140 MaxPreps) and was also the nation's No. 2 pro style quarterback according to Rivals. In addition, the 2011 Gatorade California Football Player of the Year played in the Under Armour All-Star Game and won numerous local honors including the Bay Area News Group's East Bay Offensive Player of the Year after leading the North Coast Section with 3,630 passing yards and a school-record-tying 36 touchdown throws.

Four incoming wide receivers – Bryce Treggs (No. 43 Scout, No. 81 Rivals, No. 89 MaxPreps), Darius Powe (No. 66 ESPN), Cedric Dozier (No. 152 Rivals, No. 293 Scout) and Kenny Lawler (No. 219 247Sports, No. 222 Rivals, No. 277 Scout) – were each on at least one of the five lists.

A five-star Scout selection and first-team All-American, Treggs (Bellflower, CA/St. John Bosco HS) played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl after a 2011 season in which he posted 70 receptions for 1,377 yards and 11 touchdowns as the top-ranked receiver in the Trinity League and the third-leading receiver in the state of California. He also had 56 receptions and 1,010 yards receiving as a junior.

Powe (Lakewood, CA/Lakewood HS) received four stars from all but one of the five recruiting services and was impressive in the Under Armour All-America Game following a 2011 senior season in which he caught 36 balls for 560 yards. His most impressive prep season came as a junior when he caught 46 passes for 827 yards and six touchdowns to earn All-State third-team honors and the Moore League Offensive Player of the Year.

Dozier (Lakewood, WA/Lakes HS) played in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl after a 2011 campaign in which he moved primarily to wide receiver after having previously been a dual-threat quarterback. His biggest statistical season came as a junior in 2010 when he rushed for 1,223 yards and 17 TD, while adding 91-of-142 passing for 1,181 yards with 13 TD to lead the league.

Lawler (Upland, CA/Upland HS) was a first-team All-State choice of MaxPreps as a senior when he had 53 receptions for 1,267 yards and 12 TD as a 2011 senior to lead the Southern Section and Baseline League in receiving.

Offensive linemen Freddie Tagaloa (Richmond, CA/Salesian HS) and Matt Cochran (Atwater, CA/Buhach Colony HS) were both on MaxPreps' list of the nation's top players overall at No. 94 and No. 176, respectively. Cochran is Scout's No. 3 center nationally, while Tagaloa ranks as high as the nation's No. 13 offensive tackle by MaxPreps. Both players were in the U.S. Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, while Tagaloa played in the International Bowl and was a Prepstar All-American as a senior.

Defensive back Raymond Ford (Gardena, CA/Junipero Serra HS) is the nation's No. 144 player overall according to 247Sports. He was an All-State First-Team selection as a junior when he had 45 tackles, five interceptions including one for a 77-yard TD return and 15 passes defended. He saw limited action as a senior due to injury.

Linebacker Michael Barton (Concord, CA/ De La Salle HS) is the final Cal signee on one of the five lists, checking at No. 176 according to MaxPreps and No. 194 by Scout. The MaxPreps First-Team All-American and California Division I State Player of the Year as a senior also participated in the U.S. Semper Fields All-American Bowl and ranks as high as the nation's No. 10 inside linebacker by MaxPreps.

Linebacker Hardy Nickerson Jr. (Oakland, CA/Bishop O'Dowd HS) is the other player to participate in a bowl at the national level at the Semper Fields All-American Bowl and played along with Tagaloa in the International Bowl.

The remainder of the class includes athlete Jeffrey Coprich (Stevenson Ranch, CA/West Ranch HS), defensive back Damariay Drew (Livermore, CA/Livermore HS), fullback Maximo Espitia (Salem, OR/South Salem HS), wide receiver Chris Harper (Encino, CA/Crespi HS), punter Cole Leininger (Fruit Cove, FL/Bartram Trail HS), offensive lineman Steven Moore (Elk Grove, CA/Elk Grove HS) and offensive lineman Christian Okafor (Houston, TX/Westbury HS).

A total of 12 of the 19 signees – Barton, Cochran, Dozier, Ford, Harper, Kline, Lawler, Leininger, Okafor, Powe, Tagaloo and Treggs – picked up at least four stars from one recruiting service.

“One of the big focuses was on offense line and the wide receiver position,” Tedford said. “I felt like we really improved there in getting some young talent to come in and compete to make an immediate impact.”

Kline and Okafor have enrolled at Cal for the 2012 spring semester and began taking classes in January. Both are expected to participate in the team’s 2012 spring practices.

Cal recruited heavily on the local front in the 2012 class with 14 members from California, as well as one each from the states of Florida, Mississippi, Oregon, Texas and Washington. The Bay Area News Group’s “Cream of the Crop” listing of the Top 20 players in the Bay Area included five Cal signees in Kline (No. 1), Tagaloo (No. 2), Barton (No. 4), Nickerson Jr. (No. 10) and Drew (No. 13).

All team, position and individual rankings are as of February 3 and subject to change.

By position, Cal signed 12 offensive players, four on defense, two athletes and one on special teams.

All 19 of Cal’s signees come from the prep ranks.

“I really feel good about how our coaching staff pulled together as it is challenging anytime you have a coaching change with the timing we had,” Tedford said. “I’m very proud of our staff and the hard work they put forth to sign a great class.”

CalBears.com was on site throughout signing day in the football offices at the Simpson Center for Student-Athlete High Performance. A live blog, biographical information, video clips, frequent updates through Cal Athletics social media outlets listed below and much more has been posted at CalBears.com/Signing Day.

Cal football will return to a renovated Memorial Stadium in 2012, opening its season at home against Nevada on Saturday, Sept. 1. The Bears’ seven-game home slate will also feature Pac-12 contests against Arizona State, Oregon, Stanford, Washington and UCLA, as well as a non-conference tilt against Southern Utah. The Bears have road trips to Ohio State, Oregon State, USC, Utah and Washington State.

For more information on the stadium and season-ticket options for 2012, visit CaliforniaMemorialStadium.com.

2012 Cal Football Recruiting Class

NAME	POS	HT	WT	YR	EXP	HOMETOWN (LAST SCHOOLS)
Michael Barton	LB	6-1	211	Fr.	HS	Concord, CA (De La Salle HS)
Maurice Bennett	DL	6-2	280	Fr.	HS	Madison, MS (Madison Central HS)
Matt Cochran	OL	6-4	320	Fr.	HS	Atwater, CA (Buhach Colony HS)
Jeffrey Coprich	ATH	5-9	182	Fr.	HS	Stevenson Ranch, CA (West Ranch HS)
Cedric Dozier	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, WA (Lakes HS)
Damariay Drew	DB	6-0	195	Fr.	HS	Livermore, CA (Livermore HS)
Maximo Espitia	FB	6-3	223	Fr.	HS	Salem, OR (South Salem HS)
Willie Fletcher	DB	6-3	180	Fr.	HS	Orange, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)
Raymond Ford	DB	5-11	174	Fr.	HS	Gardena, CA (Junipero Serra HS)
Chris Harper	WR	6-0	171	Fr.	HS	Encino, CA (Crespi HS)
Zach Kline	QB	6-2	210	Fr.	HS	Danville, CA (San Ramon Valley HS)
Kenny Lawler	WR	6-3	192	Fr.	HS	Upland, CA (Upland HS)
Cole Leininger	P	6-2	204	Fr.	HS	Fruit Cove, FL (Bartram Trail HS)
Steven Moore	OL	6-6	270	Fr.	HS	Elk Grove, CA (Elk Grove HS)
Hardy Nickerson Jr.	LB	6-0	221	Fr.	HS	Oakland, CA (Bishop O’Dowd HS)
Christian Okafor	OL	6-6	304	Fr.	HS	Houston, TX (Westbury HS)
Darius Powe	WR	6-2	186	Fr.	HS	Lakewood, CA (Lakewood HS)
Freddie Tagaloo	OL	6-8	312	Fr.	HS	Richmond, CA (Salesian HS)
Bryce Treggs	WR	5-11	171	Fr.	HS	Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

Michael Barton, LB, 6-1, 211, Fr., HS

Concord, CA (De La Salle HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), Rivals (4), Scout (4), 247Sports (4)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – MaxPreps (176); **Inside Linebacker** – MaxPreps (10), Rivals (11); **Linebacker** – ESPN (19), SuperPrep (35)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (28), Rivals (39)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (31)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – U.S. Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American (MaxPreps First-Team, Prepstar, SuperPrep), California State Division I Player of the Year (MaxPreps), All-State (MaxPreps First-Team, ESPN High School California First-Team), All-East Bay Player of the Year (San Francisco Chronicle), All-East Bay Defensive MVP (Bay Area New Group), California Mr. Football Finalist (ESPN High School California)

2009 – Super Sophomore (GoldenStatePreps)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 103 tackles, 3.0 TFL, 3.0 sacks, two passes defensed, one fumble recovery, one punt block (34 yard-return)

2010 – 72 tackles (third in EBAL)

2009 – 72 tackles

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 13-1 overall, nation's No. 3 team, California's No. 1 team, California Open Bowl Division champion, East Bay League champion

2010 – 14-0 overall, nation's No. 1-ranked team, California's No. 1 team

2009 – 13-2 overall, California's No. 5 team

MAXPREPS SAYS

"His instincts and diagnostic skills are second to none. He flows to the ball extremely well and does a good job of avoiding traffic, and once he gets there he knows how to hammer home his message."

OTHER

Had nine tackles in final prep game to lead De La Salle to California Open Bowl Division win.

Maurice Bennett, DL, 6-2, 280, Fr., HS Madison, MS (Madison Central HS)

STARS

ESPN (3), Rivals (3), Scout (3), 247Sports (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – MaxPreps (176); **Defensive Tackle** – ESPN (66), Scout (99), 247Sports (114)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (17), 247Sports (40)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Classic (listed as a top performer by Rivals in practice prior to the game), All-Metro

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – Mississippi Top 50 (Rivals)

2009 – Super Sophomore (GoldenStatePreps)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 30 tackles, 1.0 sack

2010 – 37 tackles, 6.0 TFL, 1.0 sack, 1 fumble recovery

2009 – 3 tackles

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 11-3 overall, 7-0 6A Region 2, Mississippi Class 6A semifinals, Mississippi's No. 4 ranked team, 11-game win streak

2010 – 12-2 overall, 6-1 6A Region 2, shared 6A Region 2 title, Mississippi Class 6A semifinals, Mississippi's No. 7 ranked team

2009 – 13-1 overall, 7-0 6A Region 2, 6A Region 2 champion, Mississippi's No. 2 ranked team, won first 13 games of season before losing season finale

**Note – Lost to state champion in semifinals of playoffs in both 2010 and '11*

ESPN SAYS

"Bennett comes across as a defensive lineman with a good motor and he is going to hustle around and battle to get the football."

MAXPREPS SAYS

"Not yet a standout but certainly shows the skills to make it in Division I ball. He receives a lot of attention from offensive linemen, is an effective bull rusher who can push the pocket, and shows decent closing speed."

SCOUT SAYS

"A high motor interior lineman, Bennett has good size and a quick first step, but what makes him stand out on the field is his work ethic. He is an every down, play to the whistle interior lineman that fights in the trenches."

OTHER

Brother, Bryon Bennett, plays defensive tackle at Mississippi.

Matt Cochran, OL, 6-4, 320, Fr., HS Atwater, CA (Buhach Colony HS)

STARS

MaxPreps (4), ESPN (3), Rivals (3), Scout (3), 247Sports (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – MaxPreps (187); Center – Scout (3), ESPN (5), 247 Sports (5), Scout (7); Guards and Centers – MaxPreps (11)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (45), ESPN (52), Rivals (53)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

U.S. Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl, California Prep All-Star Game

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar, SuperPrep), All-State First-Team (Max Preps Division), All-State Second-Team (ESPN High School California); All-Sac Joaquin Section First-Team; Area Player of the Year (Merced Sun-Star), All-District (Modesto Bee First-Team), All-Central California Conference First-Team

2010 – All-State Second-Team (ESPN Rise), All-District First-Team, All-Central California Conference First-Team, All-Modesto Area First-Team, All-Merced Area First-Team, All-Section Honorable Mention

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 30 tackles, 2.5 sacks

2009 – Anchored offensive line that opened holes for three 1,000-yard rushers in the same season, one forced fumble

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 12-1 overall, 5-0 Central California Conference, CCC champion, Division II Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals

2010 – 12-1 overall, 5-0 Central California Conference, CCC champion, Division II Sac-Joaquin Section semifinals

ESPN SAYS

“Exceptionally quick in a limited space, he’s technically sound, and as aggressive as they come.”

MAXPREPS SAYS

“His instincts and diagnostic skills are second to none. He flows to the ball extremely well and does a good job of avoiding traffic, and once he gets there he knows how to hammer home his message.”

OTHER

Selected as a MaxPreps Team Player of the Week for his performance in a victory over Enochs in the second game of his senior season ... starting center for three seasons

Jeffrey Coprich, ATH, 5-9, 182, Fr., HS Stevenson Ranch, CA (West Ranch HS)

STARS

Scout (3), ESPN (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (201)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (207)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

California Prep All-Star Game (forced a fumble and returned it for a touchdown)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – team-leading 98 points; rushed for 1,277 yards and 16 touchdowns; five receptions for 41 yards, seven kick returns for 164 yards; 20 tackles, one interception that he returned 72 yards for a touchdown; three passes defended; one fumble returned 35 yards for a score; seven kick returns, 164 yards

ESPN SAYS

“Coprich is a small, shifty back with good quickness. Shows complimentary back type qualities, particularly as an inside zone runner.”

OTHER

Will receive the prestigious 2012 Watkins Scholar Athlete of the Year for the state of California ... on Feb. 17, 2012, by the Los Angeles Chapter of The National Alliance of African American Athletes ... the award is given annually as a means for recognizing an exceptionally talented African American male athletes who, by his example, helps promote high academic standards and a commitment to community service ... played both running back and defensive back but expected to start his career at Cal in the offensive backfield

Cedric Dozier, WR, 5-11, 175, Fr., HS Lakewood, WA (Lakes HS)

STARS

Rivals (4), Scout (4), ESPN (3), MaxPreps (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (152); **Athlete** – Rivals (12), Scout (19), ESPN (46); **Defensive back** – Scout (24); **Defensive back and Safeties** – MaxPreps (on list, no specific ranking)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (4), ESPN (6)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – U.S. Army All-American Bowl

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 28 receptions, 479 yards, 5 TD; 34 rushes, 291 yards, 3 TD; 17-of-20 passing, 238 yards, 3 TD, 141.0 QB Rating; 13 tackles, 1 INT

2010 – 183 rushes, 1,223 yards, 17 TD; 91-of-142 passing, 1,181 yards, 13 TD, 7 INT; 19 tackles, 1 INT; led the league in passing, ranked second in rushing and scoring

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Career (2008-11) – 44-4 overall record, 26-0 SPSL record, four SPSL titles

2011 – 11-1 overall, 5-0 SPSL, SPSL champion

2010 – 11-1 overall, 5-0 SPSL, SPSL champion, 3A state semifinals

2009 – 11-1 overall, 5-0 SPSL, SPSL champion

2008 – 11-1 overall, **5-0** SPSL, SPSL champion

ESPN SAYS

“Dozier is essentially a running back playing as a dual-threat, dangerous quarterback at the high school level. He will make the transition to either running back, wide receiver or defensive back at the next level and possesses the physical gifts to be a nice fit at all three. He is explosive and displays very good play speed. Has great feet and initial quickness.”

MAXPREPS SAYS

“He’s as coachable as they come.”

OTHER

Three-year varsity starter , playing primarily at wide receiver as a senior after spending his sophomore and junior prep campaigns as a dual-threat quarterback ... all four of the team’s losses came in its final game each year.

Damariay Drew, DB, 6-0, 195, Fr., HS Livermore, CA (Livermore HS)

STARS

Rivals (3), 247Sports (3), Scout (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Athlete – 247Sports (48); **Safety** – Scout (124)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – Scout (62)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – California Prep All-Star Game; Holiday Classic (Sacramento vs. East Bay, 51 yards receiving, 37 yards rushing, 2.0 sacks – both on third down)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-State Fourth-Team (ESPN High School California All-State; Cream of the Crop (Bay Area News Group); All-East Bay Athletic League First-Team

2010 – Back-to-back MaxPreps U.S. Air Force Player of the Week (9/5 – 35 rushes, 122 yards; 12 tackles, 1 INT; 9/12 – 332 all-purpose yards; 11 rushes, 197 yards, 3 TD; 1 receiving TD; 1 kick return TD); All-East Bay Athletic League First-Team

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – Team-leading 102 points; 157 rushes, 1,291 yards, 17 TD; 5 receptions, 69 yards; team-high 79 tackles, 7.0 sacks, 1 INT, 2 passes defended, 2 forced fumbles; 9 kick returns, 249 yards, 27.7 avg; 208 rushing yards and four TD on 17 rushes; rushed for at least 99 yards in nine of 10 contests

2010 – Team-leading 84 points; 115 carries, 931 yards, 10 TD; 15 receptions, 217 yards, 2 TD; 91 tackles, 2 INT, 2 passes defended, 1 fumble recovery; 9 kick returns, 297 yards, 33.0 avg

2009 – 62 rushes, 456 yards, 4 TD; 9 receptions, 115 yards, 1 TD; 1 INT; had an 80-yard kick return; completed a 26-yard TD pass on his only attempt

OTHER

Two-way prep starter on offense and defense.

Maximo Espitia, FB, 6-3, 223, Fr., HS Salem, OR (South Salem HS)

STARS

Rivals (3), Scout (3), ESPN (2), 247Sports (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Fullback – Scout (7), 247Sports (8)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – SuperPrep (5), Rivals (7), 247Sports (8)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar, SuperPrep)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – **84-of-178 passing, 1,182 yards, 12 TD, 11 INT**; 128 rushes, 859 yards, 14 TD; 11 receptions, 115 yards, 1 TD; 1.0 sack, 2 fumble recoveries; 1 blocked kick; 33.8 punting average

2010 – 62-of-121 passing, 816 yards, 8 TD, 7 INT; 132 rushes, 1,132 yards, 13 TD; 4 receptions, 97 yards

2009 – 39 receptions, 850 yards, 13 TD; 8.0 sacks

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2010 – 8-4 overall, 4-1 6A Central Valley Football League

2009 – 8-3 overall, 5-0 6A Central Valley Football League, CVFL champions

ESPN SAYS

“Espitia is productive on both sides of the ball especially as a wide receiver/quarterback. However, we feel his future is as an outside linebacker where he has the size and playing speed for the position at the next level of competition.”

OTHER

Played offense, defense and special teams as a prep, but expected to play linebacker at Cal.

**Willie Fletcher, DB, 6-3, 180, Fr., HS
Orange, CA (Orange Lutheran HS)**

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Competitive Elite Sports Literacy Classic (2 interceptions in second quarter, one INT returned for TD); Prepstar California Classic

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 2 receptions, 20 yards

Raymond Ford, DB, 5-11, 174, Fr., HS Gardena, CA (Junipero Serra HS)

STARS

247Sports (4), Prepstar (3), Rivals (3), Scout (3), ESPN (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (144); **Defensive back** – 247Sports (13), ESPN (35), Scout (38)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (19), Rivals (46)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Catholic/Christian Literacy All-Star Football Classic

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar)

2010 – All-State First-Team, All-Southern Section First-Team, All-Mission League First-Team

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – Limited to seven games due to injury; 14 catches, 203 yards; 34 tackles, 1 INT, 8 passes defended

2010 – 45 tackles, 5 INT including 77-yard TD return, 15 passes defended; 16 receptions, 334 yards, 3 TD

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 8-3 overall, 5-0 Mission League, Mission League champions, Southern Section Western Division First Round

2010 – 14-1 overall, 5-0 Mission League, Southern Section Western Division champions, Mission League champions, qualified for California State Division II Bowl

ESPN SAYS

“Overall, we still feel that Ford is falling under the radar with the competitiveness, savvy, quickness and ball skills he brings to the table.”

Chris Harper, WR, 6-0, 171, Fr., HS Encino, CA (Crespi HS)

STARS

Prepstar (4), ESPN (3), Rivals (3), Scout (3), 247Sports (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Wide Receiver – Rivals (61), 247Sports (71), Scout (80), ESPN (108), Prepstar (146, Dream Team Player)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (50), Rivals (60), SuperPrep (107), Prepstar SoCal 150 (no specific ranking)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Nevada/Hawaii Overall – SuperPrep (107); **Southern California Defensive back** – Prepstar (12)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

California Prep All-Star Game

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 37 receptions, 846 yards, 14 TD, led Serra League in receiving; 1 rush, 4 yards, 1 TD

2010 – 60 receptions, 940 yards, 7 TD, second in Serra League in receiving; 8 rushes, 45 yards

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 7-3 overall

2011 – 8-4 overall

ESPN SAYS

“Harper is a very good route runner with deceptive long speed. He has the size and athleticism for the wide receiver position at the major level of competition.”

OTHER

Has worked out with the “1925 All-Stars”, 7-on-7 teams coached by Keyshawn Johnson.

Zach Kline, QB, 6-2, 210, Fr., HS Danville, CA (San Ramon Valley HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), MaxPreps (4), Rivals (4), Scout (4), 247Sports (4)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (38), Rivals (44), ESPN (58), Scout (123), MaxPreps (144); **Quarterback** – Rivals (2, pro style), 247Sports (2 pro style), ESPN (4), Scout (4), MaxPreps (6, pro style)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (5), ESPN (7), Rivals (10)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Under Armour All-America Game (5-of-10 passing, 92 yards) ... threw a 32-yard TD pass that rated No. 3 on ESPN's Top 10 Plays of the Day during the Under Armour All-America Game following the 2011 season ... named by 247Sports as the top quarterback performer in the practices leading up to the Under Armour All-America Game.

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American (SuperPrep); Gatorade California Football Player of the Year; All-State First-Team (ESPN High School California, MaxPreps); East Bay Offensive Player of the Year (Bay Area News Group); All-Metro First-Team (San Francisco Chronicle); All-East Bay Athletic League First-Team

2010 – All-East Bay Athletic League First-Team

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 230-of-341 passing, school-record 67.4 completion percentage, North Coast Section leading 3,630 yards (second on school's single-season list), school-record-tying 36 TD, 7 INT, 129.0 quarterback rating, ranked No. 4 in California and No. 18 nationally in passing, threw for at least one touchdown in 13 of 14 games and passed for at least 200 yards on 12 occasions, threw for a career-high 337 yards vs. California in a game in which he also equaled a career best with five touchdowns passes to earn MaxPreps Player of the Week honors; added 8 rushing TD and 210 yards

2010 – 164-of-278 passing, 1,978 yards

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 10-4 overall, reached North Coast Section title game before losing to eventual California Open Division Bowl champ De La Salle

ESPN SAYS

"Kline is a very efficient, polished and fundamentally sound quarterback prospect that has some swagger to his game. He is accurate, athletic and plays with poise and nice awareness in the pocket."

OTHER

Has enrolled at Cal for the 2012 spring semester, began taking classes in Berkeley and is expected to take part in practices this spring.

Kenny Lawler, WR, 6-3, 192, Fr., HS Upland, CA (Upland HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), Prepstar (4), Rivals (4), Scout (4), 247Sports (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (222), 247Sports (219); **Wide Receiver** – Rivals (33), ESPN (42), Scout (42), 247Sports (73)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (32), ESPN (34), 247Sports (54)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (36)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – California Prep All-Star Game; Inland Empire All-Star Classic

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American (Prepstar); All-Region (SuperPrep); All-State First-Team (MaxPreps), All-State Second-Team (ESPN High School California); All-Southern Section First-Team; All-Southland First-Team (Los Angeles Times); All-Inland Division First-Team; All-Inland Valley First-Team; All-Baseline League First-Team

2010 – All-Inland Empire First-Team; All-Baseline League First-Team

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 53 receptions, 1,267 yards, 12 TD, leading receiver in Southern Section and Baseline League, nine receiving TD's in final four games; 1-1 passing, 37 yards, TD; 7 rushes, 16 yards; 38 tackles, 4 passes defended, 3 INT; 1 blocked punt, 1 punt return for 11 yards, 3 kick returns for 32 yards

2010 – 42 receptions, 887 yards, 9 TD; 6 rushes, 86 yards; 1-of-1 passing, 33 yards; 19 tackles, 1 INT, 1 pass defended; 1 forced fumble; 4 kick returns, 150 yards

2009 – 17 receptions, 307 yards, 1 TD; 2 kick returns, 45 yards; 1 tackle

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 12-1 overall, 5-0 Baseline League, Baseline League champions, Southern Section Inland Division semifinals

2010 – 8-4 overall, Southern Section Inland Division second round

2009 – 12-2 overall, won first seven and last five games with both losses in between

ESPN SAYS

"This guy is a good looking, physical wide receiver with size, strength and good overall play speed. Lawler could see his stock rise at the next level as a red zone target and he shows flashes of being really good in this area. He can be physical and will become more so in time. Good prospect."

OTHER

Also participates in track and field.

Cole Leininger, P, 6-2, 204, Fr., HS Fruit Cove, FL (Bartram Trail HS)

STARS

Chris Sailer (4.5), ESPN (3), Rivals (2), Scout (2), 247Sports (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Punter – Chris Sailer (11); **Placekicker** – ESPN (13), 247Sports (21)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (138)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American Second-Team; Class 6A All-State; All-River League First-Team; All St. John's County First-Team; Super 75 Team (Florida Times Union)

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 42.7 yards per punt (9-yard improvement from sophomore season); team-high 110 points (14 FG, 68 XP); 64 of 90 kickoffs for touchbacks

2010 – 38.7 yards per punt; team-high 71 points (11 FG, 38 XP); 26 of 47 kickoffs for touchbacks

2009 – 33.7 yards per punt; 47 points (7 FG, 26 XP)

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 12-2 overall, Florida Class 6A semifinals

2010 – 7-4 overall, Florida Class 6A semifinals

ESPN SAYS

“Cole is a very impressive kicker/punter. The ball jumps off his foot. He is a D1 kicker and punter, and the second best combo guy in the nation behind Bradley Pinion. He has a strong leg, has developed excellent technique, and has the athleticism needed to punt at the D1 level.”

CHRIS SAILER SAYS

“Cole is the best combo player in the country, a Division I-A (FBS) prospect for both kicking and punting.”

OTHER

The field goal champion at Sailer's 2012 national kicking event, hitting on kicks that would have been from over 60 yards according to ESPN ... a National Merit Scholar with a 4.4 GPA.

Steven Moore, OL, 6-6, 270, Fr., HS Elk Grove, CA (Elk Grove HS)

STARS

ESPN (3), MaxPreps (3), Rivals (3), Scout (3), 247Sports (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offensive Tackle – Scout (54), ESPN (126); **Offensive Guard** – 247Sports (96)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (113), 247Sports (169)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (66); **Southern California Tight End** – Prepstar (9)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-State Division II First-Team (MaxPreps), All-State Third-Team (ESPN High School California); All-Sac-Joaquin Section Second-Team (MaxPreps); All-Metro (Sacramento Bee); All-Delta Valley League First-Team

2010 – All-Delta Valley League First-Team, All-Metro Second-Team

2009 – All-Delta Valley League First-Team, All-Metro Second-Team

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – Anchored an offensive line during his senior season that paved the way for a rushing attack that averaged 332.9 yards per game

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 12-1 overall, 5-0 Delta Valley League, DVL champion, Sac-Joaquin Section Division II semifinal, losing its only game of the season to eventual section champ Folsom

ESPN SAYS

“Moore comes across as a bit raw at this stage, but also shows good toughness and ability to develop as an offensive tackle. Moore is a kid with size and a frame to develop and demonstrates the effort and toughness to battle to try and get the job done. Would likely benefit greatly from a redshirt, but with time and work displays the tools to develop into a productive college player.”

OTHER

Also played prep basketball, earning third-team All-State honors as a junior.

Hardy Nickerson Jr., LB, 6-0, 221, Fr., HS Oakland, CA (Bishop O'Dowd HS)

STARS

ESPN (3), MaxPreps (3), Rivals (3), Scout (2), 247Sports (2)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Inside Linebacker – Rivals (38), 247Sports (73); **Middle Linebacker** – Scout (79); **Outside Linebacker** – ESPN (109)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (90), ESPN (137), 247Sports (191)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (139)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – U.S. Semper Fidelis All-American Game, International Bowl (U.S. versus a group of international players to be played in Austin, Tex., on Feb. 1, 2012)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar, SuperPrep), Division III All-State First-Team (MaxPreps), All-State Third-Team (ESPN High School California), All-Metro (San Francisco Chronicle), All-Area (Contra Costa Times), Butkus Award Watch List (award annually given to the nation's top linebacker at high school, collegiate and professional levels of football)

2010 – Hayward Area Athletic League Defensive Player of the Year; All-State Underclassman, All-North Coast Section, All-HAAL

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 153 tackles, 1.0 sack, 1 INT, 3 passes defended, 1 fumble recovery, 1 forced fumble; 78 rushes, 453 yards, 6 TD; 8 receptions, 48 yards

2010 – 116 tackles, 14.0 TFL, 4 passes defended, 1 fumble recovery; 9 rushes, 45 yards; 10 receptions, 95 yards, 1 TD

2009 – 52 tackles, 1 interception; 7 receptions, 47 yards; 4 rushes, 20 yards

2008 – 68 tackles, 2 fumble recoveries

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 9-3 overall, 7-0 Hayward Area Athletic League, HAAL champions, North Coast Section playoffs second round

2010 – 10-2 overall, 7-0 Hayward Area Athletic League, HAAL champions, North Coast Section playoffs second round

MAXPREPS SAYS

"[Hardy] proves that the apple doesn't fall from the tree. Not quite as big as his dad, but just as instinctive, quick and athletic. He shows good awareness and his coach calls him a difference maker with his playmaking ability."

OTHER

Played both running back and linebacker at the prep level but expected to be a linebacker at Cal ... father, Hardy Nickerson Sr., played for 16 seasons in the NFL (four-time All-Pro, five Pro Bowl selections), is a Cal Athletics Hall of Famer after his collegiate football career with the Bears, and was his son's head coach for his final two seasons at Bishop O'Dowd High School.

Christian Okafor, OL, 6-6, 304, Fr., HS Houston, TX (Westbury HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), MaxPreps (4), Rivals (3), Scout (3), 247Sports (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Offensive Tackle – ESPN (30), Scout (34), Rivals (67), MaxPreps (no specific ranking)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (39), Rivals (97)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (139)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – All-Region (Prepstar, SuperPrep)

ESPN SAYS

"[Okafor] has the size and athleticism for the offensive tackle position at the BCS level of play. We see good potential for growth over time."

Darius Powe, WR, 6-2, 186, Fr., HS Lakewood, CA (Lakewood HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), MaxPreps (4), Prepstar (4), Rivals (4), 247Sports (4), Scout (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (66), Rivals (226); **Wide Receiver** – ESPN (11), 247Sports (18), MaxPreps (23), Rivals (35), Scout (105)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – ESPN (8), 247Sports (18), Rivals (33)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (39)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Under Armour All-America Game (3 receptions, 37 yards, earned a mention by Rivals as running the “best routes” in the game and the practices leading up to the contest, as well as listed by 247Sports as the third-best receiving during practices prior to the contest)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American (Prepstar); All-Region (SuperPrep)

2010 – All-State Third-Team (ESPN High School California), Moore League Offensive Player of the Year, All-Southern Section First-Team, Long Beach Dream Team member

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 36 receptions, 560 yards, 9 TD; 13 tackles, 1 INT, 8 passes defended

2010 – 46 receptions, 827 yards, 6 TD; 2 rushes, 10 yards; 38 tackles, 2 INT, 2 passes defended; 6 punt returns, 100 yards

2009 – 19 receptions, 389 yards, 5 TD, 6 punt returns, 229 yards, 1 TD

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2010 – 10-2 overall, 5-1 Moore League, Southern Section Pac 5 playoffs second round

2009 – 11-2 overall, 6-0 Moore League, playoffs

ESPN SAYS

“This kid is a nice combination of size and speed. He is tall with long arms and fluid, smooth movements ... [Powe is an] excellent prospect that has the upside to become a bonafide BCS level playmaker.”

Freddie Tagaloa, OL, 6-8, 312, Fr., HS Richmond, CA (Salesian HS)

STARS

ESPN (4), Rivals (4), 247Sports (4), MaxPreps (3.5), Scout (3)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – MaxPreps (94), Rivals (181), 247Sports (220); **Offensive Tackle** – MaxPreps (13), Rivals (17), 247Sports (21), ESPN (32), Scout (39); **Outside Linebacker** – ESPN (109)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – 247Sports (26), Rivals (30), ESPN (33)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (39)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – U.S. Semper Fidelis All-American Game (listed as the No. 8 overall performer during the team's practices prior to the game by Rivals), International Bowl (U.S. versus a group of international players to be played in Austin, Tex., on Feb. 1, 2012)

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American (Prepstar); All-Region (SuperPrep), Small School All-American (MaxPreps), Division III All-State (MaxPreps), All-Metro (San Francisco Chronicle), All-East Bay (Contra Costa Times)

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Career – 45-7 overall, 21-0 Bay League, high school squad won Division IV State and North Coast Section Division titles and its final 21 games over his sophomore and junior prep seasons

2011 – 14-0 overall, 4-0 Bay League, Bay League champion (fourth in a row), state champions, Bay League champions

2010 – 11-2 overall, 5-0 Bay League, Bay League champions, North Coast Section playoffs second round

2009 – 12-2 overall, 7-0 Bay League, Bay League champions, North Coast Section playoffs second round

ESPN SAYS

"Tagaloa has the great size we look for when evaluating offensive tackles for the major level of competition; displays the dominant playing strength necessary to get consistent movement as a drive blocker."

MAXPREPS SAYS

"Tagaloa appears to have an exceptionally high ceiling ... an outstanding run blocker, he has an aggressive style of play, is very athletic, can bend his knees, and shows good hand placement and technique."

OTHER

Also a four-year starting center in basketball, playing on a state championship squad during his freshman campaign ... listed by MaxPreps as one of the nation's top football recruits that also plays basketball.

Bryce Treggs, WR, 5-11, 171, Fr., HS Bellflower, CA (St. John Bosco HS)

STARS

Scout (5), ESPN (4), Prepstar (4), Rivals (4), 247Sports (4), MaxPreps (3.5)

NATIONAL RANKINGS

Overall – SuperPrep Elite 50; Prepstar (79), Rivals (81), MaxPreps (89), 247Sports (112); **Wide Receiver** – Scout (5), SuperPrep (8), MaxPreps (9), Rivals (12), 247Sports (14), ESPN (25)

STATE RANKINGS

Overall – Rivals (12), 247Sports (17), ESPN (18)

REGIONAL RANKINGS

California/Hawaii/Nevada Overall – SuperPrep (6); **Southern California Wide Receiver** – Prepstar (12)

POSTSEASON BOWL GAMES

2011 – Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl (named the No. 3 overall performer on the East roster in practices prior to the game by Rivals); Cal State All-Star Game (named the No. 10 player overall at the game); Catholic/Christian Literacy All-Star Football Classic

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

2011 – All-American First Team (Prepstar, SuperPrep); Division I All-State First-Team (MaxPreps, ESPN High School California); Southern Section and All-Pac-5 Player of the Year; Trinity League Co-Offensive Player of the Year; All-LA Times Southland Team; All-Pac 5 Division

2010 – Division I All-State First-Team; All-Trinity League

2009 – All-Trinity League

INDIVIDUAL STATS

2011 – 70 receptions, 1,377 yards, 11 TD, top-ranked receiver in the Trinity League and third-ranked in the state of California; threw a 57-yard touchdown on his only passing attempt; 2 rushes, 21 yards; 41 tackles; 1 INT that he returned 90 yards for a touchdown; 4 punt returns, 99 yards including a 79 yarder for a score; 1 kick return, 24 yards

2010 – 56 receptions, 1,010 yards, 12 TD; 37 tackles, 4 INT that he returned 117 yards; 10 kick returns, 186 yards; 4 punt returns, 10 yards

2009 – 33 receptions, 534 yards, 3 TD; 4 kick returns, 76 yards

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2011 – 8-4 overall, Southern Section Pac 5 playoffs second round

ESPN SAYS

“Treggs is a pretty exciting, shifty prospect that plays both on the inside and outside, but we feel is a better fit at slot at the next level.”

MAXPREPS SAYS

“[Treggs shows outstanding quickness off the line, terrific speed, strong hands, and big play capabilities. [Bryce is] a prep version of DeSean Jackson ... a big-time talent.”

SCOUT SAYS

“[Treggs is] the West’s top receiver because of his crisp route running, excellent hands and ability to get separation.”

OTHER

Father, Brian, was a wide receiver at Cal from 1988-91 and set a then school record with 167 career catches (still ranks fourth) before spending one season in the NFL with the Seattle Seahawks ... father has coached Bryce throughout his career, including his wide receivers coach as a prep... was a camp MVP at both Arizona State and Cal football camps ... also a prep standout on the track who has been timed as fast as 10.8 and 22.2 in the 100 and 200 meters.