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#### 2010 PITT FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS ANNOUNCED

**PITTSBURGH**—Coming off a 10-win season and Top 15 finish in the national polls, the Pitt football program continued its upward trend today by signing a recruiting class that is already earning praise as one of the best in the Big East and nationally.

Pitt head coach **Dave Wannstedt** introduced the 24-player class this afternoon at his annual National Letter of Intent Day press conference held in the Panthers' locker room at Heinz Field.

"We had an outstanding season on the field this fall and that momentum carried over to our coaches' recruiting efforts," Wannstedt said. "Prospects are recognizing the national emergence of our program and they want to be part of that. These young men want to help Pitt football continue its rise and be part of an outstanding institution like the University of Pittsburgh."

Pitt's class is comprised of players from six different states. In addition to Pennsylvania, the Panthers' recruiting arm stretched to Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and Virginia.

Pitt's 2010 class includes:

- Eight players who were named to the 2009 Pennsylvania Sports Writers All-State Team, including two-time first-team honorees in defensive lineman **Aaron Donald** (Penn Hills), quarterback **Anthony Gonzalez** (Liberty) and receiver **Kevin Weatherspoon** (Clairton).
- Defensive lineman **T.J. Clemmings**, the No. 1 overall prospect in New Jersey according to Scout.com.
- **Bryan Murphy** and **Brandon Sacco**, two all-state linemen from New Jersey's Don Bosco Prep, which finished No. 1 in the *USA Today* Super 25 high school football poll.
- The top-rated quarterback prospect in Ohio according to Rivals.com in **Mark Myers**, who threw for 2,127 yards and 20 touchdowns as a first-team all-state performer for Cleveland's St. Ignatius.
- Scout.com's top-rated running back in Virginia in **T.J. Peeler** (Broad Run), who rushed for 2,199 yards and 23 touchdowns as a senior.
- Defensive back/receiver **Todd Thomas**, a former Beaver Falls standout who starred at Milford Academy (N.Y.) this past fall and is considered the No. 4 prep school prospect in the country according to Rivals.com. Thomas was a three-time all-state selection at Beaver Falls from 2006-08
- Two players from perennial Maryland power DeMatha Catholic, including consensus all-state offensive lineman **Shane Johnson** and defensive back **Jeff Knox**.
- Nine players who won at least one state championship during their high school careers.

One member of the Panthers' 2010 class, defensive back **Saheed Imoru**, enrolled at the University of Pittsburgh in January and will participate in spring drills. Imoru was a standout cornerback at Navarro Junior College in Texas.

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### 2010 Pitt Football Recruits

<b>Name</b>	<b>Pos.</b>	<b>Ht.</b>	<b>Wt.</b>	<b>Hometown/High School/Prep School</b>
Derrick Burns	DB	5-11	205	New Wilmington, Pa./Wilmington Area
Brendan Carozzoni	TE	6-4	220	Rocky River, Ohio/St. Ignatius
Drew Carswell	WR	6-4	210	McKees Rocks, Pa./Sto-Rox
T.J. Clemmings	DL	6-6	280	Teaneck, N.J./Paterson Catholic
Arthur Doakes	OL	6-6	325	Lebanon, Pa./Lebanon
Aaron Donald	DL	6-0	270	Verona, Pa./Penn Hills
Andre Givens	RB	5-10	185	Hubbard, Ohio/Hubbard
Anthony Gonzalez	QB	6-3	215	Bethlehem, Pa./Liberty
Brandon Ifill	DB	6-1	190	Pittsburgh, Pa./Penn Hills
Saheed Imoru*	DB	5-10	190	Houston, Texas/Navarro J.C./Alief Hastings H.S.
Shane Johnson	OL	6-5	295	Ft. Washington, Md./DeMatha Catholic
Jeff Knox	DB	6-2	205	Upper Marlboro, Md./DeMatha Catholic
Khaynin Mosley-Smith	DL	6-0	290	Pittsburgh, Pa./Woodland Hills
Bryan Murphy	DL	6-3	245	Monroe, N.Y./Don Bosco Prep (N.J.)
Mark Myers	QB	6-4	225	Pepper Pike, Ohio/St. Ignatius
T.J. Peeler	RB	6-1	210	Ashburn, Va./Broad Run
Matt Rotheram	OL	6-6	300	North Olmsted, Ohio/North Olmsted
Brandon Sacco	OL	6-3	255	Long Valley, N.J./Don Bosco Prep
Dan Schneider	TE	6-4	240	Avon Lake, Ohio/Avon Lake
Todd Thomas	DB/WR	6-2	205	Beaver Falls, Pa./Beaver Falls/ Milford Academy (N.Y.)
Kevin Weatherspoon	WR	5-10	170	Clairton, Pa./Clairton
Eric Williams	LB	6-3	215	Yardley, Pa./Pennsbury
K'Waun Williams	DB	5-10	175	Paterson, N.J./St. Joseph Regional
Salath Williams	WR	6-3	200	Harrisburg, Pa./Bishop McDevitt

\*enrolled January '10

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### **2010 Pitt Recruiting Class Breakdown**

#### **By Position:**

**Offensive Linemen — 4** (Arthur Doakes, Shane Johnson, Matt Rotheram, Brandon Sacco)

**Defensive Linemen — 4** (T.J. Clemmings, Aaron Donald, Khaynin Mosley-Smith, Bryan Murphy)

**Wide Receivers — 4\*** (Drew Carswell, Todd Thomas, Kevin Weatherspoon, Salath Williams)

**Defensive Backs — 6\*** (Derrick Burns, Brandon Ifill, Saheed Imoru, Jeff Knox, Todd Thomas, K'Waun Williams)

**Running Backs — 2** (Andre Givens, T.J. Peeler)

**Quarterbacks — 2** (Anthony Gonzalez, Mark Myers)

**Tight Ends — 2** (Brendan Carozzoni, Dan Schneider)

**Linebackers — 1** (Eric Williams)

*\* Todd Thomas is listed at both defensive back and wide receiver*

#### **By State:**

**Pennsylvania — 11** (DB Derrick Burns, WR Drew Carswell, OL Arthur Doakes, DL Aaron Donald, QB Anthony Gonzalez, DB Brandon Ifill, DL Khaynin Mosley-Smith, DB/WR Todd Thomas, WR Kevin Weatherspoon, LB Eric Williams, WR Salath Williams)

**Ohio — 5** (TE Brendan Carozzoni, RB Andre Givens, QB Mark Myers, OL Matt Rotheram, TE Dan Schneider)

**New Jersey — 4** (DL T.J. Clemmings, DL Bryan Murphy, OL Brandon Sacco, DB K'Waun Williams)

**Maryland — 2** (OL Shane Johnson, DB Jeff Knox)

**Texas — 1** (DB Saheed Imoru)

**Virginia — 1** (RB T.J. Peeler)

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**Derrick Burns, DB, 5-11, 205, New Wilmington, Pa., Wilmington Area**

Two-way standout at running back and linebacker for Wilmington Area...selected first team All-State Class AA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AA (first team)...*Erie Times-News* Region 3 Player of the Year...*Erie Times-News* All-District 10...compiled 2,632 rushing yards, 44 touchdowns and 224 tackles over his junior and senior seasons...rushed for 1,142 yards and scored 19 touchdowns, while compiling 82 tackles his senior year...as a junior, rushed for 1,490 yards, scored 25 touchdowns (23 rushing) and had 142 tackles...was a second-team all-state selection his junior year...led Wilmington to a combined 28-3 mark (.903) his final two seasons, including a 15-1 record and the PIAA Class AA state championship as a junior...rated the No. 22 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals...rated one of Pennsylvania's top 40 prospects by Scout...played under Coach Terry Verrelli...will join his brother Chris, a sophomore tailback, at Pitt.

**Brendan Carozzoni, TE, 6-4, 220, Rocky River, Ohio, St. Ignatius**

Two-year starting tight end for Ohio power St. Ignatius...compiled 41 receptions for 548 yards (13.4 avg.) and six touchdowns over his junior and senior seasons...consistently graded over 90% in his blocking assignments...during his final two varsity seasons, helped St. Ignatius to a combined 25-2 record (.926) and berths in the Ohio Division I (largest classification) playoffs each year...his junior season St. Ignatius went 14-1 en route to the state championship...Carozzoni scored a key touchdown in the title game on a 21-yard reception in the 28-20 victory over Elder...helped St. Ignatius to an 11-1 record and the regional semifinals his senior year...selected to play in the OHSFCA North-South Classic all-star game...rated one of Ohio's top 45 prospects by Scout...played under Coach Chuck Kyle...is one of two St. Ignatius products to sign at Pitt this year, joining quarterback Mark Myers.

**Drew Carswell, WR, 6-4, 210, McKees Rocks, Pa., Sto-Rox**

One of the state's most heavily recruited receiver prospects...selected first team All-State Class AA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AA...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...All-Century Conference...compiled 1,608 yards on 106 catches (15.2 avg.) for his career...had 44 catches for 656 yards (14.9 avg.) and six touchdowns as a senior...also starred at outside linebacker as a senior and had 73 tackles, four sacks and two interceptions, including one returned for a 98-yard touchdown...led Sto-Rox to an 8-3 record as a senior and the quarterfinals of the WPIAL Class AA playoffs...Sto-Rox went a combined 22-8 (.733) his final three seasons, making back-to-back WPIAL playoff appearances...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...rated the No. 17 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and Scout...played under Coach Jason Ruscitto.

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**T.J. Clemmings, DL, 6-6, 280, Teaneck, N.J., Paterson Catholic**

Despite playing only two seasons of high school football, Clemmings earned status as the top overall player in New Jersey and a national-caliber defensive end prospect...Scout rated Clemmings the No. 1 overall player in New Jersey and the nation's No. 6 defensive end prospect...rated the country's No. 38 player overall by Scout...ranked by Rivals as the state's No. 2 prospect and the country's No. 16 strongside defensive end...also established himself as a Division I prospect in basketball and had scholarship offers from Big East schools Providence and Seton Hall...collected 73 tackles, seven sacks and seven forced fumbles as a senior...All-New Jersey...All-New Jersey Non-Public...North Jersey Defensive Player of the Year...All-Passaic County...All-BPSL (Bergen-Passaic Scholastic League) Carpenter Division...led team to back-to-back Non-Public Group 1 state championships...his senior year the Cougars went a perfect 11-0 en route to the title...Clemmings spearheaded a defense that notched five shutouts and yielded just 41 points on the year (3.7 points per game)...played under Coach Benjie Wimberly.

**Arthur Doakes, OL, 6-6, 325, Lebanon, Pa., Lebanon**

Physically imposing offensive line prospect who averaged more than six pancake blocks a game and did not allow a single sack as a senior at Lebanon...selected All-State Class AAA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers (second team)...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AAA...two-way All-Lebanon County selection at offensive guard and nose tackle...totaled 65 pancake blocks in 10 games...also had 26 tackles and 8.5 tackles for loss...team set 44 offensive school records over his final two seasons...as a junior, keyed an offense that averaged 434 yards per game to lead District 3...Lebanon advanced to the PIAA Class AAA playoffs that season for the first time in school history...rated one of the country's top 30 offensive guards by Scout...rated one of Pennsylvania's top 40 overall prospects by Rivals and Scout...played under Coach Gerry Yonchiuk.

**Aaron Donald, DL, 6-0, 270, Verona, Pa., Penn Hills**

Described as "one of the most dominating defensive linemen in WPIAL Class AAAA in recent years"...selected first team All-State Class AAAA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers each of his final two seasons...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AAAA ...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* WPIAL Class AAAA Player of the Year...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...All-Big East Conference...compiled 63 tackles, 15 tackles for loss and 11 sacks as a senior...also started at offensive guard...a three-year starter overall at Penn Hills...the Indians advanced to the WPIAL Class AAAA playoffs each of Donald's three years as a starter...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...rated one of the country's top 25 defensive tackles by Scout...rated Pennsylvania's No. 8 overall prospect by Scout and No. 14 by Rivals...played under Coach Ron Graham...is one of two Penn Hills players to sign with the Panthers this year, joining defensive back Brandon Ifill...they will reunite with another former Penn Hills star, sophomore linebacker Dan Mason, at Pitt.

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**Andre Givens, RB, 5-10, 185, Hubbard, Ohio, Hubbard**

Considered one of the top running backs in the state of Ohio after rushing for 2,358 yards over his final two seasons at Hubbard...despite missing three games due to injury as a senior, rushed for 925 yards and scored 21 total touchdowns in just nine contests...also was a starting outside linebacker and had 35 tackles, three tackles for loss and a sack...his junior year Givens rushed for 1,433 yards and 18 touchdowns...All-Northeast Inland All-District...All-Trumbull County...All-American Athletic Conference...helped Hubbard to a 10-2 record, the American Athletic Conference championship and the regional semifinals of the Ohio Division III playoffs as a senior...team went a combined 26-9 (.743) during his three seasons as a varsity starter...rated one of the country's top 35 running backs by Rivals...rated the No. 24 overall prospect in Ohio by Rivals and No. 30 by Scout...played under Coach Brian Hoffman.

**Anthony Gonzalez, QB, 6-3, 215, Bethlehem, Pa., Liberty**

Highly regarded dual-threat quarterback who compiled 5,311 yards in total offense and 61 touchdowns over his final two seasons at Liberty...despite missing two-plus games with a knee injury that required surgery his senior year, Gonzalez had more than 2,000 yards in total offense, rushing for 1,210 yards and 10 touchdowns, while throwing for 824 yards and 15 TDs...also was a standout safety...was selected first team All-State Class AAAA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers in the defensive "all-purpose" category as a senior...was named the Associated Press Class AAAA Player of the Year as a junior when he rushed for 1,697 yards and 24 touchdowns, while throwing for 1,580 yards and 12 scores...also had 96 tackles and three interceptions that year...led Liberty to a 15-1 record and the PIAA Class AAAA championship his junior season...perhaps his most remarkable performance occurred in the '08 state final, when he rushed for 205 yards and three touchdowns, threw for a score and also intercepted a pass in overtime to clinch Liberty's 28-21 victory over Bethel Park...*The Express-Times* 2008 Player of the Year...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Classic...rated the country's No. 13 quarterback by Scout and No. 13 "dual-threat" quarterback by Rivals...rated Pennsylvania's No. 10 overall prospect by Scout and No. 12 by Rivals...played under Coach Tim Moncman...reunites with Pitt redshirt freshman receiver Devin Street, who was an all-state performer for Liberty's 2008 PIAA champion team.

**Brandon Ifill, DB, 6-1, 190, Pittsburgh, Pa., Penn Hills**

One of the WPIAL's top "skill athletes"...as a senior safety, had 31 tackles, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries...also had 350 yards receiving on 25 catches (14.0 avg.)...his junior season, had 31 catches for 405 yards (13.1 avg.) and three touchdowns, while making 37 tackles and one interception on defense...named to The Associated Press Class AAAA All-State Team (second team) as a junior...a three-year starter at Penn Hills and four-year varsity letterman...the Indians advanced to the WPIAL Class AAAA playoffs each year of his varsity career, compiling a 29-17 overall record (.630)...rated Pennsylvania's No. 16 overall prospect by Scout and No. 26 by Rivals...played under Coach Ron Graham...is one of two Penn Hills players to sign with the Panthers this year, joining defensive lineman Aaron Donald...they will reunite with another former Penn Hills star, sophomore linebacker Dan Mason, at Pitt.

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**Saheed Imoru, DB, 5-10, 190, Houston, Texas, Navarro J.C., Alief Hastings H.S.**

A mid-year signee out of Navarro Junior College in Texas...was a highly productive cornerback his final year, compiling 68 tackles, 18 pass breakups and three interceptions...unanimous first team All-Southwest Junior College Football Conference (SWJCFC)...helped Navarro to the winningest season in school history with an 11-1 record...the Bulldogs reached No. 1 in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) polls and ultimately finished No. 3 following a 37-26 win over Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in the CHAMPS Heart of Texas Bowl...played under Navarro coach Nick Bobeck...was a standout running back at Houston's Alief Hastings High School before matriculating to Navarro...played under Coach Greg Alexander at Alief Hastings...will participate in Pitt's spring drills and have junior eligibility beginning with the 2010 season.

**Shane Johnson, OL, 6-5, 295, Ft. Washington, Md., DeMatha Catholic**

Considered one of the top offensive line prospects in the Mid-Atlantic region following an accomplished career at DeMatha Catholic...consensus first-team All-Maryland selection...earned All-Metropolitan honors from *The Washington Post*, Washington D.C. Pigskin Club and DCSports Fan.com...All-*Gazette*...All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC)...vital cog up front for DeMatha's powerful offense...the Stags averaged more than 35 points per game, while their top two rushers averaged nearly nine yards per carry...helped DeMatha to a combined 22-2 (.917) record his final two years...played in two WCAC championship games for DeMatha, including his junior year when the Stags captured the title...selected to play in the Maryland Crab Bowl All-Star Game (Baltimore vs. D.C.)...rated one of the country's top 35 offensive guards by Rivals and Scout...rated the No. 13 overall prospect in Maryland by Rivals and No. 14 by Scout...played under Coach Bill McGregor...is one of two DeMatha Catholic products to sign with Pitt this year, joining defensive back Jeff Knox.

**Jeff Knox, DB, 6-2, 205, Upper Marlboro, Md., DeMatha Catholic**

Former Pittsburgh resident who spent his junior and senior years at DeMatha Catholic in Maryland...two-year starter for DeMatha at cornerback and also was a significant contributor at running back...rated the No. 8 prospect in Maryland by Scout...despite missing nearly one-third of his senior season due to injury, compiled 38 tackles and three interceptions at corner, while averaging 7.3 yards per rush (132 yards on 18 carries) with three touchdowns at tailback...named All-Washington Catholic Athletic Conference (WCAC)...helped DeMatha to a combined 22-2 (.917) record his final two years...played in two WCAC title games for DeMatha, including his junior year when the Stags captured the championship...selected to play in the Maryland Crab Bowl All-Star Game (Baltimore vs. D.C.)...played his freshman and sophomore seasons at Pittsburgh Central Catholic before transferring to DeMatha...as a sophomore, Knox rushed for 1,243 yards on 176 carries (7.1 avg.) and 15 touchdowns to help Central Catholic to a 16-0 record and the PIAA and WPIAL Class AAAA championships...played with two current Pitt players on that title team, including sophomore quarterback Tino Sunseri and sophomore defensive back Andrew Taglianetti...is one of two DeMatha Catholic products to sign with Pitt this year, joining offensive lineman Shane Johnson...played under DeMatha coach Bill McGregor.

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**Khaynin Mosley-Smith, DL, 6-0, 290, Pittsburgh, Pa., Woodland Hills**

Powerful defensive lineman who was selected first team All-State Class AAAA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AAAA...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...was the only two-way starter for Woodland Hills' 2009 WPIAL Class AAAA champion team...collected 61 tackles and seven sacks as a senior defensive tackle and also started at offensive guard...had 55 tackles and six sacks as a junior while also starting at tight end...in his three seasons as a varsity starter, helped Woodland Hills to the WPIAL playoffs each season...in addition to the '09 WPIAL title, the Wolverines finished 12-2 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the PIAA state playoffs...set Woodland Hills records for power lifting, bench pressing 340 pounds and squatting 620...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...rated one of the top 25 overall prospects in Pennsylvania by Scout...played under Coach George Novak...Mosley-Smith's signing continues the Panthers' strong ties to Woodland Hills...previous Woodland Hills products to attend Pitt include current NFL players Lousaka Polite (fullback, Miami Dolphins) and Shawntae Spencer (cornerback, San Francisco 49ers).

**Bryan Murphy, DL, 6-3, 245, Monroe, N.Y., Don Bosco Prep (N.J.)**

Highly regarded defensive line prospect who starred for New Jersey's Don Bosco Prep, one of the premier programs in the country...Murphy helped Don Bosco to an undefeated season and final No. 1 ranking in the 2009 *USA Today* Super 25 high school football poll...had 47 tackles and nine sacks as a senior in helping the Ironmen to a 12-0 record and the Non-Public, Group 4 championship, the program's fourth consecutive state title...collected nearly 100 tackles and 19 quarterback sacks over his final two seasons...first team All-New Jersey and All-New Jersey Non-Public...selected to play in the Hawaii/Polynesia-Mainland Bowl at Aloha Stadium...rated one of the country's top 100 overall prospects by Scout...rated New Jersey's No. 2 prospect by Scout and No. 3 by Rivals...rated the country's No. 11 defensive end by Scout...rated the No. 16 weakside defensive end by Rivals...played under Coach Greg Toal...is one of two Don Bosco Prep products to sign with Pitt this year, joining offensive lineman Brandon Sacco.

**Mark Myers, QB, 6-4, 225, Pepper Pike, Ohio, St. Ignatius**

Lauded by Rivals as the top quarterback prospect in the state of Ohio following an exceptional senior year...arm strength earned national recognition by the scouting services...was rated No. 4 on Rivals' "country's strongest arm" list...named the No. 11 pro-style quarterback in the country by Rivals...threw for 2,127 yards and 20 touchdowns with only eight interceptions during his final season at St. Ignatius...completed 54% of his passes (140 of 261)...selected first team All-Ohio Division I (largest classification)...Northeast Lakes District Co-Offensive Player of the Year...led St. Ignatius to an 11-1 record and the regional semifinals of the Ohio Division I playoffs...selected to play in USA Football's "Team USA vs. The World" game, which matched USA Football's 2010 Junior National team (45 of the country's top high school seniors) against a world team comprised of 45 of the best players aged 19 and under from eight other countries...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...is one of two St. Ignatius products to sign at Pitt this year, joining tight end Brendan Carozzoni...played under Coach Chuck Kyle.

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**T.J. Peeler, RB, 6-1, 210, Ashburn, Va., Broad Run**

Prolific tailback who rushed for more than 3,330 yards during his final two seasons at Virginia's Broad Run High...rated the top running back in Virginia and the state's No. 10 overall prospect by Scout...averaged 7.6 yards per carry as a senior, rushing for 2,199 yards and 23 touchdowns on 288 carries...despite missing four games due to injury as a junior, rushed for 1,177 yards and 17 touchdowns on 127 carries (9.3 avg.)...finished his career as Broad Run's all-time leader in every major rushing category, including yards (3,427) and touchdowns (41), and also finished as the school's career scoring leader (246 points)...led team to a combined 28-0 record his final two years, including back-to-back Virginia AA Division 4 championships...named to The Associated Press Group AA All-State Team (first team)...*The Washington Post* first team All-Met...Region 2 Player of the Year...Dulles District Division 4 Offensive Player of the Year...played under Coach Mike Burnett.

**Matt Rotheram, OL, 6-6, 300, North Olmsted, Ohio, North Olmsted**

Decorated offensive line prospect who was an All-Ohio Division I (largest classification) performer at North Olmsted...a three-year starter who had more than 120 pancake blocks during his career...had 65 pancake blocks as a senior, an average of nearly seven per game...graded out in his blocking assignments at 90% efficiency...first team Northeast Lakes All-District...first team All-Southwestern Conference...*The Plain Dealer* All-Star Team...North Olmsted team MVP and captain...selected to play in the OHSFCA North-South Classic all-star game...rated one of the nation's top 30 offensive guard prospects by Scout and Rivals...rated the No. 27 overall prospect in Ohio by Rivals and No. 35 by Scout...played under Coach Mike Ptacek.

**Brandon Sacco, OL, 6-3, 255, Long Valley, N.J., Don Bosco Prep**

The top-rated offensive lineman in New Jersey according to Scout...starred at offensive tackle for powerhouse Don Bosco Prep, one of the premier programs in the country...Sacco helped Don Bosco to an undefeated season and final No. 1 ranking in the 2009 *USA Today* Super 25 high school football poll...was a vital cog for a potent offense that churned out 2,508 rushing yards and 2,088 passing yards...team averaged an incredible 46 points per game en route to a 12-0 record and the Non-Public, Group 4 championship, the Ironmen's fourth consecutive state title...first team All-New Jersey and All-New Jersey Non-Public...selected to play in the Hawaii/Polynesia-Mainland Bowl at Aloha Stadium...rated the No. 11 overall prospect in New Jersey by Scout...played under Coach Greg Toal...is one of two Don Bosco Prep products to sign with Pitt this year, joining defensive lineman Bryan Murphy.

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**Dan Schneider, TE, 6-4, 240, Avon Lake, Ohio, Avon Lake**

A first-team All-Ohio Division II honoree at tight end...lauded as one of Avon Lake's "all-time best blockers" by *The Plain Dealer*...also a standout defensive end...first team Northeast Lakes All-District...All-Lorain County...Lorain County Defensive Lineman of the Year...defensive recipient of the Lorain County Lombardi Award...All-Southwestern Conference...Avon Lake's Most Valuable Defensive Lineman...an Academic All-Ohio honoree by the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association (OHSFCA)...had 23 receptions for 293 yards (12.7 avg.) and two touchdowns over his final two seasons...the Shoremen won back-to-back Southwestern Conference titles his junior and senior years...led team to an 8-4 record and the semifinals of the Ohio Division II, Region 6 playoffs as a senior...selected to play in the OHSFCA North-South Classic all-star game...rated one of the nation's top 25 tight ends by Scout...rated one of the top 50 overall prospects in Ohio by Rivals and Scout...played under Coach Dave Dlugosz.

**Todd Thomas, DB/WR, 6-2, 205, Beaver Falls, Pa., Beaver Falls, Milford Academy (N.Y.)**

A highly accomplished athlete at Beaver Falls High who spent the 2009 season at Milford Academy (N.Y.)...rated the No. 4 prep school prospect in the country by Rivals...was named Milford's Most Valuable Defensive Player after compiling 66 tackles, 12 pass breakups and four interceptions, including one returned for a touchdown, as a starting safety...helped the Falcons to an 8-5 record against a schedule comprised primarily of collegiate competition...played under Milford coach Bill Chaplick...other Milford products to matriculate to Pitt include tailback LeSean McCoy (2007-08), now of the Philadelphia Eagles, and junior receiver Aundre Wright...while at Beaver Falls, Thomas was rated one of the country's top 100 prospects by Tom Lemming (No. 68)...named a Tom Lemming and *PrepStar* All-American...earned praise for his play at running back, wide receiver, defensive back and linebacker...three-year Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AA All-State Team honoree at three different positions...his senior year Thomas earned first team all-state as a receiver...was a second-team all-state running back his junior year and a first-team all-state defensive back as a sophomore...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* Male Athlete of the Year for 2008-09...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...*Harrisburg Patriot-News* "Platinum 33"...three-time "Top 22" selection on both offense and defense by the coaches in the Midwestern Athletic Conference...compiled 2,786 rushing yards on 366 carries (7.6 avg.) and scored 53 total touchdowns for his career...rushed for 865 yards on 121 carries (7.1 avg.) and caught 21 passes for 557 yards (26.5 avg.) as a senior...led his team to a 12-1 record his final year, including a berth in the WPIAL Class AA title game...rated the No. 6 prospect in Pennsylvania by Rivals and No. 18 by *SuperPrep*...*SuperPrep* All-Northeast Team...played under Beaver Falls coach Ryan Matsook...finished his heralded basketball career with 2,063 points to rank 22nd on the WPIAL's all-time scoring list...averaged 18.5 points and 9.3 rebounds as a senior...was a three-time selection to The Associated Press Pennsylvania Class AA All-State Team in basketball...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* basketball "Terrific 10"...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous Five"...selected to play in the Roundball Classic basketball all-star game...medaled in two events at the 2009 WPIAL Class AA Track and Field Championships...was a member of the WPIAL champion 400-meter relay team and the WPIAL runner-up in the long jump (22-10.25).

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**Kevin Weatherspoon, WR, 5-10, 170, Clairton, Pa., Clairton**

A four-year starter on both sides of the ball for perennial Western Pennsylvania Class A power Clairton...averaged 23 yards per catch for his career, totaling 129 receptions for 2,967 yards and 42 touchdowns...also totaled 22 interceptions in four seasons as a starting cornerback...selected first team All-State Class A by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers each of his final two years...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class A (first team)...*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* "Fabulous 22"...*Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* "Terrific 25"...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...as a senior, Weatherspoon had 44 catches for 891 yards (20.3 avg.) and 13 TDs, while intercepting 10 passes on defense...led Clairton to a 15-1 record and the WPIAL and PIAA Class A championships as a senior...the Bears won 15 consecutive games en route to their second consecutive WPIAL title and state final...Clairton went a combined 30-2 (.938) over Weatherspoon's junior and senior seasons...his junior year Weatherspoon had 57 receptions for 1,470 yards (25.8 avg.) and 20 touchdowns, while picking off seven passes...was named the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* WPIAL Class A Player of the Year as a junior...rated the No. 23 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by Scout and No. 29 by Rivals...played under Coach Tom Nola...Weatherspoon reunites with another Clairton product at Pitt, sophomore linebacker Manny Williams

**Eric Williams, LB, 6-3, 215, Yardley, Pa., Pennsbury**

Standout defensive back and receiver at Pennsbury with exceptional size and speed...named first team All-Class AAAA by the *Pennsylvania Football News* in the "athlete" category...two-way selection on the All-Suburban One League Team...playing safety, compiled 40 tackles, three interceptions (including one returned for a touchdown), three pass breakups and two fumble recoveries...averaged 24.3 yards per catch in Pennsbury's run-oriented offense...had 146 yards receiving on six catches with two TDs...led Pennsbury to a 9-2 record and the PIAA District 1 Class AAAA playoffs as a senior...team went a combined 18-5 (.783) during his two years as a varsity starter...rated the No. 22 prospect in Pennsylvania by Scout and No. 25 by Rivals...played under Coach Galen Snyder.

**K'Waun Williams, DB, 5-10, 175, Paterson, N.J., St. Joseph Regional**

Versatile performer for New Jersey power St. Joseph Regional, playing running back, receiver and cornerback during his career...All-New Jersey...All-New Jersey Non-Public...All-Bergen County...led team to back-to-back Non-Public Group 3 state championships his final two seasons...St. Joseph went a combined 20-4 (.833) during Williams' junior and senior years...had 32 tackles, two interceptions and two fumble recoveries, while scoring eight touchdowns (four rushing and four receiving) as a senior...averaged 7.4 yards per rush (243 yards on 33 carries) and 14.4 yards per reception (16 catches for 231 yards)... as a punt returner, averaged 12.2 per return (six for 73 yards)...rated the No. 18 prospect in New Jersey by Scout and No. 23 by Rivals...played under Coach Tony Karcich...joins another St. Joseph Regional product at Pitt, redshirt freshman running back Kevin Adams.

**Salath Williams, WR, 6-3, 200, Harrisburg, Pa., Bishop McDevitt**

Highly coveted receiver who continues Pitt's growing Bishop McDevitt pipeline...averaged 21.6 yards per catch as a senior, compiling 46 receptions for 995 yards and 18 touchdowns...over his final two seasons, totaled 95 receptions for 1,894 yards (19.9 avg.) and 29 TDs...selected first team All-State Class AAAA by the Pennsylvania Sports Writers...*Pennsylvania Football News* All-Class AAAA...*Harrisburg Patriot-News* Mid-Penn All-Conference Keystone Division...led Bishop McDevitt to a 12-1 record as a senior, including a berth in the District 3 Class AAAA final...team went a combined 22-4 (.846) over his final two years...selected to play in the prestigious Big 33 Football Classic...rated the No. 13 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by Scout and No. 28 by Rivals...played under Coach Jeff Weachter at Bishop McDevitt, which also produced standout Pitt tailback LeSean McCoy (2007-08) and cornerback Aaron Berry (2006-09).