

Recruits

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touchdowns and two kickoff returns for touchdowns. He was a two-time all-Tri-Valley Conference and honorable mention all-state selection.

Morningside

SIOUX CITY, Iowa — Elk Point-Jefferson quarterback Brock Zeller will attend Morningside College and play football for the Mustangs, according to a release from Elk Point-Jefferson school.

Zeller threw for 3,817 yards during his career, completing 260 passes and recording 39 touchdowns. He also rushed for 421 yards and eight touchdowns.

Nebraska

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska coach Bo Pelini has announced a 26-player recruiting class that analysts consider more talented the

one he signed in 2012 and perhaps the best of the six he's assembled for the Cornhuskers.

ESPN recruiting analyst Jeremy Crabtree says the Huskers are adding depth at linebacker and running back and have their quarterback of the future in Johnny Stanton of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif.

The Huskers on Wednesday signed 12 players on offense, 13 on defense and a long snapper.

Scout.com has the Huskers' class ranked 11th in the nation after listing Nebraska 50th a year ago. Rivals.com ranked Nebraska 17th and ESPN.com and 247sports.com each have the Huskers 23rd.

The Huskers are a consensus third in the Big Ten behind Ohio State and Michigan.

North Dakota State

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Two-time defending national champion North Dakota State has added 21 scholarship football players to its roster for next season.

Bison coach Craig Bohl announced his newest class Wednesday, which was national signing day for several college sports.

The Bison signed six players from Wisconsin, three from Minnesota, three from Florida, two from North Dakota, two from South Dakota, two from Nebraska, and one each from Illinois, Missouri and Kansas.

Bohl says it's difficult to predict how the class will pan out, but says recruiting exceeded the coaching staff's expectations.

Bucks

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program aid his future in the farm and business world.

The 6-3 Hunhoff said that he also talked to Northern State during the recruiting process, but decided on the Jackrabbits because of SDSU's culture and coaching staff.

"The main factor was the atmosphere up there," Hunhoff said. "When I visited campus it felt like home. All of the coaches gave me a really good feeling."

Hunhoff said that he is anxiously waiting to sign his letter of intent so that he can receive the SDSU official workout program and start working towards his goal of playing for the Jackrabbits.

Stiegelmeier said that there were many positives in looking at Hunhoff as a potential player.

"Number one, Troy wants to be here. He's got a bright future," he said. "He has the support of his family, a good frame ... a lot of positives."

Hunhoff's abilities as a punter — his all-state selection was at that position — will also provide a bonus for the Jackrabbits.

"Special teams guys at our level, it's hard to zero in on," Stiegelmeier said. "If you have a guy coming in at a position, who can also potentially punt, kick or snap, it is a huge positive."

Coach Likness said that he believes Hunhoff will have the opportunity to succeed at one of two options for SDSU.

"(Troy) is big enough and strong enough, he just needs to work on coming off the ball a little quicker but he's got good hands," Likness said.

Stiegelmeier said that, while Hunhoff has work to do, he expects that the Yankton senior will do so.

"Troy needs to get bigger. When we had him in camp his speed was close, so we'll work in his speed," he said. "But from what I've seen of him, he's going to do those things he needs to do. He's going to work hard."

Joining Hunhoff will be teammate and fellow All-State and All-ESD selection, Kellen Soulek.

Soulek also plans to walk on to the Jackrabbits and will pursue a spot at defensive tackle.

"I am going up there (Brookings) when school starts and plan to redshirt and hopefully get some playing time by my second year," Soulek said. "I want to get a good education and make friendships and have a good experience."

Likness called Soulek one of the best linemen that he has coached in over 30 years at the high school level.

"I think with his size and quickness, that he is a physical player that can explode off the line and rip through people and get to the ball," Likness said. "He can play down or up and is one of the better linemen that I've had in a long time."

Joining Hunhoff and Soulek in Brookings will be another former Buck, Kellen's brother Ty, a transfer from Northern Iowa. Ty, another former All-State and All-ESD performer, received the OK from that coaching staff to transfer to Brookings.

Kellen said that his brother influenced his deci-

sion to attend SDSU and that he looks forward to playing alongside Ty once again.

"Hopefully they (Kellen and Ty) will play together down the road," Likness added.

The Jackrabbits finished the 2012 regular season 8-3, advancing to the second round of the

NCAA Division I FCS playoffs before falling to eventually national champion North Dakota State.

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David

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David said he felt at home in his dealings with Stitt and the rest of the CSM staff.

"Coach Stitt is from Nebraska. He still has a Nebraska attitude," David said. "Everyone is really friendly. They're a good bunch of people."

David will not step in to the starting lineup right away, but that is not uncommon, Stitt said.

"At our level, when we're looking at a kid that's 6-5 or bigger, we need to look at a kid that is a little thinner, maybe a basketball player," he said. "Max has the po-

tential to be a great player for us by the end of his career."

And seeing David succeed won't come as a surprise to Hoffmann.

"Max is a very intelligent, very tough kid," he said. "Hopefully he is set up for success from here on out."

David was a three-time letterwinner in football and basketball during his high school career. He also earned two letters in track and field, qualifying for state one season.

Outside of athletics, David is a member of the student council and National Honor Society, as well as on the honor roll.

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Coyotes

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"I love anything about special teams, I'm just glad it took me as far as it did," he said.

On the issue of 'far,' USD did not travel far from Vermillion to nab its most recruits. Nebraska led the way with five kids, followed by four each in Iowa, Illinois and Oklahoma (a recent hot-bed).

The recruits from Nebraska include Jackson Gannon (DL, Kearney), Jonathan Maag (OL, Scottsbluff), Luke Worden (DB, Scottsbluff), Colin Mertlik (LB, Blair) and Graham Resseguie (DB, Lincoln Pius X).

There were also two South Dakota kids, Sioux Falls Roosevelt linebacker John Wessel and Dakota Valley walk-on linebacker Taylor Lambert.

Though the USD staff wanted to build depth across the board at every position, their "most urgent need" — as Glenn put it — was signing a kicker. With Kevin Robb no longer with the program, the Coyotes turned their attention to Miles Bergner, of Longmont, Colo.

The No. 15-rated kicker by scout.com, Bergner was selected to play in the U.S. Army All-America Bowl last month. He said he "thought long and hard" about an offer from the Air Force Academy but stuck with USD.

"The potential to play right away in an amazing community with that much support is a huge deal," Bergner said.

Of course, playing right away means the 6-1 kicker would directly involved in rebounding from a 1-win season.

"I think what coach Glenn is doing is absolutely wonderful," Bergner said. "He's building the program for the future. I have full faith in what he does and what he wants to do."

Ultimately, the future is where the 2013 recruiting class will be evaluated.

"You'll see in time, these are kids that are team captains, won state championships, and are going to help us," Glenn said.

In all, there were 17 defensive and 13 offensive signees, as well as Bergner (a kicker/punter) and a listed "athlete" (Brandt Van Roekel, Boyden-Hull/Van Valley, Iowa).

Breaking the class down even further:

- 4 walk-ons
- 5 recruits from Nebraska. 4 each from Iowa, Illinois and Oklahoma, 3 each from Colorado and Kansas, 2 each from South Dakota, California, Missouri and Florida, and 1 from Minnesota
- Only 1 quarterback: Aaron Ramsey, a 6-foot-3 kid from Stillwell, Kan. Combined for over 2,000 yards and 30 touchdowns as a senior in an option offense
- By positions: 7 defensive backs and linebackers, 6 defensive linemen, 5 offensive linemen, 2 wide receivers, and 1 quarterback, running back, fullback, kicker and a kicker

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