



**BRANDON
ARNOLD**

S • 6-0 • 183 • FR • HS
Winnetka, Calif.
Crespi HS

CRESPI: Rivals lists Brandon as the No. 58 prospect in California and the No. 39 safety in the nation ... PrepStar All-American ... *Tacoma News Tribune* Western 100 member ... Scout West 150 member ... same high school as current Beaver wide receiver Kevin Cummings ... 54 tackles, two interceptions and four fumble recoveries as a senior ... 49 tackles and six interceptions as a junior ... highly recruited by several programs in the west ... Crespi was 8-2 last season and ranked No. 19 in California ... Pac-5 second team selections as a junior and senior, and first team all-area on defense ... school record 97-yard interception return for a touchdown.

**VICTOR
BOLDEN**

WR • 5-9 • 165 • FR • HS
Etiwanda, Calif.
Los Osos HS

LOS OSOS: All-CIF Southern Section Inland Division and all-league as a "utility" player ... accounted for 1,236 yards (rushing and receiving) as a senior with 13 touchdowns ... All-San Bernardino County as a receiver ... All-Inland Empire and voted the fastest player in the region ... PrepStar All-West Region ... holds the school record with 109 receptions ... also played running back, where he lined up in the "wildcat" formation, and defensive back ... three-year letterman ... Baseline League Utility Player of the Year ... team MVP as a senior and selected the football team's scholar athlete with a 3.60 cumulative GPA ... nominated for CIF/Farmers Scholar Athlete of the Year ... among the best hurdlers in track in the state of California; two-time Baseline League 300-meter hurdle champion and is the current school record holder in the event with a time of 37.82 ... 2012 CIF runner-up in 300-meter hurdles ... Scout West 150 member ... played in the Offense vs. Defense All-America Bowl and the B2G All-West Coast Game ... teammate of Beaver signee Jordan Villamin ... Bolden did not play football until the eighth grade ... his mother, Zelda, still holds the school record in the 100 and 200 hurdles at Mt. San Antonio College.



**STEVIE
COURY**

WR • 5-10 • 150 • FR • HS
26 Lake Oswego, Ore.
Lake Oswego HS
Business

2013: Stevie entered Oregon State in January and is considered a greyshirt ... participated in Spring Ball.

LAKE OSWEGO: A two-sport athlete, Stevie played football and ran track at Lake Oswego ... 6A first team all-state at wide receiver as a senior ... first team All-Three Rivers League as a senior; second team all-league as a junior ... team captain as a senior ... helped lead the Lakers to the 6A State Championship title as a senior ... played in the Les Schwab All-Star Game ... second team all-league in track ... part of the Lake Oswego 4x100 record relay team ... prep teammates with fellow OSU receiver Micah Hatfield.

PERSONAL: Born February 7, 1994 in Portland ... son of Steve and Nancy Coury ... has one brother, Jordan and one sister, Abby ... father, Steve was a prolific wide receiver for Oregon State (1976-79) and held the school-record for career receptions when his career at OSU ended ... lists his biggest athletic thrill as "winning the 6A Oregon Football Championship as a senior" ... chose Oregon State because "I loved the coaches and environment of the school and football team" ... plans to study business marketing.



**HAYDEN
CRAIG**

TE • 6-2 • 262 • SO • TR
82 Dayton, Ore.
Dayton HS / Montana
Agricultural Business
Management

2013: Hayden is required to redshirt this season due to NCAA rules after transferring from Montana.

MONTANA: Played in 10 games as a freshman at Montana, making one reception for six yards in 2012.

DAYTON: He was a standout at Dayton High School, where he earned 13 letters, (four in football and basketball, three in baseball, and two in track ... served as a team captain in all four sports ... he was first team all-state in football as a junior and senior ... chosen as the West Valley League's Player of the Year in football as a junior and senior ... selected to play in the East-West All-Star Game and the Les Schwab Bowl as senior ... high school football coach was Gary Thorson ... also an all-state selection in basketball and baseball ... started all for three years on Dayton's basketball team winning the state championship as a senior and finishing as the runner-up as a junior ... named West Valley League Player of the Year in baseball as a senior ... was the 3A shot put champion his senior year.

PERSONAL: Son of Dolph and Yvonne Craig ... born March 14, 1994 ... mother, aunt and uncle attended Oregon State ... member of National Honor Society ... prep teammates with current OSU safety A.J. Hedgecock ... majoring in agricultural business management.



**EDWIN
DELVA**

DT • 6-3 • 295 • JR • TR
96 Miami, Fla.
North Miami Beach HS /
Antelope Valley CC
Communication

2013: Highly recruited defensive tackle who signed with OSU on Christmas Day 2012 ... expected to be a starter at defensive tackle ... has a redshirt season available.

ANTELOPE VALLEY CC: *JC Athletic Bureau* All-American ... Rivals listed Delva No. 26 on its top JC players ... 37 tackles as a sophomore, including 12-for-loss ... 66 tackles for his JC career ... first team All-American in 2012 ... first team all-conference and all-state in 2012 ... second team all-conference in 2011.

NORTH MIAMI BEACH: Played both offensive and defensive tackle ... started two years ... first team all-conference and all-state as a senior ... also received prep All-America recognition ... second team all-conference as a junior.

PERSONAL: Born January 30, 1992 in Miami ... son of Edner Delva and Gueldy Saintil ... has five siblings ... chose OSU because "I felt comfortable on my visit and I trust the coaches" ... majoring in communication.

Beavers work to get new defensive tackles up to speed

By John Hunt
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CORVALLIS — Oregon State offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf noticed something he didn't like in Monday's practice and shouted, "This is not Day One!"

No, it was Day Five of spring drills, but you could forgive Siale Hautau and Edwin Delva, the Beavers' new defensive tackles, if it felt a lot like Day One.

"I hate to say it, but it's still a work in progress," defensive line coach Joe Seumalo said after the practice in which Delva and Hautau flashed their considerable athletic skills but mainly tried to keep up with the new verbiage and drills as they graduate from junior college to Division I football.



Delva is a 6-foot-3, 295-pound junior from Miami, by way of Antelope Valley (Calif.) CC. Hautau is a 6-1, 320-pounder out of Utah and Snow College. Both have the physical tools, now hidden a bit under what Seumalo termed "I-go-home weight."

"It's funny," Seumalo said. "The highlights are good, and for some reason they feel they've got to put on all this weight."

"The guy I saw on film - what weight was he? We'll tell you if you need to put on weight or not. Idle time, that's what happens."

This is far from idle time now, but Delva and Hautau are not alone. Monday's practice (sans deejay this time) was an "installation day," coach Mike Riley said, when coaches spoon-feed new stuff to the players and watch the growing pains.

"You kind of take a step backward in doing something well," Riley said, "then you go back and repeat it a thousand times and hopefully it gets better."

Seumalo said it's a bit of a juggling act, throwing new things at his new players - enough to get them up to speed, eventually, but not too much that it slows them down.

"There's a reason why you brought them in, because they look explosive, they look athletic," Seumalo said, "and they need to look that here."

Even with the extra pounds, the athletic talent is obvious. Hautau seems almost unnaturally light on his feet, given his extra-wide base. Many times, when he chases down a running back, he gains some ground.

That quickness and speed and Delva's superior strength have Seumalo cautiously optimistic as he sifts through his talent in search of his "starting eight."

"It's obvious they're strong, powerful guys that you want inside that can still change direction and run to the ball," said Seumalo, who said he is pleased with what he has seen in the first five practices.

"The progress is good right now - not great, but good," Seumalo said. "So we get to keep 'em another day."

TITUS FAILAUGA

DE • 6-4 • 240 • FR • HS

Waipahu, Hawai'i

Pac-Five HS

PAC-FIVE: Rivals ranks Failauga (Fie-lah-oo-gah) the No. 8 prospect in the state of Hawai'i and the No. 4 defensive lineman ... first team all-conference three years and second team all-state ... Pac-Five Defensive MVP ... attended high school at the Mid Pacific Institute ... Nike Sparq All-Combine Team last year ... Mid-Pacific Teachers Award ... also played basketball and ran track ... named the defensive lineman MVP for the 2012 summer camp at Oregon.

MICHAEL GREER

LB • 6-2 • 193 • FR • HS

Palm Springs, Calif.

Palm Springs HS

PALM SPRINGS: Michael had 86 tackles, including seven sacks and three interceptions on defense, and scored eight touchdowns on offense his senior season and three as a junior ... current Beaver linebacker D.J. Alexander is a cousin ... played in the Cal-State All-Star Game with incoming Beaver Jordan Vilamin ... All-CIF First Team at defensive end as a first team Desert Valley League as a junior and senior ... PrepStar All-West Region ... moved to linebacker last season ... also played receiver ... Palm Springs "Playmaker of the Year" for 2012.



SEAN HARLOW

78

OL • 6-4 • 271 • FR • HS

San Clemente, Calif.

San Clemente HS

Nutrition

2013: Sean enrolled at Oregon State in late March of 2013, what would normally have been his final term of high school ... participated in OSU's spring ball ... highly thought of in the program ... practiced behind Michael Philipp at left tackle in the spring.

SAN CLEMENTE: Rivals ranks Sean at No. 47 on its national offensive tackles list and the No. 59 overall prospect in California ... ESPN and 247Sports also ranked him among the top 50 tackles ... highly recruited with 17 scholarship offers ... CalHi Sports First Team All-State ... played in the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl ... All-CIF, all-county and All-South Coast League selection as a junior and senior ... PrepStar All-West Region ... Scout West 150 member ... also played as a defensive lineman ... Sean's father is Pat Harlow, an All-American offensive tackle, Pac-12 Morris Trophy recipient and four-year letterman at USC (1987-90) - was the No. 11 overall selection in the 1991 NFL Draft by New England and played for the Patriots (1991-95) and Oakland Raiders (1996-98).

Sean Harlow graduated high school early to compete for starting job

By Cliff Kirkpatrick
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CORVALLIS — An early campus arrival straight from the high school ranks, Oregon State offensive lineman Sean Harlow has held his own physically during spring football drills.

"Initially it was a lot harder the first week being thrown into school and football at the same time," said Harlow, a 6-foot-4, 275-pound three-star athlete from San Clemente, Calif. "It's starting to get easier. We have the install (of the base offense) in and now it's more review. It's getting easier and I'm learning to pick up fronts. I'm getting used to it."

Harlow is unique as far as early arrivals go at OSU. Over the years, the Beavers have welcomed a few early high school grads to spring practice, such as quarterbacks Sean Canfield and Ryan Katz.

The early start helped the QBs learn a complicated offensive system. Of course, they weren't getting pounded by older, bigger guys every day in practice.

During his junior year, Harlow saw his high school quarterback, Travis Wilson, leave early for Utah. Wilson told him about the advantages, so Harlow decided to give it a try.

"I didn't think I would be doing anything that would benefit me to take the second semester (senior year) in high school, so I might as well come up and compete," Harlow said.

To graduate early, he took summer courses and doubled up his English and social studies classes in the fall to complete his coursework. All that while also playing football.

"It wasn't too bad," Harlow said. "The teachers understood and knew where I was coming from. They were lenient but I still had to do everything."

Harlow also had to deal with second-guessing through the fall. Many of his friends were sad to see him planning to leave.

At times thinking about leaving his comfort zone so early got to him, but he knew he would be back a few times.

In fact, right after Friday's spring game, he'll return home for prom.

"He's doing great with us," offensive line coach Mike Cavanaugh said. "Him being here early will help him in the fall. I'm so excited to have Sean here now. He was the No. 1 guy we wanted last year. This is brand new to him, so it's great having him here to work on his technique and learn our schemes."

Harlow initially wanted to compete for the open right tackle position upon his arrival this spring. The coaches will give him an opportunity into August training camp, but he's also realistic.

There's plenty to learn and he's behind players such as Gavin Andrews and David Keller, who have been in the system a year.

"I expect him to be in there fighting for right and left tackle," Cavanaugh



said. "He needs a good offseason to get a little bit stronger, but he's a guy who is tough and will battle his (butt) off."

Cavanaugh appreciates Harlow's approach to competition and the desire to be in Corvallis early. He has taken some lumps on the field, but that goes for any new player.

Despite such challenges, Harlow has been ready to go again for the next play.

Freshman linemen initiations will not occur until August. Harlow heard about the annual tradition of having their hair redesigned by the clippers in strange styles during training camp, but he's ready.

"I'm just trying to help the team any way I can, with the scout team or playing some," Harlow said. "I'm a little undersized. But it's more mental than physical that's a challenge.

"All the strength and weight will come. It's a matter of time. I have to get my head in the playbook, know the plays and concepts better and know my technique."

DAMIEN HASKINS

RB • 5-9 • 213 • FR • HS

New Boston, Texas
New Boston HS

NEW BOSTON: Rivals ranked Damien at No. 99 for prospects in Texas ... North-east Texas Player of the Year (all classifications) ... class 2A First Team All-State and the 2A Offensive Player of the Year ... Smoaky.com (regional HS sports authority) and *Longview News* Player of the Year ... rushed for a school record 3,207 yards and 52 touchdowns last season on 288 carries ... rushed for at least three touchdowns in 10 games ... averaged 247 yards per game ... led New Boston to the quarterfinals and an overall record of 12-1 ... PrepStar All-Midlands Region ... played in the International Bowl (International Federation of American Football) ... 4.00 student.



SIALE HAUTAU

98

DT • 6-1 • 340 • JR • TR

Salt Lake City, Utah
Skyline HS /
Snow College
Spanish

2013: Siale Hautau (pronounced see-ALL-a HOW-tau) signed with OSU in December of 2012 ... entered Oregon State in March ... participated in the first week of Spring Ball before a wrist injury sidelined him for the duration of the spring practice session ... expected to be a major contributor at defensive tackle in 2013.

SNOW COLLEGE: Two-year starter at defensive tackle at Snow ... Rated the No. 65 junior college defensive tackle by Rivals ... 20 tackles including seven-for-loss in 2012 ... helped Snow to wins in the Mountain Bowl and the Carrier Dome Bowl during his career ... embarked on a two-year LDS Mission to Guatemala prior to his arrival at Snow.

SKYLINE: Earned seven letters at Skyline (three each in football and wrestling and one in track & field) ... 5A First Team All-State as a senior at Skyline and helped the team to a state title ... threw the shot put at Skyline.

PERSONAL: Born June 17, 1989 in Salt Lake City ... son of Lomani and Totoa Hautau ... has four brothers, Sitaleki, Tupou, Ofa and Maaake ... has one sister, Fangu ... brother, Ofa, will play football at Oklahoma State in 2013 ... brother-in-law, Xavier Su'a-Filo plays football at UCLA ... majoring in Spanish.

MANASE HUNGALU

LB • 6-2 • 225 • FR • HS

Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i
Kealakehe HS

KEALAKEHE: Manase was recently named the Big Island D1 Defensive Player of the Year after racking up 86 tackles, two sacks, two interceptions and two blocked field goals for the Waveriders ... helped Kealakehe to a 10-2 record and to the state playoffs as a senior.

DASHON HUNT

CB • 5-10 • 175 • FR • HS

Westlake, Calif.
Westlake Village HS

WESTLAKE VILLAGE: All-CIF Pac-5 Division selection ... Rivals listed Dashon as the No. 28 cornerback in the nation and the No. 38 prospect overall in California ... Rivals and Scout four-star recruit ... PrepStar All-American ... *Tacoma News Tribune* Western 100 member ... Scout West 150 member ... Scout.com lists his strengths as "closing speed, tackling ability and instincts" ... 63 tackles and 6 interceptions last season ... also played running back where he accounted for 1,274 yards, including a game of 202 yards and 18 touchdowns ... 60 tackles and seven interceptions to go along with seven touchdowns rushing as a junior ... helped Westlake to a 14-1 record as a senior and to the titles of the Marmonte League and Northern Division ... highly recruited by several top 25 programs ... played in the Offense-Defense Bowl in Houston in late December.

HUNTER JARMON

WR • 6-0 • 190 • FR • HS

Waco, Texas
Midway HS

MIDWAY: Rivals ranked Hunter at No. 61 in the nation at receiver and the No. 67 overall prospect in Texas ... Lone Star Recruiting pegs him No. 50 in the state of Texas overall ... highly recruited ... 93 receptions for 1,470 yards and eight touchdowns last season ... selected one of three All-District wide receivers ... co-District Offensive Player of the Year as a junior ... an excellent punter, averaging 43 yards per attempt, including a long of 74 yards, and earning first team 5A All-State at the position ... also a gifted baseball athlete with the goal of playing for Beaver head coach Pat Casey.

WALTER JONES

WR • 6-1 • 173 • FR • HS

Redlands, Calif.
Redlands HS

REDLANDS: Walter comes to OSU as not only a standout in football, but also track ... helped Redlands advance to the second round of the playoffs last season ... 24 receptions for 598 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior ... also made 28 tackles as a senior playing defensive back ... returned punts for Redlands ... during the football offseason he expects to participate in track, he was one of the elite jumpers in California ... also an outstanding sprinter ... as a junior he was a nominee for the Gatorade National Boys Track and Field Athlete of the Year ... has two sisters that also excel in track.



KYLE KEMPT

QB • 6-5 • 200 • FR • HS

Massillon, Ohio
Washington HS

WASHINGTON: Rivals ranks Kyle No. 71 on the top prospects list for Ohio ... passed for single-season school record 3,056 yards as a senior, with 32 touchdowns with just 10 interceptions ... as a sophomore, Kempt threw for 1,643 yards, with 14 touchdowns and only four interceptions ... as a junior, he threw for 1,335 yards, and added 16 touchdown passes with four interceptions ... led the Tigers to an 11-2 season in 2012 and to the Division 1 finals ... 2012 Stark County Player of the Year ... second team all-state quarterback by the Associated Press ... 4.25 cumulative GPA in high school and was the class Valedictorian ... plans to study engineering at OSU ... attended Aloha High School in Oregon before moving with his family to Ohio following his freshman year ... athletic family that includes his father Mychal (linebacker at Montana State), his mother Marlene (heptathlon at Montana State) and oldest brother Cody (football at Oregon and Montana State, and is a current graduate coach at Tennessee).

After a last-minute quarterback scramble, Kyle Kempt finds his way to Oregon State

By Lindsay Schnell
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Kyle Kempt thought he had it all figured out.

Last April, the 6-foot-5, 200-pound quarterback from Massillon, Ohio, decided to end the recruiting process early, intent on focusing on his last season of high school football.

He committed to Cincinnati and head coach Butch Jones in spring of his junior year at Washington High School, sold on Jones' staff and system. He cut off communication with other colleges, convinced he had found the right fit with the Bearcats. He spent his summer working with teammates, skipping out on the throwing camps that many quarterback prospects insist on attending. In the fall, he led Washington to an 11-2 record and an appearance in the regional finals.

But seven months after he had pledged his loyalty to Cincinnati, everything fell apart.

On Wednesday, Kempt and hundreds of other high school seniors will make their college commitments official when they sign and send in their letters of intent, a binding agreement between a prospect and a school. Kempt plans to be the first to fax in his letter ... to Oregon State. And how he wound up as part of the Beavers' 2013 recruiting class can be summed up in football terms:

It was an unconventional quarterback scramble.

Kempt tired quickly of the recruiting grind.

"I'm sure it's more difficult the higher of a recruit you are," Kempt said. "Big-time prospects are probably bombarded with emails and phone calls. It wasn't like that for me, but it was exhausting, especially because of how early we started the process."

Kempt was a sophomore at Washington when he decided to look around, admitting he wasn't sure exactly what he was looking for. But he found it in Cincinnati and Jones and when the Bearcats offered, Kempt said yes.

Then things got dicey.

On Dec. 7, Jones was hired at Tennessee to replace fired coach Derek Dooley. In the months between Kempt's commitment and Jones' hiring, coaches at Cincinnati had talked with Kempt about Jones potentially getting plucked out of Ohio by a BCS school. If it happened, the plan was for Kempt to go with Jones. But that's not how it worked out.

"I found out on Twitter that he was going to Tennessee," Kempt says. "Jones hasn't talked to me since he left."

When Kempt didn't hear from Jones or his staff, he figured he wasn't going to be a Vol. So he called Tommy Tuberville, who had been announced as Jones' replacement at Cincinnati on Dec. 8. According to Kempt, Tuberville was eager to keep the Bearcats' 2013 recruiting class intact.

But a few days later, Kempt got a call from Cincinnati's new quarterback coach. The Bearcats had received a commitment from a different quarter-

back, and they'd be pulling Kempt's scholarship offer.

"It was a stark realization that college football is a business," said Mychal Kempt, Kyle's father. "It was an eerie feeling of, 'Wow, it's mid-December, and Kyle's kind of like a man without a country right now.'"

"The play didn't work out exactly as we drew it up," Mychal laughed. The Kempt's needed a new gameplan.

Successful recruiters will tell you that it's all about relationships. Kids will sign with schools where they feel comfortable, and parents will turn their children over to programs and coaches they trust. When the Kempt's needed to find a new home for Kyle, they fell back on relationships.

Kyle had just finished his freshman year at Aloha High School in Beaverton when his dad informed the family that they'd be moving across the country. They settled in Massillon and Kyle enrolled at Washington, one of the most tradition-rich high school football programs in the country.

The Tigers have won 24 state championships -- they last played for the title in 2005 -- and their list of notable alumni is impressive. Kyle will graduate this spring as the all-time leading passer for Washington, throwing for more than 6,000 yards in his career. He was a three-year starter for the Tigers, someone Washington coach Jason Hall pegged as a future superstar the first time he watched Kyle play.

The Kempt family should be familiar to college football fans in the Northwest: Older brother Cody, a Westview grad, played for the Ducks before transferring to Montana State. The Kempt's were familiar with Oregon and Oregon State, and in the winter of Kyle's sophomore year at Washington, he took an unofficial visit to Corvallis.

On that trip, the Kempt's sat with OSU head coach Mike Riley, who chatted with Cody about getting into the coaching business. The Kempt's were impressed with Riley and his staff, and aware of Oregon State's football success. But then they packed up and went back to Ohio, and Kyle eventually committed to Cincinnati.

When Kyle's scholarship offer got pulled, his dad sent a text message to Jay Locey, then an OSU assistant (Locey has now been promoted to chief of staff within the Beavers program).

The text was simple: Mychal explained the situation, and asked if Locey knew of any schools that were still looking for a quarterback in the 2013 class, and by the way, what about OSU?

"At this point, my attitude was, 'I'll talk to anyone who's interested,'" Kyle recalled.

Locey said yes. Kyle sent his highlights to Corvallis, and a few days later, at the beginning of January, offensive coordinator Danny Langsdorf said he wanted to fly out to Massillon and meet Kyle.

Signing day was less than a month away.

The Kempt's estimate that they visited and talked with more than 30 colleges in the early days of Kyle's recruitment.

When Kyle got stuck "in limbo," Connecticut and Toledo were two schools that offered him late. But Kyle wanted to see what happened with Oregon State, so he waited for Langsdorf to arrive on Washington's campus to watch Kyle throw live during a PE class.

At Washington, Kyle had plenty of experience performing under pressure. The Tigers routinely sell out their 22,000-seat stadium, and expectations are high in a town that prides itself on high school football.

But even Kyle could recognize the weight of the situation.

"The reality is, I was basically throwing for a scholarship," Kyle said.

A week later, Langsdorf called and invited Kyle on an official visit to Oregon State's campus. On Jan. 25, Kyle and his family flew back home, and on Jan. 26, Kyle accepted the Beavers' scholarship offer.

He was hopeful, he said, that OSU would give him a shot. Kyle wants to study engineering, and was blown away by the bond between the football program and the engineering school. During his official visit at the men's basketball game, he ran into old friends from Aloha, instantly putting him at ease. He felt like he was home.

On Wednesday, Kempt's fax might not be going to his original destination, and the journey might have been unexpected, but in the end he said it worked out "better than we could have hoped."

"There were times when I had a little bit of panic. I would think, 'Why is this happening?'" Kyle recalled. "I remained confident, but there were moments, collectively as a family, when it was nerve-wracking."

"Whirlwind," Mychal said, "is a great word for the experience."



FRED LAUINA

OL • 6-3 • 270 • FR • HS
 Pago Pago, America Samoa
 Tafuna HS

TAFUNA: Fred was a two-year starter and was considered the top prospect in the region ... an outstanding basketball player ... from Brandon Smart of Field House 100 -- “Fred is a great athlete and student that gives recruiters the ideal body that can add weight but allow him to keep his speed. He has a very lean frame with long arms. Fred gives college coaches the option of playing him on the offensive line or the defensive line. He could even move to tight end because of his athletic ability” ... Lauina is the third current Beaver from Pago Pago, joining Noke Tago and Rommel Mageo.

COREY LAWRENCE

ATH • 6-1 • 175 • FR • HS
 Del City, Okla.
 Del City HS

DEL CITY: Rivals ranked Corey the No. 12 prospect in Oklahoma ... as a senior he caught 24 passes for 534 yards (24 yds per reception) and six touchdowns, and rushed for 852 yards and 11 touchdowns on 69 carries ... Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State First Team as a running back ... *Oklahoman* First Team All-State as a defensive back ... District 5A Player of the Year ... led Del City to the state playoffs for the first time in over a decade ... also plays basketball and competes in track ... 4.3 in the 40.

LAWRENCE MATTISON

RB • 6-1 • 225 • FR • HS
 Spring Branch, Texas
 Smithson Valley HS

SMITHSON VALLEY: Lawrence accounted for 1,427 yards and 26 touchdowns last season, and 1,943 yards and 27 touchdowns as a junior ... 247Sports ranks him No. 70 on its national running backs rankings ... Offensive MVP of the University Interscholastic League District as a junior and senior ... 5A All-State Honorable Mention as a senior after earning 4A All-State Second Team as a junior and Honorable Mention as a sophomore ... *San Antonio Express* ranked him No. 10 on its top 20 area players ... 2010 *San Antonio Express* Sub-5A Newcomer of the Year ... also was a standout basketball player ... Spring Branch is near San Antonio ... Spring Branch was 11-1 last season ... MaxPreps ranked him No. 22 nationally for “big backs.”



STEVEN NELSON II

7 CB • 5-10 • 191 • JR • TR
 Atlanta, Ga.
 Northside HS /
 College of the Sequoias
 Sociology

2013: Steven Nelson signed with OSU in December of 2012 ... entered Oregon State in January ... in competition for a starting cornerback spot throughout Spring Ball ... expected to be a major contributor on defense and special teams in 2013 ... has a redshirt season available.

COLLEGE OF THE SEQUOIAS: 71 tackles, 19 pass breakups and six interceptions during his two-year career for the Giants ... 247Sports four-star recruit and rated the second-best junior college cornerback ... participated in track as well on the 4x100 relay team.

NORTHSIDE: An All-Middle Georgia selection at Northside as a returner as a senior after returning five punts for touchdowns ... all-region defensive back honors as a senior with 30 tackles and six interceptions ... selected to play in the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association North/South All-Star Classic ... also ran track in high school ... part of 4x100 relay team that finished first place in the county.

PERSONAL: Born January 22, 1993 in Warner Robins, Ga. ... son of Steven Nelson, Sr. and Ylecia Jackson ... has one brother, London ... has a son, Steven Nelson III ... lists his favorite athlete as Charles Woodson ... majoring in sociology.

Steven Nelson’s learning curve at corner

By John Hunt
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CORVALLIS — Maybe it’s a measure of a cornerback’s ability that, when he slips up, the response from others is a giggle instead of a groan.

“He just made a move, and I slipped,” said Steven Nelson, Oregon State’s highly touted junior college transfer, explaining how he met the turf after a move by receiver Brandin Cooks during spring practice. The explanation drew a few muffled chuckles.

“No ... I slipped,” Nelson said with a straight face, sensing the skepticism. “That doesn’t happen to me. That’s why it’s funny.”

Rod Perry, the Beavers’ defensive backs coach, got a good laugh. But what gives Perry serious confidence is how Nelson has handled the occasional misstep.

“He’s going to compete and get back up,” Perry said. “He was embarrassed by it, but he has the drive to want that never to happen again.”

A four-star talent who de-committed from Georgia, Nelson gives the Beavers hope that losing All-American cornerback Jordan Poyer won’t be a devastating blow to the defense.

Nelson, a Georgia native and transfer from the College of the Sequoias (Calif.) where he was rated the top juco cornerback in the nation, is competing with senior Sean Martin for the starting spot opposite Rashaad Reynolds. He is also part of a defensive JC infusion that includes promising defensive tackles Edwin Delva and Siale Hautau.

Nelson has the requisite confidence of a good cornerback. His JC coach, Robert Dougherty, is friends with Perry, but Nelson’s decision to come to OSU – over offers from USC, Oklahoma, Ole Miss, California, Texas Tech, Baylor and others – was also a product of his own research. He saw an opportunity in Corvallis, and he knows exactly what he wants to do with it.

“I want at least five more picks,” said Nelson, who had three last season at COS. “I want to be one of the top corners in the Pac-12. That’s my goal, and I believe I’m going to achieve it.”

Another goal is to play in the NFL. Perry, with his track record and connections, was a strong draw.

“(Dougherty) told me coach Perry’s the real deal and he knows people in the NFL,” Nelson said. “It’s all about a business at the end of the day.”

Nelson may need to work on run support, but at 191 pounds, he’s the sturdiest of the group, and he has the speed to cover the elite pass catchers in the Pac-12.

“I really like him,” coach Mike Riley said. “Besides his ability, the thing I really enjoy is that he loves to play. Since he’s gotten here, he’s worked out



hard. He's studied hard. He brings a lot."

After watching Nelson excel in 1-on-1 drills, including a double move that the newcomer blanketed, OSU quarterback Sean Mannion became a Nelson fan.

"My thought on the good corners is that when you miss by a little, they'll make you pay for it," Mannion said. "He does that."

Any newcomer to Division I football will say the biggest adjustment is to the speed of the game. Nelson said he has had to make one small adjustment.

"It's really Cooks," he said, "adjusting to his speed."

Nelson admitted that Cooks "got me," and the receiver - himself preparing to fill the shoes of another star, Markus Wheaton - laughed at the mention of that move.

"I didn't put much juice in it - just speed," Cooks said. "Maybe he got his foot caught under him."

But seriousness quickly replaced laughter on Cooks' face when he was asked how good Nelson is and will be.

"He's going to be a great cornerback," Cooks said. "The way he practices and the way he plays, he's going to be amazing."

CHARLES OKONKWO

CB • 6-1 • 180 • FR • HS

Fontana, Calif.
Summit HS

SUMMIT: Okonkwo (OH-konk-wo) had 10 scholarship offers ... led Summit to a 9-2 record last season ... nine career interceptions ... All-league, All-CIF, All-Inland Empire ... cumulative GPA of 3.64 ... 247Sports ranked him No. 61 on its national cornerback list and at No. 89 on its top players in California ... Scout listed him at No. 83 in California ... team was 13-1 as a junior and won the CIF Southern Section title ... played in the South Bay West Coast Bowl ... competed in track in the 200 and 400 meters ... Okonkwo on signing with OSU -- "Oregon State has been my dream school for as long as I can remember. I like the rich tradition. I like everything about that school."



GARRETT OWENS

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PK • 5-7 • 173 • FR • HS

Arroyo Grande, Calif.
Arroyo Grande HS
Sociology

2013: Likely the top backup to Trevor Romaine at kicker ... enrolled at OSU January of 2013 and thus is considered a greyshirt.

ARROYO GRANDE: Helped lead Arroyo Grande to 31-8 record during his three-year varsity career ... earned first team All-CIF as a senior and was rated the No. 7 kicker in the nation according to Chris Sailer Kicking ... *The Tribune* (San Luis Obispo) 2011 County Co-Player of the Year ... helped Arroyo Grande to its fifth championship and first CIF title since 1998 ... kicked a 57-yard field goal as a senior and for his prep career had four of 50-plus yards ... also an outstanding wide receiver and cornerback, and was named the KSBY Friday Night Highlights Player of the Week twice in 2011 ... caught a 76-yard touchdown pass from current OSU quarterback Brent VanderVeen in the title game ... Cal-Hi State Player of the Week in late September after making 10 receptions for 126 yards, making eight tackles, kicking eight touchbacks and was perfect on five extra point attempts ... Cal-Hi second team All-State ... second team Underclassmen All-American at kicker following his junior season ... named league MVP and Arroyo Grande MVP for football as a senior ... named Arroyo Grande High School Athlete of the Year as a senior ... also participated in the hurdles and relay teams in track and was part of undefeated league champions for four straight years ... played soccer and basketball ... received scholar athlete award for highest grade-point average on both the football and basketball teams.

PERSONAL: Born January 5, 1994 in Santa Maria, Calif. ... son of Heath and Laurie Owens ... has one sister, Karlee ... father, Heath, played football at Cal Poly ... mother, Laurie, was a five-time All-American hurdler at Cal Poly ... sister, Karlee, is a track athlete at Arizona State ... aunt, Debbi Anselmo, played collegiate soccer and uncle, Jim Hagan, played collegiate lacrosse ... former prep teammates Brent VanderVeen and Garrett Weinreich are also members of the Oregon State football team ... enjoys hunting and fishing in his spare time ... lists his favorite athlete as Wes Welker ... says his biggest athletic thrill to date as "winning CIF football championship and kicking a 57-yard field goal" ... chose OSU because "I liked the coaching staff, the campus and the community of Corvallis" ... majoring in sociology.

KYLE PEKO

DT • 6-2 • 295 • JR • TR

La Habra, Calif.
La Habra HS /
Cerritos CC

CERRITOS CC: Kyle has three years to play two seasons ... Rivals lists Kyle as the No. 52 top junior college prospect in the nation ... made 46 tackles, including 11.5 tackles-for-loss and three sacks as a sophomore, and 39 tackles, including eight quarterback sacks as a freshman at Cerritos.

LA HABRA: Two-time All-CIF and First Team All-Freeway League selection at La Habra ... earned the league's Lineman of the Year two years in a row... was a three-time All-Area selection and the team won the CIF Championship his sophomore year ... named the team's Rookie of the Year as a sophomore... is the cousin of eighth-year defensive tackle Damato Peko of the Cincinnati Bengals and Tupe Peko, who played for the Atlanta Falcons and Indianapolis Colts.



TERIN SOLOMON

LB • 6-2 • 195 • FR • HS
 Murrieta, Calif.
 Murrieta Valley HS

MURRIETA VALLEY: All-CIF Southern Section Inland Division defensive back ... Southwestern League Defensive MVP (the league is considered one of the three best in the state) ... as a senior he had 178 total tackles, with four interceptions, six forced fumbles, four blocked punts and four blocked field goals -- he also had four touchdown receptions in limited duty as a receiver ... as a junior he had 103 tackles, forced seven fumbles and intercepted three passes ... ESPN ranked Solomon No. 29 at his position in the country ... Scout West 150 member ... 2011 team was 12-1 with a No. 7 California ranking while the 2012 team went 10-2 ... three-year starter ... PrepStar All-West Region.

DARRELL SONGY

LB • 6-1 • 220 • FR • HS
 Austin, Texas
 John B. Connolly HS

JOHN B. CONNOLLY: Songy (sahn - G) led Connolly to the state playoffs ... two-time First Team All-District at defensive end and inside linebacker ... three-year letterman ... 2012 team defensive MVP and captain ... team-leading 111 tackles as a senior, including 10 tackles for loss, a blocked punt (TD) and two forced fumbles ... All-Central Texas Team by the Austin American Statesman ... played in the International Bowl (International Federation of American Football) ... outstanding track athlete competing in the relays, shot put and discus ... anchor leg for three relay teams ... also a wrestler at 180 and 189 pounds; in the top three at District the last two years.

Connally's Songy overcomes adversity, lands football scholarship

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Displaced by Katrina, Songy pushes on

AUSTIN (KXAN) - Signing Day was filled with plenty of emotion for Darrell Songy and his family as he penned his letter of intent on Wednesday.

Songy, a senior at Connally High School, will continue his football career at Oregon State next year, more than 2200 miles from his home in Pflugerville.

Leaving home is nothing new for Songy, who was displaced following Hurricane Katrina.

"I've definitely been through a lot of adversity, coming from Katrina and having family be so far away," he said. "There were times where it was definitely a struggle and I definitely didn't know if could make it."

After signing his name to paper on Wednesday, Songy was overwhelmed with joy.

"Just having that reassurance of having a scholarship and having a place to be able to go and get an education...it's just breathtaking."

The day was especially exciting for his family who were in attendance.

"In spite of losing everything, we were able to get back, readjust, and just keep going," Darrell's mom, Theresa, said. "There were times he was disappointed...but he never gave up."

Darrell knows when he makes the move to Corvallis, Ore., he'll be representing a proud family who has helped him along the way.

"I definitely want to go there and become a better athlete, and become a better person," he said. "(I want) to be able to have skill sets for a job if I do need it, or one day be blessed and be able to play on Sunday's."

Songy will join former Pflugerville Panther, Storm Woods, who just finished his freshman season at Oregon State University.

JUSTIN STRONG

S • 5-11 • 189 • FR • HS
 Rialto, Calif.
 Summit HS

SUMMIT: All-CIF Southern Section First Team safety as a junior and senior, and linebacker as a junior ... Sunkist League First Team at both positions his final two seasons ... team captain for the last three seasons ... 105 tackles, five sacks and five interceptions playing linebacker as a junior ... 49 tackles and four interceptions in 2012 as a safety ... Scout.com ranks Justin the No. 56 ranked safety in the country and is a member of its West 150 team ... helped the team to a 13-1 record as a junior and the CIF Southern Section title ... his brother is former Beaver standout, 2008 Sun Bowl defensive MVP and current New Orleans Saints Victor Butler ... Justin spent his sophomore year living with Butler ... "I trained with him (Victor Butler) — weight training, speed training, even learning plays. It was learning how to read zones, how to spot receivers, how to read routes and all that. So when I moved back and got on the field, everything just seemed easier with all the techniques I learned. I felt like I had an edge on a lot of the other players" ... also played linebacker.

CHARLIE TUA'AU

DE • 6-4 • 265 • JR • TR
 Wahiawa, Hawai'i
 Leilehua HS /
 Pasadena CC / Riverside CC

RIVERSIDE CC: Played at Riverside City College last season where he made 48 tackles, including 19 TFLs and nine sacks ... Rivals listed Charlie the No. 71 junior college prospect in the nation and 247Sports has him rated the No. 28 junior college prospect in California ... 247Sports also lists Tua'au at No. 10 for defensive tackles in the nation ... he does not have a redshirt year available, thus has two years of playing eligibility.

PASADENA CC: Played at Pasadena City College in 2010 where he made 45 tackles, including 17 tackles for loss (TFL) and five sacks ... first team All-America in 2010 at Pasadena CC, as voted on by the California Community College Coaches Association.

LEILEHUA: Tuaau (two-uh-ow) was a 2009 all-state second team selection who originally signed a national letter of intent to play at the University of Hawai'i.



LYNDON TULIMASEALII

DE • 6-4 • 270 • JR • TR

Anchorage, Alaska
West Anchorage HS /
College of the Desert

COLLEGE OF THE DESERT: Tulimasealii (pronounced two-lee-ma-se-A-lee-E) has three years to play two seasons ... 38 tackles, including 4.5 for loss last season ... 21 tackles as a freshman.

WEST ANCHORAGE: 2010 state of Alaska Prep Defensive Player of the Year ... nominated for the Army All-American Bowl following his senior season ... born in American Samoa, moving to Hawai'i and then Alaska in the first grade ... played in the first ever Tanoa Bowl in 2011, an all-star game in Washington for Polynesian players ... threw the shot put and discus in high school and ranks among the top five in both for school records.

JORDAN VILLAMIN

WR • 6-5 • 205 • FR • HS

Fontana, Calif.
Etiwanda HS

ETIWANDA: Jordan caught 46 passes for 859 yards and 10 touchdowns last season ... 27 passes for 594 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior ... three-star recruit by Scout and Rivals ... Baseline League First Team selection as a senior ... preseason and postseason All-Valley Team his senior year ... second team all-area last year ... Valley Team Third Team member following his junior year ... PrepStar All-West Region ... Villamin on his decision to attend OSU, courtesy of Rivals -- "I went up there the first time and I felt I had a good feel for the place. I had a good feel for the whole campus and I took my official so I got to see the whole area. I hung out with the players and the coaches and it really felt like home. Everything was all good. I felt like I was already on the team pretty much. That's what kind of convinced me."