

Football Wolves sign 25 players

Western Oregon inks 25 to National Letters of Intent

MONMOUTH, Ore.— The Western Oregon football program, coming off a 9-2 season in 2007 and win in the Dixie Rotary Bowl, signed 25 players today to National Letters of Intent.

The announcement was made by head coach Arne Ferguson, on the first day that recruits can sign, per NCAA rules. The list includes eight players who were all-state selections, and three players who were conference players of the year.

“This is our best class in terms of size and speed,” Ferguson said. “Our focus was to try and get players that can contribute on one to two years. We feel like we signed some very good players that are a great fit here, and we are lucky to have them. We have a well-rounded class by each position.”

Ferguson and his staff have more verbal commitments in addition to the names listed below, but the school is not allowed to announce those names until the National Letter of Intent form is returned. In addition, there could be more signings in the next week or so.

“We are bringing more kids to talk with, and could sign as many as 5-6 players in the next few weeks,” Ferguson confirmed.

Ferguson, who is heading into his fourth season at WOU, has a career mark of 20-11. The Wolves tied a school record in 2007 for most wins in a season. In 2008, WOU will play an 11-game schedule that begins on August 30 at Portland State.

WOU National Letter of Intent signees to date

- **Michael Adkins**, Thurston HS (Springfield), DB-WR, 6-4, 195. 2nd-team All-State (5A) DB, Midwestern League Defensive POY, 1st-team Midwestern League WR.
- **Demario Ballard**, Thompson, Georgia/College of the Siskiyous, WR, 6-7, 225.
- **Michael Bell**, Oak Harbor HS (Wash.), WR, 6-5, 215. 2nd-team All-Wesco North League WR, Seattle Times “White Chip” recruit.
- **Pete Borowczak**, Molalla HS, OL, 6-2, 310. 2nd-team All-State (4A) OL, 1st-team All-Capital Conference DL and C.
- **Mark Brooks**, Klamath Union HS, WR-DB, 6-0, 175. 1st-team All-Southern Sky Conference WR and DB.
- **Gavin Drake**, Central Catholic HS, DL-T, 6-2, 285. 2nd-team All-Mt. Hood Conference DL.

- **Scott Foss**, West Albany HS, LB-TE, 6-3, 225. 1st-team All-State (5A) TE and LB, 1st-team All-Mid-Willamette Conference TE and LB.
- **Tarance Glynn**, Molalla HS, WR, 6-5, 210. 2nd-team All-Capital Conference WR and DB.
- **Eric Hochhalter**, West Salem HS, DL, 6-3, 285. HM All-State (6A) DL and OL (2006). 1st-team All-Central Valley Conference DL and OL.
- **Tyson Hoffman**, Crater HS, OL, 6-4, 310. 2nd-team All-Southern Sky Conference OL.
- **Ben Hughes**, Grants Pass HS, DL, 5-10, 240. 1st-team All-Southwest Conference DL.
- **Mitch Longwill**, Gold Beach HS, OL, 6-4, 250. 1st-team All-State (3A) OL. 1st-team All-Sunset Six League OL.
- **Jameson Martin**, Marist HS (Eugene), LB, 6-0, 200. 2nd-team All-State (4A) LB. 1st-team All-Sky-Em League LB.
- **Josh McFarland**, Centralia HS (Wash.), WR-DB, 6-2, 170. 1st-team All-Evergreen Conference DB.
- **Alex Melson**, Grant HS (Portland), LB, 6-0, 205. 2nd-team All-State (6A) LB. Portland Interscholastic League Defensive POY.
- **Will Murphy**, West Albany, WR, 6-2, 180. 1st-team All-State (5A) WR and DB. 1st-team All-Mid-Willamette Conference WR and DB.
- **Dillon Neumann**, North Marion HS, OL-DL, 6-4, 275. HM All-Capital Conference DL.
- **Travis Newman**, Thurston HS (Springfield), LB-RB, 6-1, 210. 1st-team All-Midwestern League RB, 2nd-team LB.
- **Bryce Peila**, Crater HS, WR-DB, 6-1, 185. Defensive POY in Southern Sky Conference. 1st-team All-Southern Sky Conference WR.
- **Dustin Risseuw**, Willamina HS, RB-LB, 6-2, 220. 1st-team All-State (3A) LB. 1st-team All-West Valley League RB and LB.
- **Adrian Rodriguez**, Kennedy HS, RB-DB, 6-2, 180. 1st-team All-Tri-River Conference punter.
- **Blaise Smith**, Lahainaluna HS (Hawaii), RB-WR, 5-11, 165. 1st-team All-State DB, 1st-team All-MIL DB, 2nd-team All-MIL WR.
- **Josh Thurston**, West Linn HS, DB-C, 6-0, 160. 1st-team All-Three Rivers League DB.
- **Kyle Warner**, Centennial HS (Gresham), QB, 6-4, 190. 1st-team All-Mt. Hood Conference QB and P.
- **Brett Weisbrodt**, West Salem HS, DB-S, 6-2, 195. 2nd-team All-Central Valley Conference DB.

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Name	Pos.	Ht-Wt	Hometown/School
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Michael Akins	DB-WR	6-4/195	Springfield, Ore.(Thurston HS)
Demario Ballard	WR	6-7/225	Thompson, Ga. (Col. of Siskiyous)
Michael Bell	WR	6-5/205	Oak Harbor, Wash.
Pete Borowczak	OL	6-2/310	Molalla, Ore.
Mark Brooks	WR-DB	6-0/175	Klamath Falls, Ore.(Klamath Union HS)
Gavin Drake	DL-OL	6-2/285	Portland, Ore.(Central Catholic HS)
Scott Foss	LB-TE	6-3/225	Albany, Ore.(West Albany HS)
Tarance Glynn	WR	6-5/210	Molalla, Ore.
Eric Hochhalter	DL-OL	6-3/285	Salem, Ore.(West Salem HS)
Tyson Hoffman	OL	6-4/310	Central Point, Ore.(Crater HS)
Ben Hughes	DL-OL	5-10/240	Grants Pass, Ore.
Mitch Longwill	OL-DL	6-4/250	Gold Beach, Ore.
Jameson Martin	LB	6-0/200	Eugene, Ore.(Marist HS)
Josh McFarland	WR-DB	6-2/170	Centralia, Wash.
Alex Melson	LB	6-0/205	Portland, Ore.(Grant HS)
Will Murphy	WR	6-2/180	Albany, Ore.(West Albany HS)
Dillon Neumann	OL	6-4/275	North Marion, Ore.
Travis Newman	LB-RB	6-1/210	Springfield, Ore.(Thurston HS)
Bryce Peila	DB-WR	6-1/185	Central Point, Ore.(Crater HS)
Dustin Risseuw	LB-RB	6-2/220	Willamina, Ore.
Adrian Rodriguez	RB-DB	6-2/180	Mt. Angel, Ore.(Kennedy HS)
Blaise Smith	RB-WR	5-11/165	Lahaina, Hawaii (Lahainaluna HS)
Josh Thurston	DB-C	6-0/160	West Linn, Ore.
Kyle Warner	QB	6-4/190	Gresham, Ore. (Centennial HS)
Brett Weisbrodt	DB	6-2/195	Salem, Ore. (West Salem HS)