

NMU Football Recruits - 25 To Join Team, 6 from U.P.

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MARQUETTE, Mich. – Bernie Anderson, the head football coach at Northern Michigan University, announces the following student-athletes have signed a National Letter of Intent or have committed to attend NMU and play football for the Wildcats. The ‘Cats have secured 25 commitments. Michigan leads the way with 16, followed by Wisconsin with four, Illinois with two, California, Indiana and Minnesota with one each.

“I’m very excited about the six U.P. players who have signed with us. All six are of the caliber we need to have success in this league,” said Anderson. “This is a strong class that meets the academic and athletic needs of our program. Our entire staff feels that this group will help us move up in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC).”

Committed:

Zach Anderson

6-3, 255, DE

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. (Sault Area)

-U.P. Dream Team selection

-First team all-conference (offense and defense)

-Team MVP

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star Game

Joshua Droese

6-0, 200 LB

Kingsford, Mich. (Kingsford)

-All-conference (offense and defense)

-All-U.P. as a running back

-*Detroit Free Press* all-state as a running back

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star Game

Matt Eisenzoph

6-0, 210, LB

Menominee, Mich. (Menominee)

-First team all-conference (offense and defense)

-Defensive Player of the Year for conference

-All-U.P. as a linebacker

-Defensive Player of the Year for the U.P.

-*Detroit Free Press* first team all-state

-Member of the *Detroit News* Dream Team

-Selected to the Associated Press Division 5 first team all-state

-Team back-to-back state champions

-Will participate in East-West All-Star Game

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star Game

Casey Hares

5-7, 175, RB

Ishpeming, Mich. (Ishpeming)

-U.P. Dream Team selection

-First team all-conference (offense and defense)

-First team all-state

-Eighth in the nation in rushing yards

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star Game

Cody Kangas

6-2, 195, QB

Manistique, Mich. (Manistique)

-First team all-conference

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star

Brent Parrett

6-3, 215, TE

Ingalls, Mich. (Stephenson)

-First team all-conference

-Member of the U.P. Dream Team

-Will participate in U.P. All-Star Game

Nick Awrey
5-10, 170, WR
Saginaw, Mich. (Nouvel Catholic Central)
-First team all-conference
-Academic all-state
-Team back-to-back state champions

Sam Celentino
6-4, 185, WR
DeWitt, Mich. (DeWitt)
-Two-time first team all-conference selection
-Second all-time in career receptions at DeWitt High School
-All-Area Dream Team selection
-Three year starter in football
-First team all-conference in basketball

Mike Davis
6-3, 260, DL
Wayne, Mich. (Memorial)
-First team all-conference (offense and defense)
-First team all-metro

Zach Gard
6-4, 200, DB
Mishawaka, Ind. (Penn)
-First team all-area
-Member of the *South Bend Tribune* Dream Team
-First team all-conference in baseball

Jordan Mancl
6-4, 255, DE
Stevens Point, Wis. (Stevens Point Area Senior)
-First team all-conference
-First team all-region
-Member of the Channel 7 All-Star Team
-WFCAs all-state
-Will participate in Wisconsin All-Star Game

Brian Mitz
6-2, 195, WR
Fox River Grove, Ill. (Cary-Grove/Harper J.C.)
-First team all-conference and all-region in junior college
-Eighth in the nation in receptions in 2007 (5.4 avg/g)

Derek Beemer
5-11, 190, DB
Rockford, Mich. (Rockford)
-First team all-conference
-First team all-area
-Member of the *Grand Rapids Press* Dream Team
-Academic all-state

Jeffrey Comp
6-2, 280, OL
Burlington, Wis. (Franklin)
-Four-year starter
-Four-time all-conference
-First team all-state
-Will participate in Wisconsin All-Star Game

Matt Forward
6-0, 290, DL
Zeeland, Mich. (Zeeland West)
-First team all-conference
-First team all-area
-First team all-state as selected by the *Detroit News* and Associated Press

Evan Kowalski
6-0, 170, DB
Somerset, Wis. (Somerset)
-Three-time all-conference selection
-First team all-region
-First team all-state
-Will participate in Wisconsin All-Star Game

Charles Mattingly
6-4, 275, OL
New Lenox, Ill. (Lincoln-Way Central)
-Two-time first team all-conference
-Captain of team

Nick Norton
6-2, 230, HB
Holt, Mich. (Holt)
-First team all-conference
-Honorable mention all-area

Garrett Peck

6-4, 200, P

Arena, Wis. (River Valley)

- First team all-conference
- Third place at the 2007 Kohl's National Scholarship Kicking Camp
- Earned nine varsity letters in high school

Joseph Vezina

6-2, 175, DB

Allen Park, Mich. (Cabrini)

- Two-time first team all-state selection
- Second team all-west selection
- Two-time Down River Dream Team selection
- Two-time first team all-conference selection
- Earned 10 varsity letters in high school (football, basketball, hockey and baseball)

Julian Pierce

5-10, 202, RB

Grand Rapids, Mich. (Creston)

- Two-time first team all-city selection
- Two-time first team all-area pick
- Second team all-state
- One of the top 30 running backs at the Nike Camp (2007)
- Won the Best Running Back Award at the Michigan Camp (2006)
- Named as one of the top 100 in state of Michigan
- Set school record with 370 yards in a game with four touchdowns

Blaine Stormer

5-10, 180, DB

Lake Orion, Mich. (Lake Orion)

- First team all-conference
- All-state power lifter

Earl Ware

6-0, 305, DL

Thief River Falls, Minn. (Chicago, Ill./Flower/Northland C.C.)

- Northland C.C. Lineman of the Year
- First team all-conference in junior college

Maurice Williams

6-0, 190, RB

Imperial Beach, Calif. (Mar Vista)

- First team all-conference
- Two-time team MVP

Jesus Wright

6-2, 215, LB

Kentwood, Mich. (East)

- First team all-conference
- Member of the *Grand Rapids Press* Dream Team

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