



FRESNO STATE FOOTBALL

- SIGNING DAY -

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2018 RECRUITING CLASS

OFFENSE

QB	Steven Comstock [^]	6-2	185	Glendora, Calif. (Northview HS)
QB	Ben Wooldridge [^]	6-3	195	Pleasanton, Calif. (Foothill HS)
WR	Ricardo Arias [^]	6-2	225	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
WR	Emoryie Edwards [^]	6-0	195	Tulare, Calif. (Tulare Union HS)
WR	Rodney Wright [^]	5-10	175	Fresno, Calif. (Clovis West HS)
OL	Nick Abbs [^]	6-6	290	Portland, Ore. (Fresno City College)
OL	Elijah Carson [^]	6-8	290	San Diego, Calif. (Morse HS)
OL	Clive Truschel [^] #	6-3	295	Clovis, Calif. (Clovis West HS)

DEFENSE

DL	Matt Kjeldgaard [^]	6-3	275	Oakdale, Calif. (Oakdale HS)
DL	Matt Lawson [^]	6-0	310	Ontario, Calif. (Colony HS)
DL	Leonard Payne [^]	6-3	260	Downey, Calif. (St. Pius X-St. Matthias HS)
DL	Isaiah Johnson [^] #	6-3	215	Modesto, Calif. (Downey HS)
LB	Sherwin King [^]	6-0	215	Fresno, Calif. (Sunnyside HS)
DB	Shawn Dourseau	6-0	175	Perris, Calif. (Citrus Hill HS)
DB	Deshawn Ruffin [^]	5-10	175	Fresno, Calif. (Sunnyside HS)

[^] - early signing period commit (Dec. 20)

- denotes mid-year signee (joined team for Spring football)

SIGNING DAY NOTES

- Fresno State received 15 National Letters of Intent for its 2018 Signing Class.
- 14 of the 15 signees are from California, with the lone exception Nick Abbs, an Oregon native that is moving to Fresno State from Fresno City College.
- Eight of the 15 signees are from the Central Valley, including five from Fresno/Clovis.
- Eight Valley recruits is the most for Fresno State since hauling in nine in 2010.
- Fresno State signed 14 high school players and one Juco player.
- Fresno State signed eight offensive players, and seven defensive players.
- Fresno State's largest position group signed was on the defensive line - the Bulldogs' greatest area lost in 2017, losing all four starters to graduation.
- Two players that signed on Dec. 20, Clive Truschel and Isaiah Johnson, are already on the spring roster.
- With the additions of Rodney Wright and Clive Truschel, Fresno State will have five legacy players on its roster (Brent Bailey, Ronnie Rivers, Mykal Walker).

2018 FRESNO STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Opponent Ranking*	Time/Result	Opp. '17 Record	Series	Note
Sept. 1	Idaho	-	TBA	4-8	11-4	Fresno State seeks 11th-straight win against Idaho; first meeting since '13
Sept. 8	at Minnesota	-	TBA	5-7	1st mtg.	First of home-and-home series (2018-19)
Sept. 15	at UCLA	-	TBA	6-7	2-6	Dogs own two-straight wins after dropping first six all-time meetings
Sept. 29	Toledo	-	TBA	11-3	2-1	Hosting the Rockets for first time since first-ever meeting in 2005
TBA	at Boise State [^]	#22/#22	TBA	11-3	6-4	Split two matchups in 2017; fell in MWC game on Dec. 2
TBA	Hawai'i [^]	-	TBA	3-9	27-22-1	Bulldogs have won six of last seven contests versus Rainbow Warriors
TBA	at Nevada [^]	-	TBA	3-9	28-20-1	Fresno State hold 4-2 series lead in MW games
TBA	at New Mexico [^]	-	TBA	3-9	12-4	FS has won 6-straight in series - longest win streak against any MW team
TBA	San Diego State [^]	RV/RV	TBA	10-3	24-29-4	The winner has represented the West Division in all five MW Championship games
TBA	San Jose State [^]	-	TBA	2-11	41-37-3	Dogs seek 42nd win vs. its longest-running rival in 2018
TBA	at UNLV [^]	-	TBA	5-7	13-7	FS seeks first win at UNLV since 1996, 0-2 since
TBA	Wyoming [^]	-	TBA	8-5	6-5	Dogs own 4 of their 6 all-time wins at home vs. the Cowboys

Key: *AP Poll/USA Today Coaches Poll (2017 final rankings); [^] MW Game

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STEVEN COMSTOCK

Quarterback

6-2 | 185

Glendora, California

Northview High School (Class of 2018)

- Passed for a season-high 482 yards and five touchdowns in a win over San Dimas. Also rushed for 66 yards in the game, totaling 548 yards and six TDs.
- As a senior Comstock averaged 247.3 passing yards per game and threw for 28 touchdowns in 11 games. He had 90.1 rushing yards per game with 12 rushing TDs in 2017 and accounted for 3,711 total yards in his senior season
- Comstock led his team to a 10-2 record as a junior, passing for 2,679 yards and 30 touchdowns. He also rushed for 830 yards and 14 touchdowns.
- In four high school seasons (48 games), Comstock totaled 9,211 passing yards and 98 passing TDs. He also ran for 3,665 yards and 53 touchdowns, accounting for 151 total touchdowns in 48 high school games with 134 touchdowns in just 35 games during his sophomore-senior seasons.
- Led his team to three Valle Vista League titles and was named league MVP as a junior.
- Was an All-CIF Southern Section Div. 8 selection and the San Gabriel Valley Tribune Offensive Player of the Year.
- Comstock was also recruited and earned offers from Oregon State, Army, Idaho, Eastern Washington and Azusa Pacific.
- Among quarterbacks, he was rated No. 10 in California, No. 18 in the West and No. 63 nationally.
- He also wrestled in high school and was San Gabriel Valley Tribune's Wrestler of the Year after advancing to the CIF state semifinals as a sophomore. He advanced to the semifinals again as a junior.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON COMSTOCK...

"A dual-threat quarterback. We're really excited about Steven, had the opportunity to see him play in-person during the fall. One thing that stands out about this kid is how tough and competitive he is. An All-State Wrestler who loves football, a very skilled, bright-eyed football player."



BEN WOOLDRIDGE

Quarterback

6-3 | 195

Pleasanton, California

Foothill High School (Class of 2018)

- As a senior Wooldridge was named the Most Valuable Player for the East Bay Athletic League after leading Foothill to a 7-3 record in the regular season. He completed 67.5 percent of his passes for 2,458 yards and 22 touchdowns as a senior. He added five on the ground his senior season as well.
- During his junior season Wooldridge passed for 2,700 yards with 27 touchdowns. He completed 64 percent of his pass attempts and added six rushing touchdowns.
- Over his sophomore and junior seasons Wooldridge led Foothill HS to an 18-6 record.
- As a sophomore he helped lead the Falcons to a 12-1 record, the EBAL title, and a spot in the North Coast Section championship game.
- Wooldridge was named a SportStars Midseason Breakout Player for the Bay Area as a sophomore.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON WOOLDRIDGE...

"Ben is more of a pro-style quarterback, but is also athletic. Came out to our camp this summer in Fresno and really impressed. He can really zip the ball. Overcame a shoulder injury early in his season and ended up still winning his League MVP."



**RICARDO ARIAS****Wide Receiver****6-2 | 225****Fresno, California****Clovis West High School (Class of 2018)**

- During his senior season at Clovis West, Arias had 56 receptions for 801 yards, averaging 14.3 yards per catch. He had 12 catches for 138 yards and two touchdowns in a 42-17 win over Clovis in the quarterfinals of the Central Section playoffs.
- As a senior he helped Clovis West reach the semifinals of the Div. I Central Section playoffs with a 9-3 record.
- Arias played his senior season at Clovis West after transferring from McLane high school.
- Arias is one of just 49 high school football players in California that have been nominated to play in the 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl.
- He set a school record with seven catches for 335 yards and four touchdowns in a game against Hoover in 2015. His 335 receiving yards were the ninth most in a game by any high school receiver during the 2015 season.
- Arias had 79 catches for 1,428 yards and 17 touchdowns in 11 games as a sophomore, earning All-State honors. He averaged 18.1 yards per reception and 129.8 receiving yards per game in his sophomore season.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON ARIAS...

"Local kid, grew up right down the street. Ricardo transferred from McLane HS to Clovis West for his senior year. As soon as he got there the coaches raved about him. Great work ethic, great kid. Love his size - he's a big, thick kid that can go up and snag the ball. He will bring versatility to our wide receiver position."

**EMORYIE EDWARDS****Wide Receiver****6-0 | 195****Tulare, California****Tulare Union High School (Class of 2018)**

- Edwards broke the California Central Section record for career receiving yards, ending his high school career with 4,267 yards to top the previous record of 3,953. He also broke the Central Section career receptions record with 262 and came within two touchdown receptions of that section record (47).
- He was named to the 2016 Max Preps California Medium Schools All-State team after being selected for the Fresno Bee All-Area team and the Visalia Times Delta All-Area team.
- He averaged just under 20 yards per reception as a senior with 12 touchdown catches. He topped 260 yards receiving twice, helping his team win the Central Section Div. II championship and advance to the CIF State Division 2-AA Regional Final.
- Edwards ranked seventh among all California high school players with 1,571 receiving yards as a junior. He was also seventh with 94 receptions and hauled in 19 touchdown passes.
- In his high school career, Edwards averaged 16.3 yards per reception and recorded more than 4,400 yards of total offense, averaging just under 100 yards per game. In addition to receiving he returned punts as a senior and averaged 16.9 punt return yards.
- Ranked as one of the top 30 receivers in California by Scout.com.
- Edwards was also recruited and earned offers from Washington State, Oregon State, Duke, BYU, Air Force and Eastern Washington.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON EDWARDS...

"Emoryie was one of the more highly-recruited players in the Valley in this class. Committed to us over the summer. He owns Valley records in career receiving yards, and receptions. Can't wait to get him in a Bulldog uniform. Explosive route runner with really natural hands."

**RODNEY WRIGHT III****Wide Receiver****5-10 | 175****Fresno, California****Clovis West High School (Class of 2018)**

- Finished his senior season with 1,477 total yards and a team-leading 25 touchdowns.
- Set a school record for most single-season receptions with 67.
- Became Clovis West's all-time leader in receptions with 160.
- Helped Clovis West finish second in TRAC league play at 4-1 in 2016 and 2017.
- As a junior, he touched the ball over 170 times, producing 1,367 total yards and nine touchdowns.
- His father, Rodney Wright II, had a nation-leading 104 catches for Fresno State alongside quarterback David Carr in 2001. His father is the second-leading receiver by yardage (3,274) in school history and third-leading receiver by catches (222) in school history.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON WRIGHT...

"Obviously you guys know his Dad and what he did here at Fresno State and the NFL. Really love what Rodney brings to the table as a slot receiver - really dynamic with the ball in his hands. Quick, versatile player that makes it really hard on defenses. Outstanding career at Clovis West and I expect that to continue when he gets to Fresno State."





NICK ABBS

Offensive Lineman

6-6 | 290

Portland, Oregon

Fresno City College

Greshman High School (Class of 2016)

Last College

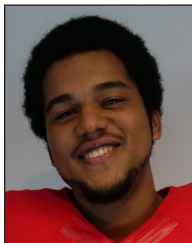
- He played two seasons at Fresno City College.
- Abbs helped FCC go 8-3 in 2017 and win the State Center Bowl over Butte College. He led the team to 35.5 points per game with 405.1 passing yards and 168.6 rushing yards per game.

High School

- He earned a Mt. Hood Conference second-team honor on defense and was honorable mention on offense playing for Greshman HS.
- He was also recruited and received offers from Colorado State, San Jose State and Northern Arizona.
- Abbs played both football and basketball at Gresham HS. He was a guard and defensive tackle for the football team and a center on the basketball team.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON ABBS...

"Our one junior college prospect signee in this early signing period cycle. Originally from Portland, played his juco ball right down the street at Fresno City. True tackle body, a long 6-6, 290 lbs. We're really excited to get him here this fall and expect him to compete at right tackle next season."



ELIJAH CARSON

Offensive Lineman

6-8 | 290

San Diego, California

Morse High School (Class of 2018)

- In 2016, he was part of the offensive line that helped Morse HS rush for 4,236 yards for 54 touchdowns, averaging 325.8 yards per game.
- Helped Morse HS to an 8-5 season, advancing to the third round of CIF Playoffs.
- Suffered leg injury that prevented playing time as a senior.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON CARSON...

"You're going to notice when Elijah walks in the building. Comes in at 6-8, 290 lbs., big, long arms. He broke his leg his first game of his senior season so fell a bit under the radar in recruiting, but I think we got a really good one for the future at offensive tackle."



CLIVE TRUSCHEL

Offensive Lineman

6-3 | 295

Clovis, California

Clovis West High School (Class of 2017)

- Truschel delayed signing his NLI with the Bulldogs last December and took a greyshirt year.
- He was named a Pag Meter/940ESPN All Valley Offensive First Team All-Star for the 2016 season.
- Truschel was a Tri-River Athletic Conference (TRAC) First Team All-League selection.
- He was also named to the Fresno Bee Football All-Stars Jive 75.
- Truschel helped lead his team to an 8-4 overall record and 4-1 league mark as a senior.
- His father, Jeff, also played football at Fresno State in the 1980s.
- Truschel came back from missing a year of high school football as a sophomore due to an infection in his spine.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON TRUSCHEL...

"Clive graduated high school in 2017, took the year off as he was still recovering from an injury. Right when I was first hired here Pat Hill told me about Clive. We evaluated him and was impressed with his competitiveness and versatility. We can't wait to get him in the building next semester. Already weighs 295 lbs., going to be a really good interior O-lineman."



**MATT KJELDGAARD****Defensive Lineman****6-3 | 275****Oakdale, California****Oakdale High School (Class of 2018)**

- He played defensive tackle for Oakdale High School, leading the team to a CIF State Bowl victory in 2016. The Mustangs didn't allow a point over their final six quarters of the season and scored three defensive touchdowns, all pick-six returns by linebackers.
- Kjeldgaard led his team to a 12-2 overall record and 7-0 league mark as a senior. The squad reached the championship game in the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. III playoffs.
- Entering his junior season Kjeldgaard was named as one of the top defensive linemen in the "Tops in the 209" by Black Hat Football.
- He was ranked as the 13th best returning player by the Fresno Bee entering the 2017 season.
- Kjeldgaard had two sacks and a fumble recovery in a shutout win over Kimball during his senior season.
- Kjeldgaard also wrestled in high school and advanced to the Sac Joaquin Section Masters in 2016.
- Kjeldgaard has seven siblings, three older and four younger.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON KJELDGAARD...

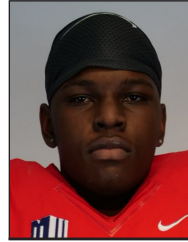
"Fresno State was built on blue-collar, tough, football players, and that's exactly what Matt brings to the table. Homegrown, Valley kid from Oakdale, led their team to the CIF State Championship game. Matt's going to have great effort, bring a great attitude every day in practice, and he is going to get after the quarterback."

**MATT LAWSON****Defensive Lineman****6-0 | 310****Ontario, California****Colony High School (Class of 2018)**

- Lawson was a First Team All-Inland Valley selection by the Daily Bulletin.
- He also earned First Team All-Mt. Baldy League honors in 2015 and 2016.
- Lawson recorded 57 total tackles with 22 solo as a senior in 2017. He also had 9.5 sacks, two forced fumbles, and two recovered fumbles as a senior.
- In three varsity seasons Lawson totaled 184 tackles with 66 solo tackles over just 30 games. He added 25.5 sacks and seven quarterback hurries.
- Lawson had eight tackles with four tackles for loss and 2.5 sacks in his first varsity game in 2015.
- He helped lead his team to a 9-2 overall record and 5-0 league record as a team captain in 2017.
- Lawson was also recruited and received offers from Arizona State, Hawaii, San Diego State, UNLV, Army, Navy and Northern Arizona.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON LAWSON...

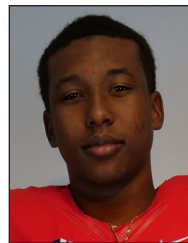
"Lawson is someone we've been on since we started recruiting this class back in February. He came to visit us for a spring practice and we love his build. Wide-bodied, really strong nose tackle that will be able to anchor and hold the gap in the middle. True run-stopper that runs well and is athletic."

**LEONARD PAYNE****Defensive Lineman****6-3 | 260****Downey, California****St. Pius X-St. Matthias High School (Class of 2018)**

- Defensive standout captain for St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy, leading team to three wins, its first in 21 years after bringing back the program in 2017.
- Payne transferred to St. Pius X-St. Matthias Academy for his senior year as the school transitioned its flag football program back to 11-on-11 contact.
- He led the Warriors with 79 total tackles, 57 solo, six forced fumbles and two fumble recoveries in 2017.
- Posted 24.0 tackles for loss and 8.0 sacks as a senior.
- Recorded four games with 10-plus tackles.
- In his team's first win, Payne totaled a season-high 14 tackles to go with 4.0 TFLs and a forced fumble against Panorama.
- Had a season-best 5.0 TFLs and 3.0 sacks versus The Webb Schools.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON PAYNE...

"Leonard Payne, someone we found really late in the process just this last month. Played high school football in Downey, Calif. at St. Pius-X, first year they had football was this last season so he was a little under-the-radar. Really long, 6-3 kid with a great frame, can play inside or outside for us depending on how his body develops. He is athletic and plays with great passion."

**ISAIAH JOHNSON****Defensive Lineman****6-3 | 215****Modesto, California****Downey High School (Class of 2018)**

- A three-star prospect according to 247Sports and ESPN.
- Johnson posted 55 tackles, 42 solo during his senior campaign for the Knights.
- He ranked third on the team in tackles for loss with 11.0.
- Had 10.5 career sacks with six coming during the 2017 season.
- Recorded a season-best 11 tackles, 3.0 TFLs and 2.5 sacks against Enochs.
- Johnson split time between offense and defense during his career at Downey, spending the majority of his senior year on defense.
- He was ranked as the No. 2 returning player in 2017 by the Modesto Bee.
- Amassed 1,030 receiving yards in 26 games, with 868 coming during his first 16 varsity games.
- Johnson was also recruited by half of the Pac-12 among others and received offers from Arizona, UCLA and New Mexico.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON JOHNSON...

"Really versatile, athletic player from Modesto. Played a lot of WR in High School - really good speed and explosiveness for 6-3. Senior year started playing stand-up defensive end/outside backer and that's where we'll start him out. Love his length as a pass-rusher. He's already finished with high school so we're excited to get him here this coming semester."





SHERWIN KING

Linebacker

6-0 | 215

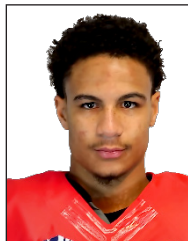
Fresno, California

Sunnyside High School (Class of 2018)

- King had 47 solo tackles and 69 total tackles as a junior.
- He had three interceptions and 48 total tackles during his sophomore season.
- King played safety and linebacker in high school and also played occasional snaps at wide receiver.
- King was named to Pag Meter All-Valley Sleeper list leading up to the 2017 season.
- He helped his team go undefeated in league play in both 2016 and 2017.
- King was a teammate of fellow Fresno State 2018 recruit Deshawn Ruffin at Sunnyside HS.
- He also plays basketball at Sunnyside High School.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON KING...

"Local player from Sunnyside High School. Competed at our camp this summer and blew us away. Already pretty well-developed physically, runs really well, can play sideline-to-sideline. Think he'll fit in really well at our SAM position."



SHAWN DOURSEAU

Defensive Back

6-0 | 175

Perris, California

Citrus Hill High School (Class of 2018)

- Recorded 13 interceptions as a senior free safety at Citrus Hill HS - tied with three others for most INTs in the nation (MaxPreps) - was four short of the California state record of 17 set in 1988.
- Made 75 tackles (59 solo) in 12 games as a senior and 70 tackles (44 solo) in 11 games as a junior.
- Invited to the 33rd IE All-Star Classic.
- Former high school teammates of junior Mike Bell (Dourseau was a freshman when Bell was a senior at Citrus Hill).
- Tied the Inland area's single-season record with 13 interceptions
- Chalked up 12 passes defended as a senior
- Selected to 2017 HSGameTime all-area first-team defense
- His team led by Coach Eric Zomalt went 10-2 and 5-0 in league play in 2017.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON DOURSEAU...

"The one player we signed in February who we feel could be a late steal for our class. You put on the tape and man, this guy has a knack for being around the football. 13 interceptions his senior year is quite the feat. Love his football IQ, tackling fundamentals, punt return value. He brings a lot to our DB room."



DESHAWN RUFFIN

Defensive Back

5-10 | 175

Fresno, California

Sunnyside High School (Class of 2018)

- Ruffin was named to Pag Meter All-Valley Sleeper list leading up to the 2017 season.
- He was selected to the preseason All-Central Section second team by CalHiSports.com entering his junior season in 2016.
- Ruffin tallied 16 tackles and two interceptions as a junior and had two picks and 26 tackles as a sophomore, totaling 32 solo tackles over those two seasons.
- He served as his Sunnyside's kick returner as well and had two kickoff return touchdowns, including a 93-yard kick return touchdown in 2015. Ruffin also played on the offensive side of the ball at wide receiver.
- Ruffin also had interest from Florida State, UCLA, Washington, Washington State, and Boston College.
- He helped his team go undefeated in North Yosemite League play in both 2016 and 2017.
- He was a teammate of fellow Fresno State 2018 recruit Sherwin King at Sunnyside HS.
- Ruffin also runs track at Sunnyside High School.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON RUFFIN...

"Teammate of Sherwin King, out of Sunnyside High School. Another kid who we were able to see at our camp this summer and I saw him play this fall. Really competitive cornerback, love his physicality. Plays with an edge and that's what you need at that position."



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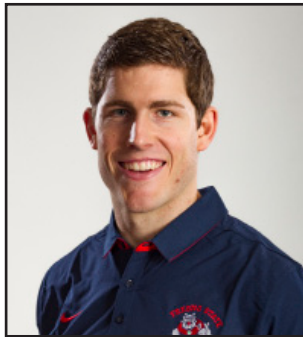
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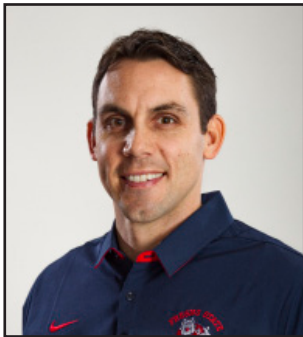
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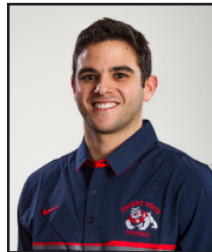
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Dir. of FB Operations



Andy Ward
S&C Coach

2018 Spring Football Schedule (subject to change)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	3.12 Practice #1	3.13	3.14 Practice #2	3.15	3.16 Practice #3	3.17 Practice #4
3.18	3.19 Practice #5	3.20	3.21 Practice #6	3.22	3.23 Practice #7	3.24
3.25	3.26 Spring Break	3.27 Spring Break	3.28 Spring Break	3.29 Spring Break	3.30 Spring Break	3.31
4.1	4.2 Practice #8	4.3	4.4 Practice #9	4.5	4.6 Practice #10	4.7 Practice #11
4.8	4.9 Practice #12	4.10	4.11 Practice #13	4.12	4.13 Practice #14	4.14 Spring Game