



FRESNO STATE FOOTBALL

- SIGNING DAY -

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2019 RECRUITING CLASS

OFFENSE

WR	Jalen Cropper^	6-0	160	Parlier, Calif. (Buchanan HS)
WR	Jamal Glaspie^	6-1	175	Los Angeles, Calif. (Culver City HS)
WR	Josh Kelly^	6-1	180	Fresno, Calif. (San Joaquin Memorial HS)
WR	Keric Wheatfall^	6-1	175	Cypress, Texas (Blinn College)
RB	Peyton Dixon	5-11	200	Reno, Nev. (Bishop Manogue HS)
OL	Alexx "Bula" Schmidt	6-1	290	Auburn, Wash. (O'Dea HS)
TE	Raymond Pauwels^*	6-4	245	Litchfield Park, Ariz. (Glendale College)
TE	Juan Rodriguez^*	6-2	235	Portola, Calif. (Butte College)

DEFENSE

LB	Kyvin Carroll^	5-11	225	Bryant, Ark. (Benton HS)
LB	Levelle Bailey^	6-2	205	Sacramento, Calif. (Luther Burbank HS)
LB	Devonta Bridges^	6-2	230	Rialto, Calif. (Carter HS)
DB	Randy Jordan^	5-9	160	Tulare, Calif. (Tulare Union HS)
DB	Myles Martin^	5-9	165	Murrieta, Calif. (Vista Murrieta HS)
DB	Deven Jarvis^	6-0	190	West Covina, Calif. (Bishop Amat HS)
DB	Reggie Strong^	5-11	195	Vallejo, Calif. (Orange Lutheran HS)

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

^ - denotes signed during early period in December

SIGNING DAY NOTES

- Fresno State received 15 total National Letters of Intent for the 2019 Signing Class – 13 in the early signing period in December of last year and two on National Signing Day in February.
- 10 of the 15 signees are from California. The other five are from five different states – Nevada, Texas, Washington, Arizona, and Arkansas.
- Three are from the Central Valley, including two from the immediate Fresno area.
- Fresno State signed 12 high school players and three Juco players.
- Fresno State signed eight offensive players, and seven defensive players.
- Fresno State's largest position group signed was a tie, four wide receivers and four defensive backs, making up eight of the 15 signees.

2019 FRESNO STATE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Opponent Ranking*	Time/Result	Opp. '18 Record	Series	Note
Aug. 31	at USC	-	TBA	5-7	1-3	Fresno State to square off with USC for third time in seven seasons
Sept. 7	Minnesota	-	TBA	7-6	0-1	'Dogs host Big Ten opponent for first time since Nebraska in 2014
Sept. 21	Sacramento State	-	TBA	2-8	3-0	FS is 14-0 against FCS opponents since 2000; last defeated Sac St. 31-3 in '16
Sept. 28	at New Mexico State	-	TBA	3-9	17-1	First of home-and-home series (2019-20)
Oct. 12#	at Air Force^	-	TBA	5-7	3-6	'Dogs to make fourth-ever trip to the AFA
Oct. 19#	UNLV^	-	TBA	4-8	14-7	Fresno State is 8-3 all-time in home games against the Rebels
Oct. 26#	Colorado State^	-	TBA	3-9	5-9	'Dogs seek to even series with CSU since joining the MW (1-2)
Nov. 2#	at Hawai'i^	-	TBA	8-6	28-22-1	'Dogs own seven wins in last eight games versus UH
Nov. 9#	Utah State^	#22/#21	TBA	11-2	17-12-1	2-of-the-3 double-digit win MW teams from 2018 to clash at Bulldog Stadium
Nov. 16#	at San Diego State^	-	TBA	7-6	25-29-1	Winner of FS-SDSU contest has advanced to all six MW title games
Nov. 23#	Nevada^	-	TBA	8-5	29-20-1	Fresno State holds 5-2 series lead over Nevada in MW games
Nov. 30#	at San Jose State^	-	TBA	1-11	42-37-3	Fresno State to face its longest-running rival SJSU for 83rd time

Key: ^ MW Game ; # subject to change; *AP Poll/USA Today Coaches Poll (final rankings)

REFERENCE: "Fresno State" (never: FSU, FRES, CSUF, Fresno State University or just "Fresno"); ABBREVIATIONS: Fresno St. or FS



JALEN CROPPER

Wide Receiver

6-0 | 160

Parlier, California

Buchanan High School (Class of 2019)

- A versatile athlete who has lined up at wide receiver, running back, quarterback, defensive back and as a returner throughout his high school career at Buchanan High School (2018) and Sanger High School (2015-17).
- Primarily a wide receiver with Buchanan, he recorded 22 receptions, three touchdowns and a team-high 565 yards for a 25.7-yard average.
- He also rushed for 179 yards and four touchdowns on 25 carries on offense, and recorded two interceptions on defense.
- As a sophomore, led Sanger to a 13-1 record and the CIF Division 2-A Regional Final. Recorded over 700 rushing yards and 19 total touchdowns during the season.
- Listed as an athlete, Cropper is a four-star recruit according to ESPN and a three-star on 247sports.
- Announced his top five college choices: Boise State, Cal, Fresno State, Utah and Oregon but later changed to a top four of Cal, Utah, Nebraska and Fresno State.
- Cropper helped Sanger win the 2016 section Division II championship and reach a state championship game.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON CROPPER...

"We've been recruiting Jalen really since the day we got here when he was back at Sanger. Brought in his former teammate and close friend Arron Mosby in our first class and can't wait to get Jalen on campus. Awesome kid and special athlete with the ball in his hands. Played both ways for Buchanan this last year, big name in the area we are fired up to keep home in the Valley."



JAMAL GLASPIE

Wide Receiver

6-1 | 175

Los Angeles, California

Culver City High School (Class of 2019)

- Helping Culver City to a 12-3 record and a berth in the 2018 SoCal regional championship game, Glaspie posted 880 receiving yards and 13 touchdowns on 44 receptions in the team's high-powered offense. Totaled 1,159 all-purpose yards.
- Also made three interceptions.
- Caught 47 passes, including eight touchdowns as a junior as he led the Centaurs in receiving yards with 953.
- Rated as a three-star recruit according to 247sports and ESPN.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON GLASPIE...

"Jamal popped up on our radar through the camp circuit this summer. First saw him down in Southern California then he came up to our camp at the end of June. We knew right away he was a special player. Has a knack for the position, tracking the ball in the air, and is really competitive in his 1-on-1 matchups. Knows what it takes to win football games coming off a 12-win season at Culver City HS."



JOSH KELLY

Wide Receiver

6-1 | 180

Fresno, California

San Joaquin Memorial High School (Class of 2019)

- A piece of SJM's explosive offense in 2018, Kelly was the team's second-leading receiver with 58 receptions, 1,127 yards and 12 touchdowns.
- Helped SJM reach the 2018 Division 2-A championship game.
- Posted four 100-yard games during his senior season, including a season-best 173 and two touchdowns against Tulare Union in the Division 2-A NorCal regional final.
- As a junior, had 49 receptions for 859 yards and nine touchdowns; also recorded eight interceptions.
- Rated as a three-star recruit according to 247sports.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON KELLY...

"A talented Valley player we've known about for a while, played his junior season at Bullard HS in a run-heavy offense so we didn't quite get to see all of his abilities. Transferred to San Joaquin Memorial for his senior year and I had the opportunity to see him play this fall. Two-way player with great ball skills and length. Has only been playing wide receiver for a couple years but is already impressive, very high ceiling."



KERIK WHEATFALL

Wide Receiver

6-1 | 175

Cypress, Texas

Blinn College

Cypress Ranch High School (Class of 2016)

Last College

- One of the top wide receivers for Blinn, Wheatfall recorded 798 yards and six touchdowns on 47 receptions in 2018.
- Posted four 100-yard games during sophomore season.
- No. 17-ranked JUCO wide receiver according to 247sports.
- Recorded 25 receptions for 375 yards and a touchdown in 2017.
- Fresno State, Boise State, Utah State, Colorado State and UTSA were five schools on his radar.

High School

- An all-district player who caught 30 receptions for 535 yards and five touchdowns in senior season, helping his team to a 11-1 record.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON WHEATFALL...

"Our lone Texas signee that Coach Christian put on our radar a few months back, he recruited him out of high school when he was at Houston. Graduating numerous seniors at the WR position and really felt like we needed to bring a junior college player to balance out the age in the room. Kerik has an impressive combination of speed and length, natural route runner, excited about what he brings to the table for the next two years."



**PEYTON DIXON****Running Back****5-11 | 200****Reno, Nevada****Bishop Manogue High School (Class of 2019)**

- Dixon became the first Nevada prep player to break 3,000 yards in a single season; rushed for a state-record 3,143 yards on 309 carries (10.2 yards/carry) and had 45 rushing touchdowns as a senior.
- Rushed for a career-best 432 yards and six touchdowns in a contest against Placer High.
- Helped lead his high school Bishop Manogue to the Class 4A state title game; fell to Bishop Gorman in the title game.
- Owned 74 rushing touchdowns in his varsity career, third all-time in Nevada.
- 2018 American Family Insurance All-USA Nevada Football Team – Offensive Player of the Year and first-team selection.
- Las Vegas Review-Journal first-team running back.
- Sierra League's Offensive Player of the Year
- All-Northern Region first-team.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON PEYTON...

"Extremely productive player as a senior, broke the state of Nevada rushing and touchdown record while leading his team to the state championship game. Has home run speed, hoping to run a 10.6 100m this year in track and weighs 200 pounds. Awesome kid and family, can't wait to work with him."

**ALEXX "BULA" SCHMIDT****Offensive Lineman****6-1 | 290****Auburn, Washington****O'Dea High School (Class of 2019)**

- 2018 All Metro League Football Team Defensive Lineman of the Year – Mountain Division.
- 2018 All Metro League Football Team first-team offensive tackle.
- 2018 All Metro League Football Team first-team defensive tackle.
- Selected to play in Polynesian Bowl (high school all-star game), held annually during the Polynesian Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week.
- Helped O'Dea High School to an 11-2 record in 2018.
- O'Dea was the Washington 3A State runner-up, falling in the state title game 31-13 to Eastside Catholic.
- Played all 13 games. Logged 52 tackles and two sacks playing on the defensive line. The offense rushed for 3,843 yards.
- Originally from Wahiawa, Hawai'i.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON BULA...

"Bula has been on our radar since June of 2017 when we saw him compete at a camp down in Southern California. Ultimate competitor, has the natural intensity and tenacity we look for in offensive linemen. Another proven winner from a big-time high school in Washington that reached the State Championship game in their division. Really excited to bring him into the fold."

**RAYMOND PAUWELS****Tight End****6-4 | 245****Litchfield Park, Arizona****Glendale Community College
Millennium High School (Class of 2017)****Last College**

- Pauwels spent the past two seasons at Glendale Community College in Arizona.
- Is a first-team all-Western State Football League selection.
- Pauwels is a three-star recruit and ranked as the nation's No. 7 junior college tight end by 247 Sports.
- Tallied 56 receptions for 612 yards and a touchdown this fall for Glendale Community College in Arizona.
- Ranked first in the Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) in receptions and was fifth in receiving yards and yards per game (55.6).
- Tallied at least one reception in all 11 games in 2018 tallying a season-high nine twice and a season-best 82 receiving yards in the regular season finale at Scottsdale CC.
- Caught lone touchdown of season in a 52-28 win against Phoenix College.

High School

- Pauwels is a native of Litchfield Park, Ariz., where he was a 2017 graduate of Millennium High School.
- Notched 37 receptions for 449 yards and six touchdowns as a senior in 2016 for the Tigers.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON PAUWELS...

"Our lone Arizona signee our coaches identified through one of his coaches at Glendale College. Losing 3 tight ends to graduation we prioritized junior college tight ends and really liked what Raymond brings to the table as a blocker and receiver. He will be here in January and will immediately compete."

**JUAN RODRIGUEZ****Tight End****6-2 | 235****Portola, California****Butte College (Calif.)
Portola High School (Class of 2016)****Last College**

- Rodriguez has spent the last three seasons at Butte College in Oroville, Calif.
- Rodriguez is a three-star recruit and ranked as the nation's No. 5 junior tight end recruit by 247 Sports.
- Earned 2018 All-NorCal League honors.
- Tallied 14 receptions for 325 yards and a pair of touchdowns this fall for the Roadrunners.
- Had a season-high three catches in two games and went for a season-best 82 yards on a pair of receptions at Shasta CC while hauling in a 61-yard touchdown pass.

High School

- Rodriguez played football and basketball at Portola HS.
- Played both tight end and middle linebacker finishing with 66 tackles, 6.0 sacks and three fumble recoveries as a junior adding 10 receptions for 293 yards and three touchdowns on offense.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON RODRIGUEZ...

"Another junior college tight end we expect to be here in January, Juan is a very physical football player. Popped up late on our radar and liked him right away. Excited about the work ethic and toughness he will bring to the room for the next two years."





KYVIN CARROLL

Linebacker
5-11 | 225
Bryant, Arkansas

Benton High School (Class of 2019)

- Received First-Team All-Conference honors for the Arkansas 6-A West Conference.
- Ranked as a three-star recruit by 247 Sports and Rivals.com.
- Helped lead team to state championship game.
- Held interest from Texas State, Memphis, Tulane, and Southern Miss.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON CARROLL...

"An Arkansas native, Coach Thompson identified Kyvin through a former coach and was able to get him on campus with his parents back in July. Kyvin is more of your old-school, run-stopper, true MIKE backer that does a great job of filling gaps and playing physical football. Think he'll fit right in with the style of defense we play. Comes from a winning program, making it all the way to the State Championship game this season."



LEVELLE BAILEY

Linebacker
6-2 | 205
Sacramento, California

Luther Burbank High School (Class of 2019)

- Two-way player at Luther Burbank High School starting at both quarterback and linebacker.
- Bailey tallied 81 tackles, 69 solo, on defense adding 7.0 tackles for loss, six interceptions and five passes defended as a senior.
- Added 1,405 passing yards and 20 touchdowns while rushing for 722 yards and 15 touchdowns.
- Held offers from Nevada, Idaho, Idaho State and Montana State.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON BAILEY...

"We've known about Levelle for a while through connections with Coach Cain and Coach Christian. Impressive athlete that did it all for his high school team – played quarterback, wide receiver, safety, and linebacker. Made impressive strides at linebacker his senior year and that's where we'll play him. Really like his frame and growth potential, weighs 205 today but I think you'll see that spike up pretty quickly once he enters our program."



DEVONTA BRIDGES

Linebacker
6-2 | 230
Rialto, California

Carter High School (Class of 2019)

- Ranked as a three-star recruit by Rivals.com.
- Bridges made 97 tackles as a senior at Carter High School in Rialto with 69 solo stops.
- Added 15.0 tackles for loss, 6.5 sacks and an interception.
- As a junior in 2017, made 51 tackles, 34 solo, 5.0 sacks and a pair of interceptions.
- Held offers from Arizona State, Colorado State, New Mexico State and San Diego State.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON BRIDGES...

"Devo is another guy we've been recruiting for a while, offering him back in the spring. Love his length and ability to chase down ball carriers, versatile athlete that could play inside or outside linebacker. He's a smart kid with an impressive GPA, and I know he's determined to make an impact on a winning program."



**DEVEN JARVIS****Safety****6-0 | 190****West Covina, California****Bishop Amat High School (Class of 2019)**

- Recorded 85 tackles, 71 solo, in 2018 as Bishop Amat finished 9-2 overall and 5-0 in the Mission League.
- Mission League defensive player of the year.
- Grabbed two interceptions and had two fumble recoveries during senior year.
- Both of Jarvis' INTs came against Cathedral, returning one for touchdown.
- Three-star recruit according to 247sports and ESPN.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON JARVIS...

"Excited to bring in another DB from Bishop Amat HS where we signed Chris Gaston from a couple years ago. Deven had his junior season cut short due to a broken foot but we felt like he had shown enough. Really liked his length and tackling ability, offered him over the spring and he committed on an unofficial visit in July. Won his league's defensive player of the year award his senior season, can't wait to see what he can do at our free safety position."

**RANDY JORDAN****Cornerback****5-9 | 160****Tulare, California****Tulare Union High School (Class of 2019)**

- Played in all three phases as he helped Tulare Union reach the CIF Division 2-A NorCal regional final.
- Grabbed three interceptions in final two seasons at Tulare Union.
- Recorded 1,356 all-purpose yards as a senior (563 receiving, 344 punt return, 434 kick return).
- Accounted for seven touchdowns in 2018 (3 receiving, 2 punt returns, 1 kick return).
- Made 64 tackles and had seven passes defended in 2017.
- Three-star recruit according to ESPN.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON JORDAN...

"Excited to bring in another Tulare Union player after signing Emoryie last year and bringing Romello back home to the Valley. We had a connection with Randy since his cousin Robert Jordan played receiver for us back at Cal. Had the opportunity to see Randy play this fall, natural cover corner that can really run. Track guy, ran a 10.96 100m. Pretty dynamic punt returner this season for The Tribe, excited to bring him into the fold."

**MYLES MARTIN****Cornerback****5-9 | 165****Murrieta, California****Vista Murrieta High School (Class of 2019)**

- Recorded 29 tackles, one interception and three defended passes during senior season to help Vista Murrieta to a 5-0 record in the Southwestern League and finish 8-3 overall.
- Accounted for 51 tackles, two interceptions and six defended passes in 2017.
- Set to compete in the 3rd annual Makasi Bowl.
- Three-star recruit according to ESPN.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON MARTIN...

"Myles is also a two-sport cornerback and track athlete that we had the opportunity to see compete at one of the camps down in Southern California this summer. Brought him up on an unofficial visit in July and he committed on the spot. Excited about his speed and playmaking ability. Rejoining him with his former teammate Q. Woodley."

**REGGIE STRONG****Safety****5-11 | 195****Vallejo, California****Orange Lutheran High School (Class of 2019)**

- Three-star recruit according to 247sports and ESPN.
- Registered 13 tackles, four defended passes, 70 rushing yards and two rushing touchdowns in four games during 2018 season.
- Rushed for 645 yards and six touchdowns on 137 carries as a junior. Posted 886 all-purpose yards and accounted for seven total touchdowns that season.

HEAD COACH'S REMARK ON STRONG...

"Reggie is an explosive two-way athlete that we loved on both sides of the ball but decided that defense was the best spot for him. Had an extremely productive junior season but unfortunately had his senior year cut short due to injury. Can't wait to get him here this summer, I know he's hungry to get back on the field and bring his physical, playmaking ability to our defense."

