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Twenty-Three Ink National Letters of Intent to Join Minnesota State Football Team Mavericks Finished Their 2013 Season with an 11-1 Record

MANKATO, Minn. --- Minnesota State interim Head Coach **Aaron Keen** has announced the signing of 23 prep athletes to NCAA National Letters of Intent to join the Maverick football team this upcoming season.

All signings are contingent upon admission to MSU and compliance with NCAA rules, including certification by the NCAA Clearinghouse.

This year’s signing class features 23 student-athletes from four different states including Minnesota (7), Illinois (7), Wisconsin (7) and Iowa (2).

“We are very excited to welcome the newest members of the Minnesota State Football program to the family,” interim head coach **Aaron Keen** said. "This signing class is a tremendous collection of football players. We are very much looking forward to coaching all of them over the next four to five years. I would like to thank our football staff for all of their hard work over the last year. This is an exciting day for Maverick Football.”

Minnesota State finished its 2013 campaign with an 11-1 record and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

Bios on each player can be found on the following pages.

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2014 MINNESOTA STATE FOOTBALL RECRUITING CLASS

Student-Athlete	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown/High School/Previous School
Jack Bourdo	LB	6-2	210	Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Oconomowoc
Richard Cochran	DE	6-5	232	Fr.	Eden Prairie, Minn./Eden Prairie
Zach Dodge	DL	5-11	265	Fr.	Salem, Wis./Wilmot Union
Jake Engelken	S	6-2	195	Fr.	Maple Grove, Minn./Maple Grove
Jack Gleason	CB	5-10	170	Fr.	Chicago, Ill./Loyola Academy
Kendall Holbert	WR	6-1	187	Fr.	Carol Stream, Ill./Glenbard North
Julius Holley	RB	6-0	205	Fr.	Lake Barrington, Ill./Loyola Academy
Jayme LaPlante	DE	6-3	228	Fr.	Chatfield, Minn./Chatfield
Canton Larson	QB	6-1	195	Fr.	Oconomowoc, Wis./Oconomowoc
Chris Larson	WR	5-11	175	Fr.	Andover, Minn./Andover
Trevor Nissen	TE	6-3	220	Fr.	Olivia, Minn./BOLD
Ryan Persick	K	6-0	175	Fr.	Robins, Iowa/Xavier
Will Peters	DL	6-1	250	Fr.	Windsor, Wis./DeForest
Ty Romenesko	DT	6-3	260	Fr.	Appleton, Wis./Kimberly
Sean Sandacz	S	6-2	198	Fr.	Woodridge, Ill./Downers Grove North
Sam Schrauth	OL	6-3	310	Fr.	Campbellsport, Wis./St. Mary's Springs
Arnold Shead	CB	6-0	185	Fr.	Waukegan, Ill./North Chicago Community
Zach Smith	RB	5-9	195	Fr.	Lombard, Ill./Glenbard South
Anthony Thielk	LB	6-2	218	Fr.	Batavia, Ill./Batavia
Nate Trewyn	OL	6-4	280	Fr.	Janesville, Wis./Milton
Joel Wa Ngoyi	DT	6-2	285	Fr.	Prior Lake, Minn./Prior Lake
Isaac Weber	LB	5-10	205	Fr.	Mankato, Minn./Mankato West
Austin Wolter	K	6-0	165	Fr.	Marion, Iowa/Linn Mar

Jack Bourdo
Linebacker
6-2 • 210 • Fr.
Oconomowoc, Wis. • Oconomowoc
High School Coach: Ryan McMillan

A three-sport athlete out of Oconomowoc High School, Bourdo started four seasons for the football team, while earning three letters... Also competed in skiing and baseball... Played as a tight end and outside linebacker... Helped his team to two Wisconsin Little 10 Conference championships his freshman and senior seasons... Garnered an all-conference honorable mention his junior season and followed with a second team all-conference honor his senior season... Earned first team all-area honors during his senior season as well... Named to the Honor Roll. **Personal:** Son of Randy and Laura Bourdo... Born October 25, 1995... Intends to major in sports management.

Keen on Bourdo: "Jack is an outstanding athlete. He played primarily on the offensive side of the ball. There is potential for Jack to make an impact on our roster at many positions. We are projecting Jack as a linebacker in this class. We are very excited to see what he can do."

Richard Cochran
Defensive End
6-5 • 232 • Fr.
Eden Prairie, Minn. • Eden Prairie
High School Coach: Mike Grant

Earned two letters at Eden Prairie High School... Attended West Potomac High School his freshman and sophomore seasons... Played primarily on the defensive line... Recorded four sacks his senior season and had the most deflected passes on the team... Named first team all-conference and second-team all-state... Helped his team win its third straight conference championship and a state championship during his senior season. **Personal:** Son of Rick Cochran and Cristina Puig... Born July 22, 1995... Intends to major in business management.

Keen on Cochran: "Richard comes to us from an outstanding high school program at Eden Prairie. He is a long defensive end. His frame makes him an exciting prospect. We believe he will be able to develop into a top-notch defensive lineman."

Zach Dodge
Defensive Line
5-11 • 265 • Fr.
Salem, Wis. • Wilmot Union
High School Coach: Mike Greinke

A three-sport athlete out of Wilmot Union High School, Dodge started four seasons for the football team... Played two seasons for the baseball and wrestling team, as well... Started on the defensive line and served as the team's fullback... Helped his team to a pair of conference championships during his sophomore and senior seasons... Earned three all-conference honors, three all-county honors, to go along with a first team all-state honor his senior season... Started all 11 games

Mavericks By...

Height	State
5-9.....1	Wisconsin.....7
5-10.....2	Illinois.....7
5-11.....2	Minnesota.....7
6-0.....4	Iowa.....2
6-1.....3	
6-2.....5	
6-3.....4	
6-4.....1	
6-5.....1	
	Position
	Defensive Line.....6
	Defensive Tackles.....2
	Defensive Ends.....2
	Defensive Backs.....4
	Cornerback.....2
	Safety.....2
	Offensive Line.....2
	Linebacker.....3
	Tight End.....1
	Quarterback.....1
	Wide Receiver.....2
	Running Back.....2
	Kicker.....2
Weight	
161-170.....2	
171-180.....2	
181-190.....2	
191-200.....4	
201-210.....3	
211-220.....2	
221-230.....1	
231-240.....1	
241-250.....1	
251-260.....1	
261-270.....1	
271-280.....1	
281-290.....1	
301-310.....1	

as a sophomore, where he posted six sacks, en route to being named the team's best defensive lineman... Tallied four sacks his junior season... Led the state with 19 sacks his senior season and was ranked as one of the top-five defensive lineman by wissports.net... Named the Southern Lakes Conference Defensive Player of the Year during his senior season and was selected to play in the Wisconsin All-State Game. **Personal:** Son of James and Dawn Bruski... Born October 13, 1996... Intends to major in athletic training.

Keen on Dodge: "Zach first caught our coaching staff's attention at a summer football camp. His athleticism and explosiveness are very special at his position. We are excited to see what he can do in our system."

Jake Engelken
Safety
6-2 • 195 • Fr.

Maple Grove, Minn. • Maple Grove
High School Coach: Matt Lombardi

A safety out of Maple Grove High School, Engelken helped his team to a pair of Northwest Suburban Conference championships his junior and senior seasons... A three-year letterwinner in football, he also played two seasons of baseball and one season of both basketball and track and field... Named the team's Defensive MVP his senior season, where he garnered all-conference and all-state honors... Posted 126 total tackles and two interceptions returned for a touchdown during his senior campaign. **Personal:** Son of Jeff and Kim Engelken... Born September 9, 1995... Intends to major in athletic training.

Keen on Engelken: "Jake showed a great ability to cover ground and make plays from his safety position in high school. It is difficult to find the combination of size, speed and play-making ability in a high school prospect at the safety position. We believe we found a great fit for our program with Jake."

Jack Gleason
Cornerback
5-10 • 170 • Fr.

Chicago, Ill. • Loyola Academy
High School Coach: John Holecek

A defensive back out of Loyola Academy, Gleason started all four seasons on the football team as a defensive back... Also started two seasons for the basketball team... Recorded 58 tackles, defended 17 passes and forced two fumbles during his junior season... Followed with 76 tackles, 13 defended passes four interceptions, one fumble recovery and one defensive touchdown his senior season... Helped his team to back-to-back conference championships during his junior and senior seasons... Advanced to the state championship game his senior season... Named the team's Defensive MVP, as he garnered all-conference, all-area and all-state honors. **Personal:** Son of Kevin and Kelly Gleason... Born November 20, 1995... Intends to major in pre-med.

Keen on Gleason: "Jack is a tremendous com-

petitor and student. He has a physical presence in the secondary and has great ball skills. With his toughness he will be able to make plays in the run game as well. We are excited to see Jack bring his skill set into our defense at the corner position."

Kendall Holbert
Wide Receiver
6-1 • 187 • Fr.

Carol Stream, Ill. • Glenbard North
High School Coach: Ryan Wilkens

A two-sport athlete out of Glenbard High School, Holbert earned eight letters, including four in football and four in basketball... Was a four-year starter for the football team where he played at wide receiver and safety... Started in every football game during his four season, including his senior season where he started on both offense and defense... Helped his to three conference championships and a second place finish at state during his senior season... Received first team all-conference his senior year... Helped his team to a 21-4 record during his final two seasons... Was a four-year starter on the basketball team as well.

Personal: Son of Gilbert Jordan and Michelle Holbert... Born April 16, 1996... Currently undecided on a major.

Keen on Holbert: "Kendall displayed a smooth style of play at Glenbard North High School. He has soft hands, quick feet and the unique ability to go up and get the ball in traffic. We are excited to watch Kendall's development and impact here at Minnesota State."

Julius Holley
Running Back
6-0 • 205 • Fr.

Lake Barrington, Ill. • Loyola Academy
High School Coach: John Holecek

A three-year starter out of Loyola Academy, Holley started at running back during his sophomore, junior and senior seasons... Posted 731 rushing yards and 14 total touchdowns his junior season and averaged 4.25 yards per carry... Followed with 930 rushing yards and nine touchdowns his senior season, while averaging 4.7 yards per carry... Earned first team all-conference honors his junior and senior seasons... Named the team's offensive MVP his senior season... Helped his team to three conference championships and a class 8A state runner up his senior season... Competed in one season on the track and field team. **Personal:** Son of Nate and Clemmie Holley... Born December 24, 1995... Intends to major in business.

Keen on Holley: "Julius displayed a powerful running style at Loyola Academy. He also has the speed to take it the distance. We are excited about his ability, toughness and the character he will bring with him into our program."

Jayme LaPlante
Defensive End
6-3 • 228 • Fr.
Chatfield, Minn. • Chatfield
High School Coach: Ken Jacobson

A three-year starter out of Chatfield High School, LaPlante earned three letters in football, basketball and track and field... Earned all-conference honors in football his junior and senior seasons... Earned third team all-state honors his senior season as he helped his team to a state championship... Set a school record in the discus event his sophomore season and the broke his own mark as a junior with a throw on 167' 10"... Finished second at the state meet in the discus event (169' 9") his junior season. **Personal:** Son of Jeff and Shawn LaPlante... Born March 30, 1996... Currently undecided on a major.

Keen on LaPlante: "Jayme was an outstanding player on both sides of the ball on a state championship team at Chatfield High School. We believe Jayme has the athleticism and explosiveness to be an impact defensive end in our program."

Canton Larson
Quarterback
6-1 • 195 • Fr.

Oconomowoc, Wis. • Oconomowoc
High School Coach: Ryan McMillan

A four-year starter out of Oconomowoc High School, Larson earned three letters in football and four letters in basketball... Played at the quarterback and safety positions... Helped his two to two Wisconsin Little 10 Conference championships his freshman and senior seasons... Led his team in rushing yards and touchdowns his freshman season and posted nine touchdown passes his sophomore season... Followed up with 17 touchdown passes his junior season and was named second team all-conference... As a senior, he guided his team to an 11-1 record as a team captain, including an undefeated conference championship... Posted 37 total touchdowns, including eight against Wisconsin Lutheran... Earned first team all-conference and first-team all-region honors for his senior season, to go along with the regional Offensive Player of the Year award... Earned scholar athlete honors all four years. **Personal:** Son of Kurt and Kari Larson... Born March 9, 1996... Intends to major in athletic training.

Keen on Larson: "Canton is an outstanding dual threat quarterback on a very successful football program at Oconomowoc High School. He displayed the mental and physical toughness needed to prosper in our system. We are very excited about the character, leadership and play-making ability he can bring to Minnesota State."

Chris Larson
Wide Receiver
5-11 • 175 • Fr.

Andover, Minn. • Andover
High School Coach: Rich Wilkie

Larson earned two letters for the Andover football team as a wide receiver...also competed in four seasons of track and field as a sprinter...Recorded 628 receiving yards and seven touchdown catches his junior season...Tallied 1,361 receiving yards and 16 touchdown catches his senior season, en route to gaining all-conference honors...Helped lead his team to a section championship his senior season. **Personal:** Son of Scott and Nicky Larson...Born December 4, 1995...Intends to major in exercise science.

Keen on Larson: "Chris has the speed, quickness and soft hands we look for in a receiver. We look forward to his impact in our offense for years to come."

Trevor Nissen
Tight End
6-3 • 220 • Fr.

Olivia, Minn. • BOLD
High School Coach: Steve Solem

A three sport athlete out of BOLD High School, Nissen earned three letters in football, four in wrestling and one in baseball...Helped his team to a pair of conference championships his sophomore and junior seasons...Won a section 5AA championship his junior season and helped his team to the class 5AA state semifinals...Played on both sides of the ball during his three seasons...Recorded 42 tackles as a member of the defensive line his junior season and followed with 49 tackles, two sacks, an interception and a blocked punt his senior season...As a tight end, he recorded 345 receiving yards and nine touchdowns his junior season and followed with 428 receiving yards and nine touchdown catches his senior season...Earned all-conference, all-section and all-area honors for his efforts during his senior season...Member of the Honor Roll. **Personal:** Son of Chris and Wendy Nissen...Born January 7, 1996...Intends to major in sports management. **Keen on Nissen:** "Trevor attended our summer camp at Minnesota State. Our work with Trevor in that camp, combined with his excellent body of work at the high school level led us to believe that he is the right type of player to impact our roster at the tight end position. Trevor is a three-sport athlete who we believe will prosper when given the opportunity to focus on football. We are very excited about his future."

Ryan Persick
Kicker
6-0 • 175 • Fr.

Robins, Iowa • Xavier
High School Coach: Duane Schulte

Played two seasons on the varsity football at Xavier in Cedar Rapids, Iowa...Set several school records his junior season including extra points

made (68), field goals made (10) and total career points with 101...Followed with 52 extra points and 12 field goals, for 120 points his senior season and finished his career with 120 extra points, 23 field goals and 189 career points...Earned First Team-All-Mississippi Valley Conference Kicker honors during his junior and senior seasons...Received Class 4A Second Team All-State kicker honors his junior season and followed up with a Class 4A First Team All-State punter honors during his senior season...Averaged 34.8 yards per punt his senior season...Helped his team to a pair of Mississippi Valley Conference championships and two runner ups at the class 4A state championship...Named to the National Honor Society. **Personal:** Son of John and Ann Persick...Born March 21, 1996...Intends to major in electrical engineering.

Keen on Persick: "Ryan is an all-state kicker/punter from Xavier High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He helped his team to a state runner up finish while converting 52 of 53 on PATs and 12 of 18 on field goals. His ability to kick and punt will be a valuable asset to our program."

Will Peters
Defensive Line
6-1 • 250 • Fr.

Windsor, Wis. • DeForest
High School Coach: Mike Minick

A defensive lineman at DeForest High School, Peters played three seasons of football, while starting during his junior and senior season...Earned an all-conference honorable mention his junior season...Received all-conference and all-area honors his senior season, as he was named the Badger North Defensive Lineman of the Year...Received an all-state honorable mention and held the school weight lifting records in the bench press and dead lift...Competed on the track and field team for four seasons, where he participated in the shot put and the discus...Named to the Honor Roll. **Personal:** Son of Will and Latricia Peters...Born September 9, 1995...Intends to major in biochemistry.

Keen on Peters: "Will is an outstanding athlete. He fits the mold of athletic interior defensive lineman in our program. He is a very exciting prospect because of his projected ability to develop physically and maintain his ability to play fast."

Ty Romenesko
Defensive Tackle
6-3 • 260 • Fr.

Appleton, Wis. • Kimberly
High School Coach: Steve Jones

A three-year letter winner out of Kimberly High School, Romenesko played on the defensive line for four seasons and also took part in the shot put event for the track and field team for four seasons...Received first team all-conference and first team all-region honors his junior season...Helped his team to an undefeated 14-0 season and a state championship his senior season...Tallied 45 total tackles, 20 tackles for a loss and two

sacks as a senior...Named first team all-state his senior season. **Personal:** Son of Todd and Lynn Romenesko...Born April 11, 1996...Intends to major in athletic training/exercise science.

Keen on Romenko: "Ty is an athletic defensive tackle with outstanding balance. He also caught our attention with his ability to use his hands and disrupt plays behind the line of scrimmage. We believe he is a perfect fit for our defensive scheme."

Sean Sandacz
Safety
6-2 • 198 • Fr.

Woodridge, Ill. • Downers Grove North
High School Coach: John Wander

A safety out of Downers Grove North High School, Sandacz earned two letters in football and one letter in track and field...He finished his junior season as one of the team's top-five tacklers, as he helped his team to a 7-5 record...Also tallied two interceptions as a junior...Led his team in tackles his senior season. **Personal:** Son of John and Kathleen Sandacz...Born June 18, 1996...Currently undecided on a major.

Keen on Sandacz: "Sean is a big, athletic safety. He demonstrated a great ability to make plays on defense and special teams at Downers Grove North High School. We are very excited to watch Sean develop in our defensive scheme."

Sam Schrauth
Offensive Line
6-3 • 310 • Fr.

Campbellsport, Wis. • St. Mary's Springs
High School Coach: Bob Hyland

A three-sport athlete out of St. Mary's Springs High School, Schrauth started all four years on the offensive line, where he earned four letters...Team went 29-1 in conference play during his four seasons, to go along with an overall record of 51-3...Earned first team all-conference and first team all-region honors as a sophomore, as he helped his team to a state championship...Won a second state championship his junior season...Named a team captain his senior season where he garnered all-conference all-area and all-state honors...Won his fourth conference championship as a senior and finished second in the state tournament...Competed on the track and field team for four seasons in the shot put and discus events...Played two seasons on the basketball team as a center. **Personal:** Son of Tim and Jodi Schrauth...Born May 23, 1996...Intends to major in business.

Keen on Schrauth: "Sam won two state championships and was first team all-state at St. Mary's Springs in Fond du Lac, Wis. He has very good size and strength to fit what we are looking for with our interior offensive lineman. Sam has also shown tremendous leadership serving as the student council president and team captain."

Arnold Shead
Cornerback
6-0 • 185 • Fr.

Waukegan, Ill. • North Chicago Community
High School Coach: Bob Hyland

A cornerback back out of North Chicago Community High School, Shead earned four letters in football and two in basketball...Earned all-conference honors as a sophomore, junior and senior...Received Tom Lemming All-Area MVP honors four times...Named to the Honor Roll all four years...Helped the Warhawks to a 6-1 second place finish in conference his junior season. **Personal:** Son of Arnold and Ramara Shead...Born September 20, 1995...Currently undecided on a major.

Keen on Shead: "Arnold is a tremendous athlete and competitor. Arnold played on both sides of the ball at North Chicago Community High School. We are excited to watch his development as a cornerback in our defense. His quickness and agility make him a very intriguing prospect in this class."

Zach Smith
Running Back
5-9 • 195 • Fr.

Lombard, Ill. • Glenbard South
High School Coach: Jeremy Cordell

A running back out of Glenbard South High School, Smith joined the varsity football team during the final games of his freshman season and quickly became a starter...As a sophomore he rushed for 368 yards and eight touchdowns in 11 games, en route to a conference championship and all-conference honors...Posted 600 rushing yards, 300 receiving yards and 14 touchdowns his junior season...Broke the school record his senior season with 29 touchdowns, to go along with 1,700 all purpose yards, including 982 rushing and 636 receiving touchdowns... Earned all-conference and all-area honors as a senior and finished his high school career with a school record 52 varsity touchdowns...Helped his team start his senior season 9-0 for the first time in the school's history...Also received three letters in baseball. **Personal:** Son of Bennie and Toyia Smith...Born April 1, 1996...Currently undecided on a major. **Keen on Smith:** "Zach displayed a tremendous ability to make special things happen with the ball in his hands at Glenbard South High School. He is a powerful runner who is also adept at making defenders miss in space. We are very excited to watch his development at Minnesota State."

Anthony Thielk
Linebacker
6-2 • 218 • Fr.

Batavia, Ill. • Batavia
High School Coach: Dennis Piron

A linebacker out of Batavia High School, Thielk started three seasons at linebacker for the football...Earned all-conference honors his sophomore, junior and senior seasons...Helped his team to a 12-1 record and an appearance in the state

semifinals his sophomore year...Finished second on his team in tackles his junior season with 85... Named a team captain his senior season, where he broke the school record with 107 solo tackles... Also tallied 23 tackles for a loss, including nine sacks as a senior, while posting three interceptions and three fumble recoveries as he helped his team to a conference and a state championship... Returned an interception for a touchdown as well and was named the team's defensive MVP his senior season as well...Also served as a running back for two seasons...Competed in track and field his freshman year and was an alternate for the 4x400 team at state. **Personal:** Son of Paula Thielk...Born September 8, 1995...Intends to major in communications.

Keen on Thielk: "Anthony is great athlete that started both ways for a state championship team at Batavia High School. Anthony possesses the size and speed to be an outstanding middle linebacker in our defensive system."

Nate Trewyn
Offensive Line
6-4 • 280 • Fr.

Janesville, Wis. • Milton
High School Coach: Bill O'Leary

A four-year starter out of Milton High School, Trewyn played on both the offensive and defensive lines...Competed in the discus event for the track and field team for two seasons, and played one season as a forward for the basketball team... Received second team all-conference honors his junior season...Named a team captain his senior season and garnered the Best Offensive Lineman Award...Earned an honorable mention during his senior season as well...Named to the Honor Roll. **Personal:** Son of Rodney and Nicole Trewyn... Born May 16, 1996...Intends to major in education.

Keen of Trewyn: "Nate demonstrated the physical toughness and athletic ability to be a dominant offensive lineman at Milton High School. We are excited to watch the development of his talents here at Minnesota State."

Isaac Weber
Linebacker
5-10 • 205 • Fr.

Mankato, Minn. • Mankato West
High School Coach: Mark Esch

A multi-sport athlete out of Mankato West High School, Weber served as a four-year starter for the football team, including the last three seasons where he started at middle linebacker...Helped his team to a pair of Big 9 championships and two section championships...Team advanced to the state quarterfinals during his junior and freshman seasons, and to the state semifinals his sophomore season...Team boasted a 33-11 record during his four season...Earned three all-city and all-conference accolades...Named the Big 9 Defensive Player of the Year his junior and senior season...Set a single-season record with 10.5 sacks his senior season...Garnered an all-state

honorable mention his junior season and followed up with an Associated Press All-State honor his senior season...Was a Mr. Football nominee his senior season and received Academic All-State honors...Earned two letters as a right winger for the hockey team and three letters with the baseball team. **Personal:** Isaac is the son of Todd and Ann Weber...Born September 25, 1995...Intends to major in bio-med.

Keen of Weber: "Isaac was a great play maker from his linebacker position at Mankato West High School. He is a fast and physical player on the defensive side of the ball. We are very excited to have a local player joining our roster, especially one with the great intangible qualities and play making ability that Isaac has demonstrated."

Joel Wa Ngoyi
Defensive Tackle
6-2 • 285 • Fr.

Prior Lake, Minn. • Prior Lake
High School Coach: Matt Gengenheimer

Played four seasons at nose guard at Prior Lake High School...Earned the starting position for his junior and senior seasons...Helped his team to a pair of first-place finishes in the South Suburban Conference during his sophomore and junior seasons...Team finished second in the conference his senior season...Earned all-conference honors his senior season. **Personal:** Son of Ngoyi Mutandad and Tshibola Ngalula...Born April 11, 1996...Intends to major in international business. **Keen on Wa Ngoyi:** "Joel is an outstanding defensive lineman. He certainly has the frame we look for in recruiting the position of defensive tackle. Joel's ability to move laterally on the line of scrimmage makes him special. We look forward to developing his talents in our defensive system."

Austin Wolter
Kicker
6-0 • 165 • Fr.

Marion, Iowa • Linn Mar
High School Coach: Bob Forsyth

A kicker out of Linn Mar High School, Wolter played four seasons for the football team and two seasons for the soccer team...Finished his sophomore season with a 24-of-24 showing in extra point attempts...Set a school record during his junior with a 47-yard field goal and won the competition at Nate Kaeding's kicking camp with a 53-yard field goal...Set a school record with extra points in a single game his senior season...earned second team All-Mississippi Valley Conference honors his senior season, while leading the conference in touchbacks...Connected on 81-of-83 extra point attempts in high school. **Personal:** Son of Gary Wolter and Annette Allbee...Born January 12, 1996...Currently undecided on a major. **Keen on Wolter:** "Austin was an all Mississippi Valley Conference performer this year for Linn Mar High School. He led the conference in touchbacks as well as highest extra point percentage. He has a strong leg which will transfer well to the college game."