

2014 South Alabama Football Signing Day Recruiting Class Capsules

***Braedon Bowman, 6-4, 210, TE, Mesa, Ariz., Scottsdale (Ariz.) CC**

Named a first-team National Junior College Athletic Association All-American in 2013, adding first-team all-Western States Football League and all-Arizona Community College Athletic Conference honors ... Led the Fighting Artichokes with 66 receptions for 1,030 yards and 13 touchdowns, pacing the team with 78 points as well ... Opened the year with eight catches for 184 yards and two scores against Eastern Arizona CC ... Caught season-best nine passes for 142 yards in win over Snow (Utah) JC, matching that reception total in the WSFL championship contest against Mesa (Ariz.) CC ... Recorded seven receptions in rematch with Eastern Arizona as well as against Glendale (Ariz.) CC, posting 120 yards against the former ... Collected six catches for 103 yards in victory over New Mexico Military Institute ... Helped the Fighting Artichokes finish fourth in the final NJCAA poll after posting a 10-1 mark; after dropping their its initial contest of the season, SCC won the WSFL title as well as the Valley of the Sun Bowl ... Had 24 receptions for 317 yards his freshman year, ranking third on the team in catches ... Caught season-high eight balls for 113 yards against GCC, while at Snow earlier in the year he had six receptions for 84 yards ... Lettered two years in football, and one in both basketball and baseball at Skyline High.

Malcolm Buggs, 5-9, 195, DB, Opelika, Ala., Opelika HS

Received three stars from ESPN.com ... Also earned two stars from Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com ... ESPN.com rated him among the top 60 in Alabama, including second among safeties, while 247Sports.com had him ranked among the top 70 in Alabama ... Participated in the Alabama-Mississippi All-Star Game following the conclusion of his senior season ... A three-year starter and letterwinner at Opelika High, serving as team captain his last two seasons ... Earned first-team all-area honors as a senior after recording 60 total tackles — including four for loss — and five passes defended ... Helped the Bulldogs to a 7-3 finish and a berth in the state 6A playoffs his final fall ... Posted 74 stops, two interceptions and six passes broken up as a junior while leading OHS to a berth in the state championship game ... Credited with 22 tackles and a pass defended as the Bulldogs advanced to postseason play when he was a sophomore ... Also had a scholarship offer from Georgia Tech, and was recruited by Auburn, Vanderbilt, Oregon State and Troy.

Caleb Butler, 6-4, 240, DE/OLB, Enterprise, Ala., Enterprise HS

A two-star recruit according to Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com ... Rated among the top 80 individuals in the Class of 2014 in the state by 247Sports.com ... Lettered for three years — starting the final two — at Enterprise HS ... Honors as a senior included being named first-team all-state by the Alabama Sports Writers Association, which also gave him honorable mention recognition on its Super 12 team, to the *Dothan Eagle* Super 12 team and the *Southeast Sun's* defensive player of the year ... Was chosen a team captain after helping the Wildcats to six wins, including a first-round state 6A playoff victory over region champion Spain Park, while earning the program's highest honor, the Foundation Award ... Was a member of the *Southeast Sun's* Elite 11 team his junior season, helping EHS finish 7-4 after advancing to the state playoffs ... Was also recruited by Troy.

Dallas Davis, 6-2, 195, QB, Panama City, Fla., Rutherford HS

Earned two stars from 247Sports.com ... Selected to participate in the Max Emfinger All-American Bowl at the conclusion of his prep career ... Lettered for three years at Rutherford HS ... Was an honorable mention all-state selection and named first-team all-district his senior season after recording 3,765 yards of total offense and 40 scores ... Was 175-of-268 passing for 2,740 yards and 25 touchdowns, carrying 150 times for 1,025 yards and 15 scores ... As a junior, completed 109-of-209 attempts for 1,345 yards while adding 392 yards on the ground to earn first-team all-district and all-county honors.

Corbin Finlayson, 6-2, 300, OL, Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Palm Beach Gardens HS

Earned two stars from 247Sports.com ... Was a three-year letterwinner at Palm Beach Gardens High, although he missed his senior season due to an injury suffered the previous spring ... The Gators advance to the semifinals of the state 8A playoffs his senior year as the team posted a 9-5 mark overall; PBGHS handed Miramar High its first loss of the season in the quarterfinals ... Helped the school qualify for the state playoffs as a junior, earning honorable mention all-county accolades ... His first season on the varsity, the Gators posted an 9-3 mark after advancing to the quarterfinals of the state playoffs ... Recruited by Florida Atlantic and Florida International as well.

Noah Fisher, 6-4, 250, OL, Decatur, Ga., Decatur HS

Received two stars from Rivals.com and 247Sports.com ... Started and lettered for three seasons at Decatur HS ... Played in the DeKalb County All-Star Game following his senior year ... Selected honorable mention all-state, earning first-team all-region and all-county recognition, after helping the Bulldogs to a 7-3 finish as a senior ... Earned an 86 percent grade for the year while posting 18 knockdown blocks ... A three-year starter in basketball as well ... Also recruited by Georgia State.

Marice Fluellen, 5-10, 175, DB, Dothan, Ala., Northview HS

Earned two stars from Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com ... Rated among the top 100 recruits in the state by the latter organization ... Participated in the 2013 Army All-American combine and was selected MVP of the Scout.com/FoxSports.com combined ... A three-year letterwinner at Northview High ... Was a preseason all-state and all-Wiregrass selection as a senior, going on to finish the season with 47 stops, two interceptions, nine passes broken up and a pair of forced fumbles ... Posted 27 tackles — including a sack — and two interceptions while breaking up five passes his junior year ... Added a fumble recovery that he ran back for a score ... Had scholarship offers from UAB and Memphis as well, and was recruited by Missouri, Mississippi State, Tennessee, Kentucky, Indiana, Purdue, Southern Mississippi and Texas State.

Claude Garrett, 6-2, 210, WR, Calumet City, Ill., North Dakota State College of Science

Named first-team all-Midwest Football Conference his sophomore year ... Recorded 53 catches for 772 yards and four scores to rank in the top 20 nationally in receptions, receiving yards and yards per game ... Also returned 14 kickoffs for 336 yards and a touchdown, posting a total of 1,119 all-purpose yards ... Ended the season with 11 catches for 132 yards and a touchdown against Iowa Central CC ... Caught eight passes for a season-high 164 yards against Dakota College at Bottineau, while the following week posted 136 yards and two scores on seven receptions in a three-point victory over Ellsworth (Iowa) CC ... Finished with nine receptions for 95 yards against the College of DuPage, and had 91 yards on four catches in matchup with Iowa Western CC ... As a freshman, caught 23 passes for a team-leading 447 yards and five touchdowns ... Ran back 19 kickoffs for an additional 448 yards and a score, finishing second on the squad with 964 all-purpose yards in nine contests ... Posted season-high totals with seven receptions for 165 yards and two touchdowns against ECC ... Recorded 73 yards on four catches in matchup with ICC.

***Jimmie Gipson III, 6-0, 255, DE/OLB, Coldwater, Miss., East Mississippi CC**

A first-team National Junior College Athletic Association All-American selection his sophomore season after recording 65 total stops, which included 24 behind the line of scrimmage ... Led the NJCAA with 17 sacks ... Was also chosen first-team all-region and named the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges (MACJC) North Division Defensive Line MVP ... Part of a Lion squad that ended the year 12-0, claiming the NJCAA national championship after defeating previously top-ranked Georgia Military JC 52-32 in the Mississippi Bowl ... Selected the Lions' Defensive MVP in bowl game after recording four sacks among his season-high-tying eight tackles ... Also credited with eight stops against Holmes (Miss.) CC and Northeast Mississippi CC ... Had three sacks while posting four total tackles in win over East Central (Miss.) CC ... Posted 1½ sacks in both of EMCC's MACJC playoff wins ... Had six tackles against Mississippi Gulf Coast CC in the semifinals as well as in a season-opening win over Pearl River (Miss.) CC, and recorded five stops in match-ups with Jones County (Miss.) JC, Coahoma (Miss.) CC and Southwest Mississippi CC ... Was credited with 28 tackles as a freshman while appearing in nine outings as the Lions went 8-2 — ending up 15th in the final national rankings — after advancing to the semifinals of the MACJC playoffs ... Posted season-best six stops in 49-0 victory over NECC, while the previous week in a 35-0 shutout of HCC he had a pair of sacks ... Recorded 101 tackles, five sacks, five passes broken up, two fumble recoveries, one caused fumble and a blocked field goal as a senior at Olive Branch High, helping the Conquistadors to a 15-0 mark and the state 6A championship ... Also wrestled for three years in high school.

***Nigel Green, 6-1, 160, S, Flowood, Miss., Mississippi Gulf Coast CC**

Ranked fourth on the squad with 41 total tackles ... Credited with a season-best 10 stops in seven-point victory over Hinds (Miss.) CC ... Collected eight stops in each of the Bulldogs' first two games of the year, wins over Coahoma (Miss.) CC and Holmes (Miss.) CC ... Posted five stops in victory over Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.) CC as well ... Helped MGCCC end up ninth in the final National Junior College Athletic Association rankings with an 8-2 overall mark after falling to eventual national champion East Mississippi CC in the Mississippi Association of Community and Junior Colleges ... His first year with the program finished with 42 tackles, two interceptions and a pair of additional passes broken up ... Recorded a season-high eight stops — also intercepting one pass and breaking up another — in win over Hinds CC, matching that total the following week against Jones County (Miss.) JC ... Posted five tackles in back-to-back victories over CLCC and East Central (Miss.) CC, with an interception against the latter ... Collected four solo tackles in win over Northwest Mississippi CC in the MACJC playoff semifinals ... Had four stops and recovered a fumble in shutout win over Pearl River (Miss.) CC ... Bulldogs concluded the year sixth in the final NJCAA poll, going 9-2 overall ... Also had an offer from Louisiana-Lafayette, and was recruited by Auburn and South Florida as well.

Zac Henry, 5-11, 175, PK, North East, Pa., Westminster (Pa.)

Kicked for two years at Westminster (Pa.) ... As a sophomore in 2011, ranked second on the team in scoring with 44 points after making all nine field-goal attempts and 17-of-21 extra-point tries ... Hit season-best two field goals — from 34 and 21 yards out — in 25-20 win at Grove City (Pa.) ... 38-yard field goal provided final margin of victory in 30-27 decision at Bethany (W.Va.) ... Connected on 22-yard field goal to help Titans to 22-20 win over Waynesburg (Pa.) ... Converted all four point-after-touchdown attempts and made one field goal to score seven points his freshman season ... Earned two letters in football at North East High, where he set school records for touchbacks in a season and a career ... Also lettered three times in both soccer and track as well.

Bryson Johnson, 6-3, 300, DL, Champlin, Minn., North Dakota State College of Science

A second-team all-Midwest Football Conference selection as a sophomore after recording 59 total stops ... Was credited with 4½ tackles for loss and one sack ... Collected 13 stops — 10 of those were unassisted — and had two tackles behind the line of scrimmage in season finale against Iowa Central CC ... In win at Dakota College at Bottineau the previous week, finished with 10 stops, two tackles for loss and sack for a loss of 10 yards ... Made seven stops in first matchup with DCB, and recorded six tackles at Iowa Western CC ... Posted 26 tackles, 4½ stops behind the line and a fumble recovery his freshman year ... Collected season-best six stops in win over Columbia Basin (Wash.) CC, matching that total in the finale — including 1½ for loss — against IWCC.

C.J. Johnson, 6-1, 215, DB, Douglas, Ga., Colquitt County HS

Received three stars from ESPN.com and Scout.com, and was a two-star recruit according to 247Sports.com ... Rated by ESPN.com among the top 15 safeties in Georgia ... In his only year at Colquitt County HS, helped the Packers finish 11-3 after advancing to the semifinals of the state AAAAAA playoffs ... Credited with 80 total tackles — a figure that included six behind the line of scrimmage and a sack — and intercepted a pair of passes (returning one for a touchdown) to earn second-team all-region honors ... Lettered for three years at Coffee County (Ga.) High ... Also had scholarship offers from Arkansas, Mississippi, North Carolina State and Central Florida ... Recruited by Mississippi State and Georgia Tech as well.

Darian Mills, 5-11, 160, DB, Winter Haven, Fla., Winter Haven HS

Pronounced dah-RYE-an ... Received two stars from Rivals.com ... Earned three letters at Winter Haven HS, earning all-county and all-district honors ... Played in the Mid-Florida All-Star Game following his senior season ... Was the Blue Devils' quarterback his final year, throwing for 1,300 yards while leading WHS to the district championship, a victory in the first round of the state 6A playoffs and a 9-3 overall record ... Played defensive back and wide receiver as a junior, helping the team to the second round of the state playoffs ... A member of the Blue Devil track squad as well ... Had scholarship offers from Ball State and Toledo, and was also recruited by Louisville, South Florida, Indiana, Connecticut and Western Kentucky.

Chason Milner, 6-3, 230, OLB, Spanish Fort, Ala., Spanish Fort HS

Earned two stars from Scout.com and 247Sports.com ... Helped lead the Toros to back-to-back state 5A championships and a 30-1 record during that span ... Had 24 stops — 19 of the solo variety — two tackles for loss, an interception, two forced fumbles and a pair of passes broken up in three contests his senior year before suffering a season-ending injury ... Credited with 71 tackles as a junior — including five behind the line of scrimmage and a sack — and nine passes defended as a junior ... Forced one fumble and recovered two others ... Posted five tackles including one behind the line of scrimmage and a pass broken up in the 2012 state title contest ... A member of both the National Honor Society and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes ... Received scholarship offers from UAB, Tulane and Old Dominion, and was also recruited by Minnesota, Louisiana-Lafayette, Arkansas State and Louisiana Tech.

***Demarius Rancifer, 6-4, 205, ILB, Pensacola, Fla., Pearl River (Miss.) CC**

Named first-team all-state South Division after recording a team-leading 66 tackles his sophomore season ... Total included eight stops behind the line of scrimmage, and he also broke up two passes ... Posted a season-best 14 tackles against Copiah-Lincoln (Miss.) CC, with two for loss including a sack ... Credited with 13 tackles the previous week against nationally-ranked Mississippi Gulf Coast CC ... Had a tackle behind the line in four straight contests from Sept. 5-26, highlighted by a nine-stop performance against Jones County (Miss.) J.C.; he also recorded a pass defended in that game ... Collected seven tackles including one for loss in win over Southwest Mississippi CC ... Finished with five unassisted stops — with one behind the line of scrimmage — and a pass broken up in victory over East Central (Miss.) CC ... Also credited with five tackles against eventual national champion East Mississippi CC, Coahoma (Miss.) CC and Hinds (Miss.) CC ... Appeared in 11 games at Kentucky in 2012, posting an assisted tackle ... Helped lead Pensacola Catholic High to the semifinals of the state 2B playoffs as both a junior and senior, totalling 301 stops in those two seasons ... According to Rivals.com, was one of the top 100 players in Florida and the 44th-rated outside linebacker at the conclusion of his prep career ... Participated in the Subway East-West High School All-Star game, helping the West squad to a 24-0 victory ... Recorded 187 tackles and intercepted a pair of passes for the Crusaders his final year, earning all-area and top-12 "Super Senior" honors from the *Pensacola News Journal* ... Collected 114 stops the previous fall, and he lettered as a defensive back his sophomore year ... Was an all-district selection in basketball and also a member of the PCHS weightlifting team.

Jeremy Reaves, 5-11, 180, DB, Pensacola, Fla., Pensacola Catholic HS

A two-star recruit according to both Scout.com, 247Sports.com ... Was a three-year letterwinner at Pensacola Catholic High ... As a senior, recorded 39 total tackles and intercepted five passes, helping the Crusaders go 12-1 en route to a berth in the quarterfinals of the state 5A playoffs ... Was selected honorable mention all-state while earning first-team all-area and all-Northwest Florida honors ... Named first-team all-area after posting 77 stops, three interceptions, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery his junior season as PCHS ... Received scholarship offers from Southern Mississippi and UAB as well, and was also recruited by Arkansas State and Memphis.

Joshua Smith, 6-2, 215, DB, Everett, Wash., Cascade HS

Received two stars from Rivals.com and Scout.com ... Also a two-star recruit according to 247Sports.com, which had him rated among the top 25 prospects in Washington ... In his only year at Cascade HS, was an all-Western Conference selection as a quarterback and defensive back, and was named all-Snohomish County at quarterback while earning all-area honors as a punter ... Completed 120-of-195 pass attempts for 2,300 yards and 19 touchdowns — adding 876 yards and 16 scores on the ground — while throwing only five interceptions ... Efforts helped the Bruins qualify for the state 4A playoffs ... CHS finished 9-2 after falling in the first round of postseason play to the top-ranked team in the state ... Earned two letters at Chiefland (Fla.) High prior to moving to Washington, where he played quarterback, running back, wide receiver, linebacker and strong safety, and also handled punting duties ... Also recruited by Arizona, Arizona State, Oregon State, Washington, Washington State, Duke, North Carolina State and Boise State.

Corliss Waitman, 6-2, 180, P, Milton, Fla., Milton HS

A three-star prospect according to ESPN.com, which had him ranked nationally among kickers ... Earned two stars from 247Sports.com as well, with the organization rating him fifth in the country as a punter ... A first-team all-state and all-area selection as a senior at Milton High ... Punted 43 times for an average of 44 yards per kick ... Connected on 8-of-10 field-goal attempts and was 15-of-16 on extra-point tries as well, while 80 percent of his kickoffs resulted in touchbacks ... Handled some kickoff duties for the Panthers as a sophomore and junior, his first two years at the school ... Also lettered in soccer at MHS ... Father, Jose, lettered in basketball at South Alabama from 1983-86 ... Also recruited by Maryland, Memphis and Middle Tennessee.

Chris Wilkerson, 6-1, 180, DB, Bessemer, Ala., Bessemer City HS

Earned two stars from Rivals.com, Scout.com and 247Sports.com ... Was among the top 75 recruits in the state in 247Sports.com rankings as well ... Started and lettered for four years at Bessemer City HS ... Intercepted nine passes over his final two seasons ... Named first-team all-West Birmingham and honorable mention all-metro as a senior, posting 49 total tackles — including seven sacks — and 11 passes broken up while helping the Purple Tigers finish 10-2 after advancing to the second round of the state 6A playoffs ... An honorable mention all-state selection his junior season after BCHS posted a 5-4 mark ... Also recruited by Missouri, Mississippi, Mississippi State, Kentucky and Middle Tennessee.

Curtis Williams, 6-4, 285, OL, Miami, Fla., ASA College

As a sophomore at ASA College, his efforts helped the Avengers finish 9-1 and seventh in the final National Junior College Athletic Association rankings after a 23-3 victory of the College of DuPage in the Carrier Dome Bowl ... Was a second-team all-Northeast Football Conference selection ... Part of a line that had ASAC finishing among the top 20 nationally in rushing (14th, 205.1 ypg), passing, (20th, 209.1 ypg), total (17th, 414.2 ypg) and scoring (10th, 37.8 ppg) offense ... Avengers finished third in the country in yards per pass attempt (8.6) and seventh in yards per rush attempt (5.8), and were eighth in the nation with 27 passing touchdowns.

**Denotes junior-college transfer who signed in December*