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St. Cloud State Head Football Coach Scott Underwood Announces 2010 Recruiting Class

St. Cloud, Minn. -- St. Cloud State University head football coach Scott Underwood has announced the signing of 22 high school athletes to National Letters of Intent to attend St. Cloud State in the fall and play football for the Huskies. Today is the first day of national signing for football recruits.

In addition to the 22 signings, the Huskies have received commitments from five athletes who have signed acceptance of admission letters at St. Cloud State.

The incoming class includes athletes from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Missouri, and includes nine defensive players and 14 offensive players.

The Huskies emphasis in recruiting was in the skill positions for 2010. "We recruited a lot of team speed," said second year head coach Scott Underwood. "We improved our speed in the secondary, at receiver and the linebacker positions."

St. Cloud State also stretched its recruiting boundaries with players from Iowa and Missouri.

Seven of the athletes signed are from around central Minnesota including a pair of Sartell High School players in tight end Tony Schmitz and wide receiver Brent Orndorff. Joining the Huskies from Brainerd High School are tight end/defensive end Aaron Pavsek and offensive lineman Mitch Weidman. St. Cloud State also gained Paynesville High School offensive lineman Matt Schmiesing, Hutchinson tight end Brad Muckenhirn, and St. Michael Albertville running back Kwaku Amoah.

Eight seniors played for the Huskies in 2009 including five on the offensive side of the ball.

St. Cloud State completed its second year as a member of the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC) last fall. The Huskies posted a 7-4 overall record, finished 7-3 overall in the NSIC, good for a third place tie, and went 5-1 in the NSIC North Division to finish in second place.

2010 St. Cloud State University Football

Coaching Staff

Scott Underwood: Head Coach
Doug Patterson: Co-Offensive

Coordinator/O-Line

Ian Shoemaker: Co-Offensive
Coordinator/QB's

Jim Louis: Defensive Coordinator
Steve Gruit: Defensive Line

2010 Tentative Schedule

Sept. 4 Open
Sept. 11 at Concordia-St. Paul*
Sept. 18 Winona State*
Sept. 25 U-Mary*
Oct. 2 at Northern State*
Oct. 9 at Minnesota State*
Oct. 16 Southwest Minn. State*
Oct. 23 Minnesota, Crookston*^
Oct. 30 at Minnesota Duluth*
Nov. 6 Bemidji State*
Nov. 13 at MSU Moorhead*
*NSIC Game
^ Homecoming 2010

Husky Football

Quick Facts

Location: St. Cloud, Minn.
Enrollment: 16,882
Team Colors: Cardinal and Black
Team Nickname: Huskies
Stadium: Husky Stadium (4,198)
National Affiliate: NCAA Division II
Conference Affiliate: Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference (NSIC)
2009 Record: 7-4 overall
NSIC Record: 7-3 overall (T-3rd);
5-1 North Division (2nd)

2010 St. Cloud State Recruiting Class

Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	Hometown/High School
Garrett Bender	6-4	215	LB	Minneapolis, Minn. / Washburn H.S.
Taylor Berger	6-0	175	QB	Anoka, Minn. / Elk River H.S.
Matt Boerner	6-1	200	LB	Hartland, Wisc. / Arrowhead H.S.
Russ Finco	5-11	160	WR	Hartland, Wisc. / Arrowhead H.S.
Kaleb Harris	6-3	290	OL/DL	LaCrescent, Minn. / LaCrescent H.S.
Jack Houlton	6-3	280	OL	Excelsior, Minn. / Minnetonka H.S.
Louis Kranovich	6-1	180	DB	Bettendorf, Iowa / Bettendorf H.S.
Jerahvenne "RaRa" Jones	6-3	195	WR	Cloquet, Minn. / Cloquet H.S.
Matt Leis	6-5	225	TE	Chippewa Falls, Wisc. / Chippewa Falls H.S.
Brad Muckenhirn	6-6	200	TE	Hutchinson, Minn. / Hutchinson H.S.
Aaron Pavek	6-5	240	TE/DE	Brainerd, Minn. / Brainerd H.S.
Derek Peake	6-0	180	DB/K	Waukesha, Wisc. / Catholic Memorial H.S.
Eric Poggenburg	5-10	180	DB	Cedarburg, Wisc. / Cedarburg H.S.
Bo Putrah	6-4	220	LB	Faribault, Minn. / Faribault H.S.
Wynn Pratt	5-11	180	DB	Andover, Minn. / Andover H.S.
Luke Sebald	6-3	230	DE	Brookfield, Wisc. / Wisconsin Lutheran H.S.
Matt Schmiesing	6-4	285	OL	Paynesville, Minn. / Paynesville H.S.
Tony Schmitz	6-5	230	TE	Sartell, Minn. / Sartell H.S.
Alphonso Demetrius Scott	5-8	170	DB	Ballwin, Missouri / Parkway South H.S.
Mike Walker	5-10	195	RB	Walworth, Wisc. / Bigfoot H.S.
Mitch Weidman	6-6	300	OL	Brainerd, Minn. / Brainerd H.S.
Mike Westrich	6-2	180	WR	West Allis, Wisc. / West Allis Central H.S.

The following have signed written acceptance offers of admission.

Name	Ht	Wt	Pos	Hometown/High School
Kwaku Amoah	5-5	170	RB	St. Michael, Minn. / St. Michael Albertville H.S.
Brad Beeskow	5-10	175	RB	Andover, Minn. / Andover H.S.
Jarek Kunz	6-2	175	DB	Lake Geneva, Wisc. / Badger H.S.
Brent Orndorff	5-10	170	WR	Sartell, Minn. / Sartell H.S.
Jake Sullivan	6-1	210	LB	Chippewa Falls, Wisc. / Chippewa Falls H.S.

Football Recruit Bios....

GARETT BENDER, 6'4, 215, LB, Minneapolis, Minn. /Minneapolis Washburn ...Three-year starter...team captain...All-Conference and All-Metro...ranked third in state in tackles (101 solo, 49 assist, 4 sacks, 3 INT's, 7 forced fumbles)...part of High School State Championship Rugby Team...rugby team captain...son of Mike and Sue Bender.

TAYLOR BERGER, 6'0, 175, QB, Anoka, Minn. / Elk River H.S. Three-year starter in football and basketball...football team MVP as a senior...team captain...All-Conference and All-Section...track and field section champion in the high jump as a sophomore...son of Bill and Kim Berger.

MATT BOERNER, 6'1, 200, LB, Hartland, Wisc. / Arrowhead H.S. Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WCFA) All State Honorable Mention...AP All State Honorable Mention... WCFA All Region, Lake Country Publications First-Team All Area, Waukesha Freeman First-Team, All Waukesha County, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Second-Team All Area, First-team All Conference, and the Classic Eight Conference Defensive Player of the Year...son of Brent Boerner and Deanne Weiler.

RUSS FINCO, 5'11, 160, WR, Hartland, Wisc. / Arrowhead H.S. AP Second Team All State... Classic 8 All Conference...Coaches All-State Honorable Mention, Milwaukee All-Area, First Team All-Lake Country Waukesha County...Son of Rick and Kendra Finco.

KALEB HARRIS, 6'3, 290, OL/DL, LaCrescent, Minn. / LaCrescent H.S. First-team All-Conference...four-time letter winner in Football...son of Paul and Anita Harris.

JACK HOULTON, 6'3, 280, OL, Excelsior, Minn. / Minnetonka H.S. All-Conference, All-Metro, All-State Honorable Mention...selected to play on Metro team in All-Star Game...son of Pat and Janet Houlton.

LOUIS KRANOVICH, 6'1, 180, DB, Bettendorf, Iowa / Bettendorf H.S. All-Conference, All-Metro (Quad Cities)...led team in tackles, interceptions, and forced fumbles during senior year...2007 State Champions... High School had three year record of 33-3...son of Stephano and Rebecca Kranovich.

JERAHVENEE "RaRa" JONES, 6'3, 195, WR, Cloquet, Minn. /Cloquet H.S. Sea Range All-Conference...Duluth News Tribune First Team... two-year letterwinner in football...helped Cloquet post their first winning record (7-2) this decade...All-Conference in basketball as a junior and selected pre-season All-Conference as a senior...son of Trent Jones.

MATT LEIS, 6'5, 225, TE, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. / Chippewa Falls H.S. Team captain...First-team All-Big Rivers Conference, WCFA All Region, Chippewa Herald All-County...Second-Team Leader Telegram All Northwest...three-year letter winner in football and basketball... son of Tim and Carrie Leis.

BRAD MUCKENHIRN, 6'6, 200, TE, Hutchinson, Minn. / Hutchinson H.S.
Two-year letter winner in football and basketball...three-time letter winner in baseball...two-time All-Conference, All-State Honorable Mention and team captain...son of Mark and Diane Muckenhirn.

AARON PAVEK, 6'5, 240, TE/DE, Brainerd, Minn. / Brainerd H.S.
All-Area, All-Central Lakes Conference, All-Section, All-State Honorable Mention...team Captain...son of Tim Pavek, and Brian and Janet Spreiter.

DEREK PEAKE, 6'0, 180, DB/K, Waukesha, Wisc. / Catholic Memorial H.S.
Waukesha Freeman Second-Team, All-Waukesha County, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Honorable Mention All-Area...All-Conference at defensive back...Waukesha Freeman Second Team All-Waukesha County, All Conference at kicker...ranked 71 nationally by the Kohl's Kicking Camp...son of Steve and Debbie Peake.

ERIC POGGENBURG, 5'10, 180, DB, Cedarburg, Wisc. / Cedarburg H.S.
Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Honorable Mention All-Area...First-team All Conference at defensive back...second-team All-Conference at wide receiver...son of Larry Williams and Joni Poggenburg.

BO PUTRAH, 6'4, 220, LB, Fairibault, Minn. / Fairibault H.S.
Big 9 Conference Defensive Player of the Year...Minnesota Vikings All-State Team...Big 9 All Conference, second-team All-State...son of Tim and Julie Putrah.

WYNN PRATT, 5'11, 180, DB, Andover, Minn. / Andover H.S.
All-Conference...two-year starter...AAA award recipient...two-year letter winner in track...son of John and Pamela Pratt.

LUKE SEBALD, 6'3, 230, DE, Brookfield, Wisc. / Wisconsin Lutheran H.S.
Three-time letter winner...member of 2007 Wisconsin State Championship Team...two-time All-Conference Selection...All-Region...team captain... member of two undefeated Conference Championship Teams...WFCAs All-Star Game Participant...son of Aaron and Ann Sebald.

MATT SCHMIESING, 6'4, 285, OL, Paynesville, Minn. / Paynesville H.S.
All-Conference...West Central Conference North and South Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week...Most Dependable Player Award in football... All-State, All-Section, All-Conference in track...son of Phillip and Debbie Schmiesing.

TONY SCHMITZ, 6'5, 230, TE, Sartell, Minn. / Sartell H.S.
Second-Team All-State tight end...All-State Honorable Mention Defensive End...Minnesota Vikings All-State Team, All-Area, All-Section, Central Lakes All-Conference...Metro Sports Athlete of the Week...three-time letter winner in football, basketball, and baseball...son of Wayne and Joan Schmitz.

ALPHONSO DEMETRIUS SCOTT, 5'8, 170, DB, Ballwin, Missouri / Parkway South H.S....Captain of varsity football team...captain of varsity track team, All-Conference defensive back...All-Metro athlete...Most Hustle running back...All-State sprinter...4x100 state champion...third fastest person in school history...a top 15 sprinter in the nation (indoor 60 meters)...Elite Football Academy Alumni...son of Lee and Sonja Scott.

MIKE WALKER, 5'10, 195, RB, Walworth, Wisc. / Bigfoot H.S.

WFCAs First-Team All-State...AP Second-Team All-State...WFCAs All-Region, Wisconsin State Journal First-team All-Area...All-Conference Rock Valley Conference – South Defensive Player of the Year at Running Back...WFCAs First-Team All-State, AP Second-Team All-State, WFCAs All-Region, Wisconsin State Journal First-team All-Area, and First-team All-Conference at defensive back... First-Team All-Conference at punter...son of Kenneth and Laurie Walker.

MITCH WEIDMAN, 6'6, 300, OL, Brainerd, Minn. / Brainerd H.S.
All-Section, All-Area...Central Lakes Conference Honorable Mention...son of Pat and Chris Weidman.

MIKE WESTRICH, 6'2, 180, WR, West Allis, Wisc. / West Allis Central H.S.
WFCAs Honorable Mention All-State, WFCAs All Region, Milwaukee Journal Sentinel Honorable-Mention All-Area...CNI Newspapers First-team All-Suburban, All-Conference...son of John and De-neesa Westrich.

Signing Letters of Admission

KWAKU AMOAH 5'5, 170, RB, Saint Michael, Minn. / St. Michael Albertville H.S....Two-time All-Conference...MVP running back of Mississippi 8 Conference...All-Section (Jr. Year)...second leading rusher all time with STMA (2,800 yards)...nephew of Daniel and Grace Kumi.

BRAD BEESKOW, 5'10, 175, RB, Andover, Minn. / Andover H.S.
Three-year letter winner in football...All-Conference Honorable Mention...ranked third in all-time rushing and all-purpose yards at Andover ...four-year letter winner in track and field...All-Conference and State Champion in 4 x 100 meter relay in track...son of Sonny and Michelle Beeskow.

JAREK KUNZ, 6'2, 175, DB, Lake Geneva, Wisc. / Badger H.S.
Two-time letter winner...voted team captain and defensive MVP by teammates...First-team All-Conference defensive back...led the Lake Geneva Badgers to the most successful season in school history...son of Kurt Kunz and Sheri Day.

BRENT ORNDORFF, 5'10, 170, WR, Sartell, Minn. / Sartell H.S.
Three-time letter winner in football...All-Conference, All-Section Honorable Mention...three-time letter winner in hockey...holds school record for most wins as a goaltender...four-time letter winner in track...All-Conference in track...holds school 4x2 record, All-State in 4x2...son of Paul and Jane Orndorff.

JAKE SULLIVAN, 6'1, 210, LB, Chippewa Falls, Wisc. / Chippewa Falls H.S.
Honorable Mention All-Conference sophomore year..Eau Claire Leader-Telegram Special Mention All-Area...Chippewa Herald First-Team All-Chippewa County and First-Team All-Conference...listed on the juniors to watch list on wissports.net...ranked the sixth best linebacker in the state of Wisconsin for the class of 2010... WFCAs Honorable Mention All-State, WFCAs All-Region, Eau Claire Leader-Telegram First-Team All-Area, Chippewa Herald First-Team All-Chippewa County, First-Team All-Conference and Big Rivers Conference Defensive Player of the Year honors his senior year...son of Ed and Teresa Sullivan.