

BRUINS SIGN 18 HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS TO FOOTBALL LETTERS-OF-INTENT

Running back Maurice Drew, defensive linemen Kevin Brown, Bruce Davis and Junior Lemau'u and safety Dennis Keyes head the list of 18 high school seniors who have signed football letters-of-intent to attend UCLA.

Drew, the SuperPrep Far West Offensive Player of the Year, rushed for 1,457 yards and 20 touchdowns and was selected to the Parade Magazine All-America team. Brown, who starred on both defense and offense; Davis, who made 65 tackles, including 12 quarterback sacks; Lemau'u, who made 89 tackles; and Keyes, who made 88 tackles and four interceptions, all made several All-America squads.

"We are very pleased with the young men of this recruiting class," said new head coach Karl Dorrell. "Not only are they quality players, they are quality people who will represent the University very well."

"Last month, our staff identified areas of need in terms of recruiting and I feel we did very well, especially considering the late start. It has been my experience that it usually takes two or three years to really be able to assess the quality of a recruiting class, but I feel that the young men who decided to be a part of this first class will be the beginning of something special here at UCLA."

Seven of the new Bruins were named PrepStar All-Americans, including defensive lineman Kevin Brown, defensive end Bruce Davis, running back Maurice Drew, wide receiver Alex Ghebreselassie, offensive lineman P.J. Irvin, safety Dennis Keyes and defensive lineman Junior Lemau'u, who was also named to PrepStar's Dream Team.

Six of the new Bruins were named to SuperPrep's All-America team, including K. Brown, Davis, Drew, Ghebreselassie, Keyes and running back Derrick Williams.

Sixteen of the signees were named to SuperPrep's All-Region teams, including cornerback Trey Brown, K. Brown, wide receiver Joe Cowan, Davis, offensive lineman Nikola Dragovic, Drew, defensive lineman Ghebreselassie, safety Chris Horton, Irvin, Keyes, Lemau'u, fullback Michael Pitre, defensive lineman William Snead, defensive lineman Noah Sutherland, defensive end Aaron Whittington and Williams.

Thirteen of the signees were named to PrepStars All-Region teams, including K. Brown, Cowan, Davis, Drew, Ghebreselassie, Horton, Irvin, Keyes, Lemau'u, Pitre, Sutherland, Whittington and Williams.

Davis was named a Tom Lemming All-American. Nine more new Bruins -- T. Brown, Cowan, Dragovic, Drew, Ghebreselassie, Irvin, Keyes, Whittington and Williams -- were named Lemming All-Region choices.

The Bruins also signed defensive back Milvon James and 'athlete' Jimmy Stephens.

UCLA's members of the Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West team include Cowan, Keyes and Williams.

UCLA's members of the Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 include K. Brown, Cowan, Drew, Ghebreselassie, Irvin, Keyes, Lemau'u and Williams.

Five new Bruins — K. Brown, Davis, Drew, Irvin and Lemau'u — earned six stars from Max Emfinger. K. Brown, Drew, Keyes and Lemau'u earned four stars from The Insiders.com while K. Brown, Drew, Ghebreselassie, Irvin and Lemau'u earned four stars from Rivals.com.

UCLA SIGNEES

	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	High School
Brown, Kevin	DL	6-2	285	Long Beach, CA	Poly
Brown, Trey	CB	5-11	185	Overland Park, KS	Blue Valley NW
Cowan, Joe	WR	6-4	185	Bellflower, CA	St. John Bosco
Davis, Bruce	DE	6-4	220	League City, TX	Clear Creek
Dragovic, Nikola	OL	6-3	270	Vista, CA	Rancho Buena Vista
Drew, Maurice	RB	5-8	195	Concord, CA	De La Salle
Ghabreselasse, Alex	WR	6-3	180	Chula Visa, CA	Bonita Vista
Horton, Chris	S	6-2	190	New Orleans, LA	De La Salle
Irvin, P.J.	OL	6-4	280	Agoura Hills, CA	Agoura
James, Milvon	DB	5-11	185	Los Angeles, CA	Fremont
Keyes, Dennis	S	6-2	190	Van Nuys, CA	Birmingham
Lemau'u, Junior	DL	6-5	240	Long Beach, CA	Poly
Pitre, Michael	FB	6-1	240	Orange, CA	El Modena
Snead, William	DE	6-4	215	Oakland, CA	Skyline
Stephens, Jimmy	ATH	6-3	230	Torrance, CA	Bishop Montgomery
Sutherland, Noah	DL	6-5	250	Virginia Beach, VA	Kellam
Whittington, Aaron	DE	6-3	210	St. Louis, MO	Hazelwood East
Williams, Derrick	RB	5-10	195	Bellflower, CA	St. John Bosco

	POS	HT	WT	Hometown	High School
Brown, Trey	CB	5-11	185	Overland Park, KS	Blue Valley NW

All-Midlands selection (No. 28 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... SuperPrep All-Midlands (No. 49 prospect) ... A two-star selection by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... PrepStar honorable mention All-Region selection ... Ranked No. 112 nationally among cornerbacks by The Insiders.com ... Earned All-League honors ... On offense, rushed for 1,140 yards and 11 touchdowns ... Possesses outstanding cover skills and is very physical ... Father, Theotis, was a star running back at UCLA and for the Kansas City Chiefs.

Brown, Kevin	DL	6-2	285	Long Beach, CA	Poly
PrepStar All-America selection ... Max Emfinger six-star selection as nose tackle (No. 6) ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 67 prospect) ... TheInsiders.com four-star selection ... Ranked 17th nationally at defensive tackle by TheInsiders.com ... Rated No. 3 offensive lineman in West by PacWest Football.com ... A four-star selection by Rivals.com on offense ... Rated No. 10 offensive guard nationally and No. 20 prospect in West by Rivals.com ... Selected honorable mention All-State by CalHiSports.com ... All-CIF Southern Section first team on offense ... All-CIF-SS Division I first team ... L.A. Times All-Southeast/South Coast on offense ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... <i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> Dream Team first-team offense ... Named Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention ... Made over 100 pancake blocks on offense and 10 quarterback sacks on defense as a senior ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine Top 100 on offense ... Had 50 pancake blocks as a junior ... In 2001, he was selected to the CalHiSports.com All-State Junior team on offense ... As a sophomore, he made 55 tackles, including 10 quarterback sacks.					

Cowan, Joe	WR	6-4	185	Bellflower, CA	St. John Bosco
Rated No. 10 wide receiver in the West by PacWest Football.com ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 82 prospect) ... PrepStar All-Region choice ... All-West selection (No. 68 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 44 wide receiver nationally and the No. 80 prospect in the West by Rivals.com ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Named to Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West team (seven votes) ... <i>Long Beach Press-Telegram</i> Dream Team first-team defense ... Selected second-team All-State by CalHiSports.com on defense ... All-CIF Southern Section first team ... All-CIF-SS Division I first team ... Named to L.A. Times All-Star team as defensive back ... L.A. Times Southeast/South Coast Player of the Year ... Offensively, he caught 41 passes for 698 yards and 10 touchdowns ... On defense					

(free safety), he made 68 total tackles, including 47 solos, and five interceptions ... Twice selected All-League ... Pre-season All-West selection by Rivals/PrepStar magazine ... Made 37 receptions for 917 yards (24.8 average) and nine touchdowns as a junior ... A standout in track ... In 2002, he placed fourth in the State 300-meter hurdles and second in the CIF Southern Section 400 meters.

Davis, Bruce **DE** **6-4** **220** **League City, TX** **Clear Creek**

Max Emfinger six-star selection as defensive end ... A Tom Lemming All-American ... Ranked No. 19 among defensive ends by Tom Lemming ... Rated No. 132 prospect in the nation and No. 21 in Southwest by Tom Lemming ... SuperPrep All-American (No. 34 defensive lineman) ... SuperPrep All-Southwest/Texas (No. 20 prospect) ... PrepStar All-America selection ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 17 among strongside defensive ends by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com three-star selection ... Ranked No. 32 nationally among defensive ends by The Insiders.com ... Earned All-Greater Houston area and All-League honors ... Exceptionally quick defensive end ... Recorded 65 tackles (50 solos), 12 quarterback sacks and 17 tackles for loss as a senior ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-American ... As a junior, he made 32 tackles, including eight quarterback sacks ... Father (Bruce) played at UCLA.

Dragovic, Nikola **OL** **6-3** **270** **Vista, CA** **Rancho Buena Vista**

All-West selection (No. 62 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 92 prospect) ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... Ranked No. 18 offensive lineman in West by PacWest Football.com ... PrepStar honorable mention All-Region selection ... He is strong and aggressive and has terrific quickness and body control ... Outstanding run blocker ... Also excels on defense ... On defense, he made 80 tackles, including five quarterback sacks ... An outstanding high school wrestler.

Drew, Maurice **RB** **5-8** **195** **Concord, CA** **De La Salle**

Parade All-American ... A four-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 1 all-purpose back nationally by Rivals.com ... Rivals.com also ranked him the No. 7 prospect in the West and No. 54 nationally ... PrepStar All-American ... SuperPrep Elite 50 (No. 27) ... SuperPrep All-American (No. 3 running back) ... SuperPrep FarWest Offensive Player of the Year and No. 5 prospect ... Rated No. 3 running back in West by PacWest Football.com ... All-West selection (No. 65 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... TheInsiders.com four-star selection ... Ranked No. 6 nationally at running back by TheInsiders.com ... Max Emfinger six-star selection as all-purpose back ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Selected first-team All-State by CalHiSports.com ... Named State Running Back of the Year by CalHiSports.com ... Named Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention ... Quick, tough compact back with great acceleration... DeLa Salle defeated San Leandro, 42-14, in CIF North Coast Section 4A title game and has won 138 straight games ... Ran for 1,457 yards, averaging 12.1 yards per attempt, and 20 touchdowns in 12 games ... Played in the CaliFlorida Bowl ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar All-American ... In 2001, he was selected to the CalHiSports.com All-State Junior team after rushing for 736 yards on just 59 carries.

Ghabreselasse, Alex **WR** **6-3** **180** **Chula Vista, CA** **Bonita Vista**

PrepStar All-America selection ... SuperPrep All-American (No. 36 wide receiver) ... SuperPrep's No. 38 prospect in FarWest ... Rated No. 4 wide receiver in West by PacWest Football.com ... All-West selection (No. 59 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... Selected second-team All-State by CalHiSports.com ... A four-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 8 'athlete' nationally and No. 30 prospect in West by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com three-star selection ... Rated No. 31 wide receiver nationally by The Insiders.com ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Named Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West honorable mention ... Played in the CaliFlorida Bowl ... Averaged close to 20 yards per reception throughout his career... As a senior, he also played quarterback and defensive back ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-American ... Made 48 receptions for 940 yards and 14 touchdowns on offense and made nine interceptions as a safety in 2001.

Horton, Chris **S** **6-2** **190** **New Orleans, LA** **De La Salle**

SuperPrep All-Southwest/Louisiana (No. 24 prospect) ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Selected to Max Emfinger's Louisiana Super Team ... TheInsiders.com three-star selection ... A two-star selection by Rivals.com ... Ranked No. 40 nationally at safety by The Insiders.com ... An All-Metro selection ... A physical DB who loves to hit ... Made 118 tackles

(86 solos), including four sacks, in 10 games ... Also caused 14 fumbles, recovered four fumbles and blocked seven kicks ... As a junior, he made 105 tackles and two interceptions ... Credited with 97 tackles as a sophomore.

Irvin, P.J.	OL	6-4	280	Agoura Hills, CA	Agoura
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Max Emfinger six-star selection as offensive guard ... PrepStar All-American ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 83 prospect) ... All-West selection (No. 74 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... A four-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 12 nationally among offensive guards by Rivals.com ... No. 46 prospect in West according to Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com three-star selection ... Ranked No. 65 offensive lineman nationally and No. 15 in West by PacWest Football.com ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Named L.A. Daily News All-Area second team offense ... Played in the CaliFlorida Bowl ... Graded over 80% on his blocking assignments as a senior guard ... Outstanding run blocker with fine quickness ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-American ... Played tackle as a junior before moving inside

James, Milvon	DB	5-11	185	Los Angeles, CA	Fremont
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A Rivals.com three-star selection ... A two-star selection by TheInsiders.com ... An fine all-around athlete with excellent speed ... Played in eight games and rushed for over 1,000 yards while scoring 15 touchdowns ... Defensively, he made over 80 tackles to go with five interceptions ... As a junior, he rushed for 1,420 yards and made six interceptions as a safety.

Keyes, Dennis	S	6-2	190	Van Nuys, CA	Birmingham
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SuperPrep All-American (No. 19 defensive back) ... SuperPrep's No. 15 prospect in FarWest ... PrepStar All-American selection ... TheInsiders.com four-star selection ... Ranked No. 14 nationally among safeties by The Insiders.com ... Rated No. 2 safety in West by PacWest Football.com ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 17 safety nationally and No. 33 prospect in West by Rivals.com ... Selected first-team All-State by CalHiSports.com ... All-West selection (No. 60 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Named to Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West team (eight votes) ... Los Angeles City Section Player of the Year ... Named to *L.A. Times* All-Star team ... *L.A. Times* San Fernando Valley Player of the Year ... *L.A. Daily News* Area Player of the Year ... A hard-hitting defender ... As a safety, he made 88 tackles and four interceptions ... On offense, rushed for 1,615 yards on (9.2 average) and scored 35 touchdowns ... Also accounted for 343 receiving yards on 20 receptions ... Led Birmingham to first City Section title since 1963 ... He was selected Player of the Game in the championship contest with 133 yards, a touchdown, an interception and a fumble recovery ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-American ... Possesses 35-inch vertical leap ... In 2001, he was selected to the CalHiSports.com All-State Junior team ... As a junior, he made over 60 tackles and four interceptions ... He also rushed for 1,088 yards and scored over 20 touchdowns.

Lemau'u, Junior	DL	6-5	240	Long Beach, CA	Poly
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Member of PrepStar Dream Team (No. 19 defensive lineman) ... Rated No. 7 nationally among defensive ends by Max Emfinger ... A Max Emfinger six-star selection as defensive end ... A Rivals.com four-star selection ... Rated the No. 6 strongside defensive end nationally by Rivals.com ... Rated the No. 63 prospect nationally and the No. 10 prospect in West by Rivals.com ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 69 prospect) ... A four-star selection by TheInsiders.com ... Rated No. 15 nationally among defensive ends by The Insiders.com ... Rated No. 3 defensive end in West by PacWest Football.com ... Selected honorable mention All-State by CalHiSports.com ... All-CIF Southern Section first team ... CIF-SS Division I co-Defensive Player of the Year ... L.A. Times Southeast/South Coast Lineman of the Year ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... *Long Beach Press-Telegram* Dream Team first-team defense ... Made 89 tackles and 15 sacks ... Poly defense recorded five shutouts ... In pre-season, rated No. 89 prospect nationally by Rivals/PrepStar magazine ... In 2001, he was selected to the CalHiSports.com All-State Junior second team and was also a CIF Division I selection ... As a junior, he made over 60 tackles, including 12 quarterback sacks and 20 for loss, caused four fumbles and recovered two fumbles.

Pitre, Michael	FB	6-1	240	Orange, CA	El Modena
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Rated No. 8 fullback in West by PacWest Football.com ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 103 prospect) ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... A two-star selection by Rivals.com at inside linebacker ... Ranked No. 25 among fullbacks by Tom Lemming ... Possesses good size and speed for the fullback position ... On offense, he rushed for

675 yards and nine touchdowns on 102 attempts ... Defensively, he made 75 tackles, including eight sacks ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-West selection at linebacker ... As a junior, he was CIF-SS All-Division VI as a linebacker.

Snead, William **DE** **6-4** **215** **Oakland, CA** **Skyline**

SuperPrep All-FarWest (No. 70 prospect) ... Rated No. 7 defensive end in West by PacWest Football.com ... A three-star selection and No. 60 outside linebacker nationally by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... Ranked No. 105 among defensive ends by The Insiders.com ... Recorded 96 tackles, including 11 sacks and five fumbles caused ... Also returned two interceptions for touchdowns.

Stephens, Jimmy **ATH** **6-3** **230** **Torrance, CA** **Bishop Montgomery**

An outstanding all-around athlete who could help the Bruins at a number of positions ... Has good feet, sheds blocks well, catches the football and runs over people ... Played both defense (linebacker and end) and offense (tailback, fullback, tight end and wide receiver) at Bishop Montgomery ... Could contribute as an H-back ... Also an All-CIF middle blocker in volleyball.

Sutherland, Noah **DL** **6-5** **250** **Virginia Beach, VA** **Kellam**

PrepStar All-Region selection ... SuperPrep All-MidAtlantic/Virginia (No. 21 prospect) ... A two-star selection by Rivals.com ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... Rated No. 122 nationally at defensive end by The Insiders.com ... One of the top defensive ends in Virginia ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-Atlantic selection ... As a junior, he made approximately 70 tackles, including five quarterback sacks.

Whittington, Aaron **DE** **6-3** **210** **St. Louis, MO** **Hazelwood East**

SuperPrep All-Midlands (No. 38 prospect) ... All-Midlands selection (No. 15 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 22 nationally among weakside defensive ends by Rivals.com ... Earned first-team All-State acclaim ... TheInsiders.com two-star selection ... Ranked No. 117 nationally among linebackers by The Insiders.com ... Active pass rusher ... Credited with 92 tackles, including 15 quarterback sacks, and caused five fumbles ... A pre-season Rivals/PrepStar magazine All-Midlands selection ... As a junior, he made 94 tackles, including 15 quarterback sacks to earn first-team All-State honors ... Brother, Benard, plays for Cincinnati Bengals and another brother (Darryl) played at Missouri.

Williams, Derrick **RB** **5-10** **195** **Bellflower, CA** **St. John Bosco**

SuperPrep All-American (No. 28 running back) ... SuperPrep's No. 27 prospect in FarWest ... Rated No. 5 running back in West by PacWest Football.com ... All-West (No. 38 prospect) by Tom Lemming ... Rated No. 14 among fullbacks by Tom Lemming ... The Insiders.com three-star selection ... A three-star selection by Rivals.com ... Rated No. 21 among running backs by Rivals.com ... PrepStar All-Region selection ... Rated No. 31 running back nationally by The Insiders.com ... Member of Tacoma News Tribune Western 100 ... Named to Long Beach Press-Telegram Best in the West team (seven votes) ... Selected honorable mention All-State by CalHiSports.com ... All-CIF Southern Section first team ... All-CIF-SS Division I first team ... L.A. Times Southeast/South Coast Back of the Year ... Rushed for 1,104 yards and 11 touchdowns on 152 attempts as a senior ... As a cornerback, he made 44 tackles, forced three fumbles and recovered three ... Pre-season Rivals/PrepStar All-West selection ... As a junior, he rushed for 765 yards (7.0 average) and 10 touchdowns ... Defensively, he made 57 tackles and two interceptions.