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Football Signs 24 Student-Athletes to National Letters of Intent

HOUGHTON, Mich. — Michigan Tech head football coach Tom Kearly today announced the addition of 24 student-athletes to the Huskies' roster for the 2010 season.

Tech's incoming class includes 12 offensive players, 11 defensive players and a punter. Of the 24 student-athletes, 19 are from Michigan including four from the Upper Peninsula. Four players hail from Wisconsin, and one is from Minnesota.

"We're very excited about this class," said Kearly, who begins his fourth season as the Huskies' head coach. "This is the best year we've had for addressing every position.

"We were fortunate to get the skill players we wanted, we solidified both the offensive and defensive lines and we picked up several quality defensive backs."

Michigan Tech will enter the 2010 season looking to improve on a 10th place finished in the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. The Huskies wrapped up the decade with a 55-47 record.

Listed below are the 24 student-athletes that will attend Michigan Tech and play football this fall. A brief biography on each is also available below.

Notes: The current team has been conditioning and lifting weights since returning from the semester break. Spring practices for Michigan Tech will begin March 25, with the annual spring game to be played at Sherman Field on April 17.

Jacob Hadel OL 6-1 270 Gladstone, Mich.

Played at Gladstone High School ... Named All-Great Northern Conference as an offensive lineman ... Was an All-Upper Peninsula special mention ... Also participated in wrestling where he was a state qualifier at heavyweight ... Plans to major in biological sciences (pre-medicine).

Joel Heimerl OL 6-5 260 Iron River, Mich.

Played at West Iron County High School ... Selected to All-Upper Peninsula Dream Team ... Named All-Western Peninsula Athletic Conference twice as an offensive lineman ... Also participated in basketball ... Plans to major in chemical engineering.

Mike Schmaus WR 5-10 165 Ontonagon, Mich.

Played at Ontonagon High School ... Selected to All-U.P. Class D and All-Great Western Conference teams as a running back ... Was a U.P. Champion in the 100- and 200-meters in track and field ... Holds school record in the 300-meter hurdles ... Plans to major in mechanical engineering technology.

Josh Siler DB 6-1 195 Crystal Falls, Mich.

Played at Crystal Falls High School ... Named first team all-state by the Detroit Free Press ... Earned All-UP Class D honors ... Selected as Great Western Conference Back of the Year as a junior ... Rushed for 4,679 career yards ... Helped Crystal Falls to four straight state finals appearances, winning the 2007 title ... Also participated in basketball and track and field ... Plans to major in engineering.

Cameron Allen DL 6-3 210 Clare, Mich.

Played at Clare High School ... Earned all-state first team accolades ... Named to the Michigan East-West All-Star game ... Named All-Jack Pine Conference First Team on both the offensive and defensive lines ... Helped Clare to a Division 5 state runner-up finish in 2009 ... Also participated in basketball and baseball ... Plans to major in engineering.

Brandon Amraen DL 6-3 285 Green Bay, Wis.

Played at Ashwaubenon High School ... Earned All-Fox River Classic Conference Honorable Mention in 2009 ... Plans to major in engineering.

Deonte Cooper DB 5-10 160 Ferndale, Mich.

Played at Ferndale High School ... Earned first-team all-conference honors ... Threw for 1,500+ career yards and 13 touchdowns as a quarterback ... State qualifier in the 100-meter dash ... Also participated in basketball and wrestling for one year each ... Plans to major in social sciences (pre-law).

Matt DeJong P 6-3 190 Montague, Mich.

Played at Montague High School ... Twice named All-West Michigan Conference at kicker and punter ... Earned all-state accolades as a wide receiver ... Recorded 42 touchbacks and a 46.7 yards per punt average as a senior ... Helped Montague to back-to-back Division 6 state titles ... Also participated in basketball and soccer ... Major undecided.

Forrest Dorman WR 5-11 175 Big Rapids, Mich.

Played at Big Rapids High School ... Will participate in the Michigan East-West All-Star Game ... Was an All-Central State Conference selection and three-time all-area selection as a quarterback ... Posted 800 receiving yards and 15 touchdowns as a junior ... Also participated in basketball and baseball ... Plans to major in secondary education.

Bob Fraker TE 6-3 210 Bannister, Mich.

Played at Ovid Elsie High School ... Earned All-Tri-Valley Conference First Team as a senior tight end ... Also registered 56 tackles and six sacks on defense ... Help OEHS to a combined 23-2 record over final two seasons ... Plans to major in civil engineering.

James Jackson DL 6-0 275 Lansing, Mich.

Played at Dewitt High School ... Selected to All-Lansing Area First Team and All-Capital Area Athletic Conference First Team at both offensive and defensive line ... Earned all-state honorable mention ... Helped Dewitt to four consecutive CAAC titles ... Also participated in track and field and wrestling ... Plans to major in business administration.

Kelsey Kilbry OL 6-2 270 Grand Haven, Mich.

Played at Grand Haven High School ... Named first team all-state by the Detroit Free Press ... Earned All-OK Red Conference and All-Grand Rapids Area First Team honors ... Also participated in track and field and wrestling ... Plans to major in mechanical engineering.

Charlie Leffingwell RB 5-10 190 Midland, Mich.

Played at Midland High School ... Earned AP Division 1-2 All-State accolades ... Selected to play in Michigan's East-West All-Star Game ... Ran for a school-record 2,164 rushing yards and 29 rushing touchdowns as a senior ... Set Midland's career rushing record at 3,283 yards ... Qualified for the state finals in the 4x100 ... Ran a personal-best 11.03 in the 100-meter dash ... Plans to major in engineering.

Jeremy Mims DB 6-2 180 Novi, Mich.

Played at Novi High School ... Named All-Kensington Lakes Athletic Association and All-Oakland County First Team ... Posted a combined 73 tackles and six interceptions over his final two seasons ... Also participated in basketball ... Plans to major in mechanical engineering.

DeShawn Nelson DB 5-10 170 Kentwood, Mich.

Played at East Kentwood High School ... Registered 61 tackles as a senior and 40 as a junior at the defensive back position ... Rushed for over 500 yards each of his final two seasons ... Was a standout wrestler, finishing second at the state meet at 145 pounds as a junior and sixth at 140 as a sophomore ... Plans to major in business administration.

Brock Pahlow DL 6-4 290 Shiocton, Wis.

Played at Shiocton High School ... Named All-Central Wisconsin Conference First Team on both the offensive and defensive lines ... Selected to all-area and all-district teams ... Also participated in basketball and baseball ... Plans to major in civil engineering.

Cal Reindl TE 6-5 240 Manitowoc, Wis.

Played at Manitowoc Lincoln High School ... Was selected as all-state honorable mention twice ... Earned All-Fox River Classic Conference, all-area and all-region honors as both a junior and senior ... Named to all-area team in basketball ... Plans to major in natural sciences.

Tyler Scarlett QB 6-2 180 Clarkston, Mich.

Played at Clarkston High School ... Named first team all-state by the Detroit Free Press ... Completed 3,000 yards of total offense, threw for 18 touchdowns and rushed for 10 more TDs as a senior ... Helped Clarkston reach the Division 1 State semifinals ... Helped the CHS basketball team to a 24-2 record and a Class A semifinal berth and was an all-conference baseball player ... Plans to major in engineering.

Brian Schmiel TE 6-3 200 Apple Valley, Minn.

Played at Apple Valley High School ... Posted 20 catches—second-most on the team—as a senior ... Earned the 2008 Lake Conference Academic Achievement Award ... Also participated in track and basketball ... Plans to major in forestry.

Nick Shaum OL 6-6 295 Warren, Mich.

Played at Warren De La Salle High School ... Helped team to Division 2 state runner-up finish as a junior and state semifinal appearance as a senior ... Did not give up a sack his senior year ... Plans to major in engineering.

Cam Shortz LB 6-1 215 Flushing, Mich.

Played at Flushing High School ... Named to Big Nine Conference All-Academic Team three times ... Posted 90 tackles as a senior and 66 as a junior ... Also participated in hockey and track and field ... Plans to major in computer engineering.

Bruce Tebelman OL 6-3 260 Dearborn, Mich.

Played at Edsel Ford High School ... Named first team all-state by the Detroit Free Press ... Selected to All-Western Wayne Athletic Conference Team twice ... Helped Thunderbirds to 16-4 record over final two seasons ... Also played baseball, earning all-conference honors ... Plans to major in business administration.

Jeff Tilley DB 6-0 200 Flint, Mich.

Played at Carman-Ainsworth High School ... Earned All-Big Nine First Team laurels as a senior ... Posted 120 tackles as a linebacker in his final season ... Helped Carman-Ainsworth to a league title in 2009 ... Was a first-team all-conference baseball player ... Plans to major in engineering.

Garret Wescott DB 5-9 185 Dousman, Wis.

Played at Kettle Moraine High School ... Earned All-Classic Eight Conference honors ... Posted 31 tackles as a linebacker and 530 rushing yards as a senior running back ... Also participated in track and field, where he helped the Lasers to a 2008 Division I state title ... Plans to major in mechanical engineering.