



# HORNETS

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# HORNET FOOTBALL SIGNS 17 STUDENT-ATHLETES TO NATIONAL LETTERS OF INTENT

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** — The Sacramento State football team signed 17 student-athletes to National Letters of Intent, it was announced today by Hornet head coach Marshall Sperbeck. The group is comprised of five players who joined the team at the start of the semester and 12 who will enter the University in the fall.

"I am very excited about this class," Spebeck said. "We beat some (Football Bowl Subdivision) schools on some guys and our staff worked very hard to fill our needs. There are a lot of players who can help us immediately."

Sperbeck's commitment to recruiting Northern California is evident as 12 players hail from cities within 90 miles of Sacramento. That list includes offensive lineman Clint Lessard (Rocklin HS/Sierra JC), quarterback Dominic Carmazzi (Jesuit HS), defensive back Michael Casper (Valley HS/Mendocino JC), offensive lineman Nate Doverspike (Del Campo HS), defensive back Johnny Feaster (Vacaville HS), and defensive lineman Maika Maumau (Franklin HS of Elk Grove).

Sacramento State bolstered its defense with the signing of 10 players. The midyear group is comprised of defensive linemen Derek Kosub (a transfer from Washington) and Ryan Shinar (a transfer from Golden West JC). In the fall, the team will welcome Casper, Feaster, Maumau, defensive backs Deionte Gordon, Jeff Johnson and Michael Peters and defensive linemen Brian McKeon and Brent Turner.

"We knew we had to fill some spots up front and in the secondary," Sperbeck said. "The two midyear players should be able to step in quickly and help out on the line. We also have five defensive backs that will all have a chance to play in the upcoming season."

The offense had three additions at the start of the semester with offensive linemen Peter Lenz and Lessard as well as quarterback McLeod Bethel-Thompson (a UCLA transfer who will be a sophomore for the 2008 season).

Carmazzi, who's family has a long history of football in Sacramento, will add depth to the quarterback position which also has returners Jason Smith and Duncan White as well as Bethel-Thompson. Doverspike and Central Catholic's Clay DePauw will both play on the line and Concord's Kevin Galindo enters as a tight end.

"We definitely added depth at quarterback," Sperbeck said. "McLeod is a guy that is capable of coming in and playing right away while Dominic sets us up for the future."

Biographies of the players are available on the following pages.

<b>MIDYEAR TRANSFERS</b>					
McLeod					
Bethel-Thompson	QB	6-4	235		San Francisco, Calif./UCLA
Derek Kosub	DL	6-3	300		Reno, Nev./Washington
Peter Lenz	OL	6-2	300		Pleasanton, Calif./CCSF
Clint Lessard	OL	6-3	295		Rocklin, Calif./Sierra JC
Ryan Shinar	DL	6-4	270		Long Beach, Calif./Golden West JC
<b>FALL ENROLLEES</b>					
Dominic Carmazzi	QB	6-2	205		Sacramento, Calif./Jesuit HS
Michael Casper	DB	5-10	155		Sacramento, Calif./Mendocino JC
Clay DePauw	OL	6-4	270		Modesto, Calif./Central Catholic HS
Nate Doverspike	OL	6-5	225		Sacramento, Calif./Del Campo HS
Johnny Feaster	DB	5-10	180		Vacaville, Calif./Vacaville HS
Kevin Galindo	TE	6-6	230		Concord, Calif./Concord HS
Deionte Gordon	DB	6-1	190		Seaside, Calif./Seaside HS
Jeff Johnson	DB	5-8	165		Long Beach, Calif./Poly HS
Maika Maumau	DL	6-2	290		Elk Grove, Calif./Franklin HS
Brian McKeon	DL	6-3	225		Santa Clara, Calif./Archbishop Mitty HS
Michael Peters	DB	5-10	180		Oakland, Calif./McClymonds HS
Brent Turner	DL	6-3	270		Oakland, Calif./McClymonds HS

## **Midyear Transfers**

### **McLeod Bethel-Thompson**

**QB • 6-4 • 235 • San Francisco, Calif./UCLA**

Comes to Sacramento State from UCLA...appeared in five games for the Buins during the 2007 season, including a start at QB in the Las Vegas Bowl...completed 11-of-27 passes for 154 yards and a touchdown in that game...redshirted during the 2006 season...lettered three seasons (2003-2005) in football for coach Keith Minor at Balboa HS in San Francisco...selected first-team all-city, Player of the Year and all-metro after his senior season...threw for 2,100 yards, 22 touchdowns and six interceptions as a senior...as a junior, he was named first-team all-city and Back of the Year...threw for 1,800 yards, 19 touchdowns and nine interceptions in his junior season...as a sophomore, he earned second-team all-city honors...also lettered in baseball, basketball and soccer...named second-team all-city in baseball after hitting .610 with two home runs as a senior ...hit .575 his junior season with five home runs and was named second-team all-city and honorable mention all-metro...earned second-team all-city honors in baseball as a sophomore.

### **Derek Kosub**

**DL • 6-3 • 300 • Reno, Nev./Washington**

Comes to Sacramento State after spending two seasons at Washington...redshirted during the 2006 season and did not play in 2007...as a senior at Hug HS in Reno, he was named the Northern Nevada Defensive Player of the Year after helping his team to a 12-2 record, its first ever Northern Region championship and a state runner-up finish...recorded 67 tackles, eight sacks, eight tackles-for-loss, four forced fumbles and an interception return for a touchdown...was a first-team all-state selection...led a Hug defensive unit that allowed an average of 182 yards a game, second-best in Northern Nevada...also started at offensive tackle, helping the Hawks average 343 yards per game, best in Northern Nevada...was the only player selected to the all-state first team on offense and defense...was also named first team all-Northern region at offensive tackle...earned first team all-Northern Region and first team all-Sierra League honors after both his junior and senior years...was ranked No. 6 among Nevada prospects by Rivals.com and was an all-region selection by PrepStar ...named second team all-Northern Region and first-team all-Sierra League after his sophomore year.

### **Peter Lenz**

**OL • 6-2 • 300 • Pleasanton, Calif./City College of San Francisco**

Comes to Sacramento State from perennial power City College of San Francisco...was named first team all-NorCal League as a sophomore...started at guard all season...helped the team to an 11-1 overall record...the Rams also won the California state title with a win over Mt. SAC...graduated from Amador Valley HS in Pleasanton, Calif., in 2004...named first team all-East Bay Athletic League, all-metro and all-Tri-Valley as a senior...led the Dons to a 12-1 overall record and a perfect 6-0 mark in East Bay Athletic League games as a senior...the team's lone loss came against De La Salle in the championship game.

### **Clint Lessard**

**OL • 6-3 • 295 • Rocklin, Calif./Sierra JC**

Spent the previous two seasons at Sierra College in Rocklin, Calif...as a sophomore, the Wolverines posted a 9-2 overall record and won the Valley Conference title with a 5-0 record...Sierra advanced to the Northern California championship game before falling to CCSF...prepped at Rocklin HS...as a senior in 2005, he helped lead the Thunder to an 11-2 overall record and 6-1 mark in Sierra Foothill League games...that season, Rocklin advanced to the City Championship Div. II game before falling to Del Oro, 18-15.

### **Ryan Shinar**

**DL • 6-4 • 270 • Long Beach, Calif./Golden West JC**

Played two seasons at Golden West JC in Huntington Beach, Calif...earned first team all-Mission League National Division honors as a freshman...graduated from Millikan HS in Long Beach, Calif., in 2005...as a senior, he recorded 104 total tackles as a middle linebacker

## FALL ENROLLEES

### Dominic Carmazzi

**QB • 6-2 • 205 • Sacramento, Calif./Jesuit HS**

Was an honorable mention all-metro selection by the *Sacramento Bee* and for the Sac-Joaquin Section...earned first team all-Delta River League honors as a quarterback...threw for 1,953 yards as a senior and completed 59.7 percent of his passes...had 19 touchdowns with just one interception...rushed for 121 yards and a score...biggest yardage output came against Bellarmine Prep where he threw for 258 yards and a season high three touchdowns...had at least one passing touchdown in all 11 games...team finished the year 8-3 and advanced to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I playoffs...as a junior, he passed for 1,383 yards and 12 touchdowns...completed 61.4 percent of his passes...passed for 257 yards and two scores against Napa for his season high...is the younger brother of former San Francisco 49er and Div. I-AA All-American Gio Carmazzi.

### Michael Casper

**DB • 5-10 • 155 • Sacramento, Calif./Mendocino JC**

Spent the last two seasons at Mendocino JC...named all-Bay Valley Conference as a sophomore defensive back...finished the season with 35 total tackles and two interceptions...Mendocino won the Bay Valley Conference with an 8-3 overall record...team advanced to the Capital Shrine Bowl where it faced Cabrillo JC...prepped locally at Valley HS...as a senior, he led the Vikings with 213 receiving yards...defensively, he added 59 tackles and three interceptions.

### Clay DePauw

**OL • 6-4 • 270 • Modesto, Calif./Central Catholic HS**

Named first team all-Western Athletic League as an offensive lineman...participated in the KCRA Holiday Classic All-Star Game...played on the offensive and defensive lines for Central Catholic...team posted an 11-2-1 overall record and was undefeated (5-0) in WAL play...helped the Raiders win the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. III title with a 24-6 win over Patterson...team became the first from the Sac-Joaquin Section to play in the California State championship game.

### Nate Doverspike

**OL • 6-5 • 225 • Sacramento, Calif./Del Campo HS**

Was the Capital Athletic League Lineman of the Year in 2007...also named second team all-metro by the *Sacramento Bee* and played in the KCRA Holiday Classic All-Star Game that same season...played on the offensive line and at tight end for Del Campo...finished the season with nine receptions for 147 yards and three touchdowns...caught two touchdown passes against Foothill...team was 9-3 and advanced to the second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section playoffs his senior year...had 10 receptions and one touchdown as a junior...helped lead the team to the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. III title that same year.

### Johnny Feaster

**DB • 5-10 • 180 • Vacaville, Calif./Vacaville HS**

Named honorable mention all-metro by the *Sacramento Bee* as a utility player...also earned honorable mention all-Sac-Joaquin Section as an all-purpose player...was a first team all-Monticello League choice on both offense and defense...ran for 1,036 yards with eight touchdowns as a senior for the Bulldogs...also had nine receptions for 203 yards and two touchdowns that same season...defensively, tallied 48 total tackles and had four interceptions...team finished the 2007 season with a 10-2 overall record and reached the second round of the Sac-Joaquin Section Div. I playoffs...had four 100-yard rushing games as a senior, including 179 and three touchdowns against Jesuit in the first round of the playoffs...averaged 8.0 yards per carry and 86.3 yards per game while splitting time with Terrance Dailey (committed to Washington) in the backfield...had at least one tackle in each of his 12 games in 2007...had a season-high seven stops in three games...also served as the team's punter...rushed for 561 yards on 57 carries (9.67 per attempt) as a junior...scored eight touchdowns that season...finished his junior season with 61 total tackles and three interceptions.

### Kevin Galindo

**TE • 6-6 • 230 • Concord, Calif./Concord HS**

Was a third-team all-area selection by the *Contra Costa Times*...named first team all-Diablo Foothill League as a tight end and second team as a defensive lineman...finished his senior season with 36 catches for 366 yards in 10 games...according to his coaches, he is the first Concord HS football player to sign a scholarship in seven years.

### Deionte Gordon

**DB • 6-1 • 190 • Seaside, Calif./Seaside HS**

Named to the all-Monterey County team as both a wide receiver and defensive back by the *Salinas Californian* and the *Monterey County Herald* following his senior season... was the Monterey Bay League MVP as a senior and earned first team all-MBL honors at both positions...finished the 2007 season as the team's leading receiver, third leading rusher, and leading scorer...had 43 receptions for 816 yards and eight touchdowns as a receiver...rushed 36 times for three touchdowns and scored 82 total points...had five touchdowns of at least 40 yards...returned two punts for touchdowns as a senior and also filled in at quarterback...recorded one interception his senior year...was also named all-Monterey County as a junior for his efforts at defensive back.

**Jeff Johnson****DB • 5-8 • 165 • Long Beach, Calif./Poly HS**

Earned first team all-Moore League honors as a senior...finished the year with 65 total tackles, including 49 solos...also had four interceptions and recovered a fumble...Poly went 13-1 during his senior season and won the Southern Section Pac-5 Division title...had at least two tackles in all 14 games...made a season-high nine tackles in a win over Wilson...also had eight stops against Cabrillo and Compton...three of his four interceptions came in the final five games of the year...picked off a pass in the team's 2-0 win over Luthern in the section semifinals...also returned kickoffs and punts during the year...had 18 total tackles and one interception as a junior...team advanced to the Southern Section title game but fell to Orange Lutheran, 23-22.

**Maika Maumau****DL • 6-2 • 290 • Elk Grove, Calif./Franklin HS**

Named honorable mention all-metro by the *Sacramento Bee*...also played for the Sacramento team in the KCRA Holiday Classic All-Star Game...was a first team all-Delta Valley League selection as a senior...finished the season with 58 total tackles, including 42 solo stops...had at least six stops in eight of the team's 10 games...had eight tackles in the team's 21-20 victory over Nevada Union...also had seven tackles against Galt, Roseville, Folsom, Oak Ridge and Laguna Creek...had six sacks on the year, including two against Galt...recorded 20 total tackles, blocked a field goal and recovered a fumble as a junior.

**Brian McKeon****DL • 6-3 • 225 • Santa Clara, Calif./Archbishop Mitty HS**

Earned honorable mention accolades from the Central Coast Section and the *San Jose Mercury News* all-star team...also named second team all-West Catholic Athletic League...team posted a 7-3 overall record and advanced to the Central Coast Section playoffs...played on both the offensive and defensive lines...posted 52 total tackles, including 7.5 sacks...was a four-year member of the school's honor roll and is a member of the California Scholastic Federation.

**Michael Peters****DB • 5-10 • 180 • Oakland, Calif./McClymonds HS**

Was an honorable mention all-East Bay selection by the *San Francisco Chronicle*...played both wide receiver and defensive back for the Warriors...earned first team all-Oakland Athletic League honors...helped the Warriors to a 9-2-1 overall record and a 5-0 OAL mark as a senior...team also won the Oakland Section title.

**Brent Turner****DL • 6-3 • 270 • Oakland, Calif./McClymonds HS**

Named first team all-East Bay as an offensive lineman and second team as a defensive lineman by the *Contra Costa Times* following his senior season...also earned first team all-Oakland Athletic League honors...helped the Warriors to a 9-2-1 overall record and a 5-0 OAL mark as a senior...team also won the Oakland Section title...as a member of the offensive line, he helped the team average 178.5 yards per game.