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Maryland Adds 24 Recruits for 2012 Season

Terps ink 12 recruits on both sides of the ball, including 11 area players

COLLEGE PARK, Md. -- Maryland head football coach **Randy Edsall** announced Wednesday the addition of 24 recruits for the 2012 season, 20 of whom signed national letters-of-intent.

The class includes both 12 offensive and defensive players, with 11 of the prospects hailing from the Maryland/Washington, D.C., area, more than double last year's total, and five incoming players labeled as four-star recruits.

"I'm excited about the depth and quality of this class," Edsall said. "All of these student-athletes are outstanding individuals who come from winning programs, have a great work ethic and leadership skills, and understand the team concept. Our staff did a great job in identifying the players who fit the profile we're looking for in a Maryland football player."

According to ESPN.com, five of the top 18 players in the state are heading to Maryland, including a pair of SuperPrep All-Americans in offensive lineman **Mike Madaras** and running back **Wes Brown**, who were teammates at Good Counsel (Md.) High School.

"We were able to make some in roads in our prime recruiting areas of Maryland, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania," Edsall said. "We got into some areas and schools which we haven't been able to in a long time."

Maryland fulfilled a number of needs on both sides of the ball with running back, linebacker and defensive back the most represented positions.

"I'm really pleased with the balance of this class," Edsall said. "This is a class which will come in and blend in well with our returning players."

In addition to Brown, the Terps added another four-star player in **Albert Reid**, the 2011 D.C. Gatorade Player of the Year, as well as **Kenneth Goins** and **Joe Riddle**, to their backfield. That group comprised the second-best running back class in the nation, according to Scout.com.

Abner Logan is the most highly regarded of the five linebackers who will join the team in the fall. Logan was a four-star selection by Rivals.com and 247Sports.com. Rivals.com has the Maryland linebacker class pegged as 16th-best in the Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS).

All-state performers **Brock Dean**, one of five players from Pennsylvania, **Stefan Houston**, **Shawn Petty** and **Avery Thompson** will join Logan as first-year linebackers in the program.

The Terps also added five defensive backs, including **Sean Davis** of Maret School in Washington, D.C., **Alvin Hill**, one of three signees from the state of Georgia, and **Anthony Nixon**, the lone New Jersey recruit.

Isaac Goins and **Zach Dancel** are a pair of transfers who will join the secondary. Goins, who played at Contra Costa (Calif.) College the last two years, enrolled in classes last month and will have two years of eligibility remaining. Dancel, who played at Good Counsel with Brown and Madaras, will join the team in the fall. He is transferring from the University of New Mexico at the end of the spring semester.

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The Terps only recruited two offensive linemen, but both are four-star products. In addition to Madaras, **Nick Brigham**, who hails from Atlanta, will join the team in the fall.

Amba Etta-Tawo is the third product from the state of Georgia and one of three wide receivers in the class, joining **Malcolm Culmer** and **Levern Jacobs**, who enrolled in classes in January after spending the fall semester at Milford (N.Y.) Academy.

Defensive lineman **Quinton Jefferson** of Pittsburgh, who signed with the Terps in 2011, is the third spring enrollee. **Roman Braglio**, a consensus All-Maryland player, is the other addition along the defensive line.

The Terps are adding a pair of quarterbacks with Scout.com ranking that position No. 10 in the nation.

Caleb Rowe of Landrum, S.C., is the 26th-ranked pro-style QB in the country and **Perry Hills**, of Pittsburgh, is viewed as the No. 29 signal-caller in the nation.

Maryland also has a quality addition at tight end. **P.J. Gallo** of Holland, Pa., is the 23rd-ranked tight end in the nation according to Scout.com.

Bios of each signee are attached.

2012 Maryland Recruiting Class

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.-Elig	Hometown (High School/Previous School)
Roman Braglio	DL	6-3	240	Fr.-HS	Owings Mills, Md. (McDonogh High School)
Nick Brigham	OL	6-2	280	Fr.-HS	Atlanta, Ga. (Marist School)
Wes Brown	RB	6-1	210	Fr.-HS	Olney, Md. (Good Counsel High School)
Malcolm Culmer	WR	6-0	180	Fr.-HS	New Jersey N.J. (Willingboro High School)
Zach Dancel [^]	DB	6-0	185	So.-TR	Ellicott City, Md. (Good Counsel High School/New Mexico)
Sean Davis	DB	6-1	185	Fr.-HS	Washington, D.C. (Maret School)
Brock Dean	LB	6-0	210	Fr.-HS	Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt High School)
Amba Etta-Tawo	WR	6-2	175	Fr.-HS	Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern High School)
P.J. Gallo	TE	6-2	225	Fr.-HS	Holland, Pa. (Council Rock High School South)
Isaac Goins [#]	DB	6-0	185	Jr.-TR	Hercules, Calif. (El Cerrito High School/Contra Costa College)
Kenneth Goins	RB	5-10	210	Fr.-HS	Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)
Alvin Hill	DB	5-11	190	Fr.-HS	Locaust Grove, Ga. (Luella High School)
Perry Hills	QB	6-3	205	Fr.-HS	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic High School)
Stefan Houston	LB	6-2	192	Fr.-HS	Clarksburg, Md. (Clarksburg High School)
Levern Jacobs [#]	WR	6-0	180	Fr.-HS	Temple Hills, Md. (Suitland High School/Milford Academy)
Quinton Jefferson [*]	DL	6-4	250	Fr.-HS	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Woodland Hills High School)
Abner Logan	LB	6-1	220	Fr.-HS	Cambridge, Mass. (Dexter School)
Mike Madaras	OL	6-5	293	Fr.-HS	Olney, Md. (Good Counsel High School)
Anthony Nixon	DB	6-1	200	Fr.-HS	Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic High School)
Shawn Petty	LB	6-2	228	Fr.-HS	Greenbelt, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt High School)
Albert Reid	RB	5-10	177	Fr.-HS	Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate Academy)
Joe Riddle	RB	6-0	195	Fr.-HS	Frederick, Md. (Linganore High School)
Caleb Rowe	QB	6-2	185	Fr.-HS	Landrum, S.C. (Blue Ridge High School)
Avery Thompson	LB	6-2	205	Fr.-HS	Chesapeake, Va. (Grassfield High School)

* - signed in 2011 and enrolled in January; # - enrolled in January; ^ - transfer who will enroll in the fall

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Roman Braglio

Defensive Lineman
Fr.-HS, 6-3, 240
Owings Mills, Md. (McDonogh High School)

At McDonogh High School: One of the top local players ... the 16th-ranked player in Maryland according to Rivals.com ... ranked 67th nationally at defensive end by Scout.com ... ranked No. 56 nationally among strongside defensive ends by 24/7 Sports.com ... a 2011 consensus all-state honoree ... also earned first team All-Metro accolades from the *Baltimore Sun* ... No. 14 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... recorded 83 tackles, including 16 sacks, and two touchdowns by way of a fumble recovery and interception as a senior ... played in both the 2011 Chesapeake Bowl and Crab Bowl ... had three QB knockdowns in the Chesapeake Bowl ... honored as the team's best offensive lineman in 2011 ... recorded 87 tackles, including nine sacks, as a junior ... one of the top heavyweight wrestlers in the country ... received All-America recognition and ranked No. 2 in the state as a junior ... also throws the shot put ... also considered West Virginia ... coached by Dominic Damico.

Personal: Born in Owings Mills, Md. ... father is Scott Braglio... older brother, Tony, played football at McDaniel College ... raised charolais cattle on his family's farm.

Nick Brigham

Offensive Lineman
Fr.-HS, 6-2, 280
Atlanta, Ga. (Marist School)

At Marist School: One of the top offensive guards in the nation ... labeled a four-star prospect, the No. 28 player in Georgia and 24th-ranked guard nationally by ESPN.com ... ranked No. 58 nationally among guards and 94th overall among players in Georgia by 247Sports.com ... a three-year starter on offensive line ... a three-time *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Class AAAA all-state football team selection ... recorded 12 pancake blocks and 16 "big blocks" in 2011 ... a 2011 All-DeKalb County choice ... also an all-conference, all-county and all-area pick as a junior ... also played defensive tackle ... also considered Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt ... coached by Alan Chadwick.

Personal: Born in Hartford, Conn. ... parents are Neil and Mary Ellen Brigham ... moved to Georgia when he was three ... his uncle, Paul Scaffidi, was an all-conference linebacker at UConn in the 1970s ... enjoys hunting, fishing and camping ... plans to major in biology.

Wes Brown

Running Back
Fr.-HS, 6-1, 210
Olney, Md. (Good Counsel High School)

At Good Counsel High School: One of the top running backs in the nation ... a consensus four-star recruit and a SuperPrep All-American ... the 11th-ranked running back in the nation according to Scout.com ... ranked the sixth-best player in Maryland and 14th-best running back in the nation by Rivals.com ... No. 188 on the Rivals 250 ... ranked the fifth-best player in the state and 11th-best running back in the nation by 247Sports.com ...

No. 28 among running backs by ESPN.com ... earned 2011 consensus all-state honors ... played in 2012 Under Armour All-America Game ... rushed for 1,382 yards and 22 touchdowns on 158 carries as a senior ... helped the Falcons to a perfect 12-0 season in 2011 culminating in a Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championship ... as a sophomore he posted 1,290 yards and 17 touchdowns ... an injury limited him to 600 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns in 2010 ... also considered Vanderbilt and Miami ... coached by Bob Milloy.

Personal: Born in Olney, Md. ... father is Wallace Brown and mother is Traherra Moore.

Malcolm Culmer

Wide Receiver
Fr.-HS, 6-0, 180
Jersey City, N.J. (Willingboro High School)

At Willingboro High School: A three year-starter at wide receiver ... ranked as the No. 18 player in the state of New Jersey and 58th-best athlete in the nation by ESPN.com ... rated No. 29 among players in the state and No. 126 among wide receivers nationally by 247Sports.com ... finished his senior year with 537 rushing yards, 684 receiving yards and 12 touchdowns ... also played cornerback and intercepted three passes in 2011 ... scored 11 touchdowns as a junior ... played basketball and ran track ... also considered Illinois, Iowa, Michigan State ... coached by Reggie Lawrence.

Personal: Born in Atlanta, Ga. ... mother is Carol Smith ... undecided on a major.

Zach Dancel

Defensive Back
So.-TR, 6-0, 185
Ellicott City, Md. (Good Counsel High School/New Mexico)

Will enroll at Maryland in the fall ... will sit out the 2012 season due to NCAA transfer rules and have three years of eligibility remaining.

As a Freshman (2011 at New Mexico): Played in the final nine games, including eight starts, at safety ... posted 32 tackles, including 17 solo stops, on the season which ranked 10th on the team ... also posted an interception and one pass breakup ... registered a season-high six tackles, including three solos, vs. Sam Houston State (9/24) ... had four tackles, including a season-best four solos, vs. San Diego State (11/5).

At Good Counsel High School: A highly-touted local player ... named 2010 second team all-state and all-Metro honorable mention quarterback by the *Washington Post* ... also a 2010 All-Gazette and All-Sentinel selection ... lost only four games during his football career, including eight consecutive undefeated seasons before entering high school ... led the Falcons to back-to-back WCAC Championships as a junior and senior ... finished his senior season with 1,338 yards passing and 18 touchdowns ... also had 98 carries for 438 yards and 10 touchdowns ... recorded six games with 100 yards passing or more ... during two playoff games his senior year, he was 21-of-36 passing for 372 yards and six TDs ... as a junior, threw for 1,420 yards and 11 touchdowns to only three interceptions...had over 400 yards rushing and six TDs in his junior season ... finished his career with over 4,500 passing yards, nearly 1,500 yards rushing, 46 passing

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touchdowns and rushed for 27 TDs ... selected as the starting quarterback for the Crab Bowl and Chesapeake Bowl ... coached by Bob Milloy.

Personal: Parents are Bernie and Connie Dancel ... has four siblings, Kristen, Breanne, Steve, Tony ... hobbies include football and snowboarding.

Sean Davis

Defensive Back
Fr.-HS, 6-1, 185
Washington, D.C. (Maret School)

At Maret School: One of the top local players ... a three-year starter at cornerback ... the fifth-ranked player in Washington, D.C., according to Rivals.com ... rated No. 3 among players in Washington, D.C., and No. 30 among cornerbacks in the nation by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 98 among cornerbacks in the nation by ESPN.com ... No. 32 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... recorded 87 tackles, three forced fumbles, and three interceptions as a senior ... also ran for 823 yards and seven touchdowns and posted 601 receiving yards and five touchdowns ... returned three kickoffs and two punts for scores ... did not play football until his junior season ... also played baseball ... also received offers from North Carolina, Boston College and Connecticut ... coached by Mike Engelberg.

Personal: Born in Washington, D.C. ... parents are Sean and Lisa Davis ... is trilingual, speaking English, Chinese, and French ... intends to major in business with a minor in entrepreneurship.

Brock Dean

Linebacker
Fr.-HS, 6-0, 210
Harrisburg, Pa. (Bishop McDevitt High School)

At Bishop McDevitt High School: One of the top prospects in the state of Pennsylvania ... the 36th-ranked player in the state, according to Rivals.com ... a two-time PIAA Class AAA All-State selection ... rated No. 62 nationally among middle linebackers by Scout.com ... the 48th-ranked player in the state by 247Sports.com ... finished his senior season with 92 tackles, including seven sacks, two forced fumbles, one interception and one rushing touchdown... selected to the 2011 Big 11 Football All-Star team ... helped lead the Crusaders to 2010 and 2011 PIAA Class AAA state final ... posted 93 tackles, including 18 for a loss, as a junior ... also returned an interception for a touchdown, had four forced fumbles and four pass breakups in 2010 when he earned all-conference and all-state honors ... also recruited by Pittsburgh and Temple ... coached by Jeff Weachter.

Personal: Born in Harrisburg, Pa. ... parents are Rick and Barb Dean ... enjoys working on muscle cars with his father... plans to major in business management.

Amba Etta-Tawo

Wide Receiver
Fr.-HS 6-2, 175
Powder Springs, Ga. (McEachern High School)

At McEachern High School: A speedy, three-year starter at wide receiver ... the 74th-ranked player in the state of Georgia by 247Sports.com ... also

ranked No. 118 nationally among wideouts by 247Sports.com ... a 2011 second team all-state (Class AAAAA) selection at wide receiver ... caught 58 passes for 907 yards and six touchdowns as a senior ... helped lead a potent McEachern offense which outscored opponents 451-147 en route to a 10-2 record in 2011 ... had 35 receptions for 710 yards and eight touchdowns in 2010 ... an accomplished sprinter on the track team ... member of the Indians' 400-meter relay team that finished runner-up for the 2011 Class AAAAA state championship ... also received offers from Virginia, Illinois, Purdue, and South Florida ... coached by Kyle Hockman.

Personal: Born in Muscat, Oman ... mother is Stella Etta ... hobbies include playing the piano and drawing... intends to major in mechanical engineering ... first name is pronounced AUM-buh EH-ta TAH-wa.

P.J. Gallo

Tight End
Fr.-HS 6-2, 225
Holland, Pa. (Council Rock High School South)

At Council Rock High School South: A solid two-way player who is listed among the top tight-end prospects in the nation ... a first-team all-state selection as a senior... rated No. 23 nationally among tight ends by Scout.com ... the 44th-ranked player in the state, according to Rivals.com ... ranked No. 30 nationally among tight ends and No. 21 among Pennsylvania players by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 28 nationally among tight ends and No. 23 among players in the state by ESPN.com ... recorded 144 tackles, seven pass breakups, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and three blocked kicks in 2011 ... also caught 14 passes for 185 yards... named to the 2011 Mini Maxwell Award team by the Maxwell Touchdown Club ... a 2011 Suburban One first-team selection at tight end ... served as a team captain his senior year ... hauled in 12 passes for 246 yards and posted 90 tackles, including five sacks, as a junior ... also recruited by Syracuse, Pittsburgh, Virginia, North Carolina and West Virginia ... coached by Vince Bedesem.

Personal: Born in Philadelphia, Pa. ... parents are Pat and Patty Gallo ... member of the National English honors society... intends to major in business ... full name is Pasquale James Gallo.

Isaac Goins

Defensive Back
Jr.-TR, 6-0, 185
Hercules, Calif. (El Cerrito High School/Contra Costa College)

Enrolled in classes in January and will have two years of eligibility remaining.

At Contra Costa College: A 2011 first team All-Bay Valley Conference choice after posting six interceptions. ... also nominated for all-region honors ... selected to the 2011 academic all-conference team ... started every game as a freshman, posting 36 tackles, four interceptions and eight pass breakups ... coached by Alonzo Carter.

At El Cerrito High School: A first team All-East Bay choice at wide receiver as a senior ... also first team all-league (ACCAL) pick in 2009 at defensive back and wideout ... coached by Kenny Kahn.

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Personal: Born in Oakland, Calif. ... intends to major in business management ... last name is pronounced GO-ins.

Kenneth Goins

Running Back
Fr.-HS, 5-10, 210
Baltimore, Md. (Gilman School)

At Gilman School: An impressive two-way player ... one of the top linebackers and running backs in the local region ... named the All-Metro Defensive Player of the Year by the *Baltimore Sun* ... a consensus 2011 all-state performer ... rated the No. 17 player in Maryland by ESPN.com and No. 21 by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 51 nationally among running backs by 247Sports.com ... the 90th-best outside linebacker prospect in the nation by ESPN.com ... No. 21 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... posted 61 tackles, including 15 sacks, as a senior ... rushed for 290 yards with 11 touchdowns in 2011 ... ran for a touchdown and a two-point conversion in overtime in the 2011 conference championship game ... played in the 2011 Crab Bowl ... recorded 15 sacks as a rush linebacker and scored nine touchdowns as a running back in 2010 ... also ran track... also considered East Carolina, Syracuse and Tulane ... coached by Biff Poggi.

Personal: Born in Baltimore, Md. ... parents are Kenneth Goins, Sr. and Tonya Hyman-Goins ... intends to major in business or engineering.

Alvin Hill

Defensive Back
Fr.-HS, 5-11, 190
Locust Grove, Ga. (Luella High School)

At Luella High School: An exciting performer who can make plays on defense and special teams ... a 2011 second team all-state (Class AAAAA) choice by the Georgia Sportswriters Association (GSWA) ... recorded 45 tackles, including one sack, 11 pass breakups and four interceptions as a senior ... returned one of those picks for a touchdown ... had two special teams touchdowns, one punt and one kick return, in his final high school game... rated the No. 90 cornerback by ESPN.com... a 2011 preseason all-state selection ... finished 2010 with 42 tackles, six interceptions and five pass breakups en route to first team All-Region 2-AAAAA honors ... also considered Georgia Tech ... coached by Nic Vasilchek.

Personal: Born in Miami, Fla. ... father is Alvin Hill, Sr. ... older brother Detrick Bonner plays cornerback for Virginia Tech ... lists Vernon Davis as his favorite former Terp... intends to major in biology.

Perry Hills

Quarterback
Fr.-HS 6-3, 205
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic High School)

At Central Catholic High School: A highly regarded signal-caller ... the 29th-ranked quarterback prospect in the nation according to Scout.com ... threw for 2,000 yards with 13 touchdowns and just two interceptions in 2011... also rushed for four scores rated the 29th-best pro-style signal-caller and No. 26 overall prospect in Pennsylvania by 247Sports.com ... rated the No. 30 player in the state by Rivals.com ... threw for 1,582 yards

and 10 touchdowns as a junior when he led the team to the WPIAL semifinals ... a 2010 first team all-conference performer ... posted a 16-2 career record as a starter ... also an all-state wrestler ... won the 2011 WPIAL class AAA title and finished fourth in the PIAA ... also considered Temple, Miami (Ohio), and West Virginia ... coached by Terry Totten.

Personal: Born in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... parents are Perry and Lori Hills ... ranks beating Archbishop Wood on ESPN in 2011 as his best football memory ... high school teammate of fellow signee Anthony Nixon ... lists Torrey Smith as his all-time favorite Terp ... intends to major in civil engineering.

Stefan Houston

Linebacker
Fr.-HS, 6-2, 192
Clarksburg, Md. (Clarksburg High School)

At Clarksburg High School: One of the top players in the state who made key contributions on both sides of the ball ... the 14th-ranked player in Maryland according to Rivals.com ... rated No. 18 among Maryland players by ESPN.com ... No. 41 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... a member of the 2011 second team Big Schools All-State team ... caught 38 passes for 698 yards, rushed for 283 yards (on 59 carries) and had 15 touchdowns in 2011 ... recorded 85 tackles, including eight sacks, three interceptions, and two defensive touchdowns as a senior ... rated No. 55 nationally among outside linebackers by Rivals.com ... played in the 2011 Crab Bowl ... also a member of the track team ... also had offers from East Carolina, Rutgers, and West Virginia ... coached by Larry Hurd.

Personal: Mother is Phyllis Hungerford.

Levern Jacobs

Wide Receiver
Fr.-HS, 6-0, 180
Temple Hills, Md. (Suitland High School/Milford Academy)

Enrolled in classes in January and will have four years of eligibility remaining.

At Milford Academy: Rated No. 17 nationally among prep school players by 247Sports.com and No. 20 by Rivals.com ... posted a school-record eight touchdown receptions in eight games during 2011.

At Suitland High School: One of the top players in the state as a senior ... ranked the 12th-best player in Maryland and No. 78 nationally among wide receivers by ESPN.com in 2010 ... finished with 40 catches and 8 touchdowns as a senior ... played in the 2010 Crab Bowl ... registered 37 catches for 702 yards and 12 touchdowns as a junior despite missing part of the year with an injury ... also played baseball and ran track in high school...also received interest from Marshall, Temple, and New Mexico ... coached by Eric Wade.

Personal: Born in Temple Hills, Md. ... parents are Levern, Sr. and Rosalind Jacobs ... lists his parents as his role models ... has a younger brother, Taivon ... plans to major in criminal justice.

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Quinton Jefferson

Defensive Lineman
Fr.-HS, 6-4, 250
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Woodland Hills High School)

Signed with the Terps in 2011, but did not enroll until January, 2012.

At Woodland Hills High School: An impressive defensive lineman with a big frame ... ranked as the 25th-best player in Pennsylvania by Rivals.com in 2010 ... No. 15 on the SuperPrep Pennsylvania 32 ... rated No. 40 nationally among defensive ends by Scouts, Inc. and No. 47 by Scout.com in 2010 ... leader on a defense that held opponents to 12.1 points per game during 2010 ... recorded 16 sacks as a senior... a 2010 Class AAAA second-team all-state selection ... played in consecutive WPIAL AAAA championship games at Heinz Field ... participated in the "Big 33" high school football all-star game...had five sacks as a junior ... also played basketball ... considered Cincinnati, Iowa and Pittsburgh ... coached by George Novak.

Personal: Born in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... parents are Larry and Bahiyah Jefferson ... enjoys drawing ... nickname is "Q"... undecided on a major.

Abner Logan

Linebacker
Fr.-HS, 6-1, 220
Cambridge, Mass. (Dexter School)

At Dexter School: A highly-regarded prospect ... rated a four-star prospect by Rivals.com and 247Sports.com ... No. 4 on the SuperPrep New England 14 ... the No. 3 player in Massachusetts and No. 24 outside linebacker nationally by Rivals.com ... also the third-best player in the state by ESPN.com, as well as the 28th-ranked inside linebacker by ESPN.com ... the fourth-best player in the state and No. 27 outside linebacker by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 50 in the country among outside linebackers by Scout.com ... ran for over 1,118 yards with 18 touchdowns in eight games as a senior ... a 2011 first team MIAA All-State choice at running back ... also recorded 42 tackles, including 10 sacks, and two interceptions in 2011 ... ran track and played baseball ... also considered North Carolina State and Northwestern ... coached by Casey Day.

Personal: Born in Cambridge, Mass. ... parents are Abner Logan and Sherry Sanchez ... views his father as his role model because of his work ethic ... plans to major in business management and finance.

Mike Madaras

Offensive Lineman
Fr.-HS 6-5, 293
Olney, Md. (Good Counsel High School)

At Good Counsel High School: A consensus four-star prospect who was a four-year starter along the offensive line ... a SuperPrep All-American ... started at right tackle as a freshman before moving over to left tackle... helped lead the Falcons to a 12-0 record and the 2011 WCAC championship...earned a spot in the Under Armour All America game ... a consensus 2011 all-state choice ... listed as a four-star recruit, the fourth-best player and the No. 20 offensive tackle nationally by ESPN.com ... ranked No. 9 among Maryland players and No. 39 among offensive tackles nationally

by Rivals.com ... the 22nd-ranked offensive guard in the nation by Scout.com ... according to 247Sports.com, the No. 11-ranked player in the state and the 36th-rated offensive tackle ... also played on the basketball team ... also considered Michigan, Virginia Tech, West Virginia and many others... coached by Bob Milloy.

Personal: Born in Olney, Md. ... parents are David and Kimberley Madaras.

Anthony Nixon

Defensive Back
Fr.-HS 6-1, 200
Pittsburgh, Pa. (Central Catholic High School)

At Central Catholic High School: A highly-regarded player who finished his senior year with 30 catches for over 600 yards and 11 touchdowns ... also chipped in 45 tackles and three interceptions ... the 38th-best player in the state according to 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 46 nationally among safeties by Scout.com ... helped lead the Vikings to an 11-1 record in 2011 including a win over Archbishop Wood on ESPN... a Class AAAA first-team all-state selection as a junior ... also considered Pittsburgh ... coached by Terry Totten.

Personal: Born in Pittsburgh, Pa. ... parents are Betty McCrae and Anthony Nixon, Sr. ... high school teammate of fellow signee Perry Hills.

Shawn Petty

Linebacker
Fr.-HS, 6-2, 228
Greenbelt, Md. (Eleanor Roosevelt High School)

At Eleanor Roosevelt High School: A three-year starter at quarterback and two-year starter on both sides of the ball ... a consensus 2011 all-state choice at linebacker ... ranked as the 37th-best prospect in Maryland and No. 159 overall among athletes nationally by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 42 in the state and No. 168 among athletes nationally by ESPN.com ... No. 28 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... first team All-Met and first team All-Prince George's County selection at linebacker as a senior ... also an all-league pick at QB in 2011 ... as a senior threw for 1,300 yards and 15 touchdowns, as well as running for 550 yards ... also posted 50 tackles, including four sacks, three forced fumbles and two interceptions on defense ... led the Raiders to a 10-1 record and an appearance in the Class 4A South Region semifinals ... quarterback at the 2011 Chesapeake Bowl All-Star game ... also played basketball ... coached by Tom Green.

Personal: Born in Bethesda, Md. ... parents are Rayford and Hazel Petty ... father is the defensive coordinator at Howard University ... undecided on a major.

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Albert Reid

Running Back

Fr.-HS, 5-10, 177

Washington, D.C. (Friendship Collegiate Academy)

At Friendship Collegiate Academy: A four-star prospect at running back ... had 225 carries for 1,705 rushing yards, six catches for 39 yards and 17 total touchdowns as a senior ... listed a four-star prospect and the 25th-best running back in the nation by Scout.com ... rated the No. 2 prospect in Washington, D.C. by ESPN.com, No. 3 by Rivals.com and No. 4 by 247Sports.com ... the 27th-ranked athlete in the nation by ESPN.com and No. 25 by Rivals.com ... named 2011 D.C. Gatorade Player of the Year and a first team All-Metro pick ... No. 19 on SuperPrep's Mid-Atlantic 59 ... played in the 2011 Chesapeake Bowl ... also played cornerback ... started full-time as a junior and recorded three interceptions ... averaged over 9.0 yards per carry and scored 10 touchdowns in 2010 ... also a member of the track team ... also considered Stanford, Colorado and West Virginia ... coached by Azaar Abdul-Rahim.

Personal: Born in Hyattsville, Md. ... parents are Janice Smith and Clifton Reid ... best football moment was winning two Pop Warner championships ... lists his high school head coach as a role model because of his selfless service to others ... intends to major in mechanical engineering.

Joe Riddle

Running Back

Fr.-HS 6-0, 195

Frederick, Md. (Linganore High School)

At Linganore High School: Had a stellar senior season cut short due to injury ... posted more than 900 yards rushing and nine touchdowns in seven games during 2011 ... led the Lancers to a 5-2 record ... No. 51 on the SuperPrep Mid-Atlantic 59 ... earned honorable mention all-county honors despite the limited time on the field ... a honorable mention all-state choice and a first team all-conference honoree in 2010 after rushing for 968 yards and 14 TDs ... also had 54 tackles and four interceptions as a junior ... a great track athlete ... also recruited by Cincinnati, West Virginia, Pittsburgh and Virginia ... coached by Rick Conner.

Personal: Born in Olney, Md. ... parents are Scott and Laura Riddle ... enjoys hunting and fishing in free time ... favorite NFL athlete is Barry Sanders ... enjoys listening to country music...undecided on a major but considering sports medicine and athletic training as a career.

Caleb Rowe

Quarterback

Fr.-HS, 6-2, 185

Landrum, S.C. (Blue Ridge High School)

At Blue Ridge High School: One of the top-rated players in South Carolina ... ranked 15th among players in the state and No. 26 nationally among pro-style quarterbacks by Rivals.com ... rated No. 12 overall in the state and 22nd nationally among pro-style signal-callers by 247Sports.com ... the 30th-rated overall QB prospect in the country by Scout.com ... passed for 2,722 yards and 33 touchdowns with only seven interceptions as a senior ... also had three rushing TDs in 2011 ... led the Tigers to a 8-3 record and the South Carolina Class AAA playoffs as a senior ... an honorable mention

all-state pick in 2011 ... quarterbacked the South Carolina team in the 2011 Shrine Bowl ... finalist for South Carolina Mr. Football ... passed for 2,680 yards and 27 touchdowns as a junior ... finished high school with over 7,600 yards passing and 78 passing touchdowns in only 31 games ... coached by Wade Cooper.

Personal: Born in Chattanooga, Tenn. ... parents are Dave and Janice Rowe ... enjoys playing the piano and guitar in his free time...lists Drew Brees as his favorite NFL player...uncertain of a major.

Avery Thompson

Linebacker

Fr.-HS, 6-2, 205

Chesapeake, Va. (Grassfield High School)

At Grassfield High School: One of the top prospects in Virginia ... the 37th-ranked player in Virginia and the No. 119 outside linebacker by 247Sports.com ... ranked No. 56 among inside linebackers by ESPN.com ... ranked as the No. 22 overall player in Virginia by MaxPreps.com ... an honorable mention all-state selection ... recorded 75 tackles, including 35 solo stops, five sacks, two interceptions, one of which was returned for a touchdown, and one forced fumble and recovery as a senior ... helped lead Grassfield to a 10-2 record ... recorded 113 tackles and nine tackles for loss as a junior when he earned second-team all-district ... also ran track in high school ... also considered Boston College ... coached by Martin Asprey.

Personal: Born in Tacoma, Wash. ... parents are Elsie and Antonio Thompson ... father is a lieutenant colonel in the Army stationed in South Korea ... considering majoring in engineering, physics or finance.

2012 University of Maryland Football Recruiting Class Breakdown

BY STATE

MARYLAND/D.C. (11)

Wes Brown (Olney)
 Mike Madaras (Olney)
 Zach Dancel^ (Ellicott City)
 Sean Davis (Washington, D.C.)
 Roman Braglio (Owings Mills)
 Kenneth Goins (Baltimore)
 Lavern Jacobs (Temple Hills)
 Stefan Houston (Clarksburg)
 Shawn Petty (Greenbelt)
 Albert Reid (Washington, DC)
 Joe Riddle (Frederick)

PENNSYLVANIA (5)

Brock Dean (Harrisburg)
 P.J. Gallo (Holland)
 Perry Hills (Pittsburgh)
 Quinton Jefferson* (Pittsburgh)
 Anthony Nixon (Pittsburgh)

GEORGIA (3)

Nick Brigham (Atlanta)
 Amba Etta-Tawo (Powder Springs)
 Alvin Hill (Locust Grove)

VIRGINIA (1)

Avery Thompson (Chesapeake)

SOUTH CAROLINA (1)

Caleb Rowe (Greer)

NEW JERSEY (1)

Malcolm Culmer (Willingboro)

CALIFORNIA (1)

Isaac Goins (San Pablo)

MASSACHUSETTS (1)

Abner Logan

* - signed in 2011 and enrolled in January;

^ - transfer who will enroll in the fall

INDIVIDUAL HONORS

FOUR-STAR RECRUITS (5)

Nick Brigham (ESPN.com)
 Wes Brown (Rivals.com; Scout.com; 247Sports.com)
 Abner Logan (Rivals.com; 247Sports.com)
 Mike Madaras (247Sports.com; ESPN.com)
 Albert Reid (Scout.com; ESPN.com)

ALL-STATE HONOREES (21)

Roman Braglio (Md. first team)
 Wes Brown (Md.-first team)
 Nick Brigham (Ga. first team)
 Zach Dancel (Md. - 2010 second team)

Sean Davis (D.C. honorable mention)
 Brock Dean (Pa. second team)
 Amba Etta-Tawo (Ga. second team)
 P.J. Gallo (Pa. first team)
 Kenneth Goins (Md. first team)
 Alvin Hill (Ga. second team)
 Perry Hills (Pa. honorable mention)
 Stefan Houston (Md. second team)
 Quinton Jefferson (Pa. 2010 second team)
 Abner Logan (Mass. first team)
 Mike Madaras (Md. first team)
 Anthony Nixon (Pa. first team)
 Shawn Petty (Md. first team)
 Albert Reid (D.C. first team)
 Joe Riddle (Md. honorable mention)
 Caleb Rowe (S.C. honorable mention)
 Avery Thompson (Va. honorable mention)

TEAM RANKINGS

- 247Sports.com (No. 42)
- Scout.com (No. 44)
- Rivals.com (No. 49)

POSITION RANKINGS

- [Running Backs](#) (No. 2 by Scout.com)
- [Quarterbacks](#) (No. 11 by Scout.com)
- [Running Backs](#) (No. t-21 by Rivals.com)
- [Wide Receivers](#) (No. 28 by Rivals.com)
- [Linebackers](#) (No. 16 by Rivals.com)

BY POSITION

OFFENSE (12)

Quarterback(2)

Perry Hills
 Caleb Rowe

Running Back (4)

Wes Brown
 Kenneth Goins
 Albert Reid
 Joe Riddle

Wide Receiver (3)

Malcolm Culmer
 Amba Etta-Tawo
 Lavern Jacobs

Offensive Lineman (2)

Nick Brigham
 Mike Madaras

Tight End (1)

P.J. Gallo

DEFENSE (12)

Defensive Linemen (2)

Roman Braglio
 Quinton Jefferson

Linebacker (5)

Brock Dean
 Stefan Houston
 Abner Logan
 Shawn Petty
 Avery Thompson

Defensive Back (5)

Zach Dancel
 Sean Davis
 Isaac Goins
 Alvin Hill
 Anthony Nixon