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Cincinnati 2006 Football Recruits Have Talent

CINCINNATI, Ohio — Winners may be the best description of the 18 players who signed national letters of intent to continue their academic and football careers at the University of Cincinnati.

"We have players who have been part of state championship programs. We have others who have helped their teams to regional finals. We have first team all-state players," stated UC head coach Mark Dantonio.

"The most impressive thing about this class is that these young men are quality people. They're going to have a great experience here because they will come together and be great friends for the rest of their lives—they are that type of people."

The Bearcats met their needs with this year's recruiting class, according to Dantonio. Cincinnati got the commitments of eight offensive or defensive linemen, five "big skill" players—running back or linebacker types of performers, and five "small skill" players—wide receiver and defensive back candidates.

To bolster the defensive line, UC secured Chris Harrison, a first team All-Ohio selection from Youngstown (Ohio) Liberty High; Ricardo Mathews, a highly-recruited lineman from Terry Parker High in Jacksonville, Fla.; Ralston Reeves, a second team All-Michigan performer from Murray-Wright High in Detroit; and Oren Wilson, an All-Northern New Jersey gridder from Teaneck.

C.J. Cobb, an all-league and academic all-conference tackle from Jacksonville (Fla.) Sandalwood High; and Toby Boeckman, from St. Henry, Ohio join junior college transfers Mario Duenas and Ken Rodriguez in rebuilding the offensive line.

Four defensive backs were signed: Jason Whitehead, an all-area pick from Jacksonville, Fla.; Aaron Webster from Birmingham Groves High in suburban Detroit; Brandon Miller from Cincinnati (Ohio) Withrow High and Quebec native Peter Carriere. Marcus Barnett, an all-state performer at Frederick Douglass High in suburban Washington, D.C., will join the UC receivers.

Bolstering the linebackers are first team All-Pennsylvania pick Robby Armstrong from the Greater Pittsburgh area, and Freddie Lenix, a Cleveland (Ohio) Glenville High football and track standout who signed with Ohio State last year but did not enroll at OSU.

John Goebel, who earned first team all-state recognition at Brother Rice High in the Detroit area; Jacob Ramsey, a second team all-state pick at Columbus (Ohio) Independence High; and Ben Guidugli, who earned first team all-state honors at Highlands High in Northern Kentucky, will join the competition at running back.

"It's an extremely great class for us," added Dantonio. "This year's class builds on our previous two and has established a foundation for us to build championships."

UC's 2006 Recruiting Class

- Cincinnati's 2005 recruiting class helped their teams compile a 129-40 (.763) record in 2005.
- The recruiting class includes seven players who earned first team all-state honors in 2005.
- The newcomers collectively have four state championship rings, one each by Robb Armstrong, who keyed Franklin Regional High to the Pennsylvania 3AAA title last fall; Toby Boeckman, a two-way performer on St. Henry's 2004 Ohio state title team; John Goebel, who led Brother Rice to a title in Michigan; and Ben Guidugli, who helped Highlands to the Kentucky state crown in 2004. Two runner-up finishes and seven regional championships are also represented.
- UC's recruiting class contains some fast company. Freddie Lenix was a member of two state championship relay teams while leading Cleveland Glenville High to the 2005 state track title, while Marcus Barnett helped Frederick Douglass High to the Maryland 4A title last spring. Ricardo Mathews reached the Florida state final competition at Jacksonville (Fla.) Terry Parker High in 2005.
- Thirteen members of the 18-player class earned academic honor roll recognition.
- The Bearcats will welcome their first-ever football player from the province of Quebec. Peter Carriere, a 6-foot, 202-pound defensive back from Laval, Quebec, was the No. 3-ranked football prospect and No. 1-rated defensive back in Canada.
- The recruiting class consists of five players from Ohio, three from the Greater Detroit area, three from Jacksonville, Fla., one each from Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Canada (Quebec).
- Ben Guidugli is the brother of Gino Guidugli, the quarterback who rewrote UC's total offense and passing records during his four seasons (2001-04). Ben projects as an H-Back or linebacker.

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AT A GLANCE

Player	Ht.	Wt.	Pos.	Hometown/Prev.School
Robby Armstrong	6-2	210	TB/LB	Murraysville, Pa. Franklin Regional HS
Marcus Barnett	6-1	170	WR	Upper Marlboro, Md. Frederick Douglass HS
Toby Boeckman	6-7	240	TE/OL	St. Henry, Ohio St. Henry HS
Peter Carriere	6-0	202	DB	Laval, Quebec St. Leonard Collegiate
C.J. Cobb	6-4	310	OL	Jacksonville, Fla. Sandalwood HS
Mario Duenas	6-3	280	OL	Antioch, Calif. City College of San Francisco
John Goebel	6-1	210	RB	Milford, Mich. Brother Rice HS
Ben Guidugli	6-2	220	TE/HB	Ft. Thomas, Ky. Highlands HS
Chris Harrison	6-4	270	DL	Youngstown, Ohio Liberty HS
Freddie Lenix	6-0	215	LB	Cleveland, Ohio Glenville HS
Ricardo Matthews	6-3	265	DL	Jacksonville, Fla. Terry Parker HS
Brandon Miller	6-2	185	DB	Cincinnati, Ohio Withrow HS
Jacob Ramsey	6-0	215	TB	Columbus, Ohio Independence HS
Ralston Reeves	6-3	240	DE	Detroit, Mich. Murray-Wright HS
Ken Rodriguez	6-3	305	OL	Los Angeles, Calif. Citrus College
Aaron Webster	6-3	207	DB	Southfield, Mich. Birmingham Graves HS
Jason Whitehead	6-1	185	DB	Jacksonville, Fla. First Coast HS
Oren Wilson	6-3	270	DL	Teaneck, N.J. Teaneck HS

Robby Armstrong

6-2 210 TB/LB Murraysville, Pa.

Franklin Regional High Greg Botta, Coach

First team all-state selection as a senior at Franklin Regional High, coached by Greg Botta...led school to a 15-1 record and the Pennsylvania AAA state championship...rushed for over 2,300 yards and 27 touchdowns en route to first team all-league and All-Western Pennsylvania honors...named to the Elite 11 team by the *Pittsburgh Tribune-Review* and the Fabulous 22 team by the *Pittsburgh Post Gazette*...finalist for the Mercury Award, which honors the top player in Western Pennsylvania...member of the school's National Honor Society...did volunteer work with SADD...born June 30, 1988...son of Bob and Sherri Armstrong...has a younger sister...intends to major in pre-pharmacy.

Marcus Barnett

6-1 170 WR Upper Marlboro, Md.

Frederick Douglass High J.C. Pinkney, Coach

Earned honorable mention all-state honors as a senior at Frederick Douglass High, coached by J.C. Pinkney...helped team to a 12-1 record and a division championship...first team all-league and all-metro Washington choice...made 22 receptions for 522 yards and eight TDs...turned in 25 tackles on defense...participated in the area all-star game...earned second team all-conference honors as a junior...helped school's track and field team win the state 4A championship as a junior, clearing 6'5" in the high jump...former high school teammates Thomas Claggett and Patrick Mimms are sophomores on the UC football team...Honor Roll academic recognition...volunteered at a summer camp...born March 8, 1988 in Upper Marlboro, Md...son of Carla White...art, bowling, skating and skiing are favorite leisure activities...undecided about academic major.

Toby Boeckman

6-7 240 TE/OL St. Henry, Ohio

St. Henry High Jeff Starkey, Coach

Has led St. Henry High to state championships in both football and basketball...keyed the football team, coached by Jeff Starkey, to a 14-1 record and the 2004 Division III state title...made 73 tackles and had four sacks, eight tackles for loss and 13 pass breakups as a junior...injury limited him to five games as a senior, during which he recorded 41 tackles and 4 TFL...contributed to the school's 2003-04 basketball title as a sophomore and keyed the 2004-05 team's 20-3 record and sectional championship...honor roll student...served as class vice president and participated in the Art Club...volunteer activities included serving as a school tutor...born April 13, 1988 in Coldwater, Ohio...son of Tim and Denise Boeckman...youngest in the family of two brothers and one sister...brother Todd played quarterback at Ohio State and cousin Cory Luebke was a pitcher for the Buckeyes...leisure activities include playing cards and video games...intends to major in business.

Peter Carriere

6-0 202 DB Laval, Quebec

St. Leonard Collegiate Tony Iaduluca, Coach

Has led the teams on which he has played to conference championships in each of the past four seasons...helped St. Leonard Collegiate, coached by Tony Iaduluca, to a 10-1 record and a league title in 2005...recorded seven interceptions, 27 tackles, a sack and two pass breakups...also blocked two punts...No. 3-ranked football prospect and No. 1 rated defensive back in Canada, according to nflcflfutures.com...earned a Top 30 ranking in each of the previous three seasons...led Cegep Vieux-Montreal, coached by Marc Sasnterre, to a 32-2 record over and three league crowns over the previous three seasons...born Aug. 15, 1985 in Laval, Quebec...son of Lucie Carriere...has one brother and one sister...intends to major in marketing.

C.J. Cobb

6-4 310 OL Jacksonville, Fla.

Sandalwood High Adam Geis

Powerful, dominating offensive lineman at Sanderwood High, under the coaching of Adam Geis...earned all-league honors and was a second team All-Coast area selection as a senior...also earned first team Academic All-Conference recognition...set numerous standards in the weight room...inducted into the National Association of American High

School Students...community service involvement included volunteering to work at youth football camps...born March 24, 1988 in Jacksonville, Fla...son of Clinton and Beverly Cobb...has two sisters...exercising, watching television and playing video games are among his favorite leisure pursuits...ambition is to become a radio broadcaster...intends to major in communications.

Mario Duenas

6-3 280 OL Antioch, Calif.

City College of San Francisco George Rush, Coach

Named the Northern California Offensive Lineman of the Year following the 2005 season at the City College of San Francisco, coached by George Rush...team captain...helped team to a 9-1 record, a conference championship and the finals of the state playoffs, earning first team all-state recognition...team was ranked No. 2 nationally...starter on the 2003 San Francisco team which went 12-0 and was ranked No. 1 nationally...missed the 2004 season due to injury...earned first team all-conference and second team all-area honors as a senior at Pittsburg (Calif.) High in 2002, under the coaching of Victor Galley...two-way lineman...team captain and winner of the school's Tough Man Award...earned all-league honors as a sophomore at tight end/defensive end...member of the Principal's Honor Roll...born Jan. 9, 1985 in Mexico...son of Mario and Graceila Rodriguez...has one brother...community service work includes volunteering at shelters and free stores...clothes and cars are among his outside interests...intends to major in criminal justice.

John Goebel

6-1 210 RB Milford, Mich.

Brother Rice High Al Fracassa, Coach

First team all-state selection as a senior at Brother Rice High School in Birmingham, Michigan in 2005...helped team, coached by Al Fracassa, to a 12-2 record and the Division 2 state championship...rushed for 1,917 yards, averaging 7.4 yards per carry, and 18 touchdowns and finished with 2,145 all-purpose yards and 21 TDs...two-way performer who made 67 tackles, five pass breakups and had four interceptions and two fumble recoveries as a safety...team captain and offensive MVP...named captain of the *Detroit Free Press* All-State Dream Team and was honored with a spot on the *Detroit News* Dream Team...ranked No. 13 on the *Free Press*' Michigan Fab 50 Football Prospects...rushed for 1,173 yards as a junior to earn first team all-league and all-Catholic recognition...member of the school's B Honor Roll and had

perfect attendance from grades 6-12...delegate to the school's student senate...born Nov. 19, 1987...son of Karl and Kristin Goebel...has a brother and a sister, both older...brother Mark played football at Michigan State...enjoys drawing, lifting weights and playing basketball in his spare time...intends to major in business.

Ben Guidugli

6-2 220 TE/HB Ft. Thomas, Ky. Highlands High Dale Mueller

First team all-state selection as a senior at Highlands High, coached by Dale Mueller...amassed 1,050 yards and had six touchdown receptions as a senior, leading the team to the division title...three-year regular who helped team to a state championship as a junior after a runner-up finish his sophomore season...was a second team all-state selection as a linebacker as a junior...caught 10 TD passes and returned three interceptions for touchdowns that season...earned Honor Roll and Super Honor Roll academic recognition...born Oct. 22, 1987 in Cincinnati, Ohio...son of Dave and Sherry Guidugli...has three brothers...brother Gino was a four-year starting quarterback at UC who rewrote the season and career passing records while leading the Bearcats to three bowl game appearances...brother Jeff is a receiver at Southeast Louisiana...lifting weights, playing basketball and playing video games are favorite spare time activities...undecided about academic major.

Chris Harrison

6-4 270 DL Youngstown, Ohio Liberty High Jeff Whitaker, Coach

Earned first team All-Ohio honors as a senior at Liberty High, coached by Jeff Whitaker...two-time all-county pick who was a first team all-district and All-Northeast Ohio selection in 2005...recorded 29 solo tackles and 91 assisted stops, 13.5 tackles for loss and 11.5 sacks...helped school to a 12-1 record and a regional runner-up finish...was a first team all-league pick as a junior after helping the school to a regional final finish...team was 31-5 during his three seasons...also earned all-conference honors in basketball...Honor Roll student...born Jan. 5, 1988 in Youngstown, Ohio...son of Roxanne Chambers...has an older brother...undecided about academic major.

Freddie Lenix

6-0 215 LB Cleveland, Ohio Glenville High Ted Ginn, Coach

Named the Greater Cleveland area Athlete of the Year in 2005 by the *Plain Dealer* as a senior at Glenville High...led the football team, coached by Ted Ginn, to a 12-2 record and regional championship as a linebacker and running back...made 142 tackles and 12 sacks as a senior to earn all-state honors...had two interceptions, both returned for TDs...helped lead the track team, also coached by Ginn, to state championships in 2004 and 2005...member of the 4x200 and 4x400 relay squads that won event titles and finished fourth in the 100 meter dash...recorded a best of 10.4 in the 100...garnered state and national championships as a sprinter on the track team, also coached by Ginn...part of the school's national championship sprint medley relay team...member of the school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes...volunteer work included reading at local elementary schools...born Oct. 31, 1985 in Cleveland, Ohio...son of Joyce Lenix...has one sister...bowling, listening to music and watching movies among his spare time pursuits...undecided about academic major.

Ricardo Mathews

6-3 265 DL Jacksonville, Fla. Terry Parker High Greg Stanton, Coach

Three-year first team all-conference selection at Terry Parker High School, coached by Greg Stanton his senior season...earned all-county and all-district honors as a senior...recorded 56.5 tackles, including 26 solos, as a senior and also finished with 6.5 tackles for loss and a pair of sacks...had six quarterback hurries and three pass breakups...team captain...multi-sport athlete who reached the state championships in track and was a conference champion wrestler...timed at 4.91 in the 40 and has a 30-inch verticle jump...volunteer work included service with his church's youth association...born July 30, 1987 in Jacksonville, Fla...son of Ricardo and Jacquelyn Mathews...has one sister...hobbies include drawing, swimming and attending church...interested in pursuing a career in engineering or architecture...intends to major in engineering.

Brandon Miller

6-2 185 DB Cincinnati, Ohio
Withrow High Doc Gamble, Coach

Helped lead Withrow High, under the coaching of Doc Gamble, to a perfect 10-0 season and a berth in the state playoffs...earned first team all-league honors...received all-city recognition...community service included volunteering to help youth groups...born Jan. 30, 1986 in Cincinnati, Ohio...son of Perry and Chirlene Walker...has two brothers and one sister...spare time interests include video games, drawing and all sports...undecided about academic major.

Jacob Ramsey

6-0 215 TB Columbus, Ohio
Independence High Alan Jones, Coach

Helped Independence High, under the coaching of Alan Jones, win three consecutive football city championships...earned first team all-conference, all-city and district recognition and was a second team all-state selection as a senior tailback and linebacker...rushed for 1,450 yards and 18 touchdowns...made 76 tackles from his linebacker position...became a starter at fullback and defensive end as a sophomore and garnered all-city and all-district honors...named to the school's academic honor roll...member of the Columbus Public School's Leadership Council...volunteered as a lifeguard...born March 1, 1988 in Columbus, Ohio...son of Deborah Ramsey...enjoys participating in all sports...undecided about academic major.

Ralston Reeves

6-3 240 DE Detroit, Mich.
Murray-Wright High Andre Harlan, Coach

Earned first team all-city and second team all-state honors as a senior at Murray-Wright High, under the coaching of Andre Harlan...recorded 110 tackles, 20 sacks and 15 forced fumbles...helped team to a 9-3 record and league and district championships...also named to the Michigan Blue Chip team...recorded 83 tackles and 26 sacks, setting a league record for sacks, and had 10 forced fumbles as a junior to earn second team all-state honors...did volunteer work with the Michigan Sub-Division BC while in high school...born June 5, 1988 in Detroit, Mich...son of Ralston Caldwell and Sheila Reeves...has an older brother...comes from an athletic family—uncle Reggie Harding played with the NBA Detroit Pistons in the 1960s, his father ran track at the University of Michigan-Dearborn, and two other uncles played college

basketball...enjoys drawing and playing video games...ambition is to become a sports agent...intends to major in marketing.

Ken Rodriguez

6-3 305 OL Los Angeles, Calif.
Citrus College Kevin Emerson, Coach

Earned first team all-conference and all-state honors at Citrus College in 2005, coached by Kevin Emerson...helped team to a league title...named Citrus' Outstanding Offensive Player of the Year...blocking helped teammate Dario Camacho rush for 1,563 yards and 10 TDs and win league Player of the Year honors...honorable mention all-conference pick in 2003...was an all-league pick as a defensive end his junior and senior seasons at Rowland High, coached by John Martin...participated in the Beachcomber Down Under Bowl, a high school all-star game played in Australia, following his senior season...honor roll student in high school...born Feb. 10, 1985 in Los Angeles...son of Lorenzo and Gregoria Rodriguez...has two brothers...has done volunteer work for his church and participated in the City of Hope program benefiting hospitalized children...likes attending movies in his spare time...intends to major in sociology.

Aaron Webster

6-3 207 DB Detroit, Mich.
Birmingham Groves High Brandon Flaherty, Coach

Three-year starter and all-league selection at Birmingham (Mich.) Groves High, coached by Brandon Flaherty...helped team to a district title as a senior to earn all-area honors from both the *Detroit News* and *Detroit Free Press*...was No. 14 on the *Detroit News* Blue Chip list...made 87 receptions for over 700 yards on offense...recorded 150 tackles and made 17 interceptions on defense...averaged over 26 yards in kickoff returns, scoring four TDs and set a school record with eight blocked punts...also helped school to league and district titles in basketball...earned all-conference, all-county and all-state honors as a junior...named to the Principal's Honor Roll his junior and senior years...community service included working with children at shelters...born July 20, 1988 in Detroit, Mich...son of Arthur and Alanola Webster...has two older sisters...ambition is to enter the sports management field...intends to major in marketing.

Jason Whitehead**6-1 185 DB Jacksonville, Fla.****First Coast High School Fred Culver, Coach**

Earned all-area honors as a senior at First Coast High in Jacksonville, Fla., under the coaching of Fred Culver...amassed 67 tackles, including 34 solos, two sacks, two forced fumbles and four interceptions...helped school to the district championship...earned honorable mention academic honors...participated in the school's mentoring program...community service work included volunteering for Big Brothers/Big Sisters...born May 12, 1988 in Miami, Fla...son of Rodney and Marilyn Whitehead...has an older brother and an older sister...shopping and watching football are favorite pastimes...intends to major in engineering.

Oren Wilson**6-3 270 DL Teaneck, N.J.**

First team All-Northern New Jersey selection his junior and senior seasons at Teaneck High, coached by Dennis Heck...made over 80 tackles and had eight sacks playing at defensive end, tackle and linebacker...earned first team all-city and all-area honors his junior and senior years and was a four-time all-conference selection...recorded 70 tackles and 10 sacks as a junior...was selected to participate in the U.S. Army All-American Combine, featuring the nation's top high school seniors...rated as the No. 65 defensive tackle prospect nationally...was ranked No. 23 in the preseason ratings of New Jersey high school prospects...born March 5, 1988 in Englewood, N.J...son of Oren Wilson and Michelle Bullock...has one brother...uncle Bernard Wilson played football at Michigan State...career ambition is to become a sportscaster...undecided about academic major.