

Recent Verbal Pledges Heat Up Just Before Fall Camp

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Klein Collins RB Isaiah Spiller is headed to Aggieland. (Photo: Bryce Unterwagner)

During July in Texas, a heat wave is a normal occurrence.

The temperature heats up well past one hundred degrees, but us Texans are tough enough to handle triple digit weather. Heating up just like the weather, the recruiting trail in Texas for high school football players is on fire.

It's August. That means one thing.

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— Nick Walters (@NickWaltersTV) [August 2, 2018](#)

Within the last two weeks, four highly sought after recruits from the Class of 2019 have made verbal commitments. Four players, two talented running backs, one versatile athlete, and a defensive talking machine have made verbal commitments to top college programs. Three of the universities are from the SEC and one AAC school, which picked up a huge commitment in the C/O 2019. With two players coming from the Greater Houston Area and two players from the DFW Metroplex, each college receiving commitments from these top players did their due diligence to land these recruits.

Four BIG commits ahead of camp. [@Marchen44](#) breaks it all down. ↗

📎 : <https://t.co/LEPvzutC98>

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— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [August 2, 2018](#)

DFW:

Southlake Carroll RB TJ McDaniel (SMU)

5'11 187 LBS C/O 2019

SMU picked a huge commitment from McDaniel, who was highly sought after by several power five conference teams, including Notre Dame, Clemson, Oregon, and Minnesota. McDaniel had an explosive junior campaign, rushing for 1,868 yards with 23 TDS. The Southlake Carroll standout has the power to run between the tackles and McDaniel possesses the breakaway speed to take it the distance. McDaniel is listed as 3-star recruit and ranked as the #144th best player in the state of Texas. TJ also attended the highly competitive Nike Opening this summer at the Star in Frisco.

[.@tjmcdaniel4](#) to SMU

RB / [@SLCDragonFB](#) / Class of 19 <https://t.co/09GySCxjVn> <pic.twitter.com/6qwDBaWvZ4>

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [July 31, 2018](#)

Mansfield Legacy ATH Jeffrey Carter (Texas A&M)

6'0 186 LBS C/O 2019

Carter recently verbally committed to Texas A&M. Carter who spent the last three seasons at Aledo High school, transferred to powerhouse Mansfield Legacy High school. Carter is Mr. Versatile, he can play cornerback and wide receiver and is a threat to explode on either side of ball. As a DB, he can play the deep ball or play press coverage. On the offensive side of the ball, he can expose a defense out of the backfield as a running back and wide receiver. If you don't get again a hand on him, he will be celebrating in the end zone for a TD. 247sports has Carter rated as a 4-star recruit, the #11 cornerback in the nation and the #16 rated athlete in Texas. He also attended The Opening in Frisco this summer at The Star. In 2017, Carter was hindered by a few injuries while at Aledo, but still registered 28 tackles with two interceptions. As a wide receiver he hauled in 10 passes for 232 yards and one TD.

Jeffrey Carter ([@jrcarter2133](#)) to A&M

CB / [@Aledo_Football](#) / Class of 19 <https://t.co/HFtU0UN7Ya> <pic.twitter.com/rocpQpGFKI>

— The Old Coach (@TheOldCoach) [July 29, 2018](#)

Greater Houston Area:

Klein Collins RB Isaiah Spiller (Texas A&M)

6'0 201 LBS C/O 2019

Spiller is the total package and is a homerun threat from anywhere on the football field, no matter what the down or distance may be. His stock began to rise during both his sophomore and junior seasons. Spiller had 66 rushes for 545 yards and 8 touchdowns in 2016 and followed that up with an impressive 2017 in which he ran for 1,284 yards and 23 TDs. He is also a threat out of the backfield catching 15 receptions for 313 yards and 4 TD passes. Spiller's versatility will allow him to be a three down running back at the next level. He recently made his verbal pledge to Texas A&M, where his father TE Fred Spiller also played his college football. 247sports has Spiller rated as 4-star recruit, the #2 rated all-purpose back in the country and the number 27th ranked player in the state of Texas. He also attended The Opening in Frisco this summer at The Star.

[.@isaiah_spiller](#) to A&M

RB / [@KleinCollinsFB](#) / Class of 19 <https://t.co/Bo9Y8aGQnV> [pic.twitter.com/wEPDECfo7e](https://t.co/wEPDECfo7e)

— The Old Coach ([@TheOldCoach](#)) [July 20, 2018](#)

Fort Bend Travis OLB Zach Zimos (Arkansas)

6'4 215 LBS

Zach is a great open field tackler. Zimos will bring the wood and comes down hill in a hurry. He has excellent speed, which on display when he roams the Travis High school secondary at safety. Standing at 6'4 215 LBS, he will bulk up at the next level into the outside linebacker position. Zimos recently gave a verbal pledge to the University of Arkansas in the SEC. 247sports rates Zach as the #39 best OLB in the country, #73 best player in the state of Texas, and a 3-star grade as a recruit. In 2017 Zach had 58 tackles, with two interceptions to go along with 4 tackles for loss.

[#WPS #Family](#) [pic.twitter.com/3gNk6JzzDo](https://t.co/3gNk6JzzDo)

— Zach Zimos ([@zachzimos](#)) [July 28, 2018](#)

Check out my highlight - <https://t.co/55tbAhONqc>

— Zach Zimos ([@zachzimos](#)) [December 2, 2017](#)

As another hot summer comes to close, we head into the 2018 high school football season looking forward to watching these and other top talent align themselves with colleges to give their verbal pledges to the college of their choice.

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