



IOWA FOOTBALL

2014 Newcomer Roster

Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	Hometown	High School/CC
Mick Ellis	K	5-10	180	Fr.	Allen, Tex.	Lovejoy
Jalen Embry	DB	6-0	184	Fr.	Detroit, Mich.	King
Terrence Harris	DE	6-3	250	Fr.	Englewood, N.J.	Paramus Catholic
Parker Hesse	LB	6-3	215	Fr.	Waukon, Iowa	Waukon
C.J. Hilliard	RB	5-10	185	Fr.	Cincinnati, Ohio	St. Xavier
Joshua Jackson	DB	6-1	175	Fr.	Corinth, Texas	Lake Dallas
Marcel Joly	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Hyattsville, Md.	Forestville Military Acad.
Dillon Kidd	P	6-2	230	Jr.	Deerfield Beach, Fla.	El Camino CC
Lucas LeGrand	OL	6-5	260	Fr.	Dubuque, Iowa	Senior
Aaron Mends	LB	6-0	200	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo.	Winnetonka
Matt Nelson	DE	6-8	255	Fr.	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Xavier
Ben Niemann	LB	6-3	205	Fr.	Sycamore, Ill.	Sycamore
Jameer Outsey	LB	6-3	220	Fr.	Somerset, N.J.	Franklin
Keegan Render	OL	6-4	315	Fr.	Indianola, Iowa	Indianola
Jay Scheel	WR	6-1	180	Fr.	Mount Auburn, Iowa	Union
Miles Taylor	DB	6-0	185	Fr.	Silver Spring, Md.	Gonzaga College HS
Omar Truitt	DB	5-11	180	Fr.	Fort Washington, Md.	St. Johns College HS
Tyler Wieggers	QB	6-4	215	Fr.	Lake Orion, Mich.	Detroit Country Day



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2014 Iowa Football Recruits by Position

Defensive Back (5)

Jalen Embry
Josh Jackson
Marcel Joly
Miles Taylor
Omar Truitt

Linebacker (4)

Parker Hesse
Aaron Mends
Ben Niemann
Jameer Outsey

Defensive Line (2)

Terrence Harris
Matt Nelson

Offensive Line (2)

Lucas LeGrand
Keegan Render

Quarterback (1)

Tyler Wieggers

Running Back (1)

C.J. Hilliard

Wide Receiver (1)

Jay Scheel

Specialists (2)

Mick Ellis
Dillon Kidd

2014 Iowa Football Recruits by State

Florida (1)

Dillon Kidd

Illinois (1)

Ben Niemann

Iowa (5)

Parker Hesse
Lucas LeGrand
Matt Nelson
Keegan Render
Jay Scheel

Maryland (3)

Marcel Joly
Miles Taylor
Omar Truitt

Michigan (2)

Jalen Embry
Tyler Wieggers

Missouri (1)

Aaron Mends

New Jersey (2)

Terrence Harris
Jameer Outsey

Ohio (1)

C.J. Hilliard

Texas (2)

Mick Ellis
Josh Jackson



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Mick Ellis
Kicker
5-10, 180, Freshman
Allen, Texas (Lovejoy HS)

High school honors -- earned second team all-state honors as a junior . . . Career -- connected on 13-17 field goals as a junior, including kicks of 53, 52 and 49 yards . . . had 34 touchbacks.

Personal -- Born 5/26/95 . . . open major . . . parents are Jennifer and Matt Ellis . . . high school coach was Matt Green.

Jalen Embry
Defensive Back
6-0, 184, Freshman
Detroit, Michigan (King HS)

High school honors -- Named first team all-state by *Detroit Free Press* as a senior . . . first team all-metro by *Detroit News* . . . first team all-city by *Detroit News* and *Free Press* . . . first team all-city and second team all-state as a junior . . . **Career** -- played defensive back and wide receiver, along with returning kicks on special teams . . . 28 tackles and four interceptions as a senior . . . recorded 53 receptions for 1,026 yards and 12 touchdowns on offense as a senior . . . 32 tackles and five interceptions as a junior . . . 22 receptions for 418 yards and four touchdowns as a junior . . . team captain as a junior and senior as team posted two-year mark of 19-6 . . . also competes in sprints and high jump for prep track team.

Personal -- Born 3/14/96 . . . criminal justice major . . . mother is Lilchell Arnold . . . high school coach was Dale Harvel.

Terrence Harris
Defensive End
6-3, 250, Freshman
Englewood, N.J. (Paramus Catholic HS)

High school honors -- Earned first team all-conference, all-county and all-state honors as a senior . . . second team all-conference as a junior . . . **Career** -- three-year letterman at defensive end . . . helped prep team post 10-2 record in both junior and senior years, winning state title both years . . . collected 82 tackles as a senior, with six sacks and two forced fumbles . . . recorded 80 tackles as a junior, with 10 sacks, four forced fumbles and one touchdown.

Personal -- Born 8/02/96 . . . open major . . . mother is Kimberly Harris . . . high school coach was Chris Partridge.

Parker Hesse (HESS-ee)
Linebacker
6-3, 215, Freshman
Waukon, Iowa (Waukon HS)

High school honors -- First team all-state by *Des Moines Register* and Iowa Newspaper Association as a senior . . . second team all-state as a junior . . . named district MVP on offense as a senior . . . first team all-district in final three years as a prep . . . selected to participate in Iowa Shrine Game . . . **Career** -- helped prep team post 21-5 mark his last two seasons, winning two playoff games as a junior and advancing to state title game as a senior . . . scored 334 career points on offense . . . recorded 59 tackles as a senior, with three sacks and two interceptions . . . completed 93-153 pass attempts for 1,439 yards and 16 touchdowns, while rushing 173 times for 1,273 yards and 23 touchdowns . . . averaged 40.6 yards per punt as a senior . . . recorded 74 tackles as a junior, with 12 tackles for loss, one sack and two interceptions . . . on offense rushed 121 times for 1,174 yards and 17 touchdowns, while completing 22-42 passes for 450 yards and four scores . . . recorded 71 tackles as a sophomore, with two sacks and one interception . . . completed 13-22 passes for 164 yards and two touchdowns, while rushing 41 times for 205 yards and four touchdowns . . . team captain as a senior . . . earned three letters in football while playing quarterback, running back, wide receiver and defensive end . . . four-year letterman in basketball, baseball and track . . . starter on undefeated basketball team as a junior . . . starter on baseball team that reached state tournament as a freshman . . . qualified for state track meet as a sophomore and junior.

Personal -- Born 5/26/95 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin . . . biology major . . . parents are Marcia and Perry Hesse . . . member of National Honor Society . . . high school coach was Chad Beerman.



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C.J. Hilliard (HILL-yurd)

Running Back

5-10, 185, Freshman

Cincinnati, Ohio (St. Xavier HS)

High school honors - - Earned first team all-conference honors as a junior and senior . . . **Career** - - four-year letterman as running back and defensive back, helping prep team reach state playoffs four straight years . . . recorded 40 tackles in six games as a senior, while rushing for 350 yards and four touchdowns . . . as a junior rushed for 650 yards and 10 touchdowns, with 200 receiving yards and one touchdown . . . rushed for 450 yards as a sophomore and 250 yards as a freshman . . . team captain as a senior . . . also earned two letters in both baseball and track.

Personal - - Born 8/19/95 . . . business major . . . parents are Dianne and Carl Hilliard . . . high school coach was Steve Specht.

Joshua Jackson

Defensive Back

6-1, 175, Freshman

Corinth, Texas (Lake Dallas HS)

High school honors - - Earned all-district honors . . . **Career** - - team captain as a senior while playing both wide receiver and defensive back . . . helped team reach second round of state playoffs as a junior . . . as a senior receiver collected 24 receptions for 485 yards and nine touchdowns . . . also participated in basketball and track, qualifying for state track meet in the triple jump as a junior.

Personal - - Born 4/03/96 . . . physical therapy major . . . parents are Vanessa and Paul Jackson . . . high school coach was Michael Young.

Marcel Joly (JOLLY)

Defensive Back

5-11, 180, Freshman

Hyattsville, Md. (Forestville Military Academy)

High school honors - - Was team offensive Player of the Year as a sophomore and Freshman of the Year as a freshman . . . **Career** - - played running back and defensive back, along with being used on both KO and punt returns . . . rushed 39 times for 493 yards and nine touchdowns as a senior, with 13 solo tackles on defense . . . recorded 127 rushing attempts for 833 yards and seven touchdowns as a junior, with 23 tackles on defense . . . 42 rushing attempts for 278 yards and two touchdowns as a sophomore . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . also competed in sprints and hurdle events for prep track team.

Personal - - Born 10/07/95 in Haiti . . . criminal justice major . . . parents are Jeanne Basille and Jules Joly . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was Charles Harley.

Dillon Kidd

Punter

6-2, 230, Junior

Deerfield Beach, Florida (North Broward Prep)

El Camino CC

Hawk-Item - - Enrolled for spring classes in January, 2014 . . . originally attended Florida State for two years as a walk-on.

Junior College - - earned all-conference honors at El Camino Community College in Torrance, Cal., in 2013, averaging 38.2 yards on 50 punts in one season . . . had a season-long of 58 yards, with 18 punts inside the 20 and 12 punts resulting in a fair catch . . . junior college coach was John Featherstone.

High school honors - - Earned All-Broward/Dade County honors as a punter and linebacker . . . **Career** - - played linebacker as a prep, in addition to his punting duties and holding for placements.

Personal - - Born 6/14/91 in San Diego, Cal. . . business major . . . parents are Heidi Kidd and John Kidd . . . his father, John, punted in the NFL for 16 seasons with Buffalo, San Diego, Miami and New York Jets . . . brother Garrett is WR at Miami, Fla.



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Lucas LeGrand
Offensive Line
6-5, 260, Freshman
Dubuque, Iowa (Senior HS)

High school honors - - Named first team all-state and all-conference as a senior . . . team Most Valuable Player as a senior . . . second team all-conference as a junior . . . **Career** - - three-year letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . helped prep team advance to state playoffs as a senior . . . recorded 63 tackles, 6.5 sacks and one interception as a senior . . . 35 tackles, 3.5 sacks and one interception as a junior . . . team captain as a senior . . . earned three letters in track and basketball, and one letter in baseball . . . helped prep basketball team reach state tournament as a junior.

Personal - - Born 10/04/95 . . . open major . . . parents are Kelly and Mark LeGrand . . . high school coach was Dale Ploessl.

Aaron Mends
Linebacker
6-0, 200, Freshman
Kansas City, Mo. (Winnetonka HS)

High school honors - - first team all-conference and all-state as a senior . . . first team all-conference, second team all-metro and third team all-state as a junior . . . first team all-conference and first team all-district as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - career totals include 210 tackles on defense, with 1,790 rushing yards and 140 receiving yards and 29 total touchdowns . . . recorded 50 tackles as a senior, with 4.5 tackles for loss and three sacks, with one forced fumble and a pass break-up . . . rushed 69 times for 285 yards and five touchdowns, while collecting six receptions for 28 yards . . . collected 74 tackles as a junior, including 38 solo and 36 assists, with 7.5 sacks, 5.5 tackles for loss, one forced fumble, one pass break-up and one blocked kick . . . rushed 131 times for 758 yards and 14 touchdowns . . . as a sophomore collected 60 tackles, including 30 solo and 30 assists, with six tackles for loss and three sacks, with one forced fumble . . . rushed 125 times for 747 yards and nine touchdowns . . . collected 26 tackles as a freshman . . . team captain as a junior and senior.

Personal - - Born 10/13/95 . . . health science major . . . parents are Anne and Othello Mends . . . high school coach was Sterling Edwards.

Matt Nelson
Defensive End
6-8, 255, Freshman
Cedar Rapids, Iowa (Xavier HS)

High school honors - - Names to Elite All-State team as a senior and first team all-state as a junior . . . first team all-conference as a senior and second team all-conference as a junior . . . selected for Iowa Shrine Bowl . . . **Career** - - two-year letterman as defensive end and tight end . . . helped prep team post two-year record of 25-2 while reaching Class 4-A state title game in consecutive years . . . recorded 43 tackles as a senior, with 13 tackles for loss and nine sacks . . . collected 47 tackles as a junior, with 19 tackles for loss and 11 sacks . . . recorded 13 receptions for 146 yards and four touchdowns as a senior, with 14 receptions for 162 yards and eight scores as a junior . . . team captain as a senior . . . three-year basketball letterman.

Personal - - Born 12/19/95 . . . biology major . . . mother is Julie Palmer and father is Jay Nelson . . . Academic All-State . . . four-year member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was Duane Schulte.

Ben Niemann (KNEE-mun)
Linebacker
6-3, 205, Freshman
Sycamore, Ill. (Sycamore HS)

High school honors - - Earned first team all-state, all-conference and all-area honors as a senior . . . named team and conference Most Valuable Player and MVP of all-area team . . . first team all-state, all-conference and all-area as a junior . . . first team all-conference and all-area as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - earned three letters as wide receiver and strong safety . . . helped prep team reach second round of playoffs as a sophomore and junior . . . team won conference title and advanced to state semi-finals as a senior with a 12-1 record . . . recorded 78 tackles as a senior . . . also had 45 receptions for 1,050 yards 15 touchdowns, along with two punt return touchdowns . . . 60 tackles and three interceptions as a junior, with 53 receptions for 884 yards and 13 touchdowns . . . as a sophomore recorded 51 receptions for 734 yards and seven touchdowns . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . two-year letterman in basketball, earning all-conference honors.

Personal - - Born 7/27/95 in Des Moines, Iowa . . . education major . . . parents are Lou Ann and Jay Niemann . . . member of prep Honor Roll . . . high school coach was Joe Ryan.



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Jameer Outsey (juh-MEER OUT-see)

Linebacker

6-3, 220, Freshman

Somerset, N.J. (Franklin HS)

High school honors - - First team all-area as outside linebacker as a senior . . . first team all-area as outside linebacker and tight end as a junior . . . third team all-conference as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - three-year starter as defensive end, linebacker and tight end . . . helped prep team reach first round of state playoffs as a sophomore and second round as a junior . . . recorded 51 tackles as a senior, with 13 tackles for loss, five sacks and an interception return for a touchdown. . . 13 receptions for 193 yards and three touchdowns on offense . . . collected 44 tackles as a junior, with nine tackles for loss and five sacks, to go with 223 yards on 15 receptions . . . 28 tackles, four tackles for loss, 1.5 sacks and an interception as a sophomore, along with three receptions for 42 yards . . . team captain as a senior . . . also competed for prep basketball team.

Personal - - Born 9/09/96 . . . criminal justice major . . . mother is Wendie Barnes . . . high school coach was Lou Solomon.

Keegan Render

Offensive Line

6-4, 315, Freshman

Indianola, Iowa (Indianola HS)

High school honors - - Named to Elite All-State first team as a senior and junior . . . first team all-state as a senior by Iowa Newspaper Association . . . Most Valuable Offensive Lineman four straight years . . . first team all-conference three straight years after earning honorable mention as a freshman . . . **Career** - - four-year football letterman as offensive and defensive lineman . . . helped prep team reach state playoffs in three of four seasons . . . recorded 21 tackles as a senior, with 10 tackles for loss, one sack and one fumble recovery . . . 34 tackles as a junior, including 14 tackles for loss and four sacks . . . 14 tackles, including two tackles for loss, and one interception as a freshman . . . played right tackle on offense four straight seasons . . . team captain as a senior . . . also earned three letters in track and one in basketball, while also competing for prep baseball team.

Personal - - Born 11/23/95 . . . open major . . . parents are Karen and Terry Render . . . earned three academic letters as a prep . . . high school coach was Eric Kluver.

Jay Scheel

Wide Receiver

6-1, 180, Freshman

Mount Auburn, Iowa (Union HS)

High school honors - - Earned first team all-state honors as a junior and second team honors as a senior . . . all-district first team as a junior and senior . . . second team all-district as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - three-year letterman as quarterback and wide receiver . . . helped prep team post 12-2 record as a sophomore while claiming state title . . . holds school record for touchdown passes in a game . . . as a senior completed 106-193 pass attempts for 1,650 yards and 18 touchdowns, while rushing 122 times for 493 yards and seven touchdowns . . . as a junior completed 92-149 attempts for 1,593 yards and 19 touchdowns, while rushing for 1,291 yards and 20 touchdowns on 129 attempts . . . as a sophomore completed 80-141 attempts for 1,334 yards and 12 touchdowns which rushing 75 times for 548 yards and five scores . . . team captain as a senior . . . also lettered in basketball and track . . . earned all-state honors in basketball . . . placed eighth in long jump at state track meet as a freshman.

Personal - - Born 5/12/96 . . . biology major . . . parents are Dianne and David Scheel. . . three-year member of prep Honor Roll . . . named to All-Academic team three straight years . . . high school coach was Joe Hadachek.

Miles Taylor

Defensive Back

6-0, 185, Freshman

**Silver Spring, Maryland
(Gonzaga College HS)**

High school honors - - First team all-conference and all-metro as a senior . . . selected to compete in Chesapeake Bowl following senior year . . . second team all-conference and honorable mention all-metro as a junior . . . honorable mention all-conference as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - three-year football starter and letterman . . . first player at high school to be two-time defensive MVP (junior and senior) . . . led team in tackles as a junior and senior . . . team advanced to state championship game as a junior . . . recorded 86 tackles, eight pass break-ups, two fumble recoveries and one sack as a senior, along with three interceptions and one touchdowns . . . collected 85 tackles as a junior, with 11 pass break-ups, three sacks, three fumble recoveries and four interceptions as a junior . . . recorded 35 tackles and six pass break-ups as a sophomore . . . team captain as a senior . . . also competed for prep basketball team.



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Personal - - Born 12/14/95 . . . open major . . . parents are Audrey and Chuck Taylor . . . 3.3 GPA as a prep . . . high school coach was Aaron Brady.

Omar Truitt (TRUE-it)

Defensive Back

5-11, 180, Freshman

Fort Washington, Maryland (St. Johns College HS)

High school honors - - Earned first team all-state honors as a senior . . . first team all-conference and second team all-metro in Washington D.C. as a senior . . . second team all-conference as a junior . . . second team all-state and first team all-conference as a sophomore . . . **Career** - - four-year letterman as defensive back, wide receiver and quarterback, helping prep team reach state title game as a senior . . . team participated in conference playoffs four straight years . . . recorded 40 tackles, 10 pass break-ups and six interceptions and one touchdown on defense as a senior, along with six KO returns for 206 yards and one touchdown . . . recorded 21 tackles, four pass break-ups and two fumble recoveries as a junior . . . on offense rushed 20 times for 80 yards and had 243 yards and two scores on 19 receptions . . . also had 180 yards on 10 KO returns and four punt returns for 35 yards . . . recorded seven tackles as a sophomore along with 10 KO returns for 132 yards and three punt returns for 30 yards . . . on offense rushed 51 times for 277 yards and three touchdowns, had one passing touchdown and caught 15 passes for 174 yards and a touchdown . . . had 12 tackles on defense and five receptions for 53 yards on offense as a freshman . . . three-year track letterman.

Personal - - Born 2/23/96 . . . open major . . . parents are Carla and Olanda Truitt . . . high school coach was Joe Patterson.

Tyler Wieggers (WEE-girs)

Quarterback

6-4, 215, Freshman

Lake Orion, Mich. (Detroit Country Day)

High school honors - - Named all-state and all-Oakland County honorable mention as a junior and senior . . . selected to play in International Bowl for U-19 Team USA . . . **Career** - - three-year letterman at quarterback . . . led team to state playoffs as a sophomore, to state championship game at Ford Field as a junior and district championship as a senior . . . completed 122-192 pass attempts for 2,093 yards and 24 touchdowns as a senior, with 200 rushing yards . . . completed 173-285 attempts for 2,465 yards and 22 touchdowns as a junior . . . completed over 62% of pass attempts in final two prep seasons . . . team captain as a junior and senior . . . also member of prep basketball team.

Personal - - Born 3/31/95 . . . open major . . . parents are Marci and Matt Wieggers . . . Magna Cum Laude as a sophomore and junior . . . Blue and Gold Club Scholar Athlete of the Year . . . Silver Medal winner and Magna Cum Laude winner on National Latin exam . . . high school coach was Dan MacLean.
