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Mules Football adds 13 for 2012

(WARRENSBURG, Mo.) – The University of Central Missouri Mules football team announced its 2012 recruiting class today. The list includes 12 high school students and one transfer that will wear the cardinal and black next season.

“By virtue of a small senior class and low attrition, we had a limited number of scholarships this year.” Mules Head Coach Jim Svoboda said, “Nevertheless, our staff did an outstanding job of identifying and securing the top talent on our board. Clearly we had specific priorities position-wise and we fulfilled those needs yet also signed many players who can play multiple positions. This is a small, but extremely skilled and athletic class. It allows us to continue to stay within our philosophy of building the program with outstanding high school athletes.”

Following is a list of the Mules’ 2012 football commitments:

Andrew Bakker – Wide Receiver
6-3, 190, Freshman

Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale High School

As a senior he was named second team all-conference and received the “tri-star” award ... was also a track state champion in the shuttle hurdle ... high school teammate of Jack Cronin.

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Jack Cronin – Defensive End
6-3, 225, Freshman

Urbandale, Iowa/Urbandale High School

A team captain as a senior, he earned first team all-conference and academic all-conference honors ... was a state qualifier in track & field in the discus, also qualified for the Drake Relays in the same event ... high school teammate of Andrew Bakker.

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Layne Fischer – Offensive Line
6-4, 280, Freshman

Warrensburg, Mo./Warrensburg High School

A first team all-conference left tackle as a junior and senior for Warrensburg High ... was a second team all-conference selection as a sophomore ... Fischer was an all-conference wrestler as well as an all-conference thrower for the track & field team ... as a junior he earned first team

honors in the shot put and second team accolades in the discus ... he was also an all-district honoree in the shot put qualifying for the state meet.

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Garrett Fugate – Quarterback

6-2, 185, Freshman

Overland Park, Kan./Blue Valley Northwest High School

A two-year starter and team captain for the Huskies, Fugate earned all-conference and all-state honors after setting the school's single-season passing record with 2,032 yards and a school record 22 touchdowns ... he was a Shrine Bowl selection and a finalist for the Simone Award, which is given yearly to the most outstanding high school football player in the Kansas City Metro Area ... a three-year letterman for the basketball team, Fugate has helped the Huskies to a pair of state runner-up finishes and a conference championship ... also a member of the track & field team, he anchored the conference champion 4x400 relay team, was second in the conference in the triple jump with a mark of 42'9" ... he was a Principal's Honor Roll member and an EKL Scholar Athlete.

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Brandon Gallatin – Quarterback

6-2, 195, Freshman

Greeley, Colo./Greeley West High School

A three-year letterman for Greeley West High School he was an honorable mention all-conference pick as a junior and first team all-conference as a senior ... received the Tyler McKenzie Memorial Award for most outstanding achievement, dedication and commitment ... was a three-time first team Academic All-State Football selection and an Academic All-State Track Team selection ... was named to the Honor Roll for four straight years.

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Justus McMullen – Wide Receiver

6-3, 210, Freshman

Raytown, Mo./Raytown High School

Was an all-conference selection and Team MVP and captain as a senior at Raytown High School ... McMullen was also an All-Metro selection as a senior.

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Josh Powell – Defensive End

6-4, 215, Freshman

Columbia, Mo./Columbia-Rockbridge High School

The all-time leader in sacks at Columbia-Rockbridge High School, Powell was a first team all-district and all-area selection at defensive end as a senior ... he received the Bruin "Pass Rusher of the Year" Award after racking up 11.5 sacks as a senior. |

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Zachary Quines – Linebacker

6-3, 220, Junior-Tr

Miliani, HI/Arizona Western College

Quines was a first team all-conference linebacker at Arizona Western for head coach Tom Minnick, while helping his team land a spot in the Toro Bowl ... was fourth on the team with 81 tackles, including 13 for loss and an interception return for a touchdown as a sophomore ... as a freshman he recorded 90 tackles, a team-leading 70 assisted tackles and four sacks ... was twice named first team all-conference at Miliani High School following his junior and senior seasons.

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Diaron Rhodes – Cornerback

5-10, 175, Freshman

Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook High School

Helped lead his team to a Class 8A State Championship as a senior when he earned first team all-area and all-conference honors as a defensive back ... was a team captain for both the football and track & field squads as a senior ... high school teammate of Tevin Teamer.

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Eric Siebenshuh – Quarterback

6-3, 200, Freshman

St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell High School

A team captain as a senior when he earned the Golden Helmet Award, was named Team MVP and earned the team's sportsmanship award ... a second team all-conference pick as a senior and an academic all-conference selection as well ... high school teammate of Alex Strong.

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Alex Strong – Wide Receiver

6-2, 180, Freshman

St. Charles, Mo./Francis Howell High School

One of the best receivers in school history, Strong broke four school records as a senior with 48, catches, 14 touchdowns, 1,250 receiving yards, and a 26.0 yards per catch average ... he was a first team all-conference honoree, while also receiving second team all-metro and all-state accolades as well ... high school teammate of Eric Siebenshuh.

Recruit Video

Tevin Teamer – Safety

6-3, 195, Freshman

Bolingbrook, Ill./Bolingbrook High School

Teamer was an all-conference honoree as a senior safety when he helped lead his team to the 8A State Championship ... was also a second team all-area and honorable mention all-state selection ... high school teammate of Diaron Rhodes.

Recruit Video

Gabe Vandiver – Running Back

5-10, 185, Freshman

Richmond, Mo./Richmond High School

Was a first team all-state running back and kick returner as a senior when he also earned first team all-conference honors as a running back and defensive back and honorable mention all-metro honors ... he was also a first team all-district running back and defensive back, while earning the district player of the year award ... was a Frank Fontana Award finalist ... helped lead his team to a class3 state championship in 2010 ... was a first team all-conference performer in track & field in the 100 and 200 meters ... was first team all-district in the 100m and second team all-district in the 200m.

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