

## University School has modern-day Fearsome Foursome

With four or five Division I-bound players, the defensive line for University School might be the best in the state.

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To watch University School's defensive line jump the snap and swarm the quarterback is to see why the Suns can expect to improve on last season's one-loss campaign.

You're forgiven if you have trouble telling one Division I-bound prospect from another. David Perry and Max Beaulieu bookend a front of top-flight recruits. With tackles Patrick Williams and Brandon Reaney-Graham in the trenches, the group comprises what might be the best defensive line in the state.

"They're all good," said University coach Roger Harriott, who plans to rotate his D-line in a 3-4 set.

In 2008, University School's undefeated regular season came to an end with a crushing 45-6 loss to Pahokee -- that debacle after the Suns had held opponents to 7.4 points per game all season.

This year, realignment has landed Pahokee in the same district as University School.

But with that monstrous line, quarterback Douglas Cook (brother of former Hurricane Glenn Cook) and a stable of receivers, Harriott's crew is eager for another shot at the 2B state title.

The edge rusher wearing No. 51 is Beaulieu, a 6-4, 230-pound defensive end entertaining offers from Purdue and Wake Forest. He and Perry form a strong front that should make things easier for the secondary.

"It begins with us. We put that pressure on and force the action," Beaulieu said.

Perry, Beaulieu's bookend partner, has only scratched the surface of his talent, and he knows it.

"I know I still need to get better. I have to beat my man, get off the ball faster," Perry said.

Harriott qualified that assessment: "Yeah, but he's pretty good right now."

When Perry and his family came to South Florida from Jamaica last year, he knew nothing about football.

"It was a ground-up thing, he had to learn it all," said Harriott, who also came to the U.S. from Jamaica as a youngster.

Perry learned quickly. After false-starting repeatedly in early practices, he got his bearings and used his 6-6 frame to beat offensive lines, recording eight sacks and 47 tackles in 2008.

Scout.com ranks Perry as the No. 41 defensive end in the state, but Harriott thinks rankings only tell part of the story.

"We're expecting big things from him [this year]. He has improved [by] leaps and bounds," Harriott said.

Perry -- whose vertical leap is 33 inches -- is also a stellar basketball prospect. But he is being pursued primarily by football powerhouses Florida, Florida State, Miami and LSU. On the Suns' bench -- though not for long -- is Perry's little brother, sophomore Daniel Perry, who is following in his two-sport star sibling's footsteps.

"These guys can do some special things this year," said Harriott, whose team has flown under the radar during summer months.

Added Beaulieu: "You're going to hear from us this year."