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NC State Signs Five Heralded Wrestling Recruits In November Signing Period

RALEIGH, N.C. — NC State wrestling coach Carter Jordan announced today the signing of a five-man recruiting class for the November signing period, highlighted by three of the nation's top 100 recruits. All four signees will enroll at NC State in the fall of 2011.

The centerpiece of the recruiting class is 171-pounder **Chris Phillips** of Monroeville, Ohio, a three-time state champion and the No. 3 overall signee in the class of 2011, regardless of weight class. Phillips carries a 133-1 overall record into his senior year, but he is hardly a one-man class. NC State also signed:

- » **Josh DaSilveira**, the 2010 high school junior national champion from Cardinal Gibbons High School in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.
- » **Henry Carlson**, a three-time All-American, two-time high school national finalist, and 2008 national champion who will wrestle at Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va., as a senior in 2010-11
- » **Harrison Honeycutt**, a two-time North Carolina state champion who brings a two-year, 104-match winning streak into his senior season at Lake Norman High School
- » **Coltin Fought**, a three-time state qualifier and the 2010 state runner-up at 125 pounds in the wrestling-rich state of Pennsylvania

"We're just ecstatic to have signed four quality young men like this," Jordan said. "All four of them stand out on the wrestling mat, but they're also outstanding people who we believe will represent our program and our university in a first-class manner at all times. We also believe that signing a class of this caliber says great things about our program and our university."

All five of the Wolfpack's signees could make early contributions. Phillips enters his senior season as the nation's top-ranked 171-pounder. His lone loss was in 2008 to Blair Academy's Ed Ruth, a two-time high school All-American who signed with Penn State. Phillips should wrestle for the Wolfpack at 174 pounds.

Carlson, who figures to wrestle collegiately at 149 or 157 pounds, is ranked No. 85 overall regardless of classification in the class of 2011 and No. 10 in his weight class. Honeycutt, No. 90 overall and No. 5 at 215, most likely will compete for NC State at 197. Fought is ranked No. 19 nationally at 130 pounds and should be at 125 or 133 collegiately. DaSilveira, ranked in the top 10 nationally at 189 pounds, will push for mat time at 184 or 197 for the Wolfpack. The rankings are by intermatwrestle.com.

The recruiting class is the first for NC State since the addition of recruiting coordinator Lee Pritts, who joined the Wolfpack coaching staff until August.

"We knew we were getting a first-rate recruiter when we hired Lee Pritts," Jordan said. "His track record at Missouri and Old Dominion was very impressive, and he's continued that here at NC State."

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NC State Wrestling

2010 Fall Signees

Henry Carlson

Cox HS, Virginia Beach, Va.

Previously from Vestavia Hills, Ala.

Projects to wrestle at 149-157 pounds

- Ranked the No. 85 overall recruit in the nation according to intermatwrestle.com
- Three-time Alabama state champion
- Is a two-time NHSCA Nationals finalist, and won the national championship as a freshman in 2008
- Finished sixth at junior nationals in freestyle the summer of 2010
- Ranked the 10th-best recruit at 149 pounds by TheOpen-Mat's Top Prospect Report
- Ranked 13th nationally at 152 pounds by Wrestling USA
- Will wrestle his senior year at Cox High School in Virginia Beach, Va.

Josh DaSilveira

Barron Collier HS, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Projects to wrestle at 197

- Enters the 2010-11 season ranked No. 9 nationally at 189 pounds by Win magazine, No. 10 by Wrestling USA and No. 16 by intermatwrestle.com
- Won the high school junior national championship in 2010
- Was taken down just once at high school nationals and won his five bouts by a combined score of 32-18
- Went 48-3 at 189 pounds as a senior in 2010 at Barron Collier High School and was state runner-up at that weight classification
- Finished fifth at the 2010 Super 32 Tournament
- Will wrestle at 215 as a senior

Coltin Fought

Benton HS, Bloomsburg Pa.

Projects to wrestle at 125-133 pounds

- Has an overall career record of 105-21
- Was an NHSCA Junior Nationals All-American
- Ranked 19th at 130 pounds by Wrestling USA
- Was 2010 PIAA Class AA state runner-up at 125 pounds with a 41-7 record as a junior in 2010
- Won section, district, and regional championships
- Helped lead Benton High to the 2010 PIAA Class AA state championship
- Went 25-7 at 112 pounds as a sophomore in 2009 and was sectional champion
- Was 39-7 at 103 pounds as a freshman in 2008
- Won the sectional championship and was a state qualifier
- Plans to major in biological sciences

Harrison Honeycutt

Lake Norman HS, N.C.

Projects to wrestle at 197 pounds

- Ranked the No. 90 overall recruit in the nation according to intermatwrestle.com
- Ranked No. 1 in the state
- Has not lost a match in two years
- Ranked 5th by Wrestling USA at 215 pounds
- Two-time state champion
- Won 2010 NCHSAA Class AAA championship at 215 pounds, and collected his 104th consecutive win with a decision in the finals
- Won 2009 NCHSAA Class AAA championship at 189 pounds, finishing the season with a 53-0 record
- Earned two-time double All-America honors in 2008 and 2009
- Finished fifth nationally in freestyle, and sixth Greco-Roman in 2008
- Finished fifth nationally in Greco-Roman in 2009

Chris Phillips

Monroeville, Ohio

Projects to wrestle at 174 pounds

- Ranked the No. 3 overall recruit in the nation according to intermatwrestle.com
- A three-time state champion from Ohio
- Won the state championship at 171 pounds and was voted Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Ohio state championships tournament as a freshman in 2007-08
- Had a combined record of 133-1 his first three years of high school
- Went 51-0 as a freshman, 11 wins short of tying the Ohio high school record for victories in a season
- Went 45-1 as a sophomore in 2008-09
- Only loss was a 3-2 decision to Blair Academy's Ed Ruth (now at Penn State) as a sophomore in the Walsh Jesuit Ironman Tournament
- Finished the 2009 season ranked No. 3 nationally at 171 by theopenmat.com
- Was a perfect 37-0 as a junior in 2009-10
- Won the 171-pound championship at the Ironman Tournament as a freshman, then placed second to Ruth as a sophomore
- Forced to sit out the Ironman Tournament after hyperextending his elbow in his first-match win in 2010