



CANADIANS MAKE AN IMPACT AS NCAA COLLEGE FOOTBALL KICKS OFF

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When a new college football season begins, returning players aim to make a bigger impact than they did the previous year and newcomers try to prove their worth. Among players on college football rosters looking to impress are 94 Canadians among international student-athletes playing American football south of the border.

The University of Buffalo's return to action in 2009 after their surprise upset MAC championship win last year over undefeated Ball State saw the Bulls' Canadian defensive end **Bruno Lapointe** (Lennoxville, QC) collect four tackles in a 23-17 win over Texas El-Paso.

Central Michigan receiver **Kito Poblah** (Montreal, QC) hauled in 6 catches for 47 yards, while the Chippewas defense led by senior safety **Eric Fraser** (Burnaby, BC) allowed only one touchdown, but still suffered a 19-6 loss to Arizona.

Connecticut pulled out a 23-16 victory over Ohio as the Huskies offensive line and center **Muhammed Petrus** (St.Laurent, QC) resumed their dominating rush blocking from last year with the team rushing for 259 yards. Holy Trinity alum **John Delahunt** (Ottawa, ON) received a start at tight end and freshman defensive end **Jesse Joseph** (Laval, QC) started at defensive end, contributing two tackles.

Southern Arkansas revealed their new football program, and they left an impression on Hargrave Academy with a 30-13 win. Quarterback **Myles Gibbon** (Montreal, QC) directed the Jaguars offense, completing 7 of 13 passes for 126 yards and a touchdown. The freshman displayed also some mobility with 37 yards on 6 carries and another touchdown on the ground.

Baylor's 197 yards rushing effort against Wake Forest was anchored by offensive tackles **Danny Watkins** (Kelowna, BC) and **Philip Blake** (Brampton, ON) as the Bears held off a late surge by the Demon Deacons to squeak out a 24-21 win.

New Hampshire corner **Ryan Hinds** (Toronto, ON) sealed a 24-14 victory with an interception on St. Francis' final drive and the junior also posted two tackles.

Northeastern State starting corner **Troy Adams** (Toronto, ON) intercepted a ball in the first half in a 6-0 loss to Tarleton. The Riverhawks offense moved to the Tarleton 20-yard line on their final drive, but failed to advance further.

Running back **Charlie Houghton** (Toronto, ON) did a little bit of everything in Georgetown's matchup against Holy Cross. The senior ran for 19 yards on eight carries, with four catches for seven yards. He also took two kickoffs for a total of 46 yards. Unfortunately, two fourth quarter Holy Cross touchdowns put the game out of reach at 20-7.

Minnesota tailback **Michael Van Ramshorst's** (Thunder Bay, ON) 46 yards on eight carries played a key part in a 56-0 drubbing of Concordia-St. Paul and the freshman also recorded a special team tackle.

Missouri S&T running back **Jerome Miller** (Toronto, ON) gathered 17 yards on six carries and one catch for two yards in a 50-13 loss to Central Missouri.

North Dakota lost their faceoff with offensive powerhouse Texas Tech, 38-13. Fighting Sioux receiver **Ismael Bamba** (Montreal, QC) snagged three passes for 23 yards. Defensively, linebacker **Curtis Dublanko** (Thorsby, AB) made three tackles along with one pass break up.

Defensive lineman **Renaldo Sagesse** (Montreal, QC) had one tackle in Michigan's defensive effort, limiting Western Michigan to 38 rushing yards in a 31-7 triumph.

Left tackle **Tyler Holmes** (Ottawa, ON) and the Tulsa offensive line paved the way for 201 rushing yards against Tulane as the offensive effort led to an easy 37-13 win.

Akron defensive lineman **Hasan Hazime's** (Pickering, ON) six tackles did not slow down the Penn State assault as the Zips suffered a devastating 31-7 loss to the Nittany Lions.

Adrian's home opener ended in a disappointing 31-21 loss to Capital University. Junior punter **Kevin Allaer** (Wallaceburg, ON) punted eight times for 282 yards, a 35.2 average, and a long of 41 yards.