



Officers & Board of Directors

Jack Kemp
Chairman
Scott Hallenbeck*
Executive Director
Ray Anderson
National Football League

Jason Belser
NFL Players Association
Joe Browne
National Football League
Jon Butler
Pop Warner Little Scholars, Inc.

Tom Cove
SGMA International
Carl Francis
NFL Players Association
Bob Gardner
Nat'l Federation of State H.S. Assns.

Alexia Gallagher
National Football League
Roger Goodell*
National Football League
Art Monk
Alliant Merchant Services

Mark Meana
Fairfax County (Va.) Youth Football
Keith Rucker
Cincinnati Mt. Healthy H.S.
Frank Sanchez
Boys & Girls Clubs of America

Grant Teaff
American Football Coaches Assn.
Gene Upshaw*
NFL Players Association
Deborah A. Yow
University of Maryland
**Ex-officio Board Members*

USA Football • 8300 Boone Boulevard • Suite 625 • Vienna, Virginia 22182 • 1.877.5.FOOTBALL • USAFootball.com

NEWS RELEASE

FOR USE AS DESIRED
9/3/08

International Contact: Michael Preston; 781/363-0305; MP@MPrestonSports.com
U.S. Contact: Steve Alic; 703/992-8325; salic@USAFootball.com

USA FOOTBALL INTERNATIONAL STUDENT PROGRAM WELCOMES STUDENT-ATHLETES FROM AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, GERMANY & MEXICO

USA Football, the sport's national governing body on youth and amateur levels, continues its successful International Student Program (ISP) as 12 student-athletes spanning three continents live their dream of playing 'American' football and studying at U.S. prep schools.

Now in its third year, the ISP class of 2008-09 welcomes some of the finest football prospects from Australia, Denmark, Germany and Mexico to schools in Connecticut, Illinois, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Pennsylvania. Seven of the 12 students return for their second year within the USA Football program.

Participating students must satisfy their school's academic criteria and are expected to excel in the classroom as well as on the gridiron. Prospective ISP students apply online at usafootball.com, and provided they are suitable candidates, are eligible for financial aid from both USA Football and the host schools that they select.

Kimball Union Academy in New Hampshire welcomes back WR/LB **KEVIN GANGELHOFF** (from Odense, Denmark), OL/LB **CHRISTOPH KURZER** (Berlin, Germany) and DE/TE **KASIM EDEBALI** (Hamburg, Germany). All three were part of the Wildcats roster that won the NEPSAC (New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference) championship last year and posted an 8-0 regular season record. They also attended the Boston College football camp this summer and have attracted interest from Division I-AA college recruiters.

"I had a fantastic time at KUA and I can't wait to return," said Kurzer, from Berlin. "It took me a little while to adjust to the academics and learning subjects in a new language, but once I had mastered that, my grades really improved and now I am doing well.

"Playing football almost every day and trying a new position other than the linebacker spot that I am used to has made me a much better player in a very short space of time. The whole experience of being here is just incredible."

The two KUA newcomers are two-way linemen **ROBERT KING** (Copenhagen, Denmark) and **LUKE ROBINSON** (Sydney, Australia), the first student-athlete to enroll from Oceania.

Also new to the program are DE/TE **KAI BRUSCH** (Hamburg, Germany), who will attend the Salisbury School in Connecticut and WR/DB **SHUJAA BENSON** (Copenhagen, Denmark). Benson has already arrived in his new home just north of Chicago and started taking summer classes and began an off-season weights program as he prepares for life at the Lake Forest Academy in Illinois.

Returning to the Kent School in Connecticut is WR/DB/K **GREGOR LIETZAU** (Berlin, Germany), who will be joined by first year student OL/DL **OLIVER WOLTDEIT** (Berlin, Germany). The pair played on the German junior national team that won the 2008 European Junior Championship in Sevilla, Spain, in July.

The Christ School in North Carolina welcomes back K/WR **DANNY AGEE** (Puerto Vallarta, Mexico) and OL/DE **HANNES TOEWE** (Jersbek, Germany) to its ranks, while **CURTIS FEIGT** (Schönefeld, Germany) will enjoy a second year at Mercersburg Academy in Pennsylvania.

Two 2007-08 graduates of the USA Football International Student Program will play football at U.S. colleges this year. Running back/defensive back **RUBEN AUSTIN SCHMIDT** from Dusseldorf will attend Pace University in New York, while **TIMM KAMINSKI** from Kiel is heading to American International College in Springfield, Mass. Both hail from Germany and attended Kimball Union Academy the past two years.

In its three years of existence, the International Student Program has welcomed student-athletes from six countries: Australia, China, Denmark, Germany, Ireland and Mexico.

USA Football International Student Program 2008-09 Player Profiles

Kimball Union Academy, Meriden, New Hampshire:

Kasim Edebali: Senior, second year, DE/TE, 6-3, 235, Hamburg, Germany
Ended his first-year at KUA in fine fashion and attended the 2008 Boston College summer football camp. He has drawn recruiting interest from the University of Connecticut and Division I-AA programs. Edebali caught a touchdown and a two-point conversion in the Wildcats' NEPSAC championship game victory last season.

Kevin Gangelhoff: Senior, second year, WR/TE/LB, 6-4, 205, Odense, Denmark
Has already verbally committed to Division I-AA powerhouse New Hampshire. He ended his third trimester at KUA earning a 3.3 GPA. Gangelhoff made 22 tackles, 2.0 sacks, forced two fumbles, and recovered another from his linebacker position last season. He also blocked two punts on special teams. As a kicker, he was successful on seven extra points, and as a tight end, made two receptions for 80 yards. He was the MVP of the Danish junior national team that finished fourth in the 2008 European Junior Championship in Spain this past July.

Christoph Kurzer: Senior, second year, LB/OL, 6-1, 220, Berlin, Germany
Ended his junior year at KUA taking some difficult courses and doing well academically. Attended the Boston College Camp and has gained some interest from top academic schools in the Northeast. Helped the Wildcats win the NEPSAC championship with a 28-0 victory over Lawrence Academy in the Tom Austin Bowl.

Luke Robinson: Junior, first year, OL/DL, 6-2, 240, Sydney, Australia
A two-way lineman who will get a taste of football in the United States when he visits Arizona and California with the Australian junior national team this month. The Aussies will scrimmage against Arizona Western College (7 p.m., Friday, August 22) and Sacred Heart Cathedral Prep in San Francisco (4 p.m., Friday, August 29).

Robert King: Junior, first year, OL/DL, 6-3, 280, Copenhagen, Denmark
Helped the Danish junior national team to fourth place at the 2008 European Junior Championship in Spain. King played on both the offensive and defensive line as Denmark beat Finland, 46-6, in group play and narrowly missed out on the bronze medal in a 28-14 loss to France.

Lake Forest Academy, Lake Forest, Illinois

Shujaa Benson: Junior, first year, WR/DB, 6-1, 170, Copenhagen, Denmark
In the 2008 European Junior Championship in Spain, caught seven passes for 182 yards and two touchdowns. Both touchdowns were spectacular high-leaping catches in the end zone in a third-place playoff loss to France as Denmark recorded its highest finish in an international competition.

Kent School, Kent, Connecticut

Gregor Lietzau: Senior, second year, WR/DB/K, 5-10, 185, Berlin, Germany
Lietzau had 13 receptions last season for 213 yards and three touchdowns. On defense he had seven tackles and an interception and made 20 of 22 extra point attempts, making him the team's second-leading scorer. Caught a touchdown in a group win over France and started at wide receiver as Germany won the 2008 European Junior Championship.

Oliver Woltdeit: Junior, first year, OL/DL, 6-2, 250, Berlin, Germany
Started at center for the European champions (Germany) as his junior national team went undefeated in Spain, beating Austria, France, Denmark and Sweden on the way to the title. Plays his junior club football for the Berlin Rebels.

Salisbury School, Salisbury, Connecticut

Kai Brusch – Junior, first year, DE/TE, 6-4, 210, Hamburg, Germany

A member of triumphant Team Germany at the 2008 European Junior Championship in Sevilla, Spain. Brusch is the second German lineman to play at the Salisbury School as part of the ISP, following Bjoern Werner, who lined up for the 7-1 Crimson Knights last year.

Mercersburg Academy, Mercersburg, Pennsylvania

Curtis Feigt: Senior, second year, OL/DL, 6-5, 250, Schönefeld, Germany

A two-way starter, he spent a busy summer attending football camps in the United States where he impressed a wide range of coaches. The tall and athletic lineman excelled in football camps at Boston College, Maryland, Penn State, Rutgers, Syracuse and West Virginia. He has verbally committed to the Mountaineers.

Christ School, Arden, North Carolina

Danny Agee: Senior, second year, K/TE/WR, 6-3, 225, Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Won All-Conference and All-State honors in Division 2 in North Carolina having made 24 of 29 extra points and 6 of 8 field goals. He also averaged 50 yards per kickoff, including squibs and onside kick attempts. Originally a quarterback and wide receiver, Agee also lines up at tight end.

Hannes Toewe: Senior, second year, OL/DL, 6-3, 210, Jersbek, Germany

Returns to the Christ School to build on his initial season that saw him start two games at DT/DE, making three tackles. Toewe played center in seven games last year where he excelled before a hand injury placed him on the sidelines for two playoff games.

USA Football International Student Program 2000-09 Student Athletes

Name	Year	Country	Ht.	Wt.	School	Coach	Position
Danny Agee	2nd	Mexico	6-3	225	Christ School, NC	Jamie Auch	K/TE/WR
Hannes Toewe	2nd	Germany	6-3	210	Christ School, NC	Jamie Auch	OL/DE
Gregor Lietzau	2nd	Germany	5-10	185	Kent School, CT	Todd Marble	WR/DB/K
Oliver Woltdeit	1st	Germany	6-2	250	Kent School, CT	Todd Marble	OL/DL
Kevin Gangelhoff	2nd	Denmark	6-4	205	Kimball Union, NH	John Lyons	WR/LB
Christoph Kurzer	2nd	Germany	6-1	220	Kimball Union, NH	John Lyons	OL/LB
Kasim Edabli	2nd	Germany	6-3	235	Kimball Union, NH	John Lyons	DE/TE
Luke Robinson	1st	Australia	6-2	240	Kimball Union, NH	John Lyons	OL/DL
Robert King	1st	Denmark	6-3	280	Kimball Union, NH	John Lyons	OL/DL
Kai Brusch	1st	Germany	6-4	210	Salisbury School, CT	Chris Adamson	DE/TE
Shujaa Benson	1st	Denmark	6-1	170	Lake Forest, IL	Ted Stewart	RB/DB
Curtis Feigt	2nd	Germany	6-5	250	Mercersburg, PA	Dan Walker	OL/DL

###