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SAC sees off more football prospects to scholarships

Two more St. Andrew's College football players finalized their scholarships this past week.

Defensive end/linebacker Kieran Walters is heading off to Bishops University in Lennoxville, QC, and running back Mason Watson has committed to Wilfrid Laurier University in Kitchener.

Walters says Simon Fraser and the University of Toronto were recruiting him the most, but the location of Bishop's finalized his decision.

?I chose Bishop's because, as opposed to the other two schools, it was in the country. Although I attend St. Andrew's, I am a boarding student and have always lived in small towns or the country, so it felt most like home,? Walters told The Auroran.

He played his first ever football game in Grade Nine and was invited to a Canada Football Chat showcase. But a shoulder injury sidelined Walters from the event and scouts had to wait to see the young linebacker.

In Grade 10, a coach in Etobicoke called him to come play for his team and up until Grade 11, he admitted he had no idea he was even good at the sport.

?Funny enough, I had no idea I was good at the sport until COVID hit and I started to have a couple of schools reach out to me.?

He took a trip to Quebec to visit Bishop's College, spoke with the coach and the rest is history.

He will be studying neuroscience and would love the opportunity to continue playing football as far as it will take him.

Similar to Walters, Watson chose Wilfrid Laurier University on December 1 with an eye on its setting.

?There were other universities that were looking to recruit me throughout Ontario and British Columbia. I chose Wilfrid Laurier University because they have a nice, small community and I felt a good connection with the coaches of the Golden Hawks,? Watson said.

Yet, unlike Walters, Watson began his love for football at the age of five.

He played from a young age and, at the age of 12, he felt there was an opportunity for him in the future, because he impacted every game he played in significantly.

?Playing for both St. Andrew's College and the Durham Dolphins rep team elevated my game. All the coaches really care about their players and make sure we're striving towards being the best player and young man that we can be. They pushed me to be where I am today.?

As a running back, he's always modelled his game around Tennessee Titans star Derrick Henry by the way he runs moves through the line.

Watson is heading off to Laurier to study psychology due to his interest of the human mind. He is intrigued by humans and would like to learn more on the anatomy of human behaviour.

He hopes one day he can earn a contract in the CFL or the NFL.

By Robert Belardi