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[Torii Hunter](#) wasn't sure he was going to make it back to South Bend for Notre Dame's team banquet this weekend, but the Irish wide receiver commit from Texas is glad he did.

"It went pretty well," said Hunter. "I got to get around the other commits. It was the first time all of us were up there. It was fun to spend time with them."

Hunter had been around other Notre Dame pledges at The Opening in Oregon this summer and on a pair of visits to games this fall, but was happy to take advantage of the opportunity to spend so much time together over a longer period.

"It's important because we want to have that chemistry before we even get there," he said. "We know that we've got each other's backs already. We're all getting along really well and the chemistry is already there."

Hunter was one of 11 commitments to arrive in South Bend and one of 12 to leave as the Irish added Florida running back Greg Bryant to the group on Saturday night.

"He's a great dude," Hunter said of Bryant. "Watching him, he's a great player. We really need him after this year because we're losing some running backs and we'll need him to step up."

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The Texas wideout also enjoyed the chance to visit with his recruiter – Kerry Cooks – and future position coach – Tony Alford.

“I really got to see how they interact with the other players and everything,” he said. “I got to talk to Coach Cooks a lot and Coach Alford and I got to watch them at practice.”

Hunter and the rest of the visitors got to watch the Notre Dame awards show on Friday before getting together on Saturday night to watch the Heisman Trophy presentation with the entire team minus Manti Te'o, who was in New York City as a finalist.

“The awards show was pretty nice,” Hunter said. “It was a nice setup. There isn't really much to say about it, it was pretty good.

“We all watched (the Heisman ceremony) in the Gug. It was pretty special. Everybody was rooting for him, there were a lot of people in there. It was unfortunate that he didn't get it. Everybody was upset and disappointed.”

But overall, the trip was a very positive one.

“I think I saw pretty much everything already, but it was a really good visit.”