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LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. – Three Notre Dame commits arrived here for the Under Armour All-America Game this week and they're hoping to leave with five.

Irish offensive line commits Hunter Bivin and Colin McGovern and linebacker commit Alex Anzalone have been doing their best to get some final words in with Florida running back [Tarean Folston](#) and California safety [Max Redfield](#).

Redfield is scheduled to announce during Friday's game. Folston was also set to make his decision public at the end of the week, but decided he'll do it during Wednesday's practice instead.

Bivin met Folston this past summer, when both were playing on Team USA in Texas. Bivin was in South Bend when Folston took his official visit in October and was happy for the chance to reunite down here this week.

"We've been hanging out," said Bivin. "We sat together at the basketball game (Monday night). I've definitely been in his ear and trying to get him to switch over to the good side."

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“I just talk about all of the perks of Notre Dame. He seems to be pretty aware of the perks of Notre Dame. He’s just got to make the right decision.”

Meanwhile, Anzalone has had the chance to put in words with both Folston and Redfield.

“I was hanging out with Max for New Year’s,” said Anzalone. “Me and him are pretty good friends now. Folston, I’ve been on him since he’s on my team and he’s playing defense. I’ve been on him about that.”

Anzalone knows how stressful it can be when nearing a decision, so he hasn’t been pushing too hard.

“I don’t really pressure them too much because I want to give them personal space,” he said. “I was in the same position as them. They know the deal. The coaches gave their pitches already. They know the right decisions for them. I remind them here and there about the education and all of that.”

Anzalone hasn’t had the chance to see Redfield play, but he’s seen plenty of Folston, who is playing cornerback here this week.

“He came here as an athlete,” Anzalone said of Folston. “They needed corners and he just stepped up. That just shows his character to play a position he doesn’t really want to play in college. He’s a good dude and I think him being that athletic, to play another position at this All-American level, is pretty incredible.”

Bivin had the chance to see Folston carry the ball in Texas this summer.

“He’s an unbelievable athlete,” Bivin said. “He makes cuts that I’ve never seen before out of a

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running back. He uses our blocking well, he reads our blocks and makes his own cut. We just get in their way and he does the rest.”

Folston will be deciding between Notre Dame, Oregon and Florida State. Redfield will either choose the Irish or USC, the school he was once committed to.

“Hopefully we’ll get both of them,” Anzalone said. “I’m pretty confident with how it’s going to end up.”