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John Montelus got to meet Brian Kelly when he visited – and ultimately committed to – Notre Dame for the Irish's Blue-Gold Game in April. The Massachusetts offensive lineman was able to introduce his mother to the Notre Dame head coach when he returned to South Bend for his official visit in November.

On Monday, Montelus and his mother got to return the favor by hosting Kelly and Montelus' head recruiter Bob Diaco for an in-home visit in Everett, Mass.

"It went well," Montelus said. "They came over the house."

The Everett High School standout was proud to have the head coach of Notre Dame at his house.

"It felt great," he said. "He was just trying to get to know me better and everything. It felt great. Not a lot of people get to get this chance, so I'm really happy."

Montelus, his mother, Kelly and Diaco had a comfortable time together.

“They were here for about an hour,” said Montelus. “We just sat around for a while and talked. He was telling me how he can’t wait for me to come out and how the season is looking and the game plan and everything.”

Montelus’ mother was impressed with the coaches.

“She really likes them,” said Montelus. “She thinks they’re great guys and she thinks they’re going to take care of me.”

The Irish coaches took the chance to size up their future offensive lineman.

“They were saying I’m good with my size right now,” Montelus said. “They asked me how much I weighed. They said I have good body weight and everything, so they’re liking me right now.”

The 6-foot-5 Montelus said he’s tipping the scales at around 320 pounds right now.

Kelly didn’t say much about his interest in the Philadelphia Eagles’ head coaching position, other than to say it wasn’t all that serious, and didn’t say much about the Irish’s loss to Alabama in the BCS National Championship Game last week, although Montelus had his own thoughts.

“Alabama was just a better team,” he said. “We’ll get them next year.”

Diaco and/or Irish offensive line coach Harry Hiestand might swing by again before National Signing Day, but Montelus is already preparing himself to get to South Bend in the summer. He knows one of his future linemates – Steve Elmer – has already started classes at Notre Dame, but Montelus is grateful for the time he has left in high school.

“I’ve got to get ready. I’ve got to get in the weight room training for the summer. I’m kind of

happy that I'm home right now and enjoying my time."