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Over the last four years the Irish have done a fantastic job getting a number of the Hoosier State's top athletes to call South Bend their home. That impressive list includes super-talented players like Braxton Cave, Sheldon Day, Tyler Eifert, Gunner Kiel, Zach Martin and most recently Jaylon Smith. With the 2013 class now locked in, the Notre Dame staff has turned their attention towards 2014 and already targeted a few Indiana prospects that have unlimited potential and that includes Warren Central (Indianapolis, Ind.) linebacker [Brandon Lee](#) .

“Recruiting’s been going very well and most recently I picked up another offer from Louisville,” said Lee. “I know things are going to pick up now that signing day is over, but as of right now I have six offers and they’re from Indiana, Purdue, Ball State, Iowa, Kentucky and now Louisville.

“I’ve also talked to most of the Big-10 schools, but on the outside of that conference I’ve talked to North Carolina State, Florida, Notre Dame and a number of other schools.”

The attention he's been receiving from the Irish is definitely welcomed and the talented junior defender is ready to start building a closer relationship with the in-state school up in South Bend.

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"I'm very interested in Notre Dame," he admitted. "I took a visit up there last summer and the campus was very beautiful and the education you can get there is unexplainable. The type of education you can get there would help you out the rest of your life and that's very appealing.

"Notre Dame's defensive line coach, Mike Elston, is my recruiting coordinator. I've spoken to him quite a bit and I had a chance to speak with coach (Brian) Kelly when I was up there on the visit. It was really nice because I got to meet all the staff while I was there and they're all great guys."

The Indiana star admits he hasn't spoken to Notre Dame in about a month, but he's well aware that it isn't because he's fallen off their radar or anything like that.

"We spoke a lot before the national championship game, but since then we haven't talked as much because they been trying to finish up the class of 2013," explained Lee. "They've been telling me just to be patient with everything and we'll see what happens after signing day."

The 6-foot-3, 210-pound linebacker helped Lawrence Central to a 15-0 record last season and finished 2012 with 90 tackles, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries returned for touchdowns and two interceptions for touchdowns.

"It was amazing season for me and my teammates," said the talented defender. "It was the first state title for our school in football and I loved every moment of it.

"Last year, I accepted my role as a junior and stepped up and played hard. I showed leadership by my actions and not so much by words, because I left that to the seniors. This year I plan on stepping into that leadership job, both verbally and by my play, and leading my team to another successful season."

Though Lee knows he had a very good season, he also feels you can never stop working and improving.

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"I'd like to improve on my speed and that's pretty much what I'll be focusing on this off-season," he shared. "I'd also like to gain a little bit of weight to where I'm like a solid 210 or 215 and my weight isn't always moving up and down."

It's easy to predict that there will be plenty of offers coming soon for this talented junior, but before he'll even come close to narrow things down he plans on doing his homework diligently on each and every program.

"I'll be focused more on the academic side of things when I'm ready to make a decision," explained Lee. "I'll also be looking at the coaches and the atmosphere around the school. I'll also take into consideration the players there and whether I fit in with them, but academics will be the main thing."

With all that said, can the Irish expect to see the Warren Central standout on campus anytime soon?

"I'm definitely planning on making it up to Notre Dame. I was going come up for their last junior day, but they changed the date around and I wasn't able to make it. I know their new junior day's on March 23rd and I plan on making it up there for that."