

## ND Checks On 2014 AZ Big Man

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With National Signing Day for the Class of 2013 fast-approaching, colleges are ramping up their work on the Class of 2014.

Two-way 2014 lineman [Natrell Curtis](#) of Mountain Pointe High School in Phoenix is one prospect on recruiting boards across the country.

“Recruiting is going great,” the 6-foot-3, 295-pounder said. “I just picked up an offer from Washington. I want to say I have about 13, 14 offers now.”

Curtis also holds offers from programs like Arizona, Arizona State, Boise State, Colorado, Nebraska, Ohio State and Vanderbilt among others.

“It’s crazy, but I’m just really blessed to have the opportunities to play at these colleges,” Curtis said.

Alabama, Arizona, Arizona State, Nebraska and Oregon have all been by Mountain Pointe in recent weeks as has Notre Dame.

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“Coach (Bob) Elliott from Notre Dame came in (Monday),” Curtis said.

Curtis and Elliott have kept touch over the phone before and after the Irish assistant’s visit.

“They could be one of the colleges to offer me,” Curtis said of the Irish. “He just wants to sit down with all of the defensive coaches, evaluate me and then make it happen.”

If the Irish do come through with an offer, they’d be in the running to get Curtis on campus for a visit and ultimately to sign him.

“Notre Dame is a school that I’m definitely going to look at,” he said. “I don’t really have a list of top schools or anything. I’m just relaxing.

“They have a great tradition. I don’t know too much about them, but they had a great year this year. It’s definitely a school I would plan to go visit.”

Curtis was initially listed by recruiting services as an offensive lineman, but some schools, including Notre Dame, like him on defense.

“Most of my offers are for defense, but they’re telling me I can play either side of the ball,” said Curtis.

Curtis is looking to start hitting the road for unofficial visits soon.

“I’m going to ASU January 26th for their Junior Day,” he said. “I hope to get down to (Arizona) February 2nd and UCLA February 9th.”

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He's hoping to get out to see more schools in the coming months, but doesn't have anything else planned.

"It all depends on when is the right time for me to go out and check out these colleges."