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Though the recruiting process has just started for the 2014 class, a number of the nation's top targets have already begun to separate themselves from the rest the field and I think it would be fair to add Cedar Grove (Ellenwood, Ga.) defensive end/linebacker [Bryson Allen-Williams](#) to that prestigious list.

Cedar Grove struggled a bit this past year wrapping up their season with a 6-5 record, but the dominating defender made his presence felt by finishing with 99 tackles and 18 sacks against some pretty tough competition.

Last November, when we spoke to the talented junior, he had already gone over 15 offers and since then he has been adding to that total steadily, including a big offer from the national champion Crimson Tide.

"I'm now up to 22 offers right now," claimed Allen-Williams. "My newest offers are from Alabama, Oregon, Arkansas and Georgia. I'm also still hearing from a lot of other schools and everything seems to be going really well."

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The Irish were also looking like they would be one of those schools that would offer the Georgia product very early in the process and had been keeping in frequent contact, but it seems like things have slowed down a little bit since then. Though the Cedar Grove standout is not quite sure why things have slowed down, he's hoping that Notre Dame is still interested because he's still interested in them.

"I haven't really been hearing from them recently and I haven't spoken to the coaches in quite a while," he admitted. "I still like Notre Dame a lot and I'm more than willing to still listen to the coaches and learn more about their program."

While he waits to see if the Irish will get back in the recruiting game with him, Allen-Williams is currently hard at work trying to get ready for the 2013 season and that includes adding some girth to his already massive frame.

"Right now, I'm 6-foot-2 and 225 pounds and played at that weight last season," he shared. "I'm hoping to get up to around 6-foot-3 or 6-foot-4 and I'd like my playing weight to get up to around 235 or 240. I don't think that'll affect my playing speed at all and I think I'd be really comfortable at that size."

The Cedar Grove star had a chance to play for the East team in the Georgia Rising Stars game on New Year's Eve last year and though the West beat the East, 10-7, the defender had a great time playing with some of the best players, not only in the state, but in the nation.

"It was a great experience to play with some the top junior players in Georgia," stated Allen-Williams proudly. "We have a lot of the top players in the 2014 class like Nick Glass, Andrew Williams, Raekwon McMillon and Deshaun Watson. There are a lot of great players in the state of Georgia and it was really great playing with them."

Even though the talented junior is unsure of the Irish's intentions at this point, a visit to Notre Dame could still be in the cards for the Georgia star, but for right now he's just hoping to reconnect with the Irish coaches and seeing where he stands.

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“The last time I talked to coach (Scott)Booker we were talking about direct flights from Atlanta into South Bend, so I could visit. While I'd still like to do that, I need to find out if I'm still one of their primary targets and once I do that I'll have a better idea of what will happen next.”