



Fort Chiswell (Max Meadows, Va.) offensive lineman [Coleman Thomas](#) loves being in the battle along the line of scrimmage, especially when the referee's aren't looking.

“Being down in the trenches is a part of the game that I really love,” admitted Thomas. “There's nothing like being down there hitting somebody and getting away with it. It's always fun down there. “I strive to be the best player that I can be. I have a love for the game and I really like to get after it. I play with speed and power and I'll give it every bit of effort that I have.”

The 6-foot-6, 295-pound junior helped lead the Pioneers to an 11-3 record last season and a deep run in the playoffs.

The dominance he displayed on the gridiron has already starting to pay dividends on the recruiting trail as collegiate offers are starting to roll in.

“Recruiting is definitely exciting and I have quite a few schools contacting me now,” he claimed. “I currently have six offers right now from West Virginia, Virginia, Virginia Tech, Pittsburgh, Maryland and Tennessee.

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“Some of the other schools that have been contacting me also are Alabama, Wake Forest, Rutgers, Boston College and a few others.”

Have the Irish showed any interest in the Fort Chiswell standout?

“I haven't heard anything from Notre Dame yet, but I'd be definitely interested,” added the lineman. “There's a winning tradition at Notre Dame that you can't get anywhere else, so I'd really like to look into all they have to offer.”

While he waits to see if Brian Kelly and his staff will ever reach out to him, the Virginia product is already beginning the process of comparing all the programs that have offered him thus far.

“I'm looking for a place I can call home for the next four or five years,” explained Thomas. “I'll also be looking for a coaching staff that treats me like I'm their own son. Hopefully, it will also be a place where I can get in early and get some playing time.”

Big Dreams For Ohio RB

Central Catholic (Toledo, Ohio) running back [Paul Moses](#) has always had big dreams when it's come to the game of football and last year one of those dreams finally became a reality.

“We had a great season and we won the division two state title,” said Moses proudly. “I thought I did well overall in general. I don't know my exact final stats, but I believe I had over 600 rushing yards with 19 touchdowns and I had over 200 yards receiving.”

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Next up on the 5-foot-11, 217-pounder's football bucket-list, besides winning another state championship, is to be able to play the game at the Division I level and by looking at the early results of recruiting, it looks like another one of his goals is going to be accomplished.

"Everything's going really great and I'm enjoying all these colleges talking to me," he claimed. "Right now, I'm just getting everything in order and I still have to do my ACT and stuff."

"So far, I have offers from Nebraska and Akron, but I'm also hearing a lot from Michigan State, Kentucky, Illinois, North Carolina and a couple other MAC schools."

Moses is just beginning the process of setting up the criteria he'll be looking for in the university of his choice and according to the talented junior, that list will be fairly simple.

"The main thing I'll be looking for when I compare these schools is definitely academics," he shared. "I'll also be looking for a good coaching staff that'll look out for me and make me the best player I can possibly be."

With Moses already attending a Catholic school, you can be sure that he already thinks pretty highly of Notre Dame even though they haven't reached out to him at this point.

"I haven't really heard anything from Notre Dame yet, but I'm hoping to hear from them soon," admitted the running back. "I know they have a really great coaching staff up there and a great atmosphere around their program. If given the opportunity it's a place I could really see myself playing at."

The Central Catholic standout believes he has a lot to offer a collegiate program like the Irish.

"I'm the type of player that will do whatever I can to help my team win," he claimed. "I'll be the first one to tell the coach, 'Put me wherever you want me to play and I'll play that position coach.' It doesn't matter whether its offense or defense to me because I just want to play and hit

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somebody.”

Though it's still very early in the recruiting process, a visit to South Bend would definitely still be possible, but according to Moses it will all depend on what Notre Dame is thinking.

“I'd like to get up there to visit sometime, but I have to make sure that they're interested in me first. I'm hoping they are.”