

Gordon Ready For ND Visit

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Cretin-Derham Hall (St. Paul, Minn.) has had a direct impact on the Notre Dame football program in recent history with some of their top football stars choosing to call South Bend home, including 2013 signee James Onuwalu and Arizona Cardinal wide receiver Michael Floyd.

While both players will be known for their production on the offensive side of the field, Floyd in the past and Onuwalu in the future, there are a couple of other prospects coming up at Cretin-Derham that believe they could make a splash on the defensive side of things if the opportunity presented itself and that's 2015 linebacker [Jashon Cornell](#) and 2014 defensive back [Tim Gordon](#).

Both players will head to Notre Dame this weekend and we had a chance to speak to Gordon on his thoughts about his upcoming visit and to say he's psyched up would definitely be an understatement. "I'm just working really hard trying to impress Notre Dame," admitted Gordon. "I know they're always around our school recruiting, so I'm just trying to be patient. Trips to Notre Dame will always be a planned visit for players like Jashon and myself, because Cretin-Derham has sort of developed a pipeline to Notre Dame, especially with Floyd and Onuwalu choosing to go there. Hopefully everything goes well for both of us this weekend."

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The 5-foot-11, 170-pound defender has really started to see recruiting pick up for him over the last couple months and he's extremely excited about the Division I programs that have started to enter the picture.

"I just received my first offer recently from North Dakota, so I'm definitely excited about that," he claimed. "I've also been talking to a number of other schools who I feel will be offering fairly soon like Iowa State, Pittsburgh and Northern Illinois. There are some other schools that have started to contact me, but it's just been preliminary so far."

Gordon's hoping the Irish will soon join that list of Division I schools that have decided to recruit him and on this visit he hopes to find out exactly what the Notre Dame coaches think of him thus far.

"I definitely plan on finding out where I stand on their recruiting board," he shared. "I want to see how serious they are about recruiting me and whether I could possibly be getting an offer in the future. Pretty much, I'm going on this visit to see what they want me to improve on so that I can develop that technique and compete at the highest level."

Does that mean another visit might be coming later this summer for camp?

"We'll see what happens, but as of right now it is definitely on my schedule," said Gordon. "I really want to show them what I can do and I believe once they see that, they'll like me even more."

There's no doubt the Cretin-Derham standout is ready for this weekend's activities and he hopes to see a hungry Irish squad on the practice field raring to go.

"The last time I went down to Notre Dame to visit for the Michigan game, I really enjoyed the intensity level that I saw. This weekend I'll be interested to see if they still have that same intensity level coming off a national championship loss. I want to see if they're practicing hard, so they can have another great year."