

Coach,

Hello, my name is Dan Davis and I am the new sprint football coach at Mansfield University in Mansfield, Pennsylvania. I know it is late in the recruiting cycle for the 2008 season, but I am writing you to introduce myself and sprint football and see if you have any young men who might be interested in playing this unique game, a game for the "little guy."

Sprint Football is a version of football where no player may weigh more than 172 pounds. It is played by teams of the Collegiate Sprint Football League (CSFL). The sport was developed in 1934. The weight limit, originally 150 pounds, is informally pegged to the average weight of a college-aged male and has risen regularly since the sport's inception. Currently there are five teams in the Collegiate Sprint Football League: the United States Military Academy (Army), Cornell University, the United States Naval Academy (Navy), Princeton University, and the University of Pennsylvania. Mansfield will be the sixth school in the CSFL. The league has an impressive list of alumni, including Jimmy Carter, Donald Rumsfeld, Robert Kraft and George Allen.

Mansfield will begin play in 2008 and will be a full league member in 2009. We are the first public university to play sprint football and we are building a team for this upcoming season. This is real hard-hitting, 11 man football that is simply played by lighter players. The football is just as intense if not greater than many schools. I am truly excited about this opportunity and hope to find hard-working, quality young men who are serious about their education and who want a chance to play college football. If you have any young men who other schools think are "too small," I would love to find out about them. I know some may have already made a decision on school, but I would love it if you could let them know about this opportunity. Though we are playing the service academies and some Ivy League schools, our admissions standards are the same as you would find at most state schools.

Mansfield is a small public university located in North Central Pennsylvania. The college has an enrollment of around 3,500 and the town of Mansfield has about 3,500 residents as well. So it is a small town, but full of friendly people and located in a scenic mountain area. All of the other athletic programs at Mansfield are Division II, but our sprint football program operates more like a Division III program. We are not allowed to offer athletic scholarships, but do offer academic scholarships as well as other financial aid. And as a state school, we are less expensive than many private schools. What we are offering is an opportunity for that young man who has been overlooked because of his size.

While we want to look at everyone who is 175-180 or less (remember, to play in the game they must weigh less than 172 pounds), I would really love to know about those linemen or linebacker types or just hard hitting kids who no one is looking at seriously because they are too small. **There is a place for them at Mansfield!!**

Take a look at Mansfield University at www.mansfield.edu

Our sprint program can be found at http://sports.mansfield.edu/Sprint_Football/sprinthomepage.html

I hope very much to hear back from you soon, either by calling me at 570-662-4451 or just responding to this email.

Please feel free as well to forward this to any coaches you know as I would love to find out about those young men who just want a chance to play college football.

Thank you for your time.

Dan Davis
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