

All-American selection tour kicks off with three selections in Texas

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By **Jeremy Crabtree**

The road to the [Alamodome](#) begins today with the first stop of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl Selection Tour.

Three players – five-star defensive end Ronald Powell, five-star running back Lache Seastrunk and four-star receiver Shakim Phillips – will be officially announced as U.S. Army All-Americans today. They are the first members of the West and East squads that will battle in the 10th anniversary of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The three announcements also represent an amazing start to the 90-stop tour. Seastrunk is ranked as the nation's No. 3 player, Powell is No. 4 and Phillips checks in at No. 37. More major prospects will receive their jerseys this week, including three more players who rank in Rivals.com's top 10 nationally.



"The Army Bowl has such a great tradition, and I'm real honored to be recognized among the same great players like [Adrian Peterson](#) and [Reggie Bush](#)," Powell said. "I'm extremely excited to get formally invited and put on that jersey."

Going into its 10th year, this year's edition of the Army Bowl looks to be the deepest and most talented roster ever to don the Black and Gold and White and Black. That's saying a lot because the game has featured some amazing talent including stars like Peterson, Bush, [Tim Tebow](#), [Terrelle Pryor](#), [Ted Ginn Jr.](#), [Andre Smith](#), [Brady Quinn](#), [DeSean Jackson](#), [Noel Devine](#) and countless others.

Defensive lineman Ronald Powell is a five-star recruit -- ranked No. 4 nationally -- and will be honored as an U.S. Army All-American.

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Powell named Army All American

BC-bound Shakim Phillips was the first receiver named to the Army game

Ronald Powell received his invitation when Army parachutists landed at a pep rally

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl released the first three athletes selected for its 2010 game Tuesday, welcoming wide Receiver Shakim Phillips from DePaul Catholic (Wayne, N.J.), defensive lineman Ronald Powell from Rancho Verde High (Moreno Valley, Calif.) and tailback Lache Seastrunk from Temple High in central Texas.

Phillips, a rangy threat down the field, recently verbally committed to Boston College. Meanwhile, Powell, who is also being considered by colleges as a tight end, counts USC and Florida among his offer list, and Seastrunk is still open to the Big 12 and SEC schools pursuing him.

Powell's announcement came with the most impressive delivery process. The elite Golden Knights parachute team dropped in on the top prospect from a plane above. Thousands of Rancho Verde students were in the stadium for a pre-arranged pep rally.

The game will be played January 9, 2010 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

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All-American Bowl Gets Its First Three Recruits

By [Connor Ennis](#)

Though we're only a few weeks into the college football season, it's never too early to start thinking about next season. On Tuesday, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl will announce the first three players that will participate in the game, which [annually features](#) some of the best high school talent in the country.

The three players are [Ronald Powell](#), a tight end and defensive lineman from Moreno Valley High School in California; [Shakim Phillips](#), a wide receiver from DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne, N.J., who has verbally committed to Boston College; and [Lache Seastrunk](#) from Temple, Tex., who is considered the top running back prospect in the country

The game will be played Jan. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

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Steamboat Springs quarterback to get San Antonio invite

By [Luke Graham](#)

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STEAMBOAT SPRINGS — Austin Hinder would rather deflect the attention from himself.

But the quarterback many have touted as the top in the state and among the country's elite will be recognized again at 3 p.m. today at the Kelly Meek Gymnasium in Steamboat Springs High School. There, representatives from the U.S. Army All-American Bowl will present Hinder a jersey and an invitation to play in the Jan. 9 game at the Alamodome in San Antonio.

The game features the top high school players in the nation and is broadcast live on NBC. Previous representatives in the game have included Reggie Bush, Vince Young, Adrian Peterson and Tim Tebow. Hinder will be joined in the game by fellow Colorado prepster, Grandview High School linebacker and University of Notre Dame commit Chris Martin.

The event is open to the public.

"It means a lot," Hinder said. "It was one of the goals I was working toward. To do it was awesome. It was amazing to get invited. It all comes down to hard work and preparing for the next week."

Hinder, who burst onto the national scene after his sophomore year and performing well at national camps, has helped the Sailors to an 8-0 record. The senior has accumulated 1,761 yards rushing and passing to go along with 23 touchdowns, despite spending a good portion of second halves on the bench because of big Steamboat leads.

"It's such a unique experience," Steamboat coach Aaron Finch said. "It's getting to play in a game you love with the best players from around the country. I'm so excited for Austin, and he'll make the most of it. It's a pretty big deal."

The game, which is in its 10th year, features 90 of the top high school players nationwide. Representatives from the U.S. Army All-American Bowl travel across the country to announce the players' selection at their school.

Hinder and the rest of the Sailors are back in action at 7 p.m. Friday against Buena Vista at Gardner Field.

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All-American girl

By Devin Felix

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HYRUM — Katie Israelsen was a bit nervous to hear that an entire school assembly would be devoted to her, but sometimes that's what happens when you're chosen to represent your whole school and state.

The Mountain Crest High senior has been accepted into the U.S. Army All-American Marching Band, an elite group of 97 high school musicians from around the country who will form a band that will play at halftime of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl football game in January. She was the only student from Utah to be selected.

Israelsen was honored before the whole student body at a school assembly Monday morning in the Mountain Crest gym. Army representatives presented her with a band jacket and hat. Israelsen spoke to the crowd.

"I'm honored to be able to represent Mountain Crest and Utah," she said.

The marching band, all in uniform, stood in a semi-circle formation and played several songs while the flag corps performed.

As part of the All-American Marching Band, Israelsen will travel to San Antonio a week before the annual All-American Bowl football game Jan. 9. She will join 96 other high school seniors who will make up the band. Together, they will rehearse over a 24-hour period for a halftime show they will perform at halftime of the game.

Getting into the band is a rigorous process, said band director Jason Petrovich. To audition, a student must be a senior in high school and must be nominated by a band teacher. Applicants make audition tapes of them playing their instruments and marching.

A selection committee looks over the audition materials and selects 97 students for the band.



Mountain Crest High senior Katie Israelsen tries on her new Army cap presented to her by Army Lt. Col. Paul Faletto during an assembly held in her honor for being named to the Army's All-American Marching Band Monday at Mountain Crest High in Hyrum. Israelsen will join 96 other high school seniors who

will make up the band which will perform in San Antonio, Texas at the All-American Bowl. (Alan Murray/Herald Journal)

Israelsen said she was happy to be selected and said much of the credit should go to the band program for teaching discipline and hard work.

"The music program here at Mountain Crest has really made me stronger," Israelsen said.

This will be the third year the All-American Marching Band will take part in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl, which will have its 10th anniversary. Each year, 90 high school football athletes from around the country are selected to participate in the game, which pits teams from the East and West against each other.

Multiple college football and NFL stars including Tim Tebow, Reggie Bush and Adrian Peterson are all alumni of the game.

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Lakes' Potoa'e bowl bound

HIGH SCHOOLS: Star tackle invited to play in U.S. Army All-American Bowl

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After Sione Potoa'e was given the microphone to address the crowd gathered inside the new performing arts center at Lakes High School, he asked them to bear with him. "I'm kind of shy," the 6-foot-3, 285-pound senior said.

Potoa'e may not enjoy public speaking, but he attracts plenty of attention on the football field. On Thursday, he was formally invited to play in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 10 in San Antonio. Lancers coach Dave Miller said Potoa'e, who plays tackle on defense and offense, is deserving. "He's probably the most dominant lineman I've coached in my 25 years in high school coaching," he said. "He's so explosive, so strong and athletic. "He could probably play running back for us, he's so athletic."

Potoa'e anchors a defense that has allowed 56 points this season, including just four touchdowns in the first halves of games. The Lancers have been absolutely stifling against the run, holding teams to 185 yards on 182 carries through seven games. Potoa'e, along with defensive linemen Martin Smitherman and Eddie Releford, are so fast and strong that they free up Lakes' linebackers to make plays.

"There is so much speed on our defense that even when the offense puts us in a bad position," Miller said, "instead of giving up a big gain, these guys can make the adjustment and hold them for (a) small gain."

Even on a defense loaded with talented players, Potoa'e still finds multiple offensive linemen coming his way. Yet, he still makes plays. "Whether it's double-teams or triple-teams," Miller said, "he just is unblockable."

Potoa'e has given an oral commitment to play at the University of Washington, but he plans to make official visits to a handful of other schools. Potoa'e is one of two players from the state chosen to play in the Army All-American Bowl. Skyline quarterback Jake Heaps is the other.

Being selected to play in the game has a special significance to Potoa'e. His father, Aleki Potoa'e, is stationed overseas with the Army. Potoa'e had a chance to talk to his father last week before he traveled from Iraq to Samoa, where he helped in the aftermath of a tsunami that killed more than 170 people. "It was very nice to hear his voice, it was warming," he said. "I hadn't heard it for a while." "This is such an honor to play for the Army. I'm playing for my dad, playing for everyone in Iraq, I'm going to do my best to represent."

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Wentzville's Nick Demien gets U.S. Army All-American bowl invite

By [Jessica Bock](#)

Sports fans know Timberland High School's [Nick Demien](#), the top-ranked prep football recruit in the state of Missouri who also has been rated as the seventh-best offensive lineman in the country.

Today, Demien's fans in [Wentzville](#) are bursting with even more pride as he got his jersey and official invite to play in the [U.S. Army All-American Bowl](#).



Lakes tackle Sione Potoa'e (55)

For 10 years, the U.S. Army All-American Bowl has served as a launching pad for America's future college and NFL stars, organizers say. Adrian Peterson, Reggie Bush, Mark Sanchez, Tim Tebow and Terrelle Pryor all were U.S. Army All-Americans.

The game is scheduled for Jan. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio featuring the nation's top 90 high school football players. It will be televised live on NBC.

"It's going to be great to play in front of the whole country on national TV, but I couldn't have done it, and I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for the support of my family and my team," Demien said in quote released by the school district.

Because Demien was selected for the game, his head coach Craig Collins has been invited to travel to San Antonio and attend the U.S. Army Coaches Academy, a two-day learning experience featuring NFL and NCAA coaches, as well as participate in the U.S. Army All-American Bowl game-week activities.

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U.S. Army Col. Justin Hirniak and Nick Demien

Daily Herald's Football Focus

Lombard picked for Army All-American Bowl

By [Marty Maciaszek](#) | Daily Herald Staff

Offensive linemen such as Fremd senior Christian Lombard are accustomed to being out of the limelight given to quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers and linebackers. So, the 6-foot-6, 295-pound Lombard admitted he was a little out of his comfort zone as the focal point Thursday afternoon in the Fremd gymnasium. But it wasn't so bad considering the reason the Notre Dame-bound Lombard was the center of attention. His selection to play in the 10th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl was officially announced in a jersey-presentation ceremony in Palatine.



Fremd offensive lineman Christian Lombard had a lot to smile about after his selection to the U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

"It's a big honor and I've been watching that game since I was young," said Lombard, who attended the U.S. Army national combine for some of the nation's top underclass football players. "I never thought I would be at this point but I've worked hard for it and here it is."

Lombard, who is rated as the 30th-best player in the country by recruiting expert Tom Lemming, is one of 90 of the country's top high school players chosen for the game. It will be played at noon Jan. 9, 2010 at the Alamodome in San Antonio and will be

televised live on NBC.

"You get to prove yourself on the field with everyone going up against the top talent (in the country)," Lombard said.

"You get to see how you stand up against those guys."

Fremd coach Mike Donatucci said Lombard stacks up with the best transcend any eye test.

"With ability comes responsibility and the important thing is Christian has accepted responsibility," Donatucci said during the ceremony. "He's dared to be great.

"Not once has he asked for any specific privileges and said, "I'm 6-foot-6, 295 pounds or I'm Christian Lombard. He's one of us and we'll be watching you for a long time."

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3 Pulaski band members named to Army marching band

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PULASKI, Wis. -

Three Pulaski High School band members will represent their school and state on the prestigious U.S. Army All-American Marching Band.

Seniors Blake Smith, Colin Duke and Kevin Ripley will be the band's three representatives from Wisconsin.

More than 1,300 applicants vied for the 97 spots.

Seventeen-year-old Duke says the honor says a lot about the school's music program. Eighteen-year-old Ripley and 17-year-old Smith say they're grateful for how much the school's program has boosted their confidence and helped them develop leadership skills.

Jon Gilliland is the president of the Wisconsin Music Educators Association. He says most states have one or two representatives on the Army band, so it's "amazing" that three students from the same school were accepted.

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Henderson honored with Army invite

Michael J. Much
Staff Writer

SAINT PAUL, Minn. - The nation's No. 1 prospect is now officially a part of the nation's No. 1 All-America game.

Offensive linemen [Seantrel Henderson](#), the nation's top recruit from Saint Paul (Minn.) Cretin-Derham Hall, was named as a member of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Wednesday. He was honored at a ceremony in the commons area at his high school in front of friends, family and members of the Army.



Michael J. Much

Seantrel Henderson will play in the 10th annual U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

highly by let's say Rivals and other recruiting services. It speaks volumes about Seantrel and his family and the dedication they've shown to get this honor.

"Seantrel's real special. I think every day he demonstrates that. A young man put in the spotlight as he has been, and he handles himself remarkably well - way beyond being a good athlete, he's a good person."

Henderson has been very deliberative in his college selection process and has just begun making his official visits.

"I paid an official visit to Ohio State a couple of week ago," Henderson, who will also visit Notre Dame, USC, Oklahoma and Florida and is also interested in Minnesota, said.

"I pretty much take everything in, like all the information at every school that I go to. I'm going to try to have a notebook of everything just, so I can compare all the schools when I'm done."

Henderson will be one of the showcase stars in the in the 10th anniversary of the U.S. Army All-American Bowl on Jan. 9 at the Alamodome in San Antonio. The game kicks off at noon CST and will be broadcast nationally by NBC.

Henderson said the biggest honor at the event was being around people that serve the nation.

"I know that they sacrifice a lot of things just to be in the Army," Henderson said.

"I think that's just a good thing to do."

There are plenty of schools lining up to get Henderson to serve for them on the next level, but before he gets there he's going to play in the nation's premier All-America football game.

"I just think it's an honor to be invited to the game," he said. "I know it's going to be a fun experience, and I've never been to San Antonio, Texas, and the big dome we are going to be playing in. I just think it's going to a real fun experience for me and my family."

Cretin-Derham Hall coach Mike Scanlan said the selection was definitely fitting for Henderson.

"It's really an honor," Scanlan said. "It's unbelievable. Think of all the people playing football in the United States, and then we have a kid who is not only rated



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Henderson recently took an official visit to Ohio State.

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Three more players chosen for the U.S. Army All-American Bowl

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Highland tight end **Christian Thomas**, who's drawn considerable recruiting attention from **Pete Carroll** and **Rick Neuheisel**, was formally selected to play in the annual prospect showcase. And, on Friday, Oaks Christian teammates **Malcolm Jones** and **Cassius Marsh** were chosen to play in the game.

Thomas is considered one of the state's top tight ends. He's caught eight passes for a team-leading 106 yards receiving. As a junior, the 6-foot-3, 235-pounder had 688 yards receiving and eight touchdowns.

Jones, who [committed to UCLA on Thursday](#), has played a major role behind Oaks Christian's success the last three years. He rushed for 1,504 yards and 26 TDs as a junior. He has 870 yards rushing and nine touchdowns in four games this season.

Marsh, a 6-foot-5 defensive lineman, has averaged three tackles and a sack per game this season. He's being recruited by several schools, including UCLA and USC.

The 2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl will be played at the Alamodome in San Antonio at 10 a.m. on Jan. 9. The game will be broadcast live on NBC.

-- Austin Knoblauch

Photo: Malcolm Jones, left, Oaks Christian Coach Bill Redell and Cassius Marsh at an event honoring the players' selection to the 2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Credit: U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

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Los Angeles Times

Football: Taft's D.J. Morgan heading to U.S. Army All-American Bowl



Taft running back **D.J. Morgan** was officially selected to participate in the [2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl](#) game during a ceremony at school on Wednesday.

The USC-bound standout is considered one of the top rushers in the Southland, so his selection to the nation's premiere showcase for senior football players was expected.

Morgan has rushed for 480 yards and seven touchdowns for the Toreadors (2-2) this season. As a junior, he rushed for 1,841 yards and 26 touchdowns.

The all-star game will be played at the Alamodome in San Antonio Texas on Jan. 9 at 10 a.m. It will be televised by NBC.

-- Austin Knoblauch

Photo: D.J. Morgan models his Army All-American bowl jersey. Credit: U.S. Army All-American Bowl

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Sharrif Floyd



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Sharrif Floyd was named to January's U.S. Army All American game

Floyd, a top defensive lineman, will soon visit

Sharrif Floyd, a 6-foot-3 and 310-pound senior at George Washington High in Philadelphia, is one of the top defensive linemen in the nation. Floyd was named the MVP of the Premier Showcase in June and won the Maxwell Award at Football University in the same month, earning an invite to the prestigious Top Gun camp in July. With dozens of college offers to choose from, this week he was named as a member of the East team for the 2010 U.S. Army All-American Bowl. Floyd will regularly check in with SI.com to discuss his season and the recruiting process.

One dream down, one to achieve. Lombardi, here I come.

This week was pretty big for me as I was officially named a U.S. Army All-American, and will be heading to San Antonio in January to play in the game. It is a real honor to be selected to a game that people know and recognize since it has produced so many college and NFL players. It is a feeling you get only once, and I am savoring it.



Posted by: [Andy Staples](#)

The U.S. Army All-American Bowl selection committee announced its watch list Friday for the 2010 U.S. Army Player of the Year Award. One of these 30 players will join a list that includes Kevin Jones (2001), Adrian Peterson (2004), Jimmy Clausen (2007) and Terrelle Pryor (2008). Of course, the list also includes Ryan Perrilloux (2005) and Mitch Mustain (2006), so it isn't necessarily a predictor of tremendous success in college.

The committee will present the award Jan. 8 in San Antonio. The 10th Army All-American Bowl is Jan. 9 at 1 p.m. on NBC.

Keenan Allen, Greensboro, NC (DB) Considering more than a dozen schools
Latwan Anderson, Cleveland, OH (DB) Considering Cincinnati, Florida, Georgia, Miami, Ohio State, West Virginia
Dillon Baxter, San Diego (RB) Committed to USC
Robert Crisp, Raleigh, N.C. (OL) Committed to N.C. State
Michael Dyer, Little Rock, Ark. (RB) Considering Arkansas, Auburn, Florida, Ole Miss, Tennessee
Matt Elam, West Palm Beach, Fla. (DB) Committed to Florida
J.R. Ferguson, Chatham, Va. (DE) Considering more than a dozen schools
Sharrif Floyd, Philadelphia (DT) Considering Florida, North Carolina, Penn State, South Carolina, USC
Khairi Fortt, Stamford, Conn. (LB) Considering Georgia, Michigan, North Carolina, Penn State, USC
Xavier Grimble, Las Vegas, Nev. (TE) Committed to USC
Seantrel Henderson, St. Paul, Minn. (OL) Considering Florida, Minnesota, Notre Dame, Ohio State, Oklahoma, USC
Jordan Hicks, West Chester, Ohio (LB) Considering Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Ohio State, Texas, USC
James Hurst, Indianapolis (OL) Committed to North Carolina
Jackson Jeffcoat, Plano, Texas (DE) Considering Arizona State, Florida, Houston, Oklahoma, Texas, USC
Lamarcus Joyner, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. (DB) Considering Florida, Ohio State
Gabe King, Greensboro, N.C. (DE) Considering Alabama, Auburn, Cal, Clemson, N.C. State, North Carolina, Oregon, Tennessee, UCLA
Marcus Lattimore, Duncan, S.C. (RB) Considering Auburn, Florida State, North Carolina, Oregon, Penn State, South Carolina
Jeff Luc, Port St. Lucie, Fla. (LB) Considering Alabama, Florida, Florida State, Georgia, LSU, Miami, Ohio State, Tennessee, USC
Chris Martin, Aurora, Co. (DE) Committed to Notre Dame
Corey Miller, Duncan, S.C. (DE) Committed to Tennessee
DeMarcus Milliner, Millbrook, Ala. (DB) Committed to Alabama
Owamagbe Odighizuwa, Portland, Ore. (DE) Considering Cal, Florida, Nebraska, Oregon, Oregon State, UCLA, USC
Ronald Powell, Moreno Valley, Calif. (DE) Considering Florida, USC
Kyle Prater, Hillside, Ill. (WR) Committed to USC
Da'Rick Rogers, Calhoun, Ga. (WR) Committed to Georgia

Lache Seastrunk, Temple, Texas (RB) Considering more than a dozen schools

Joshua Shaw, Palmdale, Calif. (DB) Considering Ohio State, Florida, LSU, Notre Dame, Oklahoma, Tennessee, UCLA, USC, Washington

Darius White, Fort Worth, Texas (WR) Considering more than a dozen schools

Reggie Wilson, Haltom City, Texas (DE) Committed to Texas

Robert Woods, Gardena, Calif. (ATH) Committed to USC

These are the stars of tomorrow, but the stars of today put on a show when they played in the All-American Bowl. Vote for the best plays of games past on the bowl's [Web site](#).

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