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## **DANIEL ENGLISH EARNS SCHOLARSHIP TO NEW MEXICO STATE**

After setting numerous NWSS receiving records over the past 3 seasons, **Daniel English** has signed a letter of intent to attend university and play football for New Mexico State University. English (6'3", 200 lbs) is a 5-year member of the Hyacks Football program and a three-year varsity starter. He leaves NWSS as the school's all time leader in receptions (65), receiving yards (1365) and receiving TDs (17).

English becomes the 3<sup>rd</sup> NWSS grad in the past five years to earn an NCAA Div 1 scholarship (Nasser Jamal, OL, Louisiana-Lafayette, 2006; Tyler Digby, TE, Robert Morris Univ, 2009). New Mexico St currently has six players in the NFL and four in the CFL, including BC Lions QB **Buck Pierce**. Their current recruiting class is already ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the Western Athletic Conf.

After leading NWSS to the AAA Provincial semi-finals in each of the past three seasons, English chose New Mexico St over scholarship offers from Portland St and Illinois St. Other interested schools were Montana, Arkansas St, Washington St and Colorado St, Rutgers, Hawaii and BYU. Daniel plans to major in Business.

"Since grade ten, my goal has been to play college football at the highest level and I feel very fortunate that it has worked out," said English. "I visited New Mexico State in January and really liked the campus, coaches, my future teammates and the direction of the program. I think it is a place that I will enjoy spending the next 4-5 years."

"Daniel is an outstanding athlete who was a game-breaker for us this season," said New Westminster Head Coach, Farhan Lalji. "He has worked hard to get this opportunity and is still just scratching the surface of how good he can be. I think he will really thrive when he is playing with and against other great players every day and it will bring out the best in him."

Daniel joins Centennial grads, Lemar Durant (Nevada) and Nehemie Kankolongo (Wyoming, enrolled in Jan) as players from this year's BC High School grad class that will be playing NCAA Div 1A football. BC's three Div 1A players is tops in Canada (10 total). Over the past six years 17 High School Football players from BC have now received NCAA Div. 1 scholarships.

### **Stats / Awards/ Accomplishments:**

- 1000 SAT, 4.51 40 yds
- Selected to play in All-American Gridiron Classic in Austin, TX (Jan 9, 2010)
- Number one ranked WR in Canada and 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Canadian (All-Canada Gridiron)
- 2008 and 2009 Gatorade 'AAA' Provincial All-star and Western Conference All-star
- 2008 NWSS Most Outstanding Back Award
- Two stars on Scout.com, Northwest Top 50 prospects (March 2009)
- 2009 Offensive stats: 26 rec, 462 yds, 6 TD, 17.8 ypr, 14 car, 222 yds rush, 2 TD (in Wing-T offense)
- 2009 Special teams: 10 punt returns, 186 yds, 1 TD, 12 Kickoff returns, 239 yds 1 TD, 1 interception

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