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WAHLSTROM MAKES SNAP DECISION

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Talk about it in [The Gold Rush](#)

Scottsdale Desert Mountain senior [Easton Wahlstrom](#) had been on Arizona State's radar since June but an offer did not come until this weekend. It didn't take long for him to come to a decision.



Easton Wahlstrom is expected to become Arizona State's long snapper of the future

"ASU first started showing interest after I attended the ASU Big Man Camp/7-on-7 tournament in June," Wahlstrom said. "Coach [Dennis Erickson](#) invited me to the Maroon & Gold Day that next Sunday to watch me snap, and he personally ran my workout at the Maroon & Gold Day, which was really exciting.

"This weekend we talked and I decided with my parents we will leave it to the coaching staff now as to which year/class they put me, but that I was ready to commit and get ready for January."

The fact that Wahlstrom can enroll this spring gives the Sun Devils flexibility because they could count him against the 2011 class number. This cycle, that adds a lot of value to ASU because of its need to sign a larger class than in most years with its large senior class departing.

One of those seniors is [Cameron Kastl](#), who currently handles the Sun Devils longsnapping. So while Wahlstrom may not be the most heralded recruit of the class, he is one of the few who will be expected to come in and play immediately.

"Coach [Bryce Erickson](#) has been recruiting me and he's been great to deal with," Wahlstrom said. "Once I knew I could get in for December for sure and ASU really wanted me to be there for the spring, the decision was really easy."

"Coach (Dennis) Erickson told me at the Maroon & Gold camp that they needed a long snapper, he was really impressed with me, and they would probably offer me, but they needed to set their recruiting numbers in the fall. I was invited to a couple of practices over the last couple of weekends and coach Bryce made it clear I was going to be their snapper and on scholarship, but again they want to have flexibility on what class they slot me in. I then looked into graduating early which they were really supportive of, the ASU staff was great working with my school and parents."

Arizona State was not the only school taking notice of Wahlstrom, who is ranked as the 16th best long snapper in the nation by [kohlskicking.com](#).

"I have gotten a lot of interest," Wahlstrom said. "Primarily from BYU, Fresno State, University of Tulsa, Michigan St, NAU, University of Houston and Utah. All of those schools invited me to their special teams camps or I visited and worked out for this summer."

Now Wahlstrom turns his focus to his final months of high school

"The plan is to graduate and qualify in December and enroll in January," Wahlstrom said. "Everything is on schedule and I will be qualified and ready to go. My key goal for my last season is to get Desert Mountain football back to the playoffs again. We were in the state quarter finals two years ago and we want to get back there after a tough year last year."

In the end it was more than the opportunity to play right away that caused Wahlstrom to jump on the Sun Devils' offer.

"Coach (Bryce) Erickson really stresses what a family the Sun Devils are and that is important to me," Wahlstrom said.. "I was born in Arizona, my brothers went to ASU and I am a lifelong Sun Devil fan. This is my team, and my goal is to help make ASU football the best special teams in the country and get to the Rose Bowl."

