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Butler-bound Massey, high school coach share 1 more game

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When it comes to playing football, Jordan Massey isn't picky.

The recent Plainfield **HighSchool** graduate proved that during his career with the Quakers, playing four different offensive positions and two on defense. He also was a punter and punt returner.

"Jordan was one of the more versatile players that passed through the program," Plainfield coach Brian Woodard said.

"Jordan was truly a throwback when it came to doing a little bit of everything. He is a football player in the purest sense of the word."

Massey, who started at linebacker and wide receiver his senior season, will have one more chance to shine before moving on to college football at Butler.

He was selected to play for the South team in the 2011 Grange Insurance/IFCA North-South All-Star Game on Friday at North Central High **School**. Training camp began Monday at the University of Indianapolis.

"I'm going to treat this as one final high school game," said the 6-foot-1, 205-pound Massey. "Some people might hold back because they don't want to get hurt, but I plan to go out and do my best. I want to show people that I belong there."

The event gives Massey and Woodard another game together. Woodard is an assistant coach for the South.

"I'm very excited to see Jordan in a red helmet one more time," Woodard said. "I know he'll make us all very proud and represent (Plainfield) quite well. The all-star week is so much fun for the players, and to be able to play a small role as an assistant is really great."

Massey added: "I'm definitely glad (Woodard) is coaching. It's cool we have the opportunity to be there together."

After the game, Massey will shift his focus to college. He's been to numerous voluntary workouts with Butler and has been getting to know many of his future

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teammates. **Classes** at Butler begin Aug. 24.

Despite his versatility and athletic ability, Massey wasn't heavily recruited. He chose the Bulldogs over the University of Indianapolis.

"Butler got a steal," Woodard said. "He's going to do everything you would expect of a student-athlete. He's a high-character kid and works extremely hard. I'm excited to see how Jordan develops the next couple of years."

Massey expects to play linebacker at Butler, although he said it's a possibility he might get moved to receiver. He finished his senior season at Plainfield with 77 tackles and caught 23 passes for 362 yards and two touchdowns.

"Linebacker has always been my passion, but if they switched me to receiver, I'd be fine with that," he said. "I just want to get out there and play. I don't really care where."

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