

2012 defensive back Kevin Buford is excited about Central Michigan offer

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Canton Chiefs FootballNo. 1 Kevin Buford scans

the field for an opening.

Canton (Mich.) athlete [Kevin Buford](#) sees a silver lining every time his Chiefs get intercepted, fumble the ball, or fail to convert on 3rd down.

Because when things go wrong on offense, it's another opportunity for Buford to play defense.

In fact, Buford relishes every opportunity he gets to be the hammer instead of the nail, blitzing from his defensive back position or skying in the air to rip down an interception.

Ironic perhaps, considering Buford will be the featured running back this year. Last year he had to split time with senior standout [Davion Stackhouse](#).

But the thought of breaking state rushing records does not produce the same high for Buford as playing cornerback.

"I do love defense a lot better than offense," Buford reported, "last year's experience as defense was great and I hope to build on that this year. I guess you could call me a cover corner, but a cover corner who loves to hit people."

The 5-10, 175-lb Buford's skills as a defensive back have not gone unnoticed by Central Michigan head coach Dan Enos. Enos recently notified Buford he had a scholarship waiting for him at CMU.

"Central Michigan has been recruiting me for a couple of months now," Buford said. "I just

had my first conversation with Dan Enos. He asked me first how I was as a student and then he asked me how I was as an athlete. CMU likes to get a person who does well in the classroom and who does good in the field. They like that I am doing well in school. Finally he tells me 'you have a scholarship from Central Michigan.'

While a Central Michigan offer has been very exciting for the Buford family, they still hope an excellent senior year will produce higher profile opportunities as well.

"My parents were excited and congratulated me on getting a D-1 offer from CMU" Buford said. "They were asking me how does it feel. I'm very happy with CMU but hopefully I can get bigger scholarships as well. Michigan State would be great."

Dan Enos might have his foot in the door with Buford, but that door is about to get a lot more foot-infested.

"I am going to Bowling Green this weekend, and I hope they offer," Buford said. "I am also being recruited by Eastern Michigan, Michigan State, Syracuse, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Miami."

When asked which Miami he was referring to, Buford clarified it was the one known for the **Ibis** and not the one known for "**Big Ben**."

When asked the "Michigan or Michigan State?" question that divides most Michiganders, Buford took it in another direction.

"I actually like Ohio State," Buford said without hesitation, "but my grandma went to Michigan and my uncle went to Michigan State so I have some affiliation with each school."

Buford will be one of the most hyped players returning in the **KLAA conference**, and if he can live up to his newfound stardom, Central Michigan will be just one of many offers in his pocket when Signing Day 2012 rolls around.