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Fresh off their Holiday Bowl victory in San Diego, several Husker players will be in Imperial Saturday morning as part of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Husker Tour 2010.

The Huskers who have been announced to be here for the 10:30 a.m. program in the Longhorn gym are Rex Burkhead, Eric Hagg, Marcel Jones and Imperial native Mathew May.

While May was announced as being part of the Husker appearance here, FCA officials indicated Tuesday that nothing has been confirmed that the 2007 Chase County graduate will attend for sure.

May had planned to be at his brother, Taylor's, final home appearance as a University of Nebraska-Kearney wrestler, also this Saturday in Kearney.

According to Nate Lewis, FCA western area director, there will be some activities with the kids at the start of the program, then each of the players will talk about their relationship with Jesus Christ and how their faith is lived out on the field.

Matt Penland, the Nebraska FCA chaplain, will also speak. And, after the program, the players will continue to interact with the kids and also sign autographs, Lewis said.

This year, May completed his redshirt sophomore season with the Huskers as a linebacker, and saw a lot of action the past season. He is the son of Tim and Tammy May of Imperial.

Burkhead is a sophomore running back from Plano, Texas.

Hagg of Peoria, Ariz., played the safety position this season. He's a senior.

Jones of Phoenix is a junior offensive lineman.

As part of their southwest Nebraska tour, the Huskers are also scheduled to be in McCook Friday night following the McCook/Ogallala boys' basketball game.

Following their time in Imperial, they will travel on to Ogallala where they'll meet with the public after the Ogallala/Broken Bow boys' basketball game Saturday night.

Local FCA sponsors Pat and Linda McNair of Imperial are working the state FCA officials in bringing the FCA Husker Tour to the community Saturday.