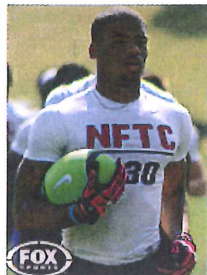




New No. 1 for Texas Running Back

This story originally published on [SuperPrep.com](#)By [Erin Hartigan](#)
Midlands Recruiting Reporter
Posted Oct 11, 2011[More](#)

It was set. After months of weighing his options, the 5th-leading rusher and 3rd-leading scorer in Dallas-Area 5A football **Tavarreon Dickerson** was going to be a Hoosier. In fact, he was going to pull the commitment trigger on his official visit in September. The decision, the timing, everything seemed so right, so perfect. Then he got the call...

"It was the week before I was supposed to go on my official visit," recollected [the Arlington High star](#). "I got an email from Coach McCullough asking me to call him."

"He said the head coach had went back and looked at my film and said that he thinks I may be too small," Dickerson continued. "He put my visit on hold. I guess they wanted to see what the running backs that were higher on the board were going to do."

Dickerson's reaction?

"It was a shock. I mean, here I had my mind set on [Indiana](#), and I was going to commit that next weekend when I went down there on my official... so I was just thinking, 'What am I going to do?'"

And while he was concerned and disappointed at that very moment, he admitted it dissolved quickly as he remembered two things:

1) "Something my grandma always tells me, 'You have to go with the flow. You have to let the punches roll,'" said Dickerson.

As much as he wanted to go to Indiana, he knew he couldn't hang his hat on the Hoosiers' decision, and he knew everything was going to work out as it should.

2) His official visit to [Pittsburgh](#) still laid ahead. (either weekend of Oct. 22nd or Oct. 29th)

Pitt and Indiana had been his final two for some time. Now, he says, with true colors having been revealed, it's clear who his No. 1 is- and should've been.

"They're (Indiana) out," confirmed Dickerson. "I don't want to be anywhere where I'm not wanted."

"I don't think Pitt would do anything like that. They've always made me feel needed and wanted, so I'm excited to go out there."

And to those who doubt his 5-foot-9, 165-pound size at the next level: "I only need one," Dickerson confidently stated. "I only need one college to commit to. Once I get there, I'm going to attempt to do what I've done here. Just tear it up; give it everything I've got. And people will think, 'Wow, we missed out.'"

Especially since that frame comes with 4.4 forty speed.

In fact, some schools (like [Vanderbilt](#) and [Utah State](#)) are envisioning Dickerson's skill set in the secondary at cornerback.

"I love DB," emphasized Dickerson. "I mean, I don't mind running over anybody, I like running back, but at corner I think I'd have a better chance of playing early with my size."

"I don't have a preference, though. Like I said, I just want to go wherever I'm wanted and I'll play wherever I'm needed."

The Arlington High Colts (2-1 district) are currently 2nd in total offense in the Dallas Area with 3,015 yards. Dickerson has contributed 919 of those yards on the ground on 110 carries, and 141 through the air on 11 grabs. He has found the endzone 14 times.

Dickerson will be on the campus of Pitt at the end of this month, either the weekend of Oct. 22nd or Oct. 29th. He would like to hit up [Wake Forest](#) and Vanderbilt, as well, but is still trying to nail down dates. He realizes he needs to do it soon, as he still intends to graduate in December.

Note: Couple things he'll be looking for (off-field) as he makes visits:

"A good Business Administration & Management program. They have to have it," noted Dickerson. "Also, wherever I go, I know it's a long shot off, but I want to be able to say I could potentially live there after I graduate."