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Williams sees a place for herself in the Wolf Pack's system

Vandenberg's [Mariah Williams](#) saw her stock grow after a good summer with CA Ballaz. With interest coming in from a handful of West Coast programs, she ended her recruitment this week by committing to Nevada.

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The 5-foot-11 Williams chose Nevada over Pacific, Fresno State and Hawaii after taking a pair of visits to Reno.

"Number one it was close to home and when I went on my visit, I was real comfortable with them. They have my major (biology)," Williams said.

Nevada went 8-23 last year, but Williams sees a place for herself in the Wolf Pack's system.

"They run a lot of plays that I like. I went up there with my high school coach [Allison Johnson] and she was familiar with [Nevada assistant] coach Camille Williams. Camille was also familiar with coach Leroy [Hurt]," Williams said. "[Johnson] played a big part in my decision because she told me she could see me playing in the offense and defense they run. They like to get the rebound and go. Playing quick and run up and down the floor."

After watching Williams at Summer in the City, we wrote on Williams, "Williams is a physical small forward type who had good moments the last two days. She handles contact well and displayed better ball handling than seen earlier. She is the most effective going all of the way to the basket and scoring or getting to the line. However, she had a couple of nice pull-up jumpers."

"My mid-range jump shot. That was a huge turnaround because as far as this summer, that was the one thing I wanted to work on," Williams said on improvements in her game. "Talking to the Nevada coach, that's what they said they really wanted me to show them."

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