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Army RB Raymond Maples granted leave to attend team activities if drafted or signed

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Army running back Raymond Maples has been granted administrative leave by his commanding officer at Ft. Benning, Ga., to attend team activities should he be drafted or signed by an NFL team, according to his agent, Scott Bergman.

"We appreciate the Army for allowing Raymond to be able to exercise his opportunity to pursue his goals within the NFL," Bergman said in a telephone interview. "He's a diamond in the rough that I've uncovered and I'm excited to be working with him and promoting the U.S. Army through Raymond's ability to be a potential NFL elite player."

Maples has drawn interest from the Green Bay Packers, Seattle Seahawks and Oakland Raiders, according to Bergman.







A Philadelphia native, Maples has rushed for 2,755 career yards for the Black Knights.

"NFL teams didn't know that he was available due to the service commitment," said Bergman, who is a certified civilian military lawyer with the United States Court of Appeals for the U.S. Armed Forces in addition to

his other law practice responsibilities in Bethesda, Md. "I have corrected that lost in translation situation with all interested NFL teams."

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