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## **49ERS SIGN MONTERREY, MEXICO NATIVE PK LUIS BERLANGA**

The San Francisco 49ers announced today that they have signed kicker Luis Berlanga. Terms of the contract were not announced by the team. A native of Monterrey, Mexico, Berlanga is widely considered as one of the best field goal kickers in Mexican history. He has played in the Cactus Bowl, Aztec Bowl and the Mexico All-Stars vs. Division III All Stars game.

Berlanga (5-9, 190) is a former Northwest Missouri State standout and current record holder in several kicking categories. He played one season for the Bearcats in 2004 and set the NCAA all-division's (I-A, I-AA, II, III) single season record for consecutive PATs made with 73.

The Daktronics First Team All-Southwest Region pick set a school standard in a season for points by a kicker (122), field goals (16) and PATs (76). Berlanga also set a then-MIAA record with an 11-for-11 effort on PATs against Minnesota State-Moorhead on August 28, 2004.

He has also spent time in the Arena Football League with the Columbus Destroyers' practice squad.