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Punted... Davis is considering a career change. Graham Crouch

Former Sydney Swans forward Nick Davis aiming to become an NFL punter

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Discarded Sydney Swans forward Nick Davis is the latest AFL player to set his sights on an NFL career.

Davis will leave for the US this month, along with a group of Aussie hopefuls, to show-off their kicking talents to NFL talent scouts.

A noted big and accurate kick, Davis has spent the past few months in Sydney finetuning his style with a company called OzPunt, which also works on coaching, training and placing high school and university students in US college football teams through athletic scholarships.

OzPunt director Cameron McGillivray said the scholarships could be worth up to \$200,000.

He said since former Geelong captain Ben Graham's appearance in the Super Bowl as a punter for the Arizona Cardinals, there had been enormous interest from college coaches looking for young Australian kickers.

"With over 600 universities in America offering scholarships to play American football, I am running out of kids to put forward," McGillivray said.

"The worst-case scenario for the boys is that they come back to Australia with a free education from a top university. Best-case scenario is they follow in the footsteps of Mat McBriar, now at the

Dallas Cowboys after he went to the University of Hawaii."

Davis will join a large group of talented kickers, all aiming to land a lucrative sponsorship.

18-year-old Tim McMullen, who boasts a background in Australian rules and basketball, has already received his first scholarship offer to a uni in Nebraska, while former Melbourne Storm under-20 player Adam Moretti and 20-year-old Dale Carroll have also attracted strong interest from several colleges.

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