

Wrigley signs with Fort Scott



Louisburg High School senior Brenton Wrigley signed his letter of intent Wednesday to play football at Fort Scott Community College. Sitting next to Brenton are his parents Ryan and Krista Wrigley. Standing is Louisburg assistant football coach Gary Griffin, head coach Kyle Littrell and assistant Robert Ebenstein.

Each year Brenton Wrigley got better and better for the Louisburg High School football team.

Now that his high school career is over, Wrigley hopes to continue that progression to the collegiate ranks. Wrigley, a senior, made it official Wednesday when he signed his letter of intent to play football for Fort Scott Community College.

Wrigley, who played on the offensive line and was a middle linebacker for Louisburg, is ready for the opportunity that has been placed in front of him.

“I am very excited to further my education and football career at the next level,” Wrigley said. “Fort Scott is a small town just like Louisburg, which is the kind of area I like and their staff and coaches seemed like a nice fit for me.”

Wrigley was all over the field for the Wildcats this past season, especially on the defensive end. He led the Wildcats

with 68 tackles, with four for a loss and added 2.5 sacks.

He also earned all-Frontier League second team honors for his play in the middle of the Louisburg defense.

"Brenton is a kid who in the four years in the program has probably improved more than any kid I have ever coached," Louisburg coach Kyle Littrell said. "Brenton's work ethic is relentless and he has the right attitude to go with it. Each and every year Brenton played for us, you could see that he spent a lot of time working on his techniques and strength to be able to perform at a high level."

That work ethic is what Wrigley hopes will put him on the playing field at Fort Scott. Not only did the Fort Scott coaches recruit him to play linebacker, they would also like to see him be a long-snapper as well a position he also played for the Wildcats.

"It is very exciting to be able to long-snap in college," Wrigley said. "I have done it since I was a little kid."

Joining Wrigley at Fort Scott will be teammate Nick Blancarte, who was also a big part of the Louisburg defense. Once Wrigley and the rest of the Fort Scott signees report in the fall, the coaches will work them into the program by getting them in shape.

"What both players have to realize that the first three weeks, they are trying to run off the kids who really don't want to be there," Littrell said. "When they make it through that three-week period, both will know that they have accomplished something special. I wish the best of luck to both of these fine young gentlemen."

Along with football Wrigley will be majoring in finance and business administration. Brenton is the son of Ryan and Krista Wrigley.