

Juarez signs to play soccer at JCCC



Louisburg High School senior Noah Juarez signed his letter on May 16 to play soccer at Johnson County Community College. Sitting next Noah are his parents Susan and Tony Juarez. Standing (from left) is Louisburg High School coach Kyle Conley and Director of Kansas Rush Daouda Kante.

Soccer has always been a big part of Noah Juarez's life.

He has been a four-year starter for the Louisburg High School boys soccer team and recently helped the Wildcats to their first state semifinal appearance last season. He accomplished a lot during his four years as a Wildcat, but now he is ready to see what he can do as a Cavalier.

Juarez signed his letter of intent on May 16 to play soccer at Johnson County Community College this fall and officially ended a difficult recruiting process for the Wildcat senior. At the same time, he is excited for what the future holds.

"The other options were private and smaller schools," Juarez said. "At Johnson County, I knew people that were going there and had (club) teammates that were playing there and I know the coaches well. All the little things kind of added up and I thought it would be smart to go there."

Juarez was a big part of the Wildcat soccer program the last

four seasons. Not only has he started since he was a freshman, he earned all-Frontier League and all-state honors all four years.



Louisburg senior Noah Juarez finished his senior season with 18 goals to lead the Wildcats. Juarez now prepares to continue his career at Johnson County Community College.

This past season, Juarez led the Wildcats with 18 goals and had seven assists as he was one of several players to lead Louisburg to a fourth-place finish at state – the best in program history.

For Johnson County, Juarez will still play in the midfield like he did for the Wildcats, however instead of playing the attacking position, he will slide back a little bit to play as a center or defensive midfielder.

"I am excited that I will have a good coaching staff that will put me in the right direction and help me in the best ways they can and I am looking forward to where I will end up next," Juarez said. "I plan to play quite a bit, but nothing is set in stone. I am just looking forward to competing and making a big impact there."

Juarez will join a Cavalier team that finished with an 11-5-1 record last season and finished first in the Jayhawk Conference with just one loss. The Cavaliers also earned a No. 1 seed in the Region VI playoffs.

"When they finished first (in conference) last season, that definitely sparked my attention a lot more," Juarez said. "They have a great coaching staff and I know them from coaching my club team. Everything I have heard is just great and I am excited."

Playing at a big college has always been a goal for Juarez, so he hopes to use Johnson County as a stepping stone to a bigger program in the future.

"It definitely means a lot." Juarez said of playing in college. "Knowing that my father played at a high level in college, really made me want to do the same. Having the ability to do that in a smart way, and having the opportunity to go farther once I graduate from Johnson County is definitely something I am excited about."