

Rose's love for soccer takes him to Coffeyville



Louisburg senior Jarod Rose made it official earlier this month when he signed his letter of intent to play soccer at Coffeyville Community College in the fall.

Just two years ago, Jarod Rose had never played organized soccer.

However, he joined the Louisburg soccer team as a junior in hopes of seeing what it was all about. It turned out to be a pretty good decision.

Five months from now, the Wildcat senior will be heading off to play college soccer.

Rose made it official on March 14 when he signed his letter of intent to play soccer at Coffeyville Community College, but it wasn't always the easiest choice to make.

"What took me so long to make a decision was whether I wanted to be that far away from everyone," Rose said. "But once I got over that, it was a pretty easy choice and I am excited about it. I went down there to practice with the team so I could see how they play. It was really intense, but I think it went pretty well."

Rose played a part in the Wildcats' success this past season as they won the program's seventh regional championship and

advanced to the state quarterfinals. He started eight of the Wildcats' 19 games and during that span he finished with three goals and two assists from his midfield spot.



Senior Jarod Rose signed his letter of intent on March 14 to play soccer at Coffeyville. Seated next to Jarod is his mother Amy and his father Mike. Standing is Louisburg head coach Kyle Conley, Jarod's sister Cierra and Wildcat assistant Michael Pickman.

Despite only playing for two years, his appreciation for the sport has grown and he is excited to be able to continue his soccer journey thanks in part to his time with the Louisburg program.

"I have just kind of fell in love with it," he said. "It is my favorite sport now. I had a lot of fun playing here and I have never had as much fun playing a sport as I did playing soccer at Louisburg."

Part of that, Rose said, was playing for Wildcat coach Kyle

Conley. Rose saw similar traits between Coffeyville coach Jerrod Schicke and Conley, which the move a little more comfortable for him.

Coffeyville finished with a 4-9-4 record last season, with a bulk of its matches coming in the Jayhawk Conference. Rose hopes to fit on the Raven team in the midfield.

Soccer, however, won't be the only thing occupying his time. Rose also plans on joining the choir at Coffeyville and is looking forward to that opportunity as well.

"I talked to music teacher while I was there and she told me if I didn't get a scholarship for soccer that she would give me one," Rose said. "There is a show choir down there and I am pretty excited to be able to do that too."