

# McClellan signs to play baseball at Midland University



Louisburg senior Logan McClellan is ready to take the next step in his baseball career as he recently signed to play at Midland University next season.

Playing collegiate sports had always intrigued Louisburg senior Logan McClellan ever since he was a little kid.

McClellan is now going to get his opportunity and it is a perfect fit for him as he committed to play baseball at Midland University, an NAIA program in Fremont, Neb.

He made his decision official during a signing ceremony on Feb. 6 at Louisburg High School in front of his family and friends. McClellan is now ready for the challenges that lie ahead.

“It was a pretty difficult choice for me,” McClellan said. “It was kind of a waiting game to see where I would get scholarship offers from or if I would have to walk-on somewhere. Thankfully the opportunity with Midland came along and I am really happy

with the choice.

“To play any sport in college has always been a dream of mine, but you have to find the right one and I just fell in love with baseball. I am pretty excited and I am ready for my future and whatever it brings for me.”

McClellan is joining a Midland program that has recorded a lot of success in its conference in the last several years under head coach Chad Miller and the Warriors have been ranked in the top 50.



LHS senior Logan McClellan signed his letter of intent on Feb. 6 to play baseball at Midland University. Sitting next to Logan are his parents Mike and Leslie McClellan. Standing (from left) is Louisburg head coach Joel McGhee and Logan's brother Cameron.

In the Great Plains Conference, the Warriors have reached the conference finals the last six seasons and have been a mainstay atop the standings. It is his relationships with the

coaches that was one of the many reasons McClellan decided on the Nebraska school.

"The head coach is probably one of the funniest coaches I have ever met," he said of Miller. "He is very interested in my life outside of baseball and their assistant coaches are extremely nice as well. I think it will be good to have that diversity in the coaching staff.

"I know they won the GPAC the last four years and have been in the finals for the last six. They are a pretty good program and they recruit a lot of players out of state. There are a lot of California kids and I am probably one of the few Kansas kids on the roster right now."

The Midland coaches told McClellan they see him fitting in at second base, shortstop or in the outfield and the Louisburg senior knows his is going to have plenty of time to grow during his time there. The Warriors have three different levels in their program and McClellan likes the opportunity to learn as he goes.

Midland was also a good fit for McClellan in the classroom as well, which made the decision a lot easier when it came down to it

"The first thing I like about Midland is they have my major in athletic training and I am able to get my

masters there as well, which is really nice," he said. "As far as the program, it was a good fit because they have three teams I can play. I will start at the bottom and work my way up and it gives me a lot of room for development.

"I just want to prove myself that I am out there for a reason. My biggest expectation for myself is just to finish school with the major that I want so I can start my life. I am going to have to hang up my cleats at some point. I can play a little boy's game for a while and then it is time to start my life."