

Carlson excited to play collegiate soccer at Hesston



Louisburg senior Treston Carlson recently signed his letter of intent to play soccer at Hesston College next season.

Treston Carlson has always loved the game of soccer.

He's played it since he was young, but Carlson wanted to take it a step further. When he was a freshman in high school, Carlson made a goal for himself to play soccer in college.

It all became a reality earlier this year. In front of family and friends at Louisburg High School, Carlson signed his letter of intent to play soccer at Hesston College.

"It means a lot to me to play college soccer," Carlson said. "I always talked to my dad about playing in college and it was a goal of mine. To achieve that goal that I wanted when I was a freshman means so much to me.

"I have always wanted to play college soccer, ever since I was little I knew I wanted to. I started playing soccer when I was four years old and my dad signed me up to play. I don't think he thought I would be good, but it was just something for me to do."

It turned out to be a great move as Carlson was one of the top players in Class 4-1A this past season as he helped the Wildcats to their best finish in school history. Louisburg finished third at the state tournament this past fall, and

Carlson was a big reason why.

Carlson led the Wildcats in goals scored with 16 and scored eight game-winning goals. He finished the year with 37 points.



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For his performance, he was named first team All-Frontier League and first team all-state in his final season with the Wildcats.

Carlson hopes to use all the momentum when he moves onto Hesston College in the fall.

“The coach and the team made the choice easier for me,” Carlson said. “They all seemed like good guys I could see

myself playing soccer with everyday. It was a tough decision because there was another college that made it tough, but I knew I wanted to go to Hesston. It just seemed right for me.”

Carlson, who was a forward for the Wildcats, will play the same spot for Hesston. Carlson hopes that he can earn playing time as a freshman.

“The coach saw me playing as a forward and he said he liked me as a left winger,” Carlson said. “He thought I would fit in good with the other guys.

“I want to work hard for the team and be able to compete with them. I expect myself to train and want to get better everyday no matter what we’re doing.”