

Patterson looking forward to journey with McPherson football



Louisburg senior Will Patterson will look to transition from the high school to college game this fall with the McPherson College football team.

Will Patterson was all ready for his final year of Louisburg football.

The Wildcat senior saw a lot of playing time on the defensive line early on and was hoping to end his Louisburg career on high note.

Unfortunately, Patterson suffered an injury halfway through the year and ended his season prematurely. He wasn't sure if that was the end of his football career.

Instead, Patterson started focusing on college opportunities and he found the perfect fit.

Patterson signed his letter of intent to play football at McPherson College – an NAIA program in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference.

"I am very excited," Patterson said. "Football has always been a major part of my life and I always dreamed of playing at the next level."

The Louisburg senior had a couple different choices to choose

from during the process, but the Bulldogs made the most sense.

“The coaching staff was excellent, and the campus was small and beautiful,” Patterson said. “The football program also has a lot of tradition.”



Louisburg senior Will Patterson signed his letter of intent recently to play football at McPherson College. Sitting next to Will is his father Andrew Patterson and his mother Jamie Pendleton. Standing (from left) is his stepbrother Reid Justesen and his stepmother Callie Patterson.

Patterson will play under Jeremiah Fiscus, who is entering his third season as the Bulldog head coach. Last season, McPherson was 3-4 in a COVID-shortened season, but Patterson is excited for what the future holds.

“The coaches were very kind and had an exact plan for what they wanted to do with me,” Patterson said. “They know how to

win. The head coach was on the coaching staff of TCU when they won the Rose Bowl, and my D-Line coach won a D2 National Championship at Delta State University. The coaches we're very big into weight lifting which is the main reason I am where I am to this day, thanks to my dad in those late night at the gym."

Patterson will play on defensive for the Bulldogs at nose guard, similar to what he played for the Wildcats.

He is also looking forward to the school aspect of it all as he plans to major in Criminal Justice, with the hopes of being a federal agent.

As far as football goes, Patterson just plans on putting in the work and see what happens from there.

"My expectations are what they always have been – work as hard as I can and hope an opportunity comes my way," he said.