

Vohs excited to join Baker track and cross country programs



For his first three years in high school, Jaden Vohs was a soccer kid and enjoyed his time with the program.

Then, in the spring of 2021, he caught the running bug as he was one of the key figures in Louisburg's state championship track and field team.

Vohs, who ran distance races for the Wildcats, decided to give up his final year of soccer and run cross country this past fall.

That move impacted Vohs' college path in positive way.

Earlier this spring, Vohs signed to run cross country and track at Baker University and he made it official last month with a signing ceremony at the school in front of family and friends.

It was somewhat of an easy decision for Vohs as he already knows several people on the Baker team.

"Signing with Baker felt great knowing that I'll be running with my friends," Vohs said. "Over winter break I would meet up with some Baker runners and we ran everyday."

Vohs was an integral part of the Wildcats' state track team last season. In his first year out for track, Vohs earned

three state medals – the 800, 1,600 and 4×800 relay.

It was that success that motivated him to get into cross country, and just like track, Vohs thrived in his first season with the sport.



Louisburg senior Jaden Vohs signed his letter of intent to join the Baker University cross country and track programs back in April. Seated next to Jaden are his parents Lenny and Jill. Standing (from left) are his siblings Blaise, Mila, Cyrus and Emma.

The Louisburg senior qualified for state and finished 12th overall to earn a medal.

“Quitting soccer was a risky move, but in the end I know it was the right choice,” Vohs said. “I met my cross country goals and also got to experience an underrated sport. Doing cross country also helped me get a scholarship to continue my running career.”

The opportunity with the Baker program was hard to turn down and he will be looking forward to trying new events on the collegiate level.

"In my opinion the best thing about the Baker program is that the team is all very close, like family," Vohs said. "All the guys truly care about running and each other. The whole program had a great connection.

"I'm not aware of what I'll be running for them in track, but I would assume I'll be running the 5k and probably the 1500."

Now the focus is on the conclusion of his high school career. Vohs is head back to state again this year in the 1,600-meter run and as apart of the 4×800 relay.

"I am very excited for what is left of my track season," Vohs said. "My goal is to break the school record in the 1600."