Hamman excited for opportunity to grow with Avila baseball



Louisburg's Corbin Hamman is ready to continue his baseball career this upcoming season at Avila University.

Corbin Hamman spent a lot of springs and summers doing what he loves — playing baseball.

The older Hamman got, the more the sport became a bigger part of his life. So much so, that he wasn't ready to be done with it when his high school career came to a close.

So before the end of his senior year at Louisburg, Hamman took some time to find his next baseball family and he found the right fit.

Last spring, Hamman signed his letter of intent to play baseball at Avila University this upcoming season. Playing on the college stage was always a goal.

"It's an amazing feeling to get the opportunity to play baseball at the next level," Hamman said. "It's been something that I've wanted to do, like most baseball players, from the first time I started playing it."

Avila become the perfect fit for Hamman as he had familiarity with the program and what it could provide.

"I know the Avila baseball staff and I also have a couple

buddies I grew up with going to Avila for baseball," Hamman said. "And since it's so close to home, it pretty much all just works perfect."

Hamman helped the Louisburg baseball team to its first winning season in more than a decade and played an important role.

He was the Wildcats' top starting pitcher and he kept his team in the game for most of his nine starts.

Hamman had a team-best 3.25 earned run average and also had three wins on the season.

He added 51 strikeouts to just 12 walks. At the plate, he batted .289 with 11 hits and 11 RBIs.



Louisburg's Corbin Hamman signed his letter of intent last spring to play baseball at Avila. Sitting next to Corbin are his parents Rueben and Alison Hamman, and his sister Naomi. Standing (from left) is Louisburg assistant coach Jeff Lohse, head coach Kade Larson and Avila head coach Matt Carpenter.

That success led All-Frontier League honors following the season. Now, Hamman hopes to use that momentum to get better at Avila.

"As a freshman next year, the coaches have told me that I'm going to start out as a two-way player," Hamman said. "So I'd play infield and pitch. That would go on until I find the right fit, which I am assuming will be pitching, but we'll just have to wait and see. But like all programs, no spot is guaranteed so who ever earns it gets it."

Hamman played a big role for the Wildcat baseball team the last couple of seasons and he enjoyed being a part of the Louisburg program.

"Louisburg baseball has blessed me with a lot," Hamman said. "We have amazing coaches, lifelong friends/ teammates, and new traditions. I did most of my growing and learning with the Louisburg program and I probably don't end up the same way with the majority of other teams. I always hope they grow and get better every year."

Hamman hopes to continue to grow with the Avila program and he is ready to get started with the Eagles.

"I, of course, hope to always get better everyday, and I am very excited to get to work with the pitching staff all fall to get ready for the spring," Hamman said. "I cant wait to get to Avila and see how it all works out."