

Lemke excited to join Coffeyville Community College soccer program



Louisburg senior Macy Lemke recently signed her letter of intent to join the Coffeyville Community College soccer program this fall.

Ever since she started playing soccer in elementary school, Macy Lemke always found herself in the net.

Lemke was always taller than most of the players, so her coaches put her where she could help the team most – in goal. Little did she know, more than a decade later, Lemke will be competing for a starting goalie spot on the collegiate level.

The Louisburg senior signed her letter of intent to join the Coffeyville Community College program and will compete for the Red Ravens this coming fall.

"It feels very weird but very awesome all together," Lemke said. "I remember first playing indoor soccer and being chosen to be a goalie because I was tall. Little did I know, I am here graduating in a semester going to play soccer in college with the 'Big Kids.'

"But really it's incredible to start so little and end up somewhere so big. My first grade self would think that's insane. I'm speechless, but I'm just living in the moment and it's truly a beautiful thing to be where I am now."

A lot of things have laid out perfectly for Lemke, that includes the opportunity to join the Louisburg soccer program. Prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, she was preparing to enroll at Olathe South.

It was a scary, and uncertain time for her. Macy's mother, Dana, teaches at Rockville Elementary in the Louisburg district and brought up the idea of transferring to Louisburg.

Lemke decided to take a leap of faith and it paid off in a big way as she is a two-time starting goalie for the Wildcat program.

"If it weren't for Covid-19, I would've never came to Louisburg," Macy said. "In many ways I love Covid, and because of it I was able to meet some incredible friends and families and find a place where I felt more belongingness than I did in Olathe schools. I was already enrolled at Olathe South and my parents had talked about moving me to the high school to really get the education and soccer opportunities that I needed. It was a scary decision, but It was the best decision I've ever made bringing me to a place that felt like home."



Louisburg senior Macy Lemke signed her letter of intent to join the Coffeyville Community College soccer program. Seated next to Macy is her mother Dana and brother Devin. Standing (from left) is Louisburg head coach Ben York, her brother Drew, father Marc and Louisburg assistant coach Jordan Roquemore.

Lemke became the starter last season as a junior and made a big impact for the Wildcats as she earned honorable mention All-Frontier League and all-state honors.

In her first full season as a starter, Lemke finished with 56 saves on the season and recorded nine clean sheets.

The feeling that drew her to Louisburg is the same one she felt when she decided Coffeyville was going to be her new home. She also joins a Red Raven program that has put together winning campaigns in seven of the last eight seasons.

“Coming to Louisburg made me realize I loved the smaller school and smaller community a lot more than being in the

city," she said. "I knew I felt most comfortable going to a college that would be small and convenient to play soccer, but also gave me the Louisburg feel.

"When I went to Coffeyville it felt just like Louisburg, almost better. I knew it was right and being around the soccer girls felt more than amazing. It's not too far and not too big. I am able to pursue Sociology and continue playing soccer."