

Decision to return to football pays off for O'Bryan as he joins Benedictine program



Louisburg's Ben O'Bryan found a new home on the gridiron as he signed with the Benedictine football team last spring.

Ben O'Bryan hadn't played football in a few years going into his senior season, but he decided to give it one last try.

It turned out to be a good decision for O'Bryan, who certainly made the most of his short time with the Louisburg football team. It also gave him opportunities at the college level, as well.

O'Bryan will join the Benedictine football team this fall

after signing his letter of intent with the Ravens last spring.

“It meant a lot to me to get the opportunity to play in college and to get to play this sport I have a new found love for,” O’Bryan said. “I knew it was something I wanted to do when I got to play with this team that past season.”

It was a memorable senior campaign for O’Bryan, who was a starting offensive tackle on the Frontier League championship team that finished the regular season undefeated.

O’Bryan helped the unit amass more than 4,000 yards of total offense. He was pretty hard to miss on the field as well as he was team’s biggest player at 6-foot-5 and 275 pounds.



Louisburg’s Ben O’Bryan signed his letter of intent to join the Benedictine football program. Sitting next to Ben are his parents Tom and Debra O’Bryan. Standing (from left) are Louisburg assistants Joel McGhee, Nick Chapman, head coach Drew Harding, along with assistants Kade Larson and Jake

Hinson.

The choice to come back out for football was obviously a positive one for him.

“The experience I had with the guys on the team was priceless and I enjoyed every moment of it,” O’Bryan said. “What made me want to come back out was really my teammates. They were adamant about it and I am glad they were.”

O’Bryan now joins a tradition-filled Benedictine program that competes toward the top of the Heart of America Conference. However, he was looking more than just football in his next stop.

“What made Benedictine the right fit for me was the team and academics there,” O’Bryan said. “I wanted to find a team that was close knit and loved the sport just like Louisburg, and that’s what I found there.”

As much as he is looking forward to his future with the Ravens, he can’t help but think about what his 2023 season was like, and he is hoping for some the same success with Benedictine.

“I felt I had a memorable season with all my teammates,” O’Bryan said. “It was really something special, and the vibes during practice and games were unmatched.

“When I get to Benedictine I want to push myself to a new limit to be the best version of myself for me and my teammates.”