

Jordan Bohannon commits to Hawkeyes

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It took four tries, but another member of the Bohannon family is finally going to be a Hawkeye.

Linn-Mar senior Jordan Bohannon has accepted an offer from Iowa Coach Fran McCaffery to play basketball for the Hawkeyes, Linn-Mar Coach Chris Robertson confirmed Friday morning.

Gordy Bohannon played quarterback at Iowa during Hayden Fry's early years with the Hawkeyes, but his three eldest sons - all basketball players - went elsewhere for their college careers.

Jason Bohannon played at Wisconsin, Zach Bohannon played at Air Force and Wisconsin, and Matt Bohannon is currently a senior at the University of Northern Iowa. Now their kid brother will be a Hawkeye.

"He called me last night about 6 o'clock or so," Robertson said. "He had just gotten off the phone with Coach McCaffery and was getting ready to call back to accept. I know it's kind of been in the works the last couple of months, but it finally came to an end yesterday."

Bohannon shared the news on his Twitter account Friday morning. "I am extremely blessed and excited to announce that I have committed to play basketball at the University of Iowa," he wrote.

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Bohannon, a 6-foot-1 point guard, averaged 17.8 points, 4.6 rebounds and 4 assists last season at Linn-Mar. He's played for the Linn-Mar varsity since he was a freshman and has scored 998 points in his career with 169 3-pointers.

Robertson said Bohannon had offers from Northern Iowa, Drake, Lehigh and DePaul before committing to Iowa.

"He's really, really excited," said Robertson. "I think he's relieved, obviously, that the process is over, but excited. I think he's excited to be a Hawkeye."

Robertson noted that Bohannon is good friends with Cordell Pemsli, a 6-foot-7 power forward from Dubuque Wahlert who has committed to Iowa.

Robertson has seen Bohannon develop the last three years for the Lions.

"Obviously most people don't get to see this, but he works so hard," said Robertson. "The workouts he does throughout the summer are college workouts.

"You watch him and it's at a whole other level than most high school kids are doing. That's No. 1. He's an incredible worker.

"He's been a great leader for us," Robertson continued. "We kind of had to play him as a freshman, whether he was fully ready or not. He did a great job as a freshman for us and each year has continued to grow.

"When he shoots it, we all think it's going in. And sometimes you forget he was just a sophomore or just a junior. He's grown, obviously, both physically and maturity-wise.

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"He's a winner, he's a leader. And he's always been a good shooter, but now I'd say he's a great shooter."

Robertson has admired the way Bohannon has handled the pressure of being the fourth brother to play basketball for Linn-Mar.

"I think he's done a great job," the coach said. "That family, they're so close to each other. The brothers have been very supportive of him along the way.

"He's handled it well. Obviously he's wanted to live up to the legacy that his brothers have set before him. And obviously getting that kind of scholarship puts him right up there with the others.

"I know more than anything, he wants a state championship because his brothers all have one. Now it's kind of nice, he can put the recruiting aside and maybe just focus on that goal."