JoJo Simpson commits to Upper Iowa

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Cedar Rapids Prairie defensive end JoJo Simpson has accepted an offer to play football at Upper Iowa University, Prairie Coach Mike Morrissey confirmed Thursday afternoon.

Simpson was named second team all-state in Class 4A by the Des Moines Register this season. He was a first-team selection on the all-Metro and all-District teams.

Simpson, who is 6 feet and 250 pounds, used his combination of strength and speed to collect 12 sacks and 21 tackles-for-loss during the 2014 season. He made 74 tackles for the Hawks, who made the playoffs and finished 4-6.

Simpson also carried the ball 37 times for 303 yards and four touchdowns, caught two passes for 32 yards and had a 38.4-yard average as the punter.