

Zach Bohannon leaving Air Force

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Zach Bohannon has decided to leave the Air Force Academy and play college basketball closer to home, which raises an interesting possibility for the Bohannon family.

Is Zach Bohannon interested in playing at the University of Northern Iowa with his younger brother Matt, who will be joining the Panthers as a freshman next season?

Zach Bohannon is a 6-foot-8 forward who averaged 4.3 points for Air Force this past season as a sophomore. He'll have two years of eligibility at his next school, beginning with the 2012-13 campaign after he takes a redshirt year.

Matt Bohannon is a 6-foot-3 all-state guard who helped Linn-Mar win the Class 4A state title this year. Zach Bohannon helped Linn-Mar win a state title in 2007 as a sophomore.

Zach Bohannon told the Colorado Springs Gazette that he's leaving the Air Force Academy because he has decided not to pursue a military career. Bohannon would have been a junior at Air Force this fall, and a cadet's military commitment begins with his junior year at the academy, according to the [Colorado Springs Gazette](#).

"It was a complex decision," Bohannon told the newspaper. "This place is full of great opportunities. But I didn't feel a career in the military was for me."

Bohannon missed the first 10 games of the 2010-11 campaign after having thumb surgery. He collected 12 points, eight rebounds and five assists in a game against Utah.

"I am thankful for all the opportunities and experiences that I have had with the basketball team and at the Air Force Academy," Bohannon said in a statement released by the school. "Some of them will be memories that I'll have for the rest of my life."

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"However, at this point in time, I have thoughtfully come to the difficult decision that it is in my best interest to voluntarily leave the academy. I greatly appreciate all the support that I have received and I continue to wish nothing but the best to all of the current and future Falcons."