

Rhoads loves jumping high for Cougars

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CEDAR FALLS - Willie Rhoads loves dunking basketballs.

"If you search on YouTube, I swear to god there are like 100 videos," he said Monday. "It's kind of ridiculous."

The odd thing is, Rhoads does not play basketball for Kennedy. He's a high jumper, and a darn good one. Dunking is part of his off-season training for track and field.

"At Kennedy, the 'Y,' every court in town," he said.

Rhoads jumped 6-foot-6 at the Dickinson Relays last week in his first meet of the season. He didn't go quite that high Monday, but his top jump of 6-foot-4 was good enough to capture top honors at the Mississippi Valley Conference indoor meet in the UNI-Dome.

He barely missed three attempts at 6-foot-7 Monday and was mildly disappointed. "A little bit," he said, "but it will come."

"I was pretty content with 6-6 at Dickinson, because I'd never done that well at the first meet of the season before," he added. "It actually really satisfied me. I wasn't really expecting it."

