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It's been a good week for the Olson brothers of Cedar Rapids and their college basketball careers.

Taylor Olson has accepted an offer to join the University of Northern Iowa basketball team as an invited walk-on and his younger brother Jacob has accepted an offer to play at Kirkwood.

The Olson brothers starred at Jefferson High School, where they were all-state selections. Taylor Olson played at Kirkwood the past two years and now Jacob Olson will be following in his footsteps.

Both brothers are point guards who can handle the ball and score.

Taylor Olson, 6-foot-2, averaged 11.2 points, 4 assists and 2.8 rebounds at Kirkwood this season when the Eagles finished 21-10. He flirted with other four-year schools before accepting an offer from UNI Coach Ben Jacobson about a week ago.

"I'm excited about it," he said Sunday. "I think it's a great program. When I went up to visit I got all good vibes from it.

"It seemed like they wanted me and they wanted to use me, so that was a big thing."

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