

Kayton signs letter of intent with Bulldogs

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With parents Curtis and Shelly Kayton (seated) looking on, Connor Kayton signs his letter of intent to play football for Concordia. Bulldogs' coach Vance Winter and W-P coach Randy Geier were also on hand for the event.

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Wauneta-Palisade student athlete Connor Kayton signed his National Letter of Intent Wednesday to play football for Concordia University.

Kayton's athletic ability had refs talking during the football season and word spread to Concordia coach Vance Winter.

After Winter watched some game film the two met and Winter gave Kayton a tour of the campus in Seward.

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“He and Connor hit it off from the start,” said Connor’s mom, Shelly. “Coach Winter has a way of connecting with kids.”

“The coach is very genuine and a man of faith and that spoke to Connor,” said Shelly Kayton. “It doesn’t hurt that Winter enjoys the outdoors and talks hunting with Connor!”

Looking for a small school in a small town, Kayton felt like Concordia was a good fit, with Coach Winter being a large part of Kayton’s decision.

Winter plans on using Kayton as a “defensive back-type guy.”

Though its been a while since Winter had recruited a six-man player, bringing in an athlete from a small school didn’t bother Winter. “Some of our best players come from eight-man,” he said.

“Connor’s a football player. He’s got great, multi-faceted athletic ability. He’ll fit well and be a great asset to our team.”

Kayton joins a recruiting class of at least 20 signees, including 12 from the state of Nebraska.

After settling on Concordia Shelly Kayton said, “We have heard so many positive comments about Concordia and feel Connor will have a great experience.”