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## De Pere's Will Hornseth to continue basketball at the University of Northern Iowa

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DE PERE – De Pere High School's Will Hornseth just wrapped up his junior year of high school basketball in the 2023 season, also landing a commitment to play at the Division I level for the University of Northern Iowa (UNI). "I have always loved sports, for as long as I can remember," said Hornseth. "My parents knew I would love sports as well, and looking at their heights, basketball seemed like a good option. They put me in a YMCA league when I was about five, and I have never looked back."

Basketball is a significant part of Hornseth's life, and he said that he has his parents to thank for getting him started in the sport. Yet, he said he looks up to them in other ways as well. "I take a lot of inspiration from

my parents being successful and happy in life. Not even just on a basketball level, but raising four kids and living life the right way," said Hornseth. "My family has been with me every step of the way and I am so thankful for that! Everyone in my family and close friends are very supportive in my decision. I think they are all excited for me to play at UNI and to cheer for a new team."

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– Will Hornseth

Hornseth said that throughout all his years of playing basketball, he has learned a lot from each coach he has had, and is thankful to them all for helping develop his skills. Hornseth said he is beyond excited for the journey ahead of him. "I'm excited to get better and grow with people I know well and know have my best interests. I'm also excited for the family I will be entering with UNI men's basketball. Hopefully it results in life long friendships and relationships." Although he is now committed,

Hornseth said that the recruiting process was thrilling, but could also be very stressful at times. "The process was something completely unique and crazy. It was definitely stressful at times, and could be overwhelming. Through the process though, I got to meet some great people and have some great experiences," said Hornseth. Even though Hornseth is unique in his style as a player, he

said that he has always admired certain professional players and models his game — and even certain aspects of his life — after them. "I really like Nikola Jokic. I love how he has found success playing the sport in his own way. I think his passing is incredible. I also value that he has other priorities outside of basketball like his family," said Hornseth. Hornseth has a bright future ahead of him in terms of his basketball career at UNI, but he said that there is one game he will never forget.



Hornseth

## Recruiting process heating up for De Pere's Kinziger

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DE PERE – With Zach Kinziger helping his De Pere boys' basketball team win a WIAA Division I state championship in March, it only makes sense the junior's recruiting process is nearing the boiling point. Following in his older brother Johnny's Division I journey, the younger Kinziger has also been drawing plenty of attention in the collegiate ranks. His most recent Division I offer came from UW-Madison, a member of the Big Ten Conference. "It's been a fun ride so far," Kinziger said. "I didn't expect (my recruiting) to be quite this

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## Rockers' George Wolkow drafted to White Sox

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ASHWAUBENON – With the 209th pick in the seventh round of the 2023 MLB Draft, seventeen year old left-handed hitter George Wolkow was selected by the Chicago White Sox, placing him one step closer to his long-time dream of playing in the majors. This season Wolkow joined the Rockers as the youngest player on their roster after graduating from high school in just three years. "I really just wanted to jump start my career, whether that meant pro ball or college," said Wolkow. Although very passionate about the game of baseball now, it took Wolkow a little bit of experimenting and time to set his sights on making it his career. "I played a lot of sports growing up — football, baseball, basketball, even a little bit of volleyball

— and my dad played football, my mom and sisters played volleyball. I used to just play any sport that was in season. I fell in love with the game of baseball at a young age and set my goals high," said Wolkow. It didn't take long for Wolkow to begin to see success. After just his eighth grade year, going into high school, Wolkow was able to glean a verbal commitment to play for the University of South Carolina. "I realized that you could play pro ball coming out of high school, so that's when I began working towards that goal. I feel like a lot of that work came with the high expectations I set for myself. I want to be a Hall of Famer one day. Getting drafted is just the start to that process."

**A stable support system**  
Wolkow deserves much credit for the dedication and discipline

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Wolkow takes off in a sprint, rounding the bases in a game for the Rockers this season.

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