

(Neb.)-Cogdill, Horrocks and four others sign to wrestle at CSC

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CHADRON - A pair of northwest Nebraska wrestlers and four other high school seniors have all signed National Letters of Intent to compete at Chadron State College, head coach Brett Hunter announced Wednesday.

The regional wrestlers to ink with CSC are Cooper Cogdill of Chadron and Steven Horrocks of Hay Springs.

The remaining four grapplers feature Nebraska natives Johnny Porter of Bellevue and Chance Helmick of Beatrice, Zach Thompson of Powell, Wyo., and Ethan Haddock of Ridgecrest, Calif.

Cogdill has a 70-37 career record and is a two-time state tournament qualifier. He went 26-5 his junior season and pinned 15 of his opponents. Hunter said he is projected to wrestle at 174 or 184 pounds for the Eagles.

"Cooper is a hometown kid who brings a lot of familiarity to the program," Hunter said. "He knows how to work hard."

Horrocks has also qualified for the state tourney the past two years and finished third in Class D at 220 pounds last season, finishing with a record of 45-5. He also went 37-7 as a sophomore and was a member of the Nebraska National Wrestling Team. He is projected to compete at heavyweight in college.

"Steven has the capability to be a successful heavyweight because of his strength and athletic ability," Hunter said.

Thompson, a 184-pounder from Powell, is the defending state champion at 184 pounds in Wyoming. He also finished fourth as a sophomore and owns a 71-20 career record.

"Zach has a unique style of wrestling and comes from a good high school program," Hunter said. "I'm excited to see what he can do on the collegiate level."

Porter, a projected 157-pounder, is the Bellevue all-time leader in takedowns for a career and a season. He has placed sixth and fifth at the Nebraska state tourney and competed on the Nebraska National Team the past two years. He has a career record of 95-31.

"Johnny is the true example of the style of wrestling that I'm trying to establish here," Hunter said. "He is a hard worker and I expect big things from him in the future."

Helmick, who is projected to wrestle for the Eagles at 165, won a state title in Nebraska as a junior - he went 41-2 - and he's expected to contend again this season. He earned National All-American honors at the Disney Duals and was named a Rocky Mountain National All-American. He has a career record of 96-22.

"Chance is a hard-nosed kid and I know he'll be successful at Chadron State because of his will to work hard," Hunter said.

Haddock, who is projected to compete at 197, is a three-time California Interscholastic Federation Divisional Qualifier. He posted a 62-11 record during his junior season and for his career he owns a 139-62 mark.

"Ethan adds depth in the upper weights and I am excited about his future at Chadron State," Hunter added.