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High school wrestling: Carew commits to hometown Hawkeyes

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Dylan Carew of Iowa City West said Friday he will wrestle at Iowa.

Carew owns a 121-11 record going into his final season with the Trojans. He is a three-time state placewinner, and won a Class 3-A state championship in 2006.

He said he chose the Hawkeyes over Northern Iowa.

"The intensity and the level of competition in the room, and the workout partners you're guaranteed for five years," Carew said about what swayed him to stay in his hometown.

"I looked at UNI just in case things at Iowa didn't work out," Carew said. "I've wanted to be a Hawk since I was a little kid.

"I told all of the out-of-state schools that I really couldn't picture myself leaving Iowa."

Carew helped the Trojans win four state championships - two traditional titles, two in the dual-meet format. Carew also has won a pair of Cadet Nationals Greco-Roman championships.

When Carew walks into the Iowa wrestling room, he'll see familiar faces.

Former West teammates Nate Moore and Grant Gambrall are freshmen this season with the Hawkeyes. Derek St. John, who will be a senior at West this season, has also said he'll compete at Iowa.

"I'd say we've got a strong thing going with the University of Iowa from West High," Carew said. "We all grew up watching the Hawkeyes and know that's what we want. It's getting back to the so-called old Iowa style of dominating everybody and winning. It's going to be fun being a part of it."
