

Dragon Leaves the Lair for DI Lacrosse Opportunity

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After receiving six National Letters of Intent Notre Dame Academy senior Devin Pinkston has decided that NCAA Division I Presbyterian College is where he will play lacrosse after high school. Pinkston is the first lacrosse player from Notre Dame Academy to sign a national letter of intent to a Division I program accompanied by an athletic scholarship. Presbyterian whose lacrosse program is only two years old is moving from DII to DI play in 2007 and Pinkston is their first DI signee.



"When I visited Presbyterian College and met with Coach Childs everything clicked from there. Coach Childs was one of the first coaches to contact me and stayed in touch with me all the way through the recruiting process. I looked at a lot of schools but it was all about the right fit for me, the academics and lacrosse at Presbyterian was that right fit."

"To have a player and person like Devin enter this program shows the direction that we are taking. We are very excited that Devin will be joining the Blue Hose family as we make the jump to the Division I level. His lacrosse abilities are proven, and I cannot wait for him to get down here and add to the production on the field." – Coach Jason Childs Presbyterian College.

Pinkston was recruited by several DI, DII and DIII lacrosse programs after his junior season with Notre Dame Academy, when he helped the Dragons reach the State Semi-Finals. In 2006 Pinkston tallied 126 points setting School, County, and Division II State records. His post season accolades included 1st team all state, 1st team all MILL and CAC conferences and 1st team Washington Post All Extra.

When asked about his senior co-captain, Notre Dame Academy's head coach Rob Horne responded; "As a coach, you dream of working with a young man who has both the necessary athletic gifts as well as the determination to reach his potential. Although a bit undersized, Devin worked tirelessly to become a great attack man for this program. Upon graduation, Devin will have shattered the point scoring record for a career at Notre Dame Academy. In addition, Devin has been a two-time captain and tremendous mentor to the younger players on the team. Every player and coach respects and admires the work ethic and level of dedication that Devin has placed into his years in this program. While I have worked with many talented attackmen, there will forever be a void at the "X" position with which Devin manned these past three years. It is because of his talent, knowledge of the game, and maturity that I am certain Devin will succeed at Presbyterian College over the next four years."

"This has been a long process! I spent every weekend since last July visiting schools that had contacted me. I met a lot of really nice coaches and visited a lot of great schools but I am excited about my decision to help Presbyterian become a strong division I program over the next four years.

I have had a great time at Notre Dame and will miss the team and coaches especially Coach Horne who has helped me learn the game of lacrosse and how to become a college lacrosse player."