

Spotlight Athlete Q & A: Devin Pinkston

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Devin Pinkston is in the middle of his final high school lacrosse season before taking his game to the college level. The senior attackman is verbally committed to play lacrosse at Presbyterian College in South Carolina next year.

Devin, a Purcellville resident in his fourth year at Notre Dame Academy in Middleburg, said he will likely major in computer science in college.

He earned All-State lacrosse honors as a junior after netting 59 goals and dishing out 67 assists as the Dragons advanced to the Virginia Independent School League Division II semifinals. Notre Dame is currently ranked No. 1 in the state among Division II schools.



We recently caught up with Devin to learn a little more about him off the field.

What was the last sporting event (non-high school) you attended?

A Maryland vs. Duke lacrosse game at Maryland [this year]. Duke won pretty easily.

Favorite subject?

AP computer science.

Is there a particular song or artist you listen to before games?

"The Game," a rapper. His music pumps me up.

Athlete you admire the most?

Allen Iverson. He's one of the toughest guys and plays in every game.

Do you have a nickname?

"Devo" or "3-2" [Devin's jersey number is 32]. Coach [Rob] Horne gave them to me.

Favorite sports team?

Phoenix Suns. Amare Stoudamire has been my favorite player since he got into the pros. I like the Suns style. They score a lot.

With which celebrity would you like to enjoy a meal?

Billy Bob Thornton. He's the funniest guy I've ever seen plus he was with Angelina Jolie.

Favorite movie?

"Bad Santa." It is so random, and my cousin, Ryan Pinkston, has a small part in it.

Do you have any pets?

We have two dogs, McGuffy and Bonita, two cats, a bird and two rabbits.

Teammate you admire the most?

Stephen Ide, our goalie. He's tough. He gets hit with balls, and it hurts.

Favorite food?

Lasagna. It's Italian and it tastes good.

Best sports memory?

Last year at the NCAA [Division III lacrosse] final when Cortland beat Salisbury. There was just a few seconds left, and Cortland scored to win. I was pulling for Cortland. Salisbury hadn't loss in like three years.

Who has most influenced you?

My dad [Matt]. He just never gives up. Everything I do, he has taught me.