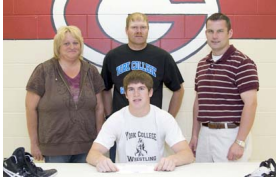


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Justin Larson has known for a long time that he wanted to be a college athlete. It just took a little longer than expected to decide which sport and where.

Larson accepted a scholarship last month to wrestle at York College next year. It wasn't the easiest decision but, in the end, it was obvious.

"I considered going to Wesleyan to play baseball," the 2012 Gothenburg High School graduate said, "and that would have been OK but when I got a scholarship to wrestle, I knew that's what I wanted to do."

It's the individual aspect of wrestling that helped Larson make his decision.

"I like the fact that it's just me," he said. "Team sports are OK and all but I like the idea that win or lose, it's all up to me."

As a senior, Larson went 37-10 with 29 pins, surpassing the milestone of 100 career wins mid-season.

He'll move from his high school weight class of 145 pounds to 157 at York.

"I'm excited to be able to wrestle in college," Larson said. "It will be hard but I'm looking forward to the challenge."

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Larson plans to pursue a degree in athletic training with an option to continue schooling later for physical therapist certification.

He is the son of Barb and Jeff Larson of Gothenburg.