

Sports Story

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Dutch Fork star commits to basketball powerhouse

After a career high of 38 points in his junior season, a recruiting buzz was created around senior Jordan Davis. Jordan could score, and in large numbers. The breakout season lead to schools like VCU, East Carolina, and Cincinnati to offer the 6'4" combo-guard, but one school stood out.

"I started talking to Dayton in the spring and I just built a relationship from there and felt like it was the right place for me," Jordan said.

The Dayton Flyers, being the reigning Atlantic Ten conference champions and NCAA tournament participant, were attracted to the South Carolina 4A Player of the Year's ability to score at all three levels.

"I think it's a great fit there. Coach [Archie] Miller is a great coach who helps perimeter players get better," varsity basketball coach Matt Brown said. "The style of play is perfect for Jordan, they go up and down the floor and shoot a lot of threes."

Jordan has been a part of the Dutch Fork basketball program for years and has been a starter since eighth grade as well as being the star player for a handful of AAU teams around the Southeast.

"At Dutch Fork it's prepared me to work hard and be a leader, and in AAU I've competed against a bunch of good players so it helped me get better," Jordan said.

The progression of Jordan's skill and significant experience have been noticed by his high school coach.

"The most I've seen him grow is his physicality, his mentality on the court, just being more aggressive, and being a lot more confident, especially in this last year leading into this year," Brown said.

When asking friends and teachers to describe Jordan, each gives the same answer of quiet and humble. He uses these traits to his advantage on the basketball court.

"He's humble, like he doesn't say much. If players are trying to get in his head he doesn't say much, so he's humble," senior small forward Justin Thompson said.

Jordan also excels off of the basketball court, getting the job done in the classroom.

"Jordan is very calm and quiet in class, he does get his work done in a timely manner, and he stays on task," math teacher LoriBeth Lee said.

Flyers fans have a lot to look forward to, as Jordan believes his ability to score and lead the team is his strongest asset of his game, which will be key to succeeding in Dayton's up-tempo offense.

"This summer he has grown a lot in preparation of getting his body ready as well as taking it strong to the rim and being able to pull up from deep range," Brown said.

With his senior season approaching, Jordan is ecstatic to have the recruiting process out of the way to focus on his game.

"[Being committed to Dayton] feels good," Jordan said. "I'm just excited to get down to campus and start rolling."

