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McAfee to play soccer for Dragons

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FREMONT -- When the Tiffin University soccer team needs to make a defensive stop, Fremont Ross senior Josh McAfee will be there.

McAfee signed a letter of intent Wednesday to continue his academic and athletic careers this fall at Tiffin, an NCAA Division II school that is a member of the Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference.

"Their coach (Rudy Brownwell) is a really nice guy," said McAfee, who will major in sports management. "They have two teams (varsity and junior varsity) that will guarantee I can play right away and a lot tougher schedule."

McAfee signed his letter in the presence of Little Giants athletic director Art Bucci, boys soccer coach Phil Collison and his mother, Vicki McAfee, in the Hall of Fame Room at Ross.

"It was between Tiffin and Heidelberg," McAfee said about his decision. "Tiffin is primarily a business school, which is what I'm interested in, and they had the major I wanted."

McAfee, who earned two varsity letters in soccer, was the 2008 Ross team captain. In 1,200 minutes of playing time, his role centered around blocking shots of opposing teams and making steals. It landed him on the All-Greater Buckeye Conference first team and granted him the honor of being Ross's Defensive Player of the Year.

He also had two goals and three assists in 2008.

McAfee earned three varsity letters for his role as a defenseman on the Little Giants hockey team. In the 2008-2009 season, he was selected to the All-Northwest Hockey Conference first team and the recipient of the Hobey Baker Character Award.

"I love playing defense," McAfee said. "Patience is a lot about defense. You need to make the offensive player make the move and you have to stick with them."

The Dragons completed their 2008 campaign with a 13-6 record. Tiffin ended up ranked No. 5 in the Great Lakes Region and won the GLIAC Tournament championship.



Fremont Ross student Josh McAfee signs his letter of intent Wednesday in the Hall of Fame Room to attend and play soccer at Tiffin University. McAfee is joined by Ross soccer coach Phil Collison and his mother, Vicki McAfee. (Jeff Arenz | News-Messenger)