



Sports



Fairmont RB picks Mavs

Wubbena eclipsed
3,000 yards in
high school

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MANKATO — For three seasons, Fairmont football coach Troy Cody had had a pretty easy time with play-calling. If he needed one yard or a big play, just hand off to running back Mike Wubbena.

"He's an exciting, exciting player," Cody said.

Wubbena, 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds, is among the first players to verbally commit to Minnesota State during this recruiting period. Cody said that quarterback Tyler Roebke of Menasha, Wis., has already committed to the Mavericks.

Minnesota State coach Jeff Jamrog is unable to comment on recruits until they sign a letter of intent. The signing period begins Feb. 1.

Wubbena said that the coaching staff and facilities drew him to Minnesota State, and he wanted to stay close to home. He participated in summer camps at Minnesota State and made an official visit in December.

"I'm very excited," he said. "I'm ready for the experience."

Wubbena rushed for more than 3,000 yards in his career, going over 1,000 yards in three straight seasons. Last fall, he set school records by rushing for 1,717 yards and scoring 31 touchdowns. He was an all-state honorable mention selection as a junior and second-team all-state last season.

"The thing about him is that he's a quality individual as well as athlete," Cody said. "He brings instant integrity and character to the team."

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Wubbena is also an accomplished wrestler, having participated in the last four state tournaments with runner-up finishes as a sophomore and junior, and he competed in the state track meet in two relays. He was being

recruited for football and wrestling.

"I just want to play football," he said. "Wrestling isn't a big deal to me."

Wubbena said he'll try to contribute on special teams as a punt and kick returner. He may play some running back or

receiver.

"This is an excellent opportunity for Mike," Cody said.

Roebke was an all-state honorable mention selection at quarterback, completing 69 of 139 passes for 1,221 yards with 19 touchdowns and four interceptions.