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Logan-Rogersville star Jonathan Dunn's recruitment is starting to explode





Blessed to receive a offer from Coach Martin and the university of Missouri!



Dunn is coming off his senior year at Logan-Rogersville. He moved to the area mid-season from Hazelwood Central (St. Louis) and dominated.

He averaged 23 points and 4.7 rebounds per game while shooting 62.6 percent. He was named the Big 8 East Player of the Year and was selected as one of the area's 12 best boys basketball players by the News-Leader in the 2020-21 Dominant Dozen.

Dunn has been a member of the Yanders Law AAU program along with Mizzou-bound Anton Brookshire and Trevon Brazile. The athletic 6-foot-7 firward recently stood out last week at the NY2LA Spring Extravaganza event while leading Yanders Law to a 4-0 record against teams on the EYBL and Under Armour circuits.

Dunn was once committed to Western Illinois before he decided to reclassify to the Class of 2022 and play a year of prep school ball to boost his stock.

So far, betting on himself is paying off.



Ranking the Nevada Wolf Pack's coaches based on their playing careers



Shantel Twiggs is one of the best track athletes in Northern lowa history. (UNI Athletics)

Almost all coaches start out as athletes first. They catch the sports bug, and after their playing careers end, they don't want to give it up and make the transition to coaching. That's true of the Nevada Wolf Pack's current cast of coaches, all of whom competed as college athletes — all but one at the Division I level — before becoming college coaches. But which coaches had the best playing careers? That question popped into my head last week, so I decided to answer it with this column.

3. Shantel Twiggs, women's track and field: Twiggs is one of three Wolf Pack coaches to be enshrined into her college's Hall of Fame as an individual (Steve Alford and Amanda Levens are the other two). A track and field star at Northern Iowa in the 1990s, Twiggs had 13 school records when she graduated. She joined UNI after a stellar career at Hazelwood East High in St. Louis, Mo., where she was voted the school's Most Valuable Athlete three years. She matched that at UNI, earning team MVP three times. She was named to the Gateway/Missouri Valley all-conference team 22 times between 1991-94 in four events and qualified for the NCAA Track and Field Championships eight times. She was an All-American in the 55 meters (twice) and 200 meters. Post-graduation, she ran at the 1994 Olympic Festival and 1995 PanAm Games, earning three medals. She was inducted into the UNI Hall of Fame in 2005.