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MEN'S BASKETBALL ADDS IN-STATE RECRUIT

IOWA CITY, Iowa - - Eric May of Wahlert High School in Dubuque has signed a national letter of intent to join the University of Iowa men's basketball program. Hawkeye Coach Todd Lickliter made the announcement Wednesday, the first day of the early signing period.

"We're very excited to have Eric join the program," said Lickliter. "He is a native Iowan who knows the history and tradition of this program and wants to be a part of re-capturing that success.

"Eric is a proven winner, on and off the court, and he loves a challenge, that is very obvious," added Lickliter. "He adds versatility to our team. He will embrace what we ask him to do and elevate the level of play of his teammates."

May (6-5, 220) has excelled in both basketball and football during his prep career. He led Wahlert to the Class 3-A state basketball title as a junior, hitting a 35-foot shot at the buzzer to lift his team to a 70-67 win. In three games at the state tournament he averaged 18.7 points and 4.3 rebounds, shooting 50% from three-point range and 87.5% from the free throw line. He was named captain of the Class 3-A all-tournament team.

May averaged 18.5 points, 6.5 rebounds, three assists and 2.5 steals as a junior for Coach Tom English as Wahlert posted a 24-3 overall record. His last second basket led Wahlert to a win at Iowa City High, the only loss of the season for the Class 4-A state champion Little Hawks.

May earned first team all-state and all-conference honors as a junior. This past football season he earned first team all-conference recognition as one of the top prep quarterbacks in the state.

May also started for the Wahlert basketball team as a sophomore, averaging 14 points and 7.2 rebounds in helping the Golden Eagles post a 16-7 overall record.

Iowa opens the regular season Friday evening, hosting Charleston Southern at 7:05 p.m. in Carver-Hawkeye Arena.

Tickets remain on sale for Iowa's season-opening game and for all games on the 2008-09 home schedule. Hawkeye fans with tickets to Iowa's final home football game (Saturday vs. Purdue) can purchase tickets for the Friday evening basketball game for \$10. Tickets may be purchased at the UI Athletics Ticket Office in Carver-Hawkeye Arena or online at hawkeyesports.com.



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