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East wrestling standout opts for MSU

Two-time state champ Cody Adams signs letter of intent

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MANKATO — He just may be the best wrestler to ever come out of Mankato, and Cody Adams has decided to stay home.

Adams, a two-time state champion for Mankato East High School, has signed an NCAA National Letter of

Intent to attend Minnesota State University in the fall where he plans to continue his wrestling career.

"I think it's a great signing for us," MSU coach Jim Makovsky said. "He already wrestles a college style and he's the kind of kid who can come in here and make an impact right away."

Adams, who begins his final

season of high school wrestling next month, has won Class AA state championships the last two years. He owns a career record of 173-26, including 89 victories by fall. In addition to his two state titles, Adams has placed seventh at Asics Junior Nationals to earn All-American honors.

Adams is on pace to

become Mankato's all-time winningest wrestler early this season. His brother, Clint, owns the city record at 182 wins.

"I made my decision last week but I wanted to wait until my dad got back from out of town over the weekend to tell him myself," Adams said. "I just like everything about the MSU program.

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Mankato East wrestler



"Our assistant coach, Jon Dierks, went there and I saw how well he developed as a wrestler under coach Makovsky. I think it'll be a great fit and it allows me to stay close

to home." Makovsky figures Adams may be able to wrestle his first year at 125 pounds but then

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may have to move up.

"He's never really lifted weights so who knows what will happen to his body when he starts doing that," Makovsky said. "But Cody has the attitude and work ethic to be a great college wrestler. He's very aggressive and I love

that.

"And I love the fact he comes from Mankato. He is familiar with our program, knows a lot of our area wrestlers and his family, friends and area fans will be able to watch him compete throughout his college career." Adams, who had narrowed his choices to South Dakota

State and MSU before opting to become a Maverick, says he's glad to have the decision behind him.

"I've made my decision and

now I can concentrate on my senior year of high school," he said. "I don't have to worry about that recruiting stuff anymore."