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Of course Tannor Mroczek has dreamed big on the football field.

With high school statistics that mark both the kickoff and punt return records as well as the top single season rushing average, who wouldn't.

But while it would be a dream come true to be recruited by big schools with nationally recognized programs, Mroczek just wants to play.

"I'm a competitor," said the 6-foot, 170-pound senior running back. "I don't want to sit and watch."

That's why Mroczek chose to sign his national letter of intent on Feb. 2 to play football for the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

"I feel like it's a good fit," he said.

While there were other scholarship offers for Mroczek, he said the fact that Kearney is close to home played a big part in his decision.

He also likes the fact that UNK will be switching conferences from the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference to the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association next year.

"That means even the away games will be closer to home," he said.

Although Mroczek was an offensive standout for the Swedes, he will begin his career at UNK playing defense in the secondary as a free safety.

He said he will also be a part of the Loper special teams.

Mroczek is one of 25 high school seniors and four transfers to join UNK's football team under head coach Darrell Morris.

In 2010, UNK went 9-2 and finished the year ranked 23rd in NCAA Division II.

Mroczek is the son of Deb and Gary Mroczek.