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Dexter, Missouri - Jason Mattison, Jr. a well known pitcher for the Dexter High School Bearcats and for the Charleston Fighting Squirrels summer ball, has committed to playing for the Shawnee Community College Saints in Ulin, Illinois.

Jason is the son of Jason Sr. and Carrisa Mattison of Dexter.

"I'm just thrilled these guys are getting to play together at the next level," Dexter baseball coach Brian Becker said. "These guys have been friends and teammates their whole life. I'm extremely happy for them. They deserve it."

He played for the Dexter Bearcats football team his freshman and senior year. he participated in Cross Country his junior year, Wrestling his sophomore and junior year and Baseball all four years of high school. He was an active member of Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Future Business Leaders of America.

"We had Brad Potts from Dexter who just graduated from our program this year. He had a good spring for us and a good two years," commented Shawnee baseball coach Greg Sheppard. "I talked to these guys last year when they were playing summer ball for the Charleston Fighting Squirrels and got the ball rolling off of that."

"Two areas we are going to need as we graduated pitchers and catchers," commented Sheppard. "We talked to them several times, had them in and they are two great kids. We are very pleased at what we are getting."

Sheppard is speaking of two athletes that signed with Shawnee on Wednesday. Both Jason Mattison and Colton Averett signed to play baseball for the Shawnee Saints. (You can read Colton's article by clicking **HERE**.)

"We are looking at Jason on the mound," continued Sheppherd. "We let our pitchers play others spots and try them out, but most end up just being pitchers. Colton will be behind the plate catching for us."

"It has been a dream of mine to play college baseball," Jason Mattison said. "And I get to go there with one of my best friends. It will be pretty cool! Colton and I have been playing ball for over 10 years together."

Mattison pitched more than 63 innings for Dexter his senior season. He was 5-6 on the mound with a 2.64 ERA. Mattison also hit .338 with a team-high 16 RBIs and he had 7 doubles.

"We are in the Great Rivers Athletic Conference and we just made a transition about three years ago up from Division 2 to Division 1 program and made it back into the Great Rivers Conference." continued Coach Sheppard.

"We have always recruited real heavily into the Cape Girardeau, Sikeston, Southeast Missouri, Western Kentucky, the Paducah area and Southern Illinois area. It's hot bed for us and a lot of access to some good players."

Jason's most memorable game during his high school career was beating the undefeated Greenville during his senior year. He will persue a degree in Business Administration. Why did he choose that field, he said, "Because of my Dad!"

The ShowMe Times and the community congratulate Jason on his accomplishments and his continued baseball career!

Shown in the photo are Carrisa Mattison, Jason Mattison, Jr. and Jason Mattison, Sr. Back row Dexter Baseball Coach Brian Becker and Shawnee Baseball Coach Greg Sheppard.

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