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Forging on to Grinnell

DeGroot Commits to Lady Pioneer Hoops Program in Iowa

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Rebecca DeGroot, Olathe Northwest Raven senior guard/forward, has verbally committed to play basketball next season for Head Coach Kate Gluckman, and the Grinnell Pioneers, in Grinnell, Iowa.

One thing is for certain. Rebecca DeGroot isn't afraid to put in the hours to get work done. The current senior is a three-year varsity letter-winner for the Ravens and is often the first on the floor before practice putting up shots, as well as the last one out of the gym. Her presence in the weight room is evident in her physique and in the power she displays when going to the basket, after a loose ball, or for a rebound. Her broad shoulders have often carried the Ravens to success. Last season, one game in particular included overcoming a 10 point deficit in the 2nd quarter vs. Gardner-Edgerton where Becca scored 19 from inside and out. Her sharp-shooting led the Ravens to a 13 point victory in that game and an eventual tournament championship over Wichita Collegiate the next night. Her determination and work-ethic is also evident in the classroom where she currently maintains a 3.73 GPA.

Upon Becca's commitment to join her program, Head Grinnell Coach, Kate Gluckman said, *"We are very excited to have Rebecca on our squad for the next four years. Becca is a proven scholar-athlete and I know she will succeed here at Grinnell on and off the court. She will add great athleticism to our small forward position with her ability to score, rebound, and pass the ball. Our program is in a building phase, having Becca commit early to Grinnell is a huge boost for us and sets the bar very high for our incoming class. She will be an integral part of our future success."*

Despite the opportunity to continue her basketball career at other schools, she is convinced Grinnell is the school that will challenge and enhance her athletically and educationally. When deciding on what college to attend, Rebecca was focused on a school where there is positive peer pressure from her teammates and coaches to achieve academically and athletically. Grinnell is the right fit.

Rebecca, the daughter of Terry and Susan DeGroot, plans on studying medicine or dentistry while playing for the Lady Pioneers. Becca is currently averaging 9 points and 8 rebounds for the Ravens while dishing out 2 assists and 1.5 steals per game respectfully.

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