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Good Signs at LHS

Six Liberal High School student athletes signed on the dotted line Thursday. Two football players, two soccer players, and one athlete each from tennis and volleyball signed to colleges and universities.

Liberal's most prolific passing combination in school history Britton Abbott and Trenton Hammond signed. Abbott signs at Oklahoma State and may play defensive end. He passed for 3,070 yards and 28 touchdowns and rushed for 1,189 and 20 TD's with 54 career passing TD's and 43 career rushing TD's and 8,810 yards and 98 TD's for his career. He picks OSU over Wyoming.

Abbott's top target Trenton Hammond signs at Hutchinson. Hammond caught for 1,400 yards and 21 TD's this season after 1,100 recing yards and eight TD's as a junior and 521 yards receiving and nine TD's as a sophomore. He caught for a school record 3,021 yards and 38 TD's. The all state receiver chose Hutchinson, coach by Liberal native Rion Rhoades, over Butler, Emporia State, and Fort Hays State.

Two LHS soccer players sign at Pratt. Jason Rios was all state this season and an all WAC selection for his junior and senior seasons. He lettered three years in soccer. Henry Vela signs at Pratt after transferring to LHS from Hugoton. Vela was all WAC and all state. They join Misael Moncayo in the Pratt program.

Possibly the most decorated volleyball player in LHS history signs at Hutchinson. Jai Chapman was a three time first team all WAC volleyball player and was WAC Player of the Year as a junior. Chapman earned four letters in varsity volleyball at LHS.

Liberal's salutatorian is going on to play college tennis. Alicia Collins signs at Tabor where they are beginning a women's tennis program. Collins maintained her lofty academic status while remaining a triple threat athlete at LHS.

Interviews with the athletes can be heard during the Sportsguys Friday morning on Talkradio 1270 and kscbnews.net between 7:37 and 9.

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