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Q&A: Chandler Carney

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One moment Chandler Carney was going to compete in a summer volleyball tournament for Lawrence North High School. The next she was heading to Chicago for DePaul University camp that would lead to a scholarship offer.

The Wildcats star took a few moments to talk about the strange twists on the recruiting trail.

Question: How did you get involved with DePaul?

Answer: I went up there in the summer for a camp, which was the first time they saw me. They wrote my coach a letter asking if I was interested (in playing at DePaul), and I filled out a questionnaire and started talking to the coach once a week. It was a last-minute decision to go to the camp but obviously a great decision. I committed at the end of September.

Q: Did it surprise you it came together so fast?

A: Definitely. I was working so hard with other colleges to get them to watch me. I flew to Boca Raton, Fla., to go to another camp (at Lynn University). This came together right away. They liked what they saw, called me and asked if I wanted to commit.

Q: What other schools were you considering and what did you like about DePaul?

A: Early on I was talking to the College of Charleston in South Carolina, but I had narrowed it down to three: Radford, Lynn and DePaul. (I chose DePaul because) it's in Chicago. The coach was really, really nice. I just felt like we were friends. She let me call her by her first name and was really personable. It's a really pretty campus. It was like the Ivy League to me. It's great academically, and they have my major.

I also couldn't turn down being in the Big East and the location. Radford is Division I, but it was hard to find a way to get there. You can fly then drive for three hours or drive directly in eight hours.

Q: What memory sticks out from your trip of the DePaul camp?

A: The train You could hear it in the gym. I said, 'Is this a tornado?' It ended up being the el (elevated train).

Q: DePaul has not had a lot of success since moving to the Big East; how much do you know about the program?

A: Right now they have a pretty young team (with nine freshmen and sophomores among the 12 players). The coach Amy (Hardison) is pretty new (entering her third season). Playing time would have been a (factor in my decision), but all the schools had young teams, and I would have a chance to get on the court as a freshman so I didn't think about it that much.

Q: What do you want to major in?

A: International business and maybe minor in German. I want to work in business globally or just start

out with IBM in Chicago. It's one of the best places I could have gone for this major with all the corporations (in Chicago) and internships.
