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Indian River's Jamie Jarmon was selected in the second round of the MLB draft on Tuesday by the Texas Rangers.

Jarmon taken in 2nd round of draft by Texas

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DAGSBORO — Indian River High School center fielder Jamie Jarmon has been selected by the Texas Rangers in the second round of the Major League Baseball draft.

At the moment, Jarmon, the No. 83 overall selection in the draft, is signed to play center field for the University of South Carolina, the back-to-back reigning NCAA champions, but Jarmon said he intends to sign with the Rangers and is excited to take the next step in his athletic career.

"My dream is to get to the big leagues," he said. "I want to get there as fast as possible. The fastest way possible is not South Carolina."

Jarmon, who turns 18 later this month, said he is unsure what the timeline for signing a contract looks like at the moment. If history is any indicator, the Rangers, coincidentally, held the 83rd pick in last year's draft and signed left handed pitcher Will Lamb, who received a signing bonus worth just over \$430,000.

Jarmon is the first Indian River High School player to be drafted into Major League Baseball straight from high school. Alumnus Mark Comolli was drafted in the 25th round of the draft in 2001 by the Toronto Blue Jays, after attending Delaware Technical and Community College.

In his senior year with the Indians,

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Jarmon finished the season with a .491 batting average, with 2 home runs and 19 RBI. He also went 10-for-10 in stolen base attempts. He was named to the first-team all-state team and was the Player of the Year in the Henlopen South division.

Professional scouts made their presence known at Indian River as early as the first week of practice this season. The Rangers were among five teams who sent scouts to the school that week.

Jarmon said when the draft process started, he wanted to be a Ranger.

“Obviously it’s a great program,” he said. “The

Rangers do a great job developing their own players and getting their own players to the big leagues. I feel like the Rangers will be a big fit for me.”

Jarmon said he spoke with the coaches at South Carolina and he’s on good terms with them, adding that he’ll keep in touch with them and could end up working out there during the offseason.

“I will miss my buddies at South Carolina,” he said. “Everything’s all good there. I love those guys at South Carolina.”

Indian River baseball coach Kevin Cordrey said he couldn’t speak highly enough of Jarmon.

“He’s always been a great captain for the team,” he said. “He did a great job this year leading

the team and had a great attitude all season long. He’s one of the hardest working kids I’ve ever coached.”

Athletic director Todd Fuhrmann said he and several coaches learned about the selection while eating lunch, and word quickly spread within the school.

“Everybody’s excited,” he said. “We’re happy for him and we hope he can create and continue the success.”

Jarmon was a three-sport star for Indian River, playing football and baseball for four years and basketball for three. He was named Delaware Football Player of the Year in December after leading the Indians to their first undefeated season and second state

championship

“We always knew that Jamie was a special athlete,” Fuhrmann said. “The greatest thing for me was to watch him mature, grow and develop in the four years he was here into what he’s becoming. He’s becoming a true, overall all-around athlete, student and person.”

Cordrey said he is eager to have Jarmon visit the school down the road and teach the players a few new tricks he may learn in the future, whether he plays in college or in the pros.

“I know he’ll be back here to visit, and I’ll be there to watch him from the front row.”

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