



Pine-Richland lineman Ryan Cory commits to Wisconsin



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When Pine-Richland High School standout lineman Ryan Cory and his mother made a visit to the University of Wisconsin two months ago, Dawn Cory made a comment to her son that Ryan still remembers.

“She said to me at one point, ‘I have a weird feeling that you’re going to go here,’ ” Ryan Cory said.

That feeling wasn’t weird. It was correct.

Cory, who will be a senior at Pine-Richland, announced on Twitter on Tuesday night that he has made a verbal commitment to Wisconsin. Cory (6-foot-4, 285 pounds) is one of the most heavily recruited offensive linemen in the state. His final three choices were Wisconsin, Pitt and Vanderbilt, but he also had scholarship offers from, among others, Penn State, West Virginia, Kansas State, Oregon, Duke and Kentucky.

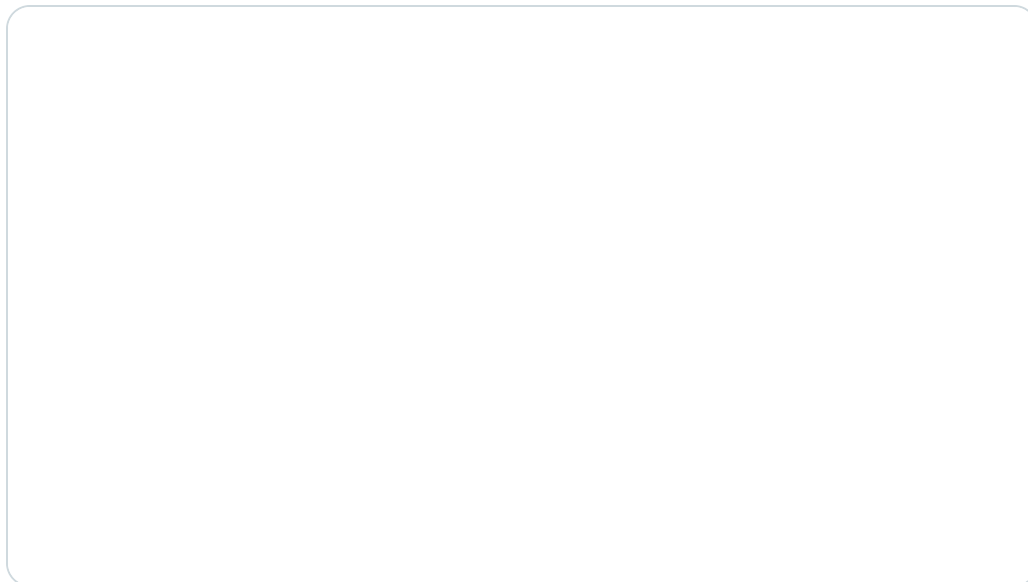
“It’s hard to explain, but other recruits can understand this,” Cory said. “It’s just kind of a feel thing that you get in your heart and gut about a school. That’s what I got.”

Ryan Cory

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Cory helped Pine-Richland win WPIAL and PIAA Class 5A championships a year ago. He was selected to the Post-Gazette Fabulous 22 and was also all-state. He had planned official visits to Wisconsin, Pitt and Vanderbilt. He visited Wisconsin this past weekend — and then canceled those visits to Pitt and Vanderbilt.

“I went into that Wisconsin visit not thinking of committing as a possibility,” Cory said. “I was stern about taking the three official visits. But getting to see everything at Wisconsin, it was just so perfect. I can’t explain it, other than it felt like a perfect fit. So I decided not to take the other two visits.”

Cory said Wisconsin recruited him the hardest of any schools.

“They didn’t recruit me the longest,” he said. “They offered me only after last season, but I have not been in contact with coaches more than with them. It was constant and it wasn’t just one person. It was pretty much a chunk of their staff.”

Landing Cory means Wisconsin will get a WPIAL player in three consecutive classes. The Badgers landed Penn-Trafford defensive back Cade Yacamelli in the Class of 2022 and Thomas Jefferson linebacker-defensive end Jordan Mayer in the Class of 2023.

What's interesting about Cory is he said he most likely will play center at Wisconsin. He has never played center in a game.

"I'm open for it. I like the position," Cory said.

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