

Hawkeyes ink two players for 2014 class

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Brady Ellingson and Dominique Uhl both signed national letters of intent to play basketball for the Iowa Hawkeyes on Wednesday, making them the first two members of Iowa head coach Fran McCaffery's 2014 recruiting class.

McCaffery commented publicly on both players for the first time Wednesday in a statement released by the UI. He described Ellingson as having "a complete game" and Uhl as being "a really talented front-court player."

Ellingson is a 6-4 guard listed at 181 pounds and is currently a senior at Sussex High School in Sussex, Wis. He was named the Greater Metro Conference Player of the Year in Wisconsin as a junior last year after averaging 21.3 points per game, including a 48 percent shooting percentage from behind the 3-point arc.

"He can shoot the ball, put it on the floor and can make a play for himself or someone else," McCaffery said of Ellingson in the statement. "He's a good athlete, has good size and is a really good late-game player."

"He's clearly a guy who understands how to play. He's incredibly cerebral."

Meanwhile, Uhl is a 6-9 forward listed at 195 pounds and is originally from Germany. Uhl is currently playing high school basketball at Point Pleasant Beach High School in Point Pleasant Beach, N.J., where he won a state title as a junior after averaging 10 points and 10 rebounds per contest.

“He can play inside and the perimeter,” McCaffery said of Uhl in the statement. “He has tremendous ball-handling, driving and passing skills for a guy who is a legitimate 6-9.

“His length enables him to be successful inside as a shot blocker and finisher. He’s a really good athlete.”

Iowa still has two more available scholarships at its disposal for this recruiting class, as it will graduate a trio of seniors in Zach McCabe, Devyn Marble and Melsahn Basabe. In addition, fourth-year junior Darius Stokes is currently on scholarship for this season and is set to graduate this spring. However, Stokes would still have one season of eligibility remaining since he redshirted in 2010-11 when he first joined the program as a walk-on.