

## It's official, Roseman Signs With Catawba

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One thing's for sure, Watauga High senior India Roseman won't back down from a challenge. It's been that way her enter life. And it was that determined

attitude that made her a four-year varsity play for the Pioneers.

And now, Roseman, who wants to major in exercise science, will attend Catawba College, a Division II school in Salisbury, N.C., and a member of the South Atlantic Conference. Roseman admits it's a little scary, but she also knows she'll adapt to her new surroundings.

"I've been playing with a lot of the girls on (WHS) team since we were eight- or nine-years-old," Roseman said. "And that's why we've been so successful this season. We communicate very well on the field. Yes, it's going to be different going to Catawba next year. It's a new team with new teammates, but I'll adjust."

Roseman, who signed her national letter of intent last Friday, adjusted well her freshman year at WHS. She not only made the varsity, but head coach Brittany Bolick, who was in her first year at the helm, tossed Roseman right into the fire without hesitation.

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"I'm mean, I was only 13 at the time and we're at a scrimmage at A.C. Reynolds," Roseman said. "I wasn't really expecting to play. I'm sitting on the bench, and coach called me and told me to go in the game. I was nervous as heck. I was playing against girls that were four, five years older than me. But we had a senior backline and those girls talked to me and really made me feel comfortable."

And Roseman has been a regular ever since. And being a senior now, Roseman understands her role, especially with the younger players on the team.

I've only had two women coaches in my lifetime," she said. "My mom stepped up when I was playing youth soccer, and now I have coach Bolick. I think there's a need for more women coaches, especially for the younger girls coming up. That's why I chose Catawba. It has my major and my goal is to be a trainer or a coach one day. I want to give back to the game. I just love soccer."

And Roseman has been a huge contributor for the Pioneers, especially as a defensive stalworth. Thanks to Roseman and her mates, the Pioneers have only given up three goals all season.

"All the credit goes to coach Bolick," Roseman said. "She really stresses defense. She wants us to mark our opponents. That's why it's so tough to score on us. And because of my aggressive play, that's pretty much why I made the varsity my freshman year. I wasn't afraid to tackle, or to

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mark a player. Coach Bolick liked that about my game and brought me up to varsity."

Roseman and the Pioneers travel to Sawmills to play South Caldwell tonight; they wrap up the week with a huge match at St. Stephens on Thursday. The Pioneers (8-0-2 overall; 4-0 Northwestern 3A-4A Confernece) and the Indians are tied for first in the NW3A/4A Conference.

The WHS girls haven't won a conference championship since 2006.

"It would be a nice way to go out," Roseman said. "It's hard to believe how fast these four years have gone by. I can still remember being in eighth grade and looking at high school and thinking, 'I've got to go there four years.' It seemed like a long time at the time. But it's flown by. I'm definitely going to miss it. I've loved playing here. It won't sink in until I take off that blue and white jersey (WHS' school colors) for the last time. It's going to be pretty emotional."