

Flores heads for Fayetteville

Great Mills senior signs with Methodist University

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Growing up in Great Mills, Keane Flores never considered leaving for a bigger city.

But after signing a letter of intent in early May to play football for Methodist University, a Division III school, Flores will soon make the jump from Great Mills, a town of 5,000 people to Fayetteville, N.C., a city of more than 120,000.

"It's a good school in a nice city," said the soft-spoken Flores, who obtained financial aid to cover a little more than half of the total cost of Methodist. "I've never lived anywhere else but here, so it's going to be a big change."

Flores said he liked the larger city atmosphere Fayetteville offers, especially compared to those offered by the other schools he considered like Salisbury University and Frostburg State University.

"I was looking at Frostburg, but I chose [Methodist] instead," said Flores. "Frostburg was too up there in the mountains."

Going to school in a larger town was just part of Flores' choice to sign with Methodist. Flores said his decision was between 80 and 90 percent academic and plans to major in computer science. He said he has never been what some would consider a computer geek, but thinks it's an interesting field to enter and wants to someday be a computer programmer or possibly a graphic designer.

"It looks like a cool thing to major in," said Flores.



Flores led the Hornets in tackles last season with 109 in only nine games, due to a knee injury. That knee injury cost Flores not only on the field, but on the mat as well, causing the Hornet to miss his senior season of wrestling. Flores hopes that once his knee heals, he might also be able to continue wrestling once he reaches



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Great Mills senior Keane Flores signed his letter of intent to play football at Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C. Flores, left, is sitting with Great Mills head football coach Bill Griffith. Standing are Great Mills principal Tracey Heibel, left, and Great Mills athletic director Brenda Henley.

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