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Doug Warrick is flanked by his father, David, and sister Rachel on the left, and his mom Kimberly on the right as he signs his Letter of Intent to play for Elon University.

After a PG year, former Spartan Warrick signs Letter of Intent with Elon

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Feb. 5: On the same day his old quarterback was signing with New Hampshire, former Steinert tight end/defensive end Doug Warrick made the start of his college career official as well.

After a season of playing as a post-graduate for Cheshire Academy in Connecticut, Warrick signed a Letter of Intent this past Wednesday with Elon (N.C.) University, a Football Championship Subdivision program coming off a 5-6 season in the Southern Conference.

“Elon was an easy decision,” Warrick said. “It is a beautiful school full of great people and coaches and it gives me a large opportunity for my future.”

Warrick was a first-team All-Area and All-County performer during his senior year at Steinert, when he also won the Walt Wilkinson Award as the Spartans’ outstanding player, and the Rich Fornaro Award as MVP of the Steinert-Hamilton Thanksgiving game.

Steinert coach Dan Caruso felt Warrick should have been catching recruiters eyes at that point. He’s just glad it finally happened.

“I am so happy for Doug and his family,” Caruso said. “Doug set a goal early in his high school career to play division 1 football as a full scholarship athlete.

“He did not receive the interest he deserved last year from scholarship schools. He took advantage of the great opportunities at Cheshire and through his hard work on the field, in the weight room and in the classroom Doug was able to achieve his goals.

While playing TE/DE at Cheshire, Warrick had 40 catches for 700 yards and eight touchdowns.

“Playing as a PG helped me greatly, both school-wise and football-wise,” Warrick said. “I owe a huge thank you to everyone there and all my family and friends for their support.”

The 6-6, 220-pounder said he was recruited to play tight end, and he is enrolled and eligible to participate in spring practice this year.

“There is a great chance of me starting this fall,” he said. “It depends on my hard work and how I work with the team.

“I have already met all of them, they are all great guys and I am looking forward to being a part of this team.”

Warrick was also offered by the universities of Rhode Island, Maine and New Hampshire. Ironically, New Hampshire is where his former Spartan quarterback, Adam Riese, is attending.

“That would have been fun,” Warrick said. “Riese is a great kid and knows what hard work is. We have worked out together for the last two years and he will do great there.”

As for Warrick, even a former rival feels happy for him.

“I got to work with Doug in the All Star game last year,” Nottingham coach Jon “Big Dawg” Adams said. “He’s a great young man. I wish him all the best. He certainly is a talented player and I think he will do very well.”

Let the college years begin.