Sophomore roller hockey forward on pace for record season

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There was never any question about playing hockey for Cody Dependahl. He started playing when he was 6 and never looked back.

Dependahl, one of a sophomore-laden Truman roller hockey team, seems perfectly poised to be one of the team leaders this year. From the start, it was always his choice.

“First, I remember being a little kid, and my parents are like, ‘Okay, you want to play?’ He said. ‘And if I like it, I want to play hockey.”

Dependahl played in a variety of positions growing up and started a spot on Christian Brother College’s varsity teams from his junior year of high school.

He competed in four championship games and won three states in dependence on Dependahl’s play, which made it difficult for teams to trap him.

In his first year, he was third on the team in goals and assists, totaling 53 regular-season points.

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His technology is what makes it so much easier for everyone. "We’re all just skates around until you get open, he’ll put it right on your tape every time," Rohne said. "You just skate around until you get open, he’ll put it right on your tape every time."

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"Whenver he gets the puck he’s just so patient and calm, and it doesn’t even look like he’s trying," Zach Rohne.

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Dependahl leads the Tigers in scoring with 50 points this season.