

Matt Lassen goes home from UI hospital

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CEDAR FALLS - Injured Linn-Mar basketball player Matt Lassen went home Tuesday after spending four days at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City.

Lassen suffered a head injury in a game last Friday night against Iowa City West when his head twice hit the court on the same play. He was taken by ambulance to St. Luke's Hospital for initial treatment, then was transferred to the UI hospital where he spent two days in the intensive care unit.

"He got out of the hospital today. He's at home now," Linn-Mar Coach Chris Robertson said Tuesday night after Linn-Mar lost to Cedar Falls, 64-63, in overtime in Cedar Falls.

Robertson said there is no timetable for Lassen's return to the team, but it appears the 6-foot-4 junior will be sidelined for at least several weeks and probably will not play until January at the earliest.

Lassen was released from the intensive care unit on Monday and allowed to go home Tuesday.

"They thought he could rest better at home," Robertson said. "He won't be back at school or anything. He's just home on bed rest for awhile.

"I know he was sleeping good this afternoon," Robertson said. "So it's just good to get back home and have some quiet and be at home."

Lassen suffered hemorrhaging and swelling from the injury, Linn-Mar athletic director Scott Mahmens said on Saturday.

The Linn-Mar players wore a patch on their warmup jackets Tuesday night in tribute to Lassen with his jersey No. 10 on it.

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