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Blue Raiders Ink Morgan Boyd

Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year signs with Middle Tennessee

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee women's basketball coach Rick Insell announced the signing of Kansas Gatorade Player of the Year Morgan Boyd to scholarship papers for the 2007-08 season.

Boyd, a 6-foot-1 guard from Olathe East High School in Olathe, Kan., averaged 21.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.9 steals, 2.3 assists and 2.0 blocks per game this season in 21 games for the Lady Hawks, who lost to Olathe Northwest in the first round of the Class 5A sub-state tournament.

"It felt like it was a home away from home," Boyd said. "It's a great program, I loved the school and I knew it was where I wanted to go. I like the direction the program is going and I like Coach Insell's vision. I'm very excited about playing at Middle Tennessee and I wanted to be a part of their continued success."

Boyd averaged 21.5 points, 8.1 rebounds, 2.9 steals, 2.3 assists and 2.1 blocks last season en route to earning first-team All-State honors at Olathe East High School.

"We've been very fortunate the past couple of years in that we were able to get [Amber Holt](#) and Morgan Boyd," Insell said. "I can tell you, we're really excited. She has the whole package. She has (Jackie) Pickel range, she can score off the dribble, she can run the floor and she's a great athlete. More than that, she has a great basketball IQ. She is a very savvy and intelligent player."

Boyd led the Sunflower League in scoring and rebounding and was named First Team All-State by the *Wichita Eagle* and *Topeka Capitol-Journal*. As a junior, she was voted the Metro Defensive Player of the Year by the *Kansas City Star*. Boyd finished her career as the second-leading scorer in school history with 1,182 points.

As a junior Boyd was one of the top scorers in the Kansas City area with 19.3 points per game. A Gatorade finalist and McDonald's All-America nominee in 2006, she also averaged 6.6 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 2.3 steals and led the Lady Hawks at the free throw line, shooting 85 percent.

Boyd originally signed a scholarship with the University of Arkansas in November but was released when new coach Tom Collen took over in April.

Boyd joins four other players in this year's recruiting class, including: Anne Marie Lanning (Murfreesboro, Tenn./Riverdale HS), Emily Queen (Ashland, Ky./Rose Hill Christian School), Jasmine Duffey (Jonesboro, Ga./Okaloosa-Walton CC) and Jawanda Duffey (Jonesboro, Ga./Jonesboro HS). The Blue Raiders also signed transfer Alysha Clark to scholarship papers this spring.



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