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Blue Raiders Ink Pair

Andrews and Davis are first two signees in early period

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee women's basketball coach Rick Insell announced the signings of guard Abby Andrews and forward Shytoria Davis to scholarship papers on Wednesday, the first two signings for the Blue Raiders during the early period.


Andrews, a 5-foot-10 guard from Collinwood High School in Collinwood, Tenn., led her team to the Class A State Tournament in 2007, averaging 17.7 points per game. She was voted to the All-Tournament Team at the state tournament as well, as the Trojans made their first Elite Eight appearance since 1999.

Andrews was an All-State selection as a sophomore and junior and was voted District 12 Co-MVP, All-Region and All-Midstate as a junior.

She has earned All-District and All-Tournament honors three straight seasons and garnered First Team All-Area accolades from the Florence [AL] *Times Daily* as a junior. Andrews was a Class A Miss Basketball finalist last year as well. She previously played for Coach Insell on an AAU team four years ago.

"We feel like we got a good one in Abby. She's the type of player you're going to win championships with," Insell said. "She knows how to pass the ball, how to score. She's hard-nosed. She's the type of personality we're looking at to win championships. We're very, very happy to have her and she's going to be a good addition to the Blue Raider program."



Abby Andrews (above, 23) and Shytoria Davis inked national letters-of-intent on Wednesday with Middle Tennessee, the first two signings for the Blue Raiders during the early period. (Coacht.com) 



Davis hails from Charleston, Mo., and attends State Fair Community College in Sedalia, Mo. The 6-foot-3 forward averaged 10.4 points and 7.2 rebounds per game as a freshman at State Fair and is averaging 12.3 points and 6.7 boards per contest through her first three games this season.

She was an All-Region selection as a freshman at State Fair and garnered All-State accolades during her senior year at Charleston High School. Davis was a Second Team All-Star honoree by the Charleston *Standard-Democrat* as a sophomore and junior and a First Team selection as a senior.

"With Shy, we went for someone who can go and get the basketball. She's very athletic, very aggressive, goes and gets boards. She can score and finish on the inside, runs the floor, can defend on the outside on the perimeter. And that's kind of the type athlete we're looking for for that four and five [position]. We feel really, really good about bringing Shy in and we think she can make an immediate impact next year," Insell said.

Middle Tennessee host Tennessee Tech Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Blue Raiders regular season home opener.

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