Holcomb to join Blue Raider Network

Former star QB will be new sideline reporter

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - One of the greatest signal callers in school history will return to the sidelines in 2008 as a member of the Blue Raider Network. Former Blue Raider star and NFL veteran Kelly Holcomb will be the sideline reporter for BRN beginning with the season opener on August 28.

Holcomb will be joining the broadcast team of Charlie McAlexander and Chip Walters to provide expert analysis during game action from the sidelines.

"I have always wanted to comeback and be a part of the radio broadcast team at MTSU," said Holcomb. "This is a great opportunity for me and I look forward to working with everyone on the network and providing fans with the best coverage possible on Blue Raider football."

Holcomb, who will be inducted into the Blue Raider Hall of Fame in September, attended Lincoln County High School in Fayetteville, Tenn., before signing with the Blue Raiders in 1991. A four-year starter for the Blue Raiders, Holcomb set nearly every passing record at MTSU before heading to the NFL. In his career, Holcomb played for the Colts, Browns, Bills, Eagles, and Vikings. Holcomb owns one of the most memorable passing performances in NFL history when he threw for a record 429 yards in a Wild Card game against Pittsburgh.

"To add a person of Kelly's stature to an already strong broadcast crew is tremendous," added Chris Massaro, Director of Athletics. "We have also left it open ended with the NFL. If Kelly gets called back up then we would want him to continue his pro career. His talent will add so much to our

broadcast because of his knowledge and background in the game of football."

The Blue Raider Network is blessed with two flagship stations for football and men's basketball. The local flagship is WGNS 1450 AM in Murfreesboro, and ESPN 106.7 The Fan serves as the flagship station in Nashville, Tennessee. The Fan recently received a signal upgrade in May 2008 which tripled its previous signal strength. MTSU fans throughout the southeast region also can follow the Blue Raiders on WMOT FM 89.5, which reaches a three-state coverage area. The combination of the three stations provides coverage to MTSU sports fans in a 100-mile radius of Murfreesboro.

"We are excited about having Kelly join the MTSU broadcast team," said Dave Elliott, General Manager for Nelligan Sports Marketing. " His knowledge of football and MTSU will help take our broadcasts to the next level.

"Kelly will be roaming the sidelines and giving us his take on what is happening both from a players perspective as well as a coaches perspective."

The Blue Raiders will report to camp on August 1 in preparation for the 2008 opener on Thursday, August 28 against Troy at Floyd Stadium. For season tickets call 1-888-YES-MTSU or log onto GoBlueRaiders.com.

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