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Blue Raiders ink junior college transfer

Murfreesboro native returns home to round out career

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee has inked its seventh student-athlete and first junior college transfer to the 2009 signing class as announced by head coach Steve Peterson on Tuesday.

Will Skinner, an outfielder, will join the Blue Raiders after playing two seasons under Ken Campbell at Walters State Community College.

While at Walters State, Skinner received Third Team All-Tennessee Junior College Athletic Association honors as a freshman and First Team All-TJCAA honors as a sophomore. Skinner was also named Player of the Week twice during the 2009 season.

As a freshman, Skinner batted .387 with 12 doubles, 10 home runs and 44 RBI. In 2009, he batted .404 with 25 doubles, 17 home runs and 65 RBI.

"He will be a good addition to our ball club. He has had a great career at Walters State and was one of the top hitters there and its one of the top junior colleges in the country," head coach Steve Peterson said. "He is another local product from Riverdale High School. He was as interested in pursuing his athletic and academic career here at MTSU as we were him. He is a guy that we think can play anywhere in the outfield, hit for power and steal bases."

Skinner, a Murfreesboro native, played at Riverdale High School where he was named All-District and All-Region as a junior and senior.

Middle Tennessee posted 44-18 record in 2009 winning both the Sun Belt regular season and tournament titles and made its first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 2004.



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