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Davis adds Scutero to staff

Spent last five years at Odessa College

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee Head Men's Basketball Coach Kermit Davis announced today the hiring of Mike Scutero as the program's new Director of Basketball Operations. Scutero comes to Murfreesboro after five years as the assistant coach and recruiting coordinator for Odessa College. Scutero replaces Brian Burg who accepted an assistant job at Campbell University.

Scutero helped lead Odessa to three straight 20-win seasons, including a conference championship in 2007-2008. "I am very excited to have Mike join our staff," said Davis. "He worked for one of my good friends in Dennis Helms, who has been one of the most successful junior college coaches in the country over the past 25 years. "Mike has an outstanding work ethic and excellent energy and will be a good addition to our staff. We look forward to having him and his family as part of the Murfreesboro community."

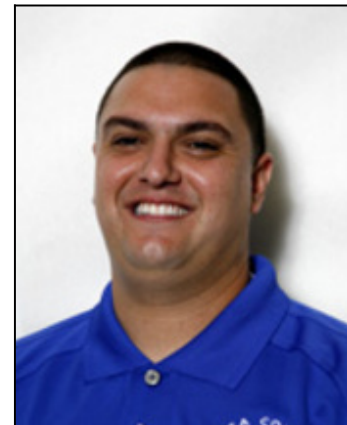
Scutero spent many years in the high school and AAU ranks in the state of Florida before jumping to the collegiate level. "I am excited for the opportunity to work under Kermit Davis and the other guys on staff at a school the quality of Middle Tennessee," said Scutero. "This is a great chance to be a part of a winning program, a great University, and a thriving community."

Prior to his stint at Odessa, Scutero joined the coaching staff at Winter Springs High School in Winter Springs, Fla., for the 2003-2004 school year. He was an integral part of the program that attained its first 20-win season.

Scutero began his coaching career as an assistant at Lake Howell High School in Winter Park, Fla., where he helped lead them to five state playoffs in seven seasons. In 1999, 2002, and 2003, Scutero was a member of the Lake Howell staff that was honored as the State Coaching Staff of the Year. In 2003, the team set a school record with 29 wins while reaching the State Final Four for the first time in school history.

In just a few short years of coaching in the high school, AAU, and JUCO ranks, Scutero has had the opportunity to recruit and coach over 25 players that moved on to NCAA D1 schools including, Nick Calathes (2007 McDonalds All American, Florida), Jamel Guyton (La. Tech), Joey Rodriguez (VCU), Chandler Parsons (Florida), John Roberson (Texas Tech), Delrico Lane (Tenn-Martin), Tommie Sykes (Louisiana-Monroe), Quintin Thornton (LSU), Jeremiah Rivers (Indiana), Keaton Grant (Purdue), Domas Kvedys (Sam Houston St.), Luc Richard Mbah a Moute (UCLA), Walter Hodge (Florida), DeLuis Ramirez (Sam Houston St.), Raymond Sykes (Clemson), Pat Calathes (St. Joes), Shawn Witherspoon (Murray State), and Ian Young (Auburn). As well as nearly 10 players who have moved on to professional careers, Taurean Green (Florida) was drafted by the Portland Trailblazers in the 2007 NBA Draft, Luc Richard Mbah a Moute (UCLA) was drafted in the 2008 NBA Draft by the Milwaukee Bucks, and others who are playing professionally overseas. As well as Brandon Marshall (Central Florida), star receiver for the Denver Broncos was also a hoops star in high school.

Scutero was born on January 29, 1978 in Long Island, NY. He graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in Liberal Studies, and a minor in Athletic Coaching. Scutero and his wife Kimberly have a son, Noah.



Mike Scutero was named the new Director of Basketball Operations for Kermit Davis and his staff. ()

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