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## Former Ridgeway standout transfers to Middle Tennessee

### Jones becomes Blue Raider after season at UTEP

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn.** - [Jason Jones](#) has transferred to Middle Tennessee after playing one season at Texas-El Paso as announced by head coach Kermit Davis on Monday.

Jones, a 6-6 forward, played in 36 games, starting 17, as a true freshman at UTEP. The Memphis, Tenn., native, who started in 12 Conference USA games, averaged 12.4 minutes per game.

"We are very excited about Jason joining our program. We are extremely familiar with him through the recruiting process out of high school. He played for one of the best high school coaches in the state of Tennessee, Wes Henning, who has been very successful through the years," Davis said.

Under the basket, Jones pulled down 56 rebounds, 17 of which were offensive as he averaged 1.6 per game. Jones also had 24 assists, one block, 18 steals and scored 97 points.

"I appreciated my time at UTEP during my freshman year and wish them nothing but the best. However, I am really excited about being back in my home state and going to school at Middle Tennessee," Jones said. "I've always loved the program, really like the style of play and am really excited about playing for Coach Davis and having the opportunity to be a part of something special over the next four years."

Prior to UTEP, Jones was an All-State, All-District and All-Region selection, as well as a Tennessee Mr. Basketball finalist as a senior at Ridgeway High School. In 2008, Jones was also ranked third in the state of Tennessee according to Andre Whitehead with Tennessee Prep Hoops.

As a senior he averaged 21 points, seven boards, five assists and six steals while connecting on 80 percent of his foul shots.

"Jason is a multi-talented perimeter player who has won a ton of games in his career. The huge positive is that after his redshirt season he will have three years of eligibility," Davis said.

Due to the transfer rule, Jones will have to sit out the 2009-10 season and will be eligible to play beginning with the 2010-11 season and will have three years of eligibility remaining.



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