

# Davis agrees on five-year contract extension

## New contract runs through 2016-17

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**MURFREESBORO, Tenn. –** Middle Tennessee State University and Head Men's Basketball Coach Kermit Davis have agreed in principle on a new five-year contract as announced Wednesday by Director of Athletics Chris Massaro. Davis' contract will run through the 2016-17 season. "We are pleased to announce that he will be leading our men's basketball program for years to come," said Massaro. "We are coming off an incredible 27-win season that saw a number of firsts in program history and the majority of those players return. Kermit has also done an excellent job academically and his community outreach is always strong. Continuity is the best and quickest way for us to accomplish our goals and Kermit provides us that opportunity." The final contract will go to the Tennessee Board of Regents for approval. In his 10th year at the helm of the Blue



Raiders, Davis took the program to new heights during the 2011-12 season to earn Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year honors. "My family and I truly love Middle Tennessee State University and the city of Murfreesboro," stated Davis. "I am extremely fortunate to have a president in Dr. (Sidney) McPhee and athletic director in Chris Massaro who have been so supportive of our program over the years. "We have a great culture of players, coaches, and support staff that eagerly awaits the start of the 2012-13 campaign. A tremendous nucleus of players return from our 27-win, championship team, along with two quality recruits which makes the upcoming season very exciting. "I am appreciative of the opportunity to lead Middle Tennessee basketball into what we think will be one of the most exciting times in program history." This year's squad produced 27 overall wins and

14 league victories, both the most in school history. MT also got off to a record-breaking 20-2 start and 10-0 start in league play. Davis became the program's all-time winningest coach earlier in the season, earning his 165th MT victory in a 71-66 win over FIU on Dec. 29 to surpass Jimmy Earle's mark of 164. The NABC and CollegeInsider.com Coach of the Year led the Blue Raiders to a pair of NIT victories, tying the most postseason wins in school history. President McPhee praised Davis' commitment to the academic success of his players. As of this spring's commencement, the last 23 players who have exhausted their eligibility with Davis as head coach will have graduated from MTSU, McPhee said. "Coach Davis stresses excellence on the court and in the classroom," McPhee said. "He has set high standards for his players, as athletes and students, and has built a winning program that also reflects the values we hold dear at our University. "I am very pleased that Coach Davis will continue to lead the Blue Raiders to even greater success."

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