Burkey resigns assistant coaching position with Blue Raiders

Went to NCAA Tournament both seasons with program

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. – Middle Tennessee assistant women's basketball coach Lynn Burkey has resigned from his position to accept the head coaching job at Middle Tennessee Christian School, a private institution in Murfreesboro.

"I want to express my appreciation to Dr. McPhee and Chris Massaro, along with Rick Insell, for bringing me on two years ago and allowing me to be a part of the Lady Raider basketball program," Burkey said. "It has been one of the best experiences in the game I have ever had. I am very grateful to everyone here, especially Coach Insell, for allowing me to be a part of it.

"I am excited about going to Middle Tennessee Christian School. It is a wonderful place and one the best kept secrets in the area. I'm excited about what can be accomplished with the girl's basketball program there, but at the same time, I'm always going to 'Bleed Blue'. I will continue to be a fan and supporter of women's basketball and Middle Tennessee sports in general."

Burkey spent the last two years (2010-11 and 2011-12) with the Blue Raiders, helping guide the program to consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and Sun Belt East Division titles. Middle Tennessee was 49-15 overall and 30-2 in the conference during his tenure. He oversaw the scouting of each opponent, assisted in scheduling and helped with on-court play calling.

“We appreciate the contributions of a great coach in Lynn Burkey during the last two years,” head coach Rick Insell said. “He took over a lot of duties within our coaching staff and brought us a tremendous base of experience and expertise. MTCS is gaining a great coach but we also gain a tremendous fan and supporter who will continue to follow our program closely.”

Burkey returns to the high school ranks, where he served for two years at his alma mater, Greeneville High School in Greeneville, Tenn., before succeeding Insell at Shelbyville Central High School in Shelbyville, Tenn., for five seasons prior to joining the Blue Raiders.

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