

Dendy making rounds for NBA workouts

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Former Blue Raider LaRon Dendy has been making the rounds for NBA workouts over the past two weeks. The 2012 Sun Belt Player of the Year has worked out for the Los Angeles Lakers, Oklahoma City Thunder, Phoenix Suns and Dallas Mavericks in anticipation of Thursday's draft. The draft begins at 6 p.m. CT on ESPN and ESPN3. "It's been a fun and humbling experience," Dendy said. "You get a phone call to work out for these teams and that's your chance. They put you up in a nice hotel, then you come in and show off your athletic ability in front of the



GM, which is really cool. It's just competing the whole time in different drills. The coolest part for me is seeing the teams' locker rooms and the NBA stars I've watched on TV." Dendy was outstanding in just one season for MT, averaging 14.6 points and 7.1 rebounds per game to earn the league's top honor. Under the guidance of head coach Kermit Davis, Dendy was one of the key components in the Blue Raiders setting the school record with 27 wins. "Coach Davis put me in a good position for this opportunity," Dendy said. "On the court, he put me in a position to develop my skills, and off the court we talked a lot about leadership. He helped my maturity both on and off the court." Davis also sees Dendy's versatility as a potential boost to his draft status. "You add value to yourself if you can guard a 3 and play-make," Davis said. "LaRon has good enough feet to guard a 3, and his skill level is good. So he could really bring up his value. It just takes one team, one GM, one coach to give a player like him an opportunity."

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