Davis inks four to National Letters of Intent

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Blue Raider men's basketball head coach Kermit Davis has signed four student-athletes to National Letters of Intent. The class, which includes three from the state of Tennessee, will begin their Middle Tennessee careers in the 2013-14 season.

"We're extremely excited about the class we've put together," Davis said. "I give a lot of credit to our staff. They spent numerous hours and worked really, really hard. We've got three Tennessee kids in the class, and I love our length and size. It's a really good start for the November signing.

"This is going to be a critical class. We lose six really good players and a lot of leadership, but we have a good nucleus coming back. They're good guys that fit into our program and you have to include Jaqawn Raymond in that class as a transfer from N.C. State. I couldn't be happier."

The class is tied for 34th in the country according to HoopScoopOnilne.com.

Josh Phillips
Forward // 6-8 // Hendersonville, Tenn. // Pope John Paul II
Earned TSWA All-State honors last year ... Named to the All-Sumner County Team in 2011-12 ... Led JPII to a 20-11 record last season ... Averaged 12 points and 10 rebounds per game as a junior under head coach Kip Brown.

Davis on Phillips: "He's a really good athlete. He's still very young and also has a great upside. He has a chance to lead the state in rebounding this year. We like him a ton and he's a great student."

Marcus Tarrance
Guard // 6-6 // Memphis, Tenn. // Eastern Oklahoma State College // Kingsbury High School
NJCAA First Team All-American in 2011-12 ... Averaged 18 points and 3.7 assists last season ... Led Eastern Oklahoma to a 32-5 record and the NJCAA tournament semifinals ... Named the Region 2 player of the year last season ... One of 12 players named to the national all-tournament team ... Will have two years of eligibility at MT.

Davis on Tarrance: "With the loss of our senior guards after this year, Marcus is a great get for our program. He has experience and has won a ton of games at Eastern Oklahoma. He's very versatile and can play the 3, 2 or 1. He's a good shooter and has really good ball skills. I think he can come in and help us immediately."

Reggie Upshaw
Forward // 6-7 // Chattanooga, Tenn. // Baylor School
Averaged 18 points, 10 rebounds, three assists and two blocks as a junior under head coach Austin Clark ... Also played football (wide receiver) and was a member of the track and field team, winning the state title in high jump last year and competing in the state championship with the 4x200-meter relay team.

Davis on Upshaw: "Reggie is an outstanding basketball player. He is extremely talented, athletic and really skilled. He can play the 2, 3 or stretch 4. He's going to strictly concentrate on basketball for the next four years, and his upside is tremendous."

Eric Wortham Jr.
Guard // 6-6 // McDonough, Ga. // Eagle's Landing High School
Named Region 4-AAA player of the year after leading Eagle's Landing to a 28-4 record and final four state appearance as a junior ... Averaged 14.8 points, 8.4 rebounds and 2.1 assists last year under head coach Clay Crump.

Davis on Wortham: "He's a guy with great length that can play multiple positions. He was MVP of his region as a junior, one of the best regions in Georgia. He's a versatile player that impacts winning."

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