Volleyball signs two during fall signing period

Jale Hervey and Maya Miller to join Blue Raiders for 2013 season

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - The Middle Tennessee volleyball team has announced that two student-athletes, Jale Hervey and Maya Miller, have signed national letters of intent to play for the Blue Raiders beginning in the fall of 2013.

"We will still have a very young team in 2013, returning 11 of 13 from this season," said head coach Matt Peck. "We will have no seniors and only two juniors, but with the addition of Jale and Maya and the return of our three medical redshirts, I feel we will be one of the most improved teams in the country."

Hervey is a 5'11" outside hitter from Huntsville, Ala. who recently wrapped up her senior season at Buckhorn High School for head coach Natalie Graham. Buckhorn was ranked #7 in Class 6A in Alabama this past season. A four-time All-Area and All-County selection, Hervey tallied 1,112 kills, 746 digs, and 209 aces at Buckhorn. She was named to the 6A All-State team in Alabama in 2010 and 2011. In 2010, Hervey was selected as a PrepVolleyball.com Soph 79 in 2010, putting her among top high school sophomores in the country. She plays her club volleyball for Rocket City 18-1s.

"Jale Hervey is a very dynamic, physical player and is as well-skilled as any player we have had come into our program," Peck said. "She is a high-flying, terminating attacker - one of the best we have seen in the entire class of 2013. Jale has a jump reach comparable to the middles we recruit. That's exceptional for an outside hitter. Her versatility as a hitter will make her one of the most difficult-to-defend players we have ever coached."

Miller is a 6'1" middle blocker from Detroit, Mich. who played at Cass Technical High School for head coach Ed Tomlin. Cass Tech is the three-time reigning Public School League champions in Detroit. Miller was an All-City and All-Region selection in 2012. She plays her club volleyball for Michigan Elite 18-1s.

"Maya Miller's athleticism, strength, and jumping ability will ultimately make her an outstanding middle for us," said Peck. "She hits a very heavy ball, has very quick feet, and is tremendous hitting off of one foot behind the setter. Maya has an extremely high ceiling and the work ethic to match. Along with Jale, Maya has an infectious personality on and off the court."

The Blue Raiders conclude the 2012 season with a 6 p.m. match at Lipscomb on Friday.

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