Raiders ink 25 on Signing Day

Class has 12 on offense, 12 on defense and a kicker

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee head football coach Rick Stockstill announced today the signing of 25 players to scholarship agreements on National Signing Day.

"This is a very balanced class by position," said Stockstill. "We filled our needs at the skill positions on offense, while adding some linemen, and a tight end. I also really like our quarterback.

"Defensively, we emphasized linemen and I like what we did there by bringing in seven. We are good with our depth at linebacker so we only signed one at the spot and in the secondary we have some guys in this class that can play. We also added a kicker and like his potential a great deal."

The Blue Raiders inked players from eight different states with 11 coming from Georgia, five from Florida, four from Tennessee, and one each from Virginia, Texas Illinois, Alabama, and Mississippi. Overall, 21 signees come from the high school ranks and four are junior college transfers.

Stockstill and his staff signed 12 players on offense. The Blue Raiders added five wide receivers, three linemen, two running backs, one tight end, and a quarterback. The receivers average 6-foot-1, 194 pounds.

Defensively, the Blue Raiders stocked up on linemen among the 12 players signed. The staff inked five defensive ends, two defensive tackles, two cornerbacks, two safeties, and a linebacker. The group of ends all has good size and average 6-3, 221.

Middle Tennessee also signed a placekicker in Canon Rooker who is highly regarded.

The Blue Raiders, who return 18 starters next year, will begin spring practice on March 25 with the Blue-White Spring Game set for April 20 at Floyd Stadium.

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