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FURMAN BASKETBALL SIGNS ASHLAND (KY.) FORWARD DARRELL ARBAUGH TO NATIONAL LETTER OF INTENT

GREENVILLE — Furman University head basketball coach Larry Davis announced today that Darrell Arbaugh, a 6-foot-8, 230-pound forward from Ashland, Ky., has signed a national letter of intent with the Paladins.

“We’re excited to have a student-athlete like Darrell join our program,” said Davis on Wednesday. “He brings athletic and academic excellence to our program, and he possesses a big, strong body with excellent low post skills and the ability to shoot effectively out to 18 feet. He also comes from a winning tradition and benefits greatly from playing for one of the best high school coaches in the Southeast in Mike Flynn.”

Arbaugh, a senior at Blazer High School in Ashland, Ky., averaged 14.1 points and 9.5 rebounds per game and earned all-region and all-state honors as a junior. He shot 60 percent from the field and 65 percent from the free throw line. He sports a 3.9 GPA.

“I think Furman is a program on the upswing,” said Arbaugh on Wednesday. “I had a chance to watch practice and was impressed with what I saw, and I also enjoyed sitting in on a class during my visit there. That was great.”

“When Larry Davis got the job last year, I thought Darrell would be a great fit,” said Arbaugh’s head coach Mike Flynn. “I called Larry last fall and he started writing Darrell. The coaching staff there started watching him play last summer and just loved him. They are getting a really fine basketball player and an outstanding student.”

Arbaugh is the first recruit to sign with Furman during the early signing period, which began today.

The Paladins, who posted wins in their two pre-season exhibition games, open the 1998-99 season Saturday night against Stetson at Timmons Arena.