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LITHONIA (GA.) STANDOUT KENNY ZIEGLER
BECOMES SECOND FURMAN BASKETBALL SIGNEE

GREENVILLE -- Furman University head basketball coach Larry Davis announced today that Kenny Ziegler, a 6-foot-6 forward from Lithonia, Ga., has signed a national letter of intent with the Paladins.

Ziegler, a small forward who averaged 13.2 ppg and 9.6 rpg as a junior on a AAA Lithonia High School squad that posted a 24-6 record, is the second signee for Furman in the early signing period. On Wednesday Furman announced it had signed 6-foot-8 forward Darrell Arbaugh from Ashland, Ky.

"I am estatic over the commitment of Kenny Ziegler because he brings us a top-of-the-line forward with great athleticism and an ability to shoot the ball well from the perimeter," said Davis on Friday afternoon. "Kenny has tremendous upside potential, and he is also an outstanding student and person who has a tremendous family who will strengthen the Furman basketball family."

"Kenny Ziegler is an outstanding student-athlete who is as good in the classroom as he is on the court," said recruiting analyst Bob Gibbons about the Paladins' latest signee. "This past summer he played in the shadow of Donnell Harvey, so he probably didn't get the recognition he deserved. Still, one college coach called him a reasonable facsimile of Vince Carter. He certainly has the talent and the work ethic to be the best newcomer in the Southern Conference next year. Right now he's the most highly rated player coming into the league."

Zielger sports a 3.5 GPA and has scored 1200 on the SAT.