

## Baseball

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# A&M coaches sign two recruits

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The New York City Connection. That's what the basketball coaches here seem to have. On the first day of signing basketball national letters of intent, the Aggies signed two more players from the Big Apple. Texas A&M signed 6-6 Fred Burton from New York in November at the early signing date.

Both new signees are transfers and will have two years of eligibility at Texas A&M. They will be playing along side New York natives Todd Holloway and Darnell Williams.

Reggie Hayes is a 6-8, 235-pound forward-center from New York City Technical College where he averaged 28 points and 15 rebounds this past season.

Don Marbury is a 6-2 guard from Farmingdale Junior College where he averaged 25 points per game, seven rebounds and seven assists per game this past season. He was named to the junior college All-America team.

Marbury's coach at Farmingdale, Joe Pellicane, said Marbury will be able to help the Aggies right away.

"Don should be able to step in and make an immediate contribution," Pellicane said.

The coach also said Marbury doesn't attract a lot of attention when he plays.

"Don will have very quiet 30 point games," Pellicane said. "You can be looking at the statistics at the end of the game and suddenly realize he had 30 points. Even though he is a high scorer, Pellicane said Marbury isn't concerned with his scoring average."

"Don worries about winning, not about his points."

Pellicane said Marbury shot 60 percent from the field, a

high percentage for a guard, and 80 percent from the free throw line.

The coach described Marbury as a "very exciting player and a good athlete."

Marbury selected Texas A&M over two highly regarded basketball schools, University of Nevada-Las Vegas and Marquette. Pellicane said although Marbury didn't make trips to those schools, he was on their recruiting lists.

Burton has played the past year at Brewster Academy in New Hampshire where he averaged 42 points per game. He was an All-City selection during high school in New York City. He will have a four years eligibility at Texas A&M.

Elsewhere around the Southwest Conference:

Texas Tech Coach Gerald Myers signed a pair of Dallas-area high school forwards to national letters of intent Wednesday to play basketball for the Red Raiders.

Ed Robinson, of Dallas Kimball, and Greg Crowe, of South Garland, agreed to attend the Lubbock university.

Robinson, 6-foot-6, averaged 13 points and 13 rebounds a game in leading Dallas Kimball to a 35-4 record this past season and Crowe, 6-5, shot 52 percent from the field in averaging 19.6 points and 10 rebounds.

"Both of these types of players are good rebounders and will help us in that area," Myers said. "They are both physical, strong players and we think they are two outstanding freshmen prospects. Basically we recruited guards last year and we need to sign some forward-type players this year. These two will fill that need."

Rice also signed a front-line player in 6-8 1/2 center Dave Raymer, from Merced (Calif.) Junior College, Raymer, originally from Washingtonville,

Don Marbury	G	6-2	Farmingdale JC, NY
Reggie Hayes	F-C	6-8	N.Y. Tech. Institute
Fred Burton	F	6-6	New Hampshire

N.Y., scored 15.3 points and grabbed 9.7 rebounds a game for Merced last year. He will join the Owls as a junior.

"He is what we need," Rice Coach Tommy Suits said. "He is a good post player and the most obvious problem in our program is the lack of a post player. His experience should help us."

Rice signed a pair of high school seniors last November, as the early signing date cut down the number of announced recruits across the country Wednesday.

Houston did not announce signees Wednesday, but was expected to release some recruits' names Thursday.

Arkansas signed one player Wednesday in 6-8 Darrell Scott from Wynne, Ark., and expected to have another join the fold Thursday. The Razorbacks got the verbal agreement from Stephan Moore, a 6-8 power forward from Cushing, Okla.

Texas, trying to improve on back-to-back 22-loss seasons, went out of state for two recruits. The Longhorns got 6-4 guard Kelvin Collins, who scored 24 points a game for Waterloo, Iowa; and 6-8 forward Douglas Dennis, who averaged 23 points a game at Harrison, Ark.

"He's a steal," Waterproof Coach Willie Woods said of Collins. "If he'd been playing at a larger place he'd have gotten a lot more attention. He's a big kid, but he's quick and I promise you he can handle a basketball."

Dennis' coach, Lendall Thomas, said, "I think he's (Dennis) the best player in the state. He's a fine, fine prospect. He's a very strong, power type

player, but he's got great hands and a great shooting touch for a big guy."

During the fall signing period Texas signed 6-5 guard Myron Lilley of Los Angeles and 6-foot-2 guard Wayne Thomas of Columbus, Texas.

Southern Methodist signed in quantity Wednesday, grabbing four high school players. The Mustangs tabbed local product Terry Thomas, of Dallas Carter High School. The 6-8 frontliner averaged 15 points and 16 rebounds last season.

SMU took Houston Clear Lake High School standout Glenn Purdy. Purdy, 6-9, scored more than 21 points a

game last year. Coyle Winborn, a 6-7 scorer from Pampa, also agreed to play for Dave Bliss' Mustangs. Bliss went north to get Little Rock's Alan Cozart, a 6-5 player who averaged 20 points a game for McClellan High School.

SMU also signed Adrian Caldwell, a 6-7 forward who scored 17 points and hauled in 18 rebounds a game for Corpus Christi-West Oso High School. Caldwell agreed to go to SMU last November.

Among those Texas athletes headed for other states to play collegiately is Waxahachie's Todd Alexander, a 5-11 guard, who agreed to attend the University of Minnesota of the Big Ten Conference. Alexander scored more than 2,400 points in high school.



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Texas A&M basketball coach Shelby Metcalf could be applauding the Big Apple next season after recruiting two more New York City products for the Aggies.

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