

Seven New Recruits for Peru State Men's Basketball Team

(KLZA) Peru State College (PSC) Bobcat men's basketball head coach Troy Katen has announced the signing of seven recruits for the 2012-13 year. Three of the recruits are junior college transfers while the other four are true freshmen.

Two of the junior college transfers were teammates at Phoenix College in Phoenix, Ariz. Nate Bohy (Mesa, Ariz.) and Taylor Christensen (Glendale, Ariz.) were members of a successful Bears program that finished 21-11 last year.

Bohy, a versatile 6'2 guard for the Bears, was also selected 2nd Team All-Arizona Community College Athletic Conference (ACCAC) and 1st Team All-Region. He finished out the season averaging 15.2 points per game, 8.5 rebounds per contest, and 1.5 steals. In addition, Bohy was an NJCAA Academic All-American.

Taylor Christensen, a 6'7 forward, averaged 2.69 points per game while shooting 47% from the field. Also, Christensen grabbed 3.4 rebounds per game and blocked 22 shots during the season.

Kody Kirkpatrick (Loami, Ill.) is the third junior college transfer as he comes to PSC from John Wood Community College in Quincy, Ill. The 6'2 guard averaged 7.8 points per game for the Blazers while shooting 43% last season from the floor.

A set of twins, Justin and Jesse Jones (Edmond, Okla.) make up half of the four freshmen recruits. Justin, a 6'5 guard/forward, averaged 7 points and 5 rebounds, while Jesse, a 6'1 forward/guard averaged 6 points and 5 rebounds for the Wolves team which made the Oklahoma 6A state semifinals, losing to the eventual state champion.

A 6'3 forward, Nicholas Babalola (Kansas City, Mo.) played for the Center High School Yellowjackets who were the West Central Conference Champions. Babalola earned West Central All Conference first team recognition after averaging 16 points and 7 rebounds per game last year.

Another freshman signee is Grant Leslie, an Auburn High School Bulldog. Leslie, a 6'6 forward, was injured and only played in five games during his senior year. Leslie averaged 15 points per game and snagged 13 boards for the Bulldogs.

Bobcat men's basketball head coach Troy Katen is pleased with the seven recruits. Katen said, "We are happy with our incoming recruiting class this year as we feel it's a good mixture of junior college and high school players who have the ability to make an immediate impact for our program. The recruits will fill some voids left by our graduating seniors and make our team depth overall a lot more solid at each position.

In conclusion, Katen added, "We are excited to be entering into our second season in the Heart of America Athletic Conference (HAAC). We feel that we've added the right players for us to succeed and overcome some obstacles from last year's schedule."

Many Signals Communications