

Former Saint Drafted in Canada

One more Saint has added his name to a long list of former Seward County players to suit up as a professional after their days in Liberal as former Men's Basketball player Marcus James has signed a contract with the Mississauga Power of the NBL Canada after the team drafted him with the 18th overall pick in the 2013 draft last week.

Mississauga selected James with their third pick in the 2013 draft. The Power nabbed the 6'7 small forward 18th overall and he was the 12th American picked in the draft. The 2013 NBL Canada Draft was held at the Hilton Suites in Markham, Ontario. The Power begins the NBL Canada season on Nov. 2.

James starred at Seward County for two seasons from 2008-2010, averaging 11 points and 6 rebounds per game in his career for the Saints. He was a two time Honorable Mention All-Jayhawk West selection for Seward, scoring in double figures in 40 different ballgames. In his two seasons in Liberal, James helped Seward to a 47-18 overall record and a pair of trips to the Region VI Semifinals.

Following his career with the Saints, James transferred onto and excelled at Sam Houston State University. James was named the Bearkats team MVP during his senior season when he averaged 10 points and 7 rebounds per game while starting 31 out of 32 contests.

When asked on draft day about what kind of player James would be for the Power, Mississauga Head Coach Fred Grannum said "Marcus will utilize his high motor to help us with rebounding and blocking shots. All of the players we selected will be great additions to our system."

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