

Saints Re-load this Summer

With many big shoes to fill, the Seward County Saints have signed eight players with more signatures expected before school begins this August. The Saints gained signatures from in staters from 5'11" Oscar Sigala of Southwestern Heights and 6'2" Tyler Brashears from Blue Valley Northwest this spring. Former Saint Doug Butler's son Desmond Butler from Tulsa Edison also signed this spring. Butler averaged 26 points per game and led Edison to a state runner up finish. He was named all tournament.

Recently the Saints signed 6'3" Rafriel Guthrie from Washington D.C's Cardozo High School. He averaged 27 points per game. ScoutNY.com reports Guthrie "set the court on fire with his energy and scored 17 points in the game.

Daveon Boardingham has the potential to be the headliner of the recruiting class. He picked the Saints over the likes of Chipola and C.S.I. The 6'7" forward is from Chavez High School in Newark, New Jersey which has been fertile recruiting ground for Seward. Division 1 schools Iona, St. Bonaventure, and Niagara were also recruiting Boardingham.

Tymell Murphy is another player from newly hired Seward assistant Jay Cyriac's trade area of New Jersey and New York. Murphy is 6'5" and played at Coney Island's Marcy Avenue Campus High School. The shooting guard recently scored 25 points in a game in Nike's Dykeman and West 4th Street league. NYChoops.net reports Murphy kept his team in the game. "Kudos to the, 6-foot-5 forward who will be attending Seward County JUCO as he made an inspired effort to almost singlehandedly cut a 24 point half time deficit down to 6 points with 6 minutes remaining in the game."

The Saints also signed a pair of Wichita City League players 6'4" Irvin Hollinger of Wichita Heights and 6'2" Teddie Nolen of Wichita Northwest. Nolen is the cousin of current Saint Marky Nolen.

Seward plans on signing as many as four more to their class to join returning Saints 6'2" Isaiah Thaw (Newton), 6'1" Spencer Moore (Topeka Highland Park), 6'2" Marky Nolen (Wichita South), and 6' Chris Chaney (Liberal). The 6'10" Alex Sturanovic (Subotica, Serbia) will not return next year and will play ball at home. Liberal's Kevin Livingston will be unable to play after surgery.

Seward was 24-9 last year. Assistant Ryan Stock helped recruit several of the players before taking an assistant coaching job at Pittsburg State. Jay Cyriac has recruited much of the class since joining Bryan Zollinger last month.