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SURPLUS PROPERTY

The Estill County Board of Education has declared the following vehicles for surplus and will be accepting sealed bids until 10:00 AM, Monday, November 28, 2016. Bids should be delivered to the Superintendent's office. All vehicles and buses will be bid separately, but the seller reserves the right to group the buses together in one bid if that bid is higher. Any questions can be directed to Arthur Ballard at 606 723-2181. These items have been declared surplus:

BUSES

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- #96-3, International - Parts
- #96-4, International - Parts
- #97-8, International - Parts
- #97-5, International - Parts
- #98-2, Freightliner - Runs, oil in fuel
- #91, Freightliner - Parts
- #906, Freightliner - Parts
- #983, Freightliner - Parts
- #981, Freightliner - Parts

VEHICLES

- 1993 Ford Ranger, Bad transmission
- 2000 Chevy Blazer, Runs but has mechanical issues
- 2006 Dodge Caravan, Wrecked

Recruitment of Alexander is "like a rocket ship movement"



by Larry Vaught

The recruitment of 6-5 Chattanooga guard Shai Alexander was like a "rocket ship movement" in the last year and he finally landed at the University of Kentucky.

"Over the past year he has gone from somebody nobody knew with low major recruitment to a high level top 50 player in the class," said Zach Ferrell, Alexander's coach at Hamilton Heights. "His size for a point guard is awesome. He has a great work ethic and knows how to treat teammates. He's a great player."

This is Alexander's second year with Ferrell and the coach says despite reports that Alexander is a combo guard, his best spot is at point guard.

"Point guard is his natural position. As a point guard, he's everything you want," Ferrell said. "He understands the game. His vision is fantastic. He loves to get his teammates involved. He has a 6-10 wingspan and has the potential to be a phenomenal defender."

"He can score it really well and he can find people when they are open. He handles the ball, shoots it well and he can be really fantastic coming off a ball screen."

He averaged 15.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 4.8 assists per game for Team Portis Wings Elite in the Nike EYBL last travel season and despite weighing only about 170 pounds can finish at the rim and doesn't shy away from contact even though sometimes he can be overpowered.

Ferrell says his outside shooting has improved and can still get better.

"He has gotten more confident in his shooting," the coach said. "It's not the best part of his game, but it is definitely a tool he can use."

Ferrell said Alexander, who is from Toronto, is a much more confident player now and has also grown since arriving in Chattanooga.

"With every college freshman, there will be an adjustment period. But he does not get caught up in the limelight or spotlight he'll be in at Kentucky. He's very low key and down to earth. He will be able to thrive in that environment," Ferrell said.

The four-star Alexander once verbally committed to Florida before changing his mind and picking UK over Syracuse, Texas and others.

He's a consensus top 50 players. He likely will be ranked much higher when the season ends because he spent most of the summer playing with the Canadian Senior National Team. That gave him an opportunity to play against older NBA players like Tristan Thompson, Cory Joseph, Tyler Ennis and Anthony Bennett.

Fans at the Marshall County Hoop Fest will get to see him play Dec. 2 at 5:30 p.m. CST against Prolific Prep out of California and Dec. 3 at 8 p.m. CST against Hillcrest Prep out of Arizona that features 7-0

Arizona commit De'Andre Ayton, the top-ranked player in the 2017 recruiting class (call 270-527-6714 to purchase tickets in advance).

Hamilton Heights will play Dec. 1 in Memphis against Memphis East on ESPN2.

"That will be a heck of a stretch for us," Ferrell said. "We'll be doing some sleeping on the bus. We've not been to Hoop Fest before but I know what a quality event it is."

Hamilton Heights has two other Division I signees -- Nick Alexander-Walker, who is ranked No. 29 in the ESPN top 100 and will play at Virginia Tech, and Theren Shelton-Szmidt, who will play at Middle Tennessee. The Hawks have seven players with Division I offers and a solid group of younger players.

"We push the ball. Not like Nolan Richardson did at Arkansas, but we play at a good pace," Ferrell said. "I hope fans will see a hard working group of kids that they can see enjoys playing together."

Richards As Well

Kentucky also landed New Jersey center Nick Richards in the early signing period.

"It is crazy for someone that young to be that physical. He is extremely athletic. He's not big like Bam (Adebayo), maybe a little taller. But they are both extremely athletic," UK freshman De'Aaron Fox said.

Could he knock Adebayo around?

"No. He won't knock Bam around. Nobody is knocking Bam around," Fox said.

Jeremy Schneider, a reporter for NJ Advance Media, was not surprised that Richards picked UK like New Jersey products Michael-Kidd Gilchrist, Karl-Anthony Towns and Isaiah Briscoe did.

"The Wildcats have had a major presence recruiting-wise in New Jersey for some time now, and once they got involved with Richards, it seemed like they were a favorite. His athleticism, energy, motor and size should make him a good fit for the way Kentucky plays," Schneider said. "Richards is still raw but his offensive game is definitely improving. He's shown a lot of growth and is looking much more comfortable on the court."

Richards has been playing basketball only four years -- another reason Schneider thinks his best days are ahead of him.

"He can take over a game now and it is kind of scary how good he is considering he has not been playing the game that long," Schneider said. "He has taken a major leap in his comfort on the court and understanding of the game. He's more of a player now instead of just an athlete."

"I think when he puts it all together he will be a major offensive threat. I don't know if he will ever be a team's No. 1 option on offense, but he is so explosive around the rim that he will always make an impact on put-backs and cleaning up around the basket."

Kentucky also got Las Vegas forward P.J. Washington and then surprised many by getting Philadelphia point guard Quade Green on Saturday. He had been considered a definite Syracuse lean and is regarded as the top point guard in the 2017 class. Not only that, but adding him could help UK with several other five-star players.

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