

## Capel Inks Two For 2012-13 Season

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Appalachian State University head men's basketball coach Jason Capel received National Letters of Intent from forwards Arthur McMillan (Nashville, Tenn./Lawson State) and Michael Obacha (Summerfield, N.C./High Point Christian) for the 2012-13 campaign, he announced on Thursday.

"I'm really excited about adding both of these guys," Capel said. "They address two needs that we have, losing three of our four front-court players to graduation after this year. They will come in

and contribute to what we are building, both in the classroom and on the court. I am really pleased with both of them."

Arthur McMillan attended Morehead State as a freshman in 2010-11, where he came off the bench in 26 games to help the Eagles to the Ohio Valley championship and an NCAA Tournament win over Louisville. The 6-6 forward scored 44 points on the season in 5.5 minutes per game. He posted an impressive 53.1 field-goal percentage on the year and hauled in 31 rebounds with a pair of steals and a block.

This season, McMillan is off to a strong start at Lawson State Community College, where he has already notched a double-double in early competition. In two games, he averages 17.0 points, 5.0 rebounds and 4.5 assists per game on 66.7 percent field-goal shooting.

Prior to his collegiate experience, McMillan starred for coach Rodney Thweatt at Nashville's Hillsboro High School. As a prep, he finished ninth in the mid-state with 22 points per game. He was named the District 11AAA co-MVP and earned all-region and all-midstate second-team honors as a senior. In his junior campaign, McMillan averaged 19 points and six rebounds per game. He also competed on the Basketball Coaches of Tennessee East/West All-Star team. Arthur McMillan is a first-class kid transferring from Lawson State by way of Morehead State," Capel added. "He is a really good inside offensive skill player. He can go inside-out, handle the ball, knock down jump shots and is a very good rebounder. He's a gym rat; he wants to be in the gym at all times and really works hard. He's also a great student and works hard in the classroom. Arthur comes from a great family and a good program in Birmingham, Alabama."

Michael Obacha is attending High Point Christian Academy this season after transferring from Oak Ridge Military Academy, where he played in 2010-11 with current Mountaineer freshman Mike Neal. The 6-8 forward originally hails from Nigeria and plays for coach Brandon Clifford at HPCA. Last season, Obacha averaged 12.6 points and 12.4 rebounds per game at Oak Ridge. In addition to Neal and Obacha, ASU sophomore Jay Canty also starred at Oak Ridge before playing at Xavier last season.

"I'm really excited about the addition of Michael Obacha," noted Capel. "He's someone that we've recruited for some time now and comes from a winning program. He's a first-class kid. Michael is a warrior, a relentless worker and a guy that rebounds the ball and changes ends of the floor at a very high rate. He gives maximum effort every time out. He's a great student and will be a great ambassador for Appalachian State Basketball. I'm really pleased that he's joining our family and we look forward to developing him over the next four years."

Capel's squad closes out a two-game road swing on Saturday at Tennessee Tech. The Mountaineers then host East Carolina in Charlotte's Time Warner Cable Arena next Tuesday,

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