

## **Pifer Transfers To Brevard**

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Jake Pifer is on the move again. And this time, he hopes to make it stick. Pifer, who was a three-time varsity player and a two-year starter at Watauga High (2009-2012) during his prep career, will attend Brevard College, a Division II school in Brevard, N.C., and a member of the South Atlantic Conference this fall.

Pifer has transferred to Brevard after he spent just one year at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, AL., a Division I Junior College, and a member of the Alabama Community College Conference. He joins a Brevard team that was 4-22 last season. The Tornadoes had six freshmen, three sophomores and two juniors on their roster in 2012-13. Lee Burgess, who spent the last nine years as an assistant coach at Samford University, takes over as head coach this season. Burgess confirmed the announcement through an email.

"I doubt Jake will red-shirt," Burgess said. "We needed to get longer and athletic. We hope he can play right away."

Pifer played in 21 games last season at Wallace State, which included six starts. He comes to Brevard with three years of eligibility remaining. Pifer, a three-time all-conference selection at WHS, played an average of 11.8 minutes-per-game as a true freshman last year. He averaged 3.1 points a game, pulled down 25 rebounds (21 of those were on the defensive boards), he made five steals, and he had two blocked shots for a team that went 17-13. He shot 34% from the floor, and 31% from the three-point line. He was 4-6 on free-throw attempts (67%). Pifer averaged 19 points and six rebounds a game his senior year at WHS. He closed out his senior year with a memorable game in the opening round of the Class 4A state playoffs against East Gaston. Pifer scored 23 of his game-high 25 points in a first-round loss. His effort nearly wiped out a 20-point deficit. Pifer is ranked fifth on WHS' all-time scoring list.

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