

Bobcats Sign Two More

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Jacquise Moore (Concord, N.C.) and Darryl Bond (Nashville, Tenn.) have both signed National Letters of Intent to attend Lees-McRae College and play men's basketball in the fall of 2013, announced head coach Steve Hardin Friday. Both Jacquise and Darryl will make immediate impacts on the court," said Hardin. "They both fill needs in having proven winners to come in and play right away. Jacquise and Darryl both understand what being a student-athlete is all about, and we are excited to have them as part of the Bobcat family."

Moore comes to the Bobcats following a prolific two-year career at Wallace State, during which he averaged 10.9 points, 6.4 rebounds, 2.5 steals, and 1.8 assists per game as a sophomore. The 6-3 guard helped Wallace State to 38 wins, including an appearance in the NJCAA National Championship Tournament during his freshman season.

"Jacquise was a tremendous player for us over the past two seasons and an integral part of the Region XXII championship team as a freshman," said Wallace State head coach John Meeks. "He did an excellent job, both on and off the court, to become a well-rounded student-athlete and further establish the culture of our program. I am excited to see him in a Bobcats uniform and I know he will make the institution proud!"

Moore garnered numerous awards while at Wallace State, earning a spot on the all-ACCC North Division First team as a sophomore, as well as being named to the ACCC all-Tournament team as a freshman. Prior to his tenure at Wallace State, Moore recorded the most wins of any player in the history of the Concord High School boys' basketball program, leading the Spiders to a 106-17 record during his career.

"Jacquise will play a major role in every part of this program," said Hardin. "He is a student-athlete first, carrying a 3.4 GPA while at Wallace State, and I am ecstatic that he chose LMC and our program.

We both have the same vision for Lees-McRae men's basketball, and I see him being a leader for our team and the program. Many NCAA Division I schools wanted him out of high school and junior college, but he chose to come to Lees-McRae. Jacquise is a winner first and embodies everything in our FIRE mentality."

The Concord, N.C. native earned all-SPC First team, all-region and all-state honors at Concord, while becoming only the third player in Concord history, along with former Spider stars Ishua Benjamin (former N.C. State star) and Dee Bost (current Mississippi State star), to score 1,000-career points in their junior seasons.

Moore played a key role in the Spiders' success as the front man on the vaunted Concord full-court pressure. He was also one of the team's top scorers and playmakers, averaging 16 points, seven rebounds, five assists and six steals per contest on a talented team. For his efforts, Moore was ranked among the top 20 seniors in North Carolina upon graduation.

Bond joins Lees-McRae from Motlow State Community College, where he was teammates with fellow Bobcat signee Raul Tutton, Jr. (Germantown, Tenn.). A native of Nashville, Tenn., Bond averaged six points, five rebounds, and two blocks per game on a team which featured five players who signed scholarships with NCAA Division I programs for the coming season.

"Darryl is a team first guy and proven winner," praised Hardin. "He will do whatever is asked of him to help our team be successful. Darryl is extremely athletic and should help bring FIRE and excitement to Williams gymnasium. He is a highly skilled post player and fits our need of an experienced big man. We are excited to welcome Darryl into the program."

Prior to his arrival at Motlow State, the 6-7 forward starred for Lighthouse Christian School in

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Nashville, Tenn., where he averaged 27.4 points, nine rebounds, and 3.5 blocks per game as a senior. Bond was a two-time honoree on the all-State First team while at Lighthouse Christian, leading the team to back-to-back appearances in the state championship game. During his junior season, Bond averaged 17.3 points, 8.5 rebounds, and three blocks per game, earning Best Offensive Player honors.

Moore and Bond join an already impressive recruiting class for the Bobcats, which includes Tutton, Rishad Felton (Hendersonville, N.C.), Donte Falls (Shelby, N.C.), Avery Wallis (Ronda, N.C.), Darius Smith (Woodridge, Va.), Logan Chaucer (Wilmington, N.C.), Marcus Hash (Wytheville, Va.), Josh Gaither (Statesville, N.C.), Chase Arnold (Kingsport, Tenn.), Daruis Malbon (Hickory, N.C.) and Mike Chambers (Winston-Salem, N.C.).

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