

MIDDLETOWN'S WINN TO PLAY COLLEGE BASKETBALL AT SHENANDOAH

Morgan Winn, a standout basketball player at Middletown High School, has decided to continue his academic and athletic career at Shenandoah University in Winchester, Va.

Winn, a four-year member of the MHS basketball program, averaged 8.1 points and 5.7 rebounds per game for the Knights during his senior year. He was named second-team All-Piedmont Conference in the Monocacy Valley Athletic League and earned honorable mention All-Area recognition in The Frederick News-Post.

Winn, a 6-foot-5, 180-pound forward, also played in the annual Frederick City-County All-Star Game. He was a tri-captain for the Knights as a senior and finished among the Piedmont Conference's leaders in scoring, rebounding, and blocked shots.

"I chose Shenandoah primarily because of its accredited business school and the fact that it suited my family financially," said Winn. "Shenandoah's coach, Robert Harris, was also a contributing factor to my decision. I felt that he took a genuine interest in me. The players at Shenandoah spoke highly of him, which meant a lot to me. I also felt that I could fit in with the guys at the university. All in all, I believe that Shenandoah is the best fit for me because I can grow both on and off the court."

Shenandoah is an NCAA Division III institution and competes in the USA South Athletic Conference. The 44-year-old conference is comprised of colleges in North Carolina and Virginia. Other schools in the conference that compete in men's basketball include Christopher Newport, Averett, North Carolina Wesleyan, Ferrum, Methodist, and Greensboro.

"We have had the opportunity to see Morgan several times this past season and came away with a very good understanding of his court awareness and fundamental skills," said Coach Harris, who has been Shenandoah's head coach for the last nine seasons.

"He has shown the ability to be a significant threat from the outside and with his ability to put the ball on the 'deck,' we love the versatility that he will allow us to utilize in our game plans. We are ecstatic that

Morgan has decided to join the Hornet Basketball Family, and our entire team is looking forward to working with him.”

Winn will become the 30th Middletown High basketball player in the last 42 years to play at the collegiate level. Three former Knights played college ball during the 2008-09 season -- Alex Carr (Eastern Nazarene), Ryan Comstock (Goucher), and Paul Crone (Gettysburg).

“Morgan has worked hard both on and off the court in order to play basketball at the college level,” said Middletown co-head coach Jon Jarrett. “We are all very excited about following his basketball career at Shenandoah University.”

“Morgan has always had the goal of continuing his basketball career in college, so we’re excited about the opportunity that he will have at Shenandoah,” said Middletown co-head coach Tim Leber. “He has put forth a great deal of effort to improve throughout his high school career, and we’re confident that he will continue to work hard on his game. He’s an outstanding young man with a bright future.”