

MULES SIGN FIRST BASKETBALL RECRUIT

WARRENSBURG, MO (May 2, 2002) – Central Missouri State’s new men’s basketball coach Kim Anderson has signed his first recruit for the 2002-2003 season. Joining the Mules for Anderson’s first season as head coach is **Brian Rhodes**, a 6-6 forward from Mineral Area Community College in Park Hills, Mo.

Rhodes averaged 17 points, nine rebounds and 2.5 assists this past season to earn all-region and all-conference honors for Mineral Area’s 17-15 squad. As a freshman for Mineral Area, Rhodes averaged 15 points, seven rebounds and two assists, while helping lead the team to a 20-10 record and a conference title.

A graduate of Sullivan High School, Rhodes was a three-sport performer for the Eagles. As a senior, he was a second-team all-state selection and conference player-of-the-year in basketball, averaging 21 points and 10 rebounds. He placed third in the high jump at the state track & field championships and was a first-team all-conference selection as a punter and wide receiver in his first season of football.

“We’re excited to have Brian join our basketball program,” Anderson said. “He comes from outstanding programs at Sullivan High School and Mineral Area and is the type of student-athlete who will fit in well with our returning players. He is athletic and skilled and possesses a tremendous work ethic.”