Rogers' Lendl, Washburn's Shepherd To Attend UW-Eau Claire

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EAU CLAIRE, Wis. (UWECBlugolds.com) - **Burke Lendl** from Rogers (Minn.) High School and **Noah Shepherd** from Minneapolis Washburn High School, will transfer from Bemidji State University to attend UW-Eau Claire and play basketball next fall, Blugold head coach Kyle Green has announced.

“We are very excited to have two quality student-athletes like Burke and Noah join the Blugold family. They come from very strong high school programs that have a tradition of success. Noah is a very good athlete who will give us a strong defensive presence and the ability to change the tempo of the game with his athleticism. Burke is a very versatile offensive player who can create defensive matchup problems for opponents with his inside-out scoring ability. Both young men have had proven success on the collegiate level which will allow for them to make an immediate impact in our program.”

The Burke Lendl Profile:

Height: 6-7 *Weight:* 200 *Year:* Junior *Previous School:* Bemidji State

College Accomplishments

Sophomore Season: Played in 22 games, including eight starts. Averaged 6 points and 3.3 rebounds per game shooting 44.8 percent from the floor (47-of-105), 34.3 percent from the three-point line (12-of-35) and 80.6 percent from the free throw line (25-of-31). Had six double-digit point games including a season-high 12 points against Concordia-St. Paul (Jan. 15) to go along with three assists. Lendl had a season-high seven rebounds versus UW-Stout (Nov. 23).

Freshman Season: Played in 24 games, starting nine, becoming a regular starter in the final eight contests of the season. Averaged 18.8 minutes per game, posting 4.0 points and 3.3 rebounds per game. Scored a season-high 17 points against Finlandia University Feb. 16 on 5-of-6 shooting from the field and 5-of-6 from the free throw line. Shot 10-for-20 (50.0%) from three-point land. Had season-high 10 rebounds versus Concordia-St. Paul Feb. 5.

High School Accomplishments

Lendl is a three-time letter winner for the Rogers Royals basketball program leading his team to an 18-12 record, a section 5AAA championship and a trip to the 2008-09 Minnesota State Boys High School Basketball Tournament. He averaged 11.3 points per game and 7.7 rebounds per game while shooting 42.8-percent from the floor (95-222) with 26 blocked shots. Lendl also has three-point range as he knocked down 47 three-pointers during his career. Garnering nearly 400 rebounds during his high school career, Lendl received the Rogers H.S. team award “King of the Boards” after pulling down 185 rebounds (33-152-185) during his senior season. He had 34 double-digit scoring games including seven 20-point games with a career-high 28 points in a 72-59 win over Cambridge-Isanti on Feb. 19, 2008. He also had seven double-doubles during his final two season and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds in a 69-68 win over Princeton on Jan. 12, 2008. Lendl was awarded the Outstanding Achievement Award for basketball at Rogers High School. He has also been active in the club circuit as a member of the Howard Pulley AAU program. He is also active off the court as he is a member of DECA, which is an association of high school and college students studying marketing, management and entrepreneurship in business, finance, hospitality and marketing sales and service.

The Noah Shepherd Profile:

Height: 6-3 *Weight:* 185 *Year:* Junior *Previous School:* Bemidji State

College Accomplishments

Sophomore Season: Played in 14 games, including three starts. Averaged 1.6 points per game shooting 58.8

percent from the floor (10-of-17) and 33 percent from the three-point line (2-of-6). Had a season-high 13 points against UW-Stout (Nov. 23) to go along with three assists.

Freshman Season: Saw time in 23 games off the bench. Averaged 2.8 points and 9.3 minutes per game. Shot 50 percent from the field (23-of-46). Had a season-high 12 points on Feb 16 in a win against Finlandia University (Feb. 16).

High School Accomplishments

Shepherd left Washburn as a three-time letter winner for the Millers boy's basketball team. He averaged 8.0 points per game as a senior and helped lead the Millers to a 25-5 record, a Minneapolis City Conference Championship, Section 6AAA Championship and a Minnesota State Class 3A Boys' Basketball Tournament Championship. He notched 10 double-digit scoring games including a season-high 16-point effort in a 76-44 win over Minneapolis Roosevelt on Jan. 31, 2009.