



Alabama Crimson Tide

Aaron Estrada & Mark Sears

Aaron Estrada

On what he brings to the program...

"I'm bringing a very seasoned, poised player. This is my fifth year of college, so I kind of know what to expect. I know I'm going to be able to help these younger guys out, and that's really what I want to do, honestly. I feel like that's where I need to take a big jump, with my leadership, as far as being vocal and all that. I feel like all the on-court stuff will take care of itself."

On what made him attracted to Alabama...

"Ultimately, I would say they're winners. Through all the adversity they had, they continued to perform and win at a high level. I would say Coach Oats, too. Just the type of guy he is, he's very authentic. He keeps it real with you, and that's what I was looking for. He didn't try to sell me anything when he was recruiting me, he just kept it real with me, and that's ultimately what I was looking for."

Mark Sears

Your guys' motto hashtag is Blue Collar Basketball, what does that mean to you and how are you guys implementing that this season?

"That means max effort, continuous growth, and selfless love. Once you have put all of that together, that really describes the way we play."

What is the biggest thing you are going to work on in your game to try to get to the next level?

"I would say defense and really buying in on being an everyday defender and constantly taking my defense to the next level."

What do you expect from this team and tell us about some of the newcomers' first impression so far.

"All of the newcomers really impressed me. Their work ethic is very impressive, and you can tell they really love the game of basketball. I believe we are going to have a really exciting season again this year."

