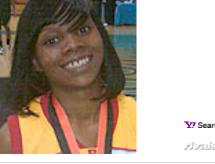


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Berkeley point guard Elisha Davishas been on big stages throughout her high school career while playing for the Yellowjackets and CA Ballaz as  $\,$ one of the top players in her class. The 5-foot-5, 4-star prospect ended her recruitment earlier this month after becoming the second player to commit to the Pac-12 in this class.

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Davis verbally committed to Arizona State while on an official visit to the school on September 10 while at dinner with her mom, the coaching staff and her host, she said.

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"The reasons that made (Arizona State) right for me was for one the team. I really enjoyed being with the team at the football game (ASU vs. Missouri), playing in the open gym with them, having dinner at the coaches' house. I just felt like I fit in," Davis said in an email. "Also, when I got a tour of the campus, I got to meet with the director of the business college and I learned I am able to do two majors(business/social services) in one. I met with the academic counselor which was really cool because I got to see that ASU has a lot of resources. So many that you can't fail and that they want to help you succeed on and off the court.

Davis added on reasons for her choice, "To see how they care about their players as a person, a student and an athlete and also hearing the sincerity in the players' voice when listening to why they chose ASU. I can see myself in that environment because it's city-like and I like hot weather. Getting to see the dorms. all the food places(on and off campus), the shopping outlet/mall and many more that made me feel like this is a good place to be my home away from home.

The Berkeley guard is rated No. 3 at the top four star prospect in her class with the chance to make an early impact for Arizona State.

"Arizona State's plan once I get on campus is to make sure I excel as a student and a player. Coming in, I wouldn't have to play behind anybody and wait to get in the game. If I'm doing what I'm supposed to do and showing what I'm capable of, I have a pretty good chance of getting a lot of playing time, which I really like because I don't want to wait," Davis said. "I want to play all four years and they're giving me the areen light to do so.

With the recruiting process behind her, Davis said it was both fun and stressful and was happy when she finally committed.

"When I finally verbally committed, I felt like the weight was lifted off my shoulders and all the pressure was gone," Davis said. "So this process was exciting and overwhelming, yet confusing and stressful."

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