

TERRANCE FAVORS

“My dad got me into it when I was around seven or eight,” recounted Terrance Favors. “We played at Washington Park and various playgrounds around the city, every day, every week, every chance he had off work. I knew I wanted to pursue the sport.”

“I wasn’t the most talented growing up, and that was a little discouraging. But I put in the grit and the hard work,” he added. He tried to play a little football. “But I wasn’t the biggest or the most physical, and my mom didn’t want me to take a beating.”

Through the Metco program, Terrance arrived at John Glenn Middle School in Grade 6. “Oh, man – at first it was pretty tough for me,” he recalled, especially the 5:45 wake-up call. “But it was a culture shock more than anything.” His older brother Tommy Hubbard was already at JGMS; he later transferred to St. Mark’s School and then starred for Eastern Tennessee State University. “My brother lay down the blueprint for me,” Terrance said.

Terrance reflected on his seven Metco years in Bedford as “the best of both worlds. It added a lot more structure to my life.” He didn’t play on the school and travel teams until eighth grade, joining classmate Jerry Cohen for what would be five memorable years. “I don’t think we lost a game that year” on the middle school team, he said.

As a freshman, he was on both rosters but saw most of his action on the junior varsity. “I told Coach (Jim) Byrnes that I would rather work on my skills and develop than sit on the bench. I was a kid -- I just wanted to play.”

He was a “frail” six-one, 120-pound forward. “As I got older and more size, I moved to point guard junior and senior year. The coach trusted me to get my teammates involved and not be a selfish player. That set me up for the success I have now.” As a senior, he was a dominant DCL all-star and was named a *Boston Herald* all-scholastic.

“Terrance took pride in his defense and made other people better defensively,” Byrnes noted. The coach said he and teammate Cohen “were two distinct personalities with very similar core values... All they cared about was winning and being good teammates. They never made it about themselves; it was always about the team. They set the tone. It never changed.”

He played both shooting and point guard at Becker College in Worcester. “That’s when I really got my game polished,” Terrance said. “Bedford started me, and Becker molded me to the person I am today.”

He finished his career as Becker’s second leading all-time scorer with 1,646 career points. In addition to recently being named the New England Collegiate Conference Player of the Year and First Team All-NECC, Terrance was selected Second Team All-District by The National Association of Basketball Coaches and Third Team All Region by D3Hoops. His degree is in business and marketing.

After a year playing professionally in San Diego, Terrance is a 6-3, 195-pound swingman

with the South Florida Spartans in the Central Basketball Developmental League, which provides promotion and exposure for players aiming for the NBA or professional basketball overseas. "This is where I want to be. I can see my game improve," Terrance said.

"When all is said and done," Terrance stated, "I want to give back, maybe in youth services or child development. I'd love to open a community center in the city where kids can work out 24-7."