



2012 Inductee

CARLOS FERNANDO TERRY

How could it be any other way?

Lexington's Carlos Terry, whose movements on a basketball court were often described as "graceful", "smooth", "electric" and even "awesome," becomes Davidson County's only member of the National Basketball Association to be inducted into the Davidson County Sports Hall of Fame.

Terry raised eyebrows with his prodigious talent when he played basketball at Lexington Senior High School, drawing the attention of legendary coach Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines at nearby Winston-Salem State University.

Terry made an impact for the Rams almost immediately, averaging 12.4 points and 10.4 rebounds per game as a freshman in 1974. Consequently, the Rams went from 14-12 the previous year to 23-7 and an appearance in the NAIA Tournament.

There was more of the same the next few seasons: 15.8 points and 15.3 rebounds per game his sophomore year; 24.4 points and 14.2 rebounds per game as a junior; and 20.9 points and 10.7 rebounds per game as a senior.

In his senior season he led the Rams to the CIAA Tournament championship and was named CIAA Tournament MVP in 1977. He was also a first-team NAIA All-American, the CIAA Player of the Year and a three-time member of the NAIA District 26 team.

In all, as a four-year starter, Terry - a member of the Iota Phi Theta Fraternity - scored 2,151 points with 1,467 rebounds (the career rebounding leader at WSSU) in 117 games. His 18.7 ppg average is third on the career list at WSSU behind Earl "The Pearl" Monroe and Cleo Hill.

Terry was drafted in the fifth round by the Los Angeles Lakers in 1978, but didn't play. He played in the Philippines and spent two years with Allentown (Pa.) in the Continental Basketball Association before signing with the Washington Bullets as a free agent for the next three years. His best season came in 1980-81 where he averaged 7.2 points and 4.5 rebounds per game.

While with the Bullets he joined the team of "Kinds in Trouble, Inc." to work with at-risk children, such was the bigness of his heart. Terry was tragically killed in an automobile accident outside of Washington DC. He was 32.

Lexington retired Terry's jersey No. 23 in 2007. He is also inducted as a member of the Clarence "Bighouse" Gaines Athletic Hall of Fame in 2002 and the CIAA Hall of Fame in 2005.

