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*Concord High School
Tribute Night*

HONORING

**Charlie
Smith**

Concord High School

2501 Ebright Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

Tuesday, December 13, 2011

5:00 p.m.



James M. Baker, Mayor
City of Wilmington

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL CEREMONIAL PROGRAM

(During Game Intermission)



Greetings & Opening Remarks

Introductions

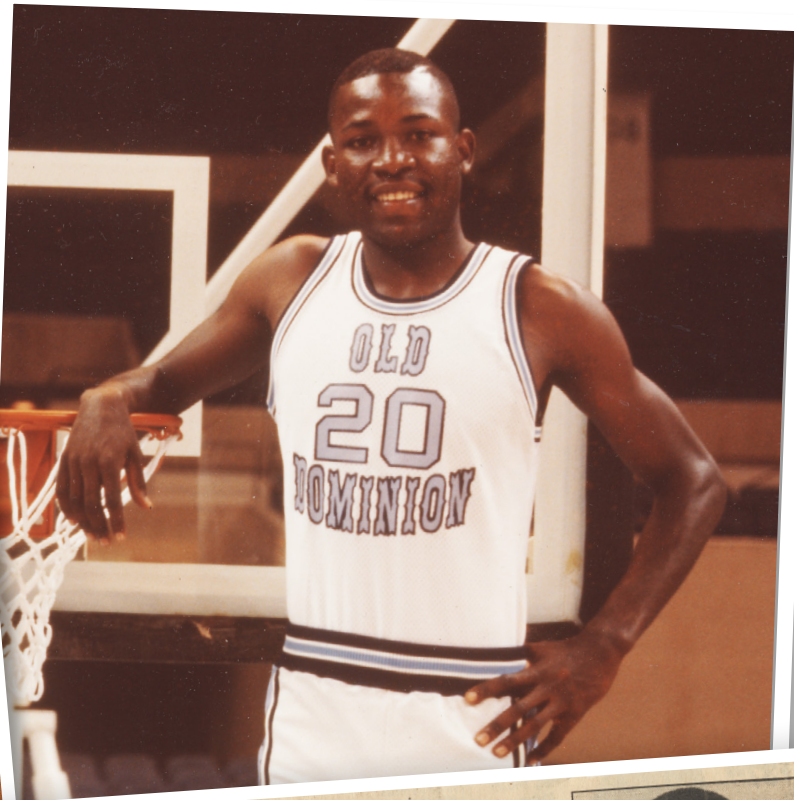
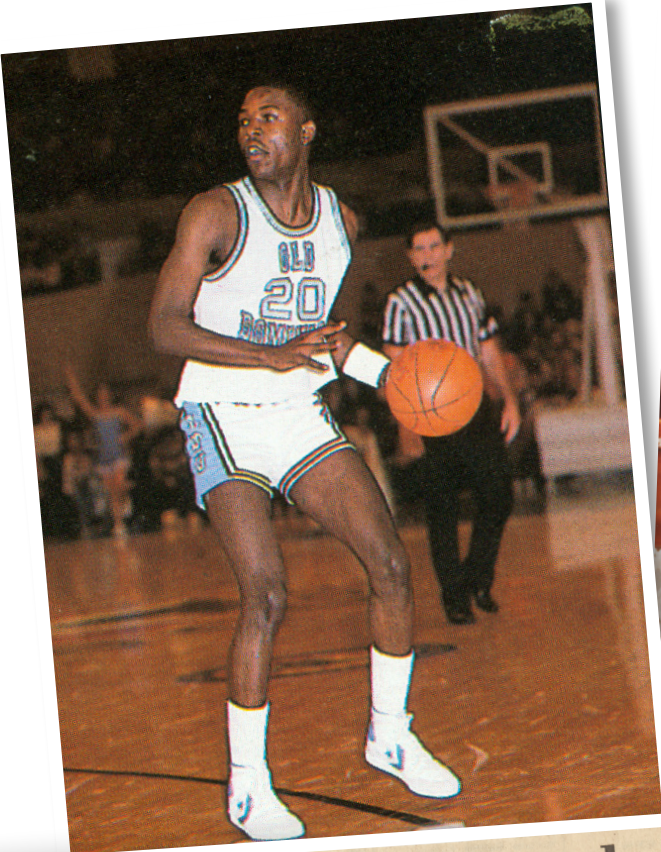
Jersey Presentation to Family Members

Unveiling of the School Jersey

Closing Remarks



Pictured above (original caption): Irene Turner holds the jersey of her son - Charlie Smith - after his No. 20 was retired prior to Concord High’s game with Howard Tuesday night. Smith, a two-time all-stater who also played at Old Dominion, died on May 15 due to complications from diabetes. He was 35. Smith’s old coach Bill McLaughlin presented the jersey to Turner. (Source: News Journal article from January 1999.)



Smith to replace Lambert as ODU starter

By JIM DUCIBELLA
Staff Writer

NORFOLK — For the second time since the basketball season began three weeks ago, Old Dominion University coach Paul Webb has made a change in his team's starting lineup. When the Monarchs (3-2) resumed

Webb used a similar lineup a year ago, using Bobby Vaughan and Robinson at guard, with Mann, West and McAdoo up front. The coach said at the beginning of practice this fall that he hoped to use the 6-4 Mann solely as a guard this season.

He is averaging 9.4 points and 2.8 rebounds, and will give the Monarchs added quickness. "We have felt for several weeks that Charlie has been playing well enough to cause us to think about our lineup," Webb said Wednesday. "We finally concluded that given the way he has played, there was a need for us to get him into the starting five."

One of the things that has bothered about his team's opening transition consistently as their 73-quette and

us more firepower. We need to get up and down the floor quicker than we have been, and Charlie should make the transition game better. And, since Billy had played the quick forward spot some last year, we don't think we'll hurt ourselves."

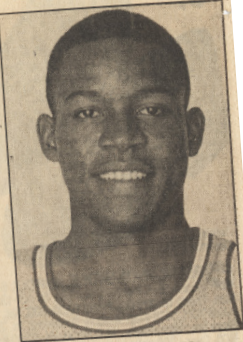
Lambert, a 6-8 forward from Norview High, is averaging 4.4 points and 4.0 rebounds per game and has not committed a turnover. But he is shooting just 38 percent from the field, and Webb took him out early in last Saturday's debacle at Tech.

"Horace hasn't done anything to hurt us. He hasn't fouled a lot, he's been available to be in the game when

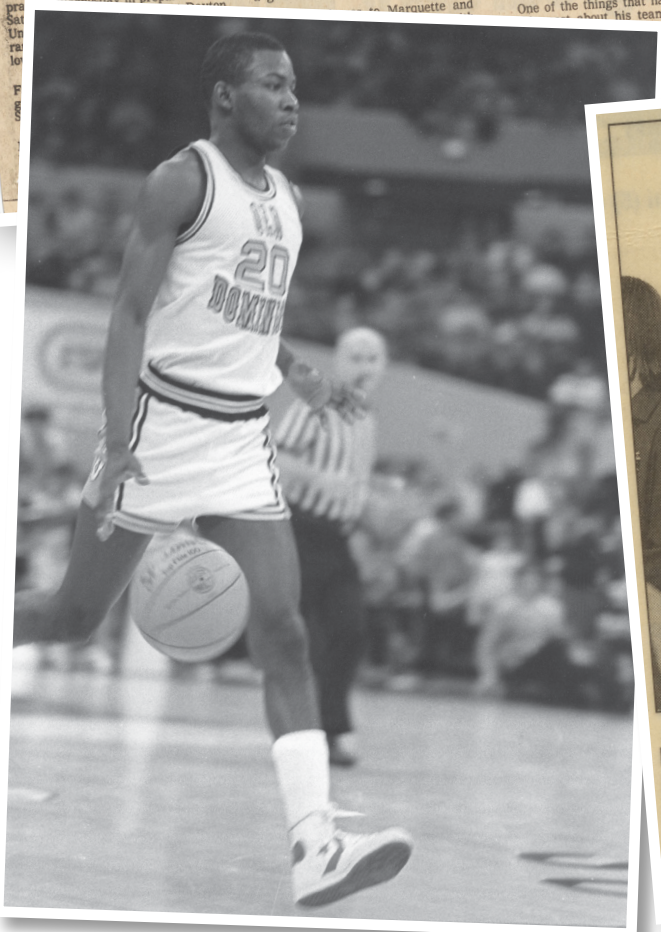
have a lot of turnovers," Webb said. "But he also hasn't done a lot of things consistently that could help us, either. That's not totally unexpected, and I'm not worried about it. After all, he has a mere five games college experience. As far as I'm concerned, he's still in his collegiate infancy."

Webb said that he made the decision to move Smith into the starting lineup when he and his assistants began analyzing the team's first five games while riding home from Blacksburg Sunday. There was no practice Sunday night or Monday because the team is taking semester exams, and the ODU assistants ran practice Tuesday while Webb was out of town.

He returned Tuesday night, met again with his assistants, and decided to make the change.



CHARLIE SMITH
... adds quickness to lineup



The News Journal/JASON MINTO
Natasha Smith, daughter of Delaware Afro-American Sports Hall of Fame inductee Charles Smith, accepted her father's posthumous award Saturday night in Dover.



He is also the only Concord player in school history to be invited to the U.S.A. Olympic Trials in 1984 - 85.

College Career

Charlie played at **Old Dominion University** in Norfolk, VA from **1981-1985**. He was chosen **All Sun Belt Conference player** in 1983-1985. He scored 1,246 points at Old Dominion University leading his team to three (3) consecutive NCAA Tournament berths. He was named youngest captain (in school history) of his ODU basketball team in his sophomore year, and again as a junior and senior. As an ODU freshman in 1982 he was selected to the **All-American Team** by *Basketball Weekly Magazine*. He was selected to the 1984 **National Invitational Tournament Team** that travelled worldwide. He is 11th all-time in assists at Old Dominion University. He was selected to the **Old Dominion University Sports Hall of Fame** in 2004. Charlie received a degree in Management Information in 1985. Coached at ODU by Paul Webb and Oliver Purnell.

Work and Family

After college, he worked at PNC Bank in Delaware and was last employed at Applied Card Services and Brown Boys and Girls Club. Due to diabetes, Charlie sadly passed away at the age of 35, May 11, 1998 from heart surgery complications at the University of Pennsylvania.

On April 21, 2007, Charlie was inducted posthumously to the **Delaware Afro-American Hall of Fame**. His daughter Natasha Smith of Norfolk, VA is currently a senior at Old Dominion University.

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Former Mayor, City of Wilmington



1979 CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM

L to R, *Standing*: Kevin Brinker, Jeff MacDonald, Kenneth Henry, Roger Truemper, Robert Boney, Gerard Hackett, Robert Proctor. *Kneeling*: Charles Smith, Charles Meisel, Chip Cain, Wendall Dale, Randy Cerce, Mark Morin.

Charlie Smith

Concord High Basketball Great

Early Life and High School

CHARLIE SMITH was born in Wilmington, Delaware on March 1, 1963 to mother Irene Smith Turner and father Harry Smith. Charlie was the youngest of seven (7) brothers. Growing up, he attended Wilmington area public schools. Charlie Smith played basketball at Concord High School from 1979-1981 and upon graduation in 1981 he was the all-time leading scorer in school history with 1,066 points. Charlie was chosen **Delaware First Team All-State** (2) years in a row, 1980 & 1981 (*only Concord player in school history*). Charlie was chosen as **Delaware Player of the Year** in 1981 (*only Concord player in school history*). He was selected **First Team All-Flight B** in 1980 and 1981, and was also named to several All-American Teams in 1981. Charlie is the only Player in Concord H.S. history to lead the State of Delaware in scoring in 1981 with an average of 26.0 per game. He was chosen in

1981 as one of the **Top 50 Players in America**, and he was chosen as an **High School All-American in 1981**, first time for a Concord player. Charlie was selected to the **Philadelphia Inquirer Newspaper All-Area First Team**. Charlie played on the only State Championship team at Concord High in 1979, where he scored the game winning free throws at the Delaware Fieldhouse versus Indian River High School. Charlie Smith was coached at Concord High by Coach Rick Albertson and Coach Bill McLaughlin. He led Concord to a 60 - 6 record during his high school career. Honored in 1981 at the New York Athletic Club for scoring 46 points in a basketball game featuring the Delaware High School Allstars vs Philadelphia High School Sonny Hill Allstars at Bancroft School in Wilmington, Charlie personally received the award from the NFL great O. J. Simpson.



ABOVE: The 1980-81 All-State team included (from left) Charles Rayne from Indian River, Darin Park of Claymont, Tole Hart of St. Mark's, Devin Park of Claymont and Charlie Smith of Concord. RIGHT: Smith could go inside or outside to score for the Raiders.

Remembering a Concord star

Concord High will honor former basketball standout Charlie Smith, a two-time all-stater, in a special ceremony tonight. The school will retire Smith's No. 20 before its game with Howard. Smith, who also played at Old Dominion University, died on May 15 due to complications from diabetes. He was 35. Smith helped lead Concord to the 1979 state title and was named player of the year in '81 after leading the state in scoring at 26.0 points per game. His 46 points led a Delaware all-star team to a 101-100 win over Philadelphia that year. "If Charlie didn't get sick, I think he would have made it to the NBA," said Mark Sills, a longtime friend. "He was blessed as a player and had a lot of integrity and character. You could always trust and count on Charlie Smith." Smith scored 1,066 career points and led the Raiders to a 60-6 record as a player. At Old Dominion, he was a second-team All-Sun Belt selection.



Charlie Smith will predictably be one of Concord's floor leaders as the team strives for its fourth straight Flight A conference title this season



Pictured above: Charlie receiving a 1981 New York Athletic Club award from O.J. Simpson for scoring 46 points in a Delaware H.S. vs. Philadelphia H.S. All-Star game.

Classic honors a Delaware legend

All-American Smith gone, not forgotten

By JACK IRELAND
The News Journal

Bill McLaughlin's memory of the game has not faded in 29 years.

Concord senior guard Charlie Smith was finishing up one of the best scholastic basketball careers in state history. McLaughlin was the Raiders' assistant coach.

Smith had already been recruited by Old Dominion when he and other Delaware all-stars took on a similar squad from Philadelphia.

"I mean Charlie put on one of the greatest performances I've ever seen," McLaughlin said. "He scored 46 points. [Old Dominion coach Paul Webb] came over to us afterwards and said, 'I can't believe what I just saw. What a great player this young man is.'"

That year, Smith was named the state player of the year and an All-American.

"I do remember that Old Dominion sort of recruited Charlie pretty late that year," said McLaughlin, who went on to become head coach at Concord. "I always thought they weren't exactly sure what kind of a player they had just signed. They needed a point guard and decided on Charlie."

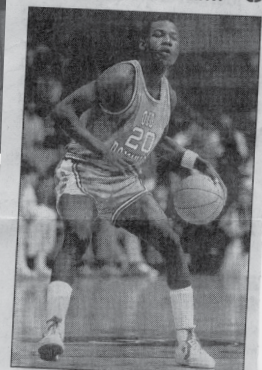
That decision paid off for the Monarchs, who then were playing the Sun Belt Conference.

Smith scored 1,250 career points at ODU and had 385 assists. In his four years on the team, ODU played in two NCAA tournaments and two NITs. Two of his teammates, Kenny Gattison and Mark West, went to play a combined 25 seasons in the NBA. During his senior year, Smith began to battle diabetes.

He died in 1998 at the age of 35 while undergoing open heart surgery at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

In honor of his longtime friend, Mark Sills founded the Charlie Smith Memorial Classic for boys and girls, ages 9-under to 18-under. He will hold the 12th annual tournament on Saturday and

See SMITH — C3



Courtesy Old Dominion University
Charlie Smith was Delaware player of the year at Concord before going on to play his way into Old Dominion's hall of fame.