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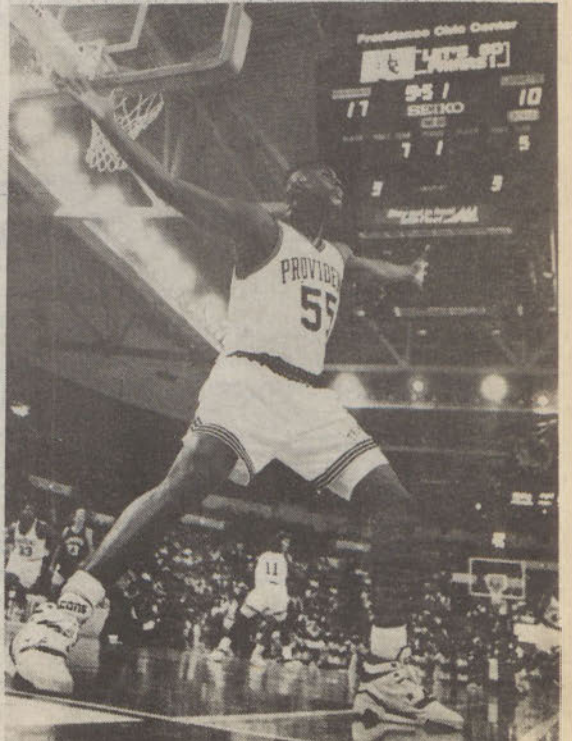
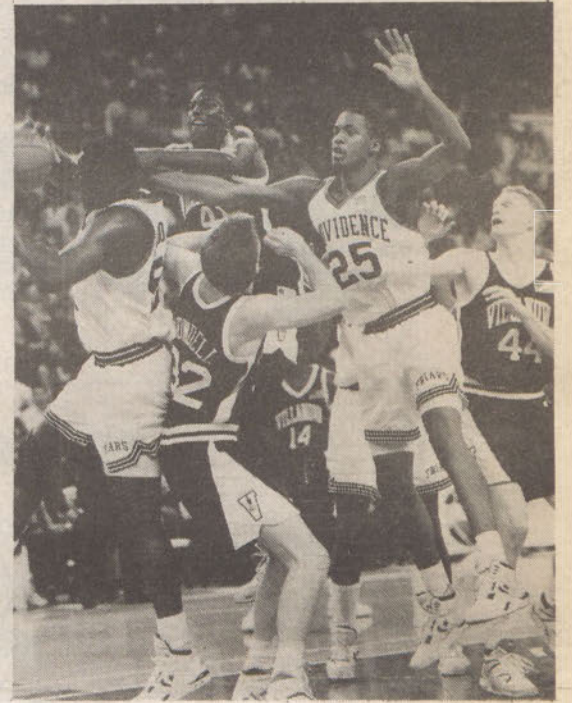
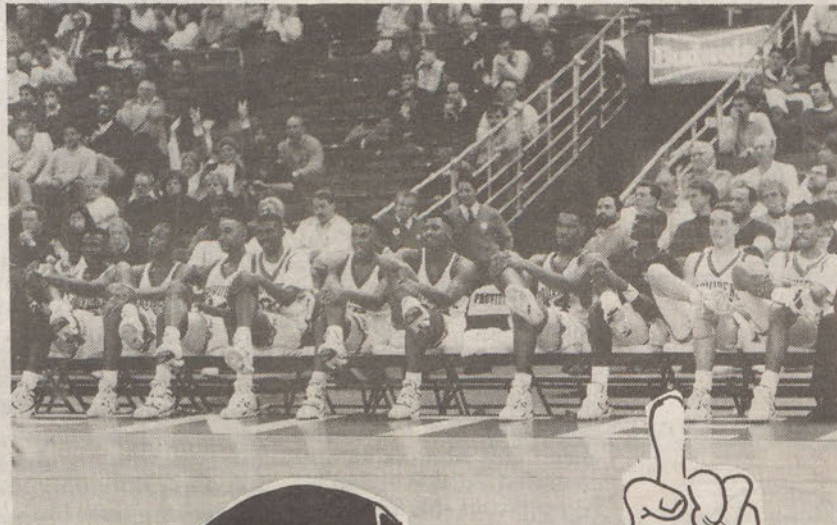
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COLORFUL JIM VALVANO USHERS THE FRIARS INTO THE BRIGHT 1991-1992 SEASON



PC's Man: Something to Bragg About

by Chip Scutari
Sports Columnist

From the first moment in his towering presence, I sensed an aura about this guy named Marques. Sure, to the legions of PC fans, he is known as the 6'8" power forward, with massive biceps and a sculptured torso. But, up close, as I recently discovered, Marques Bragg is an intelligent and amicable human being. An exemplary student/athlete, Bragg makes the smooth transition from the hardcourts of hoop to the classrooms at Harkins with little trouble. And, as I learned in the few minutes he shared with me, Marques Bragg is an individual with a myriad of talents, all of which he pursues with ardent fervor.

Garnishing the usual ath-

letic honors (All-County, All-State, etc.) at the high school level, #24 had a tough time accepting the cold realities of Big East basketball. Relegated to reserve status, Marques would not give in. In fact, this subsequent lack of playing time fueled his fire, and made him work even harder. "I saw both sides of the fence [playing at the Civic Center and then being just a practice player] and I knew where I wanted to be. I have worked hard to get where I am," explained the resilient senior forward. Even the folks at Smith-Barney have to admire Marques' work ethic. He got playing time the old-fashioned way - he EARNED it! The muscle-bound Bragg never became discouraged, or succumbed to the disappointment of his freshman year.

As his work ethic grew, so

did his time spent under the bright lights at the Civic Center. From second-stringer to All-Big East candidate, this self-made talent is a testimony to hard work and perseverance. Needless to say, he has found the right side of the fence, wherever that may be. While other Big East stars such as Mourning,

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Sealy or Dehere may grab the headlines this year, ol' reliable will just keep plugging away. Banging the boards, maybe some heads along the way, Marques will continue to earn respect from opponents and teammates alike. This summer he concentrated extensively on his biggest flaws - his free throw and outside shooting. "Don't expect me to be chucking up three-pointers though," quipped Bragg, showing a lighter side.

"The Man," a self-proclaimed nickname, is enthusiastic about the upcoming season. Wait a minute, make that ECSTATIC!! "This team is the most athletic, most mature (for their age), most enthusiastic and most balanced bunch of guys we've had since I've been here. Everyone looks good in practice, and we should go farther than any team since I've been here," predicted an exuberant Bragg. He is as much altruistic, though, as he is brawny. He is quick to point out his good relationship with Coach Barnes and how grateful he is to his mentor. "Coach Barnes has never stopped pushing me. He is a great communicator and a great coach," said an appreciative Bragg.

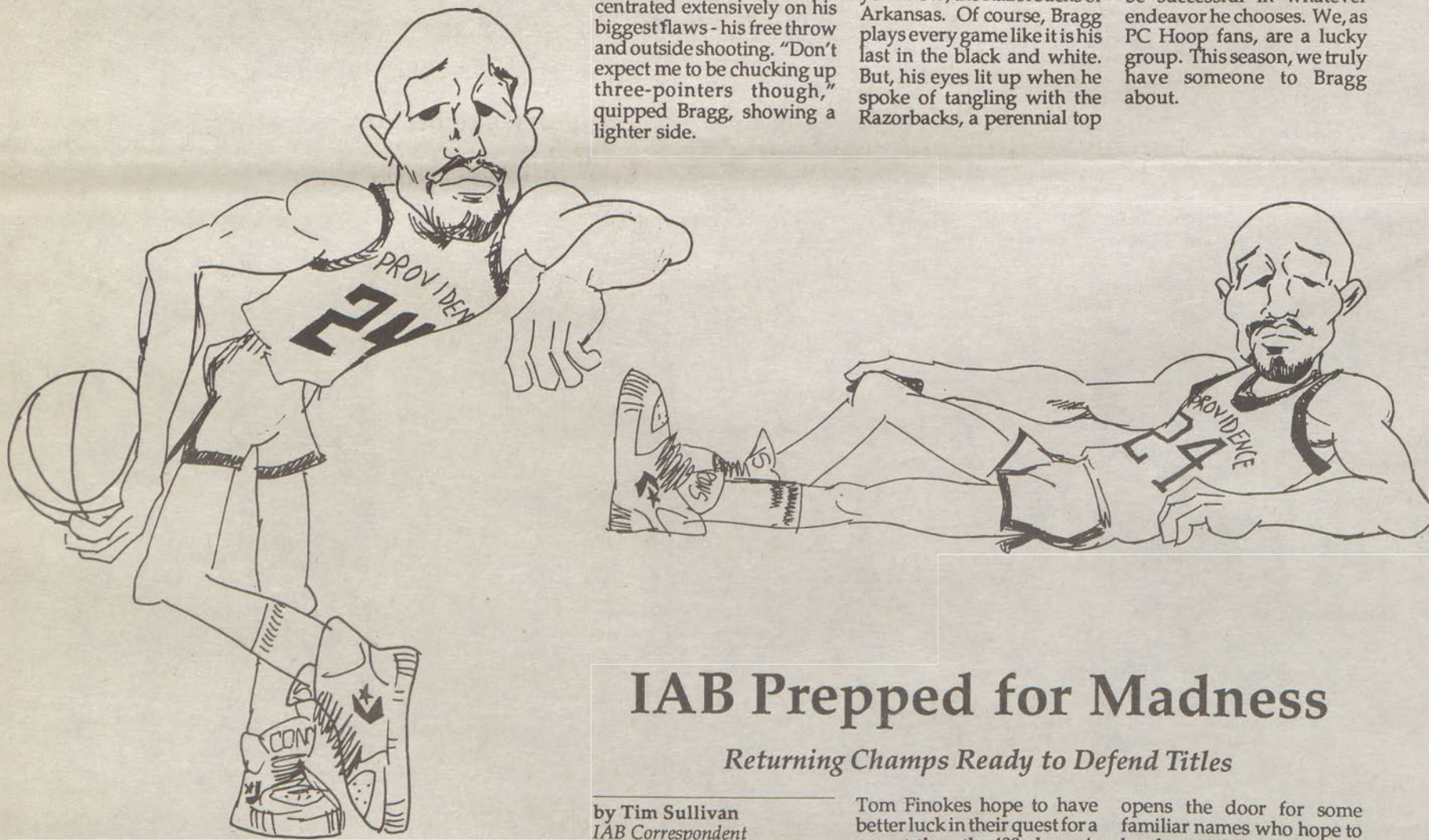
As the plebians of society sit on the couch, stuff their faces and celebrate Thanksgiving vacation, "The Man" and his PC compatriots will be having fun in the sun at the Maui Classic. Marques told me he wants Oliver Miller and the Day-Train, you know, the Razorbacks of Arkansas. Of course, Bragg plays every game like it is his last in the black and white. But, his eyes lit up when he spoke of tangling with the Razorbacks, a perennial top

20 team, and currently in the preseason top 10. A bit of advice for Oliver Miller. Lay off the Big Macs and hit the weight room, buddy. Marques is coming to town.

Intense. Marques Bragg is definitely an intense individual. He is intense about his school work and he is intense about his rebounding. Intense about graduating on time, and intense about winning a national championship. But, there is more to Marques Bragg. He enjoys listening to rap, R & B and other types of music. But most of all, he just loves "hangin'" with his buddies. Such peaceful pleasure for such an intense individual, that is the completeness of Marques Bragg. That is what makes him a team leader.

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If your son or daughter chokes to attend PC in the future, don't be surprised if they see Marques Bragg's picture hanging in the PC Basketball Hall Of Fame. But, if they don't, I'm sure he will be successful in whatever endeavor he chooses. We, as PC Hoop fans, are a lucky group. This season, we truly have someone to Bragg about.



IAB Prepped for Madness

Returning Champs Ready to Defend Titles

by Tim Sullivan
IAB Correspondent

The Intramural Athletic Board has organized several tournaments in preparation for Midnight Madness on October 15th. The most entertaining of all the events will no doubt be the slam-dunk contest. Jeff Dunn and Brian Cunningham, two past champions, are the two front-runners for this year's crown according to sources at the IAB office. On paper, it looks as if the men's 3 on 3 competition will prove to be the most competitive. Also in this field, there are two former championship teams. Last year's winners Dan Mancini, Brian Timy and

Tom Finokes hope to have better luck in their quest for a repeat than the '89 championship team of Matt Rice, Mike Corbi and Mike Sims. Another veteran squad that will figure strongly in the run for the title will be "Dunny Goes Hoggin'," led by the inside game of Jeff Dunn and the outside games of Tim Carr and Chris Woods. The squad of Mike Pomposelli, Shane Todd and X-Max (Dennis Legult) hope to have the last laugh when all is said and done.

The Hotshot competition will be without the presence of last year's champ George Bailey, who is on the injured reserve list with bone chips in his ankle. His absence

opens the door for some familiar names who hope to be champions in more than one event. Tim Carr, Mike Pomposelli, Tom Finokes and Matt Rice all have better than average chances on claiming to be the best intramural shooter.

The winners of these competitions will receive outstanding prizes. First place winners will receive a trip to the Big East Tournament at Madison Square Garden. The second place finishers will travel to the ACC-Big East Challenge at the Meadowlands, while the third place winner will receive a trip to Georgetown to see the Friars take on the Hoyas early next year.

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Late Night with Jimmy V.

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

The moment lives in his mind as if it were yesterday. The shot from the perimeter was going to fall a foot short. One second remained on the clock. NC State's Lorenzo Charles, however, pounced on the errant shot and scored before the clock read :00. It was 1983, and Jimmy Valvano was head coach of the national champions.

Today, Valvano has traded his perch from the end of the bench to one on press row, donning headphones and drawing squiggly lines on the telestrator. Although the pressure of recruiting and winning in the competitive ACC is gone, Valvano has not lost any of his flair or charisma. As basketball analyst for ABC and ESPN, Jimmy V. still maintains a friendly relationship with the sport he so loves.

Valvano, 45, honed his basketball skills for the Rutgers Scarlet Knights in the sixties. He cracked the coaching ranks in 1969 with Johns Hopkins and later coached at Bucknell and Iona before taking over a disarrayed program at NC State in 1980. After managing a 14-13 debut season, Valvano guided the Wolfpack to eight consecutive post-season tournament appearances, including the 1983 NCAA championship. He compiled a career record of 346-212 after 18

seasons on the bench.

Valvano's intensity and his effervescent personality allowed him to succeed in a conference which boasted such NBA stars as Michael Jordan, Ralph Sampson, James Worthy and Mark Price. His talents as a technician, especially in the big games, and his ability to extract the most from his play-

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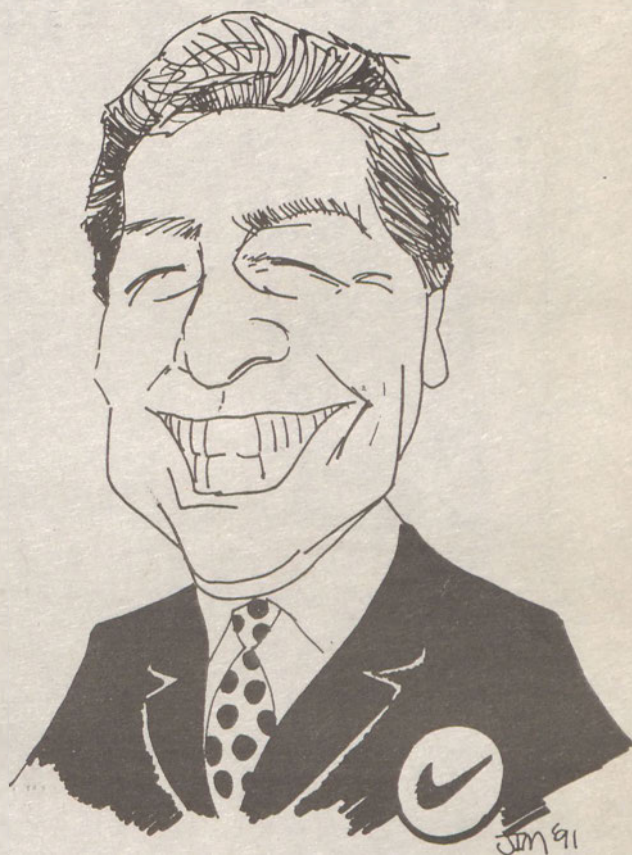
ers enabled Valvano to Dick Vitale, nary an announcing duo could equal their knowledge of the college game.

When asked about the prospect of having Jimmy Valvano host Midnight Madness, Coach Barnes could hardly hide his excitement. "The one thing I've always liked about Jimmy is that he can relate," stated Barnes. "He's been on the college campus virtually his entire life and he knows what we're dealing with. The students will enjoy him and he'll have as much fun as any-

one."

Aside from his duties as an announcer, Valvano spends countless hours offering his motivational skills to corporations across the country. The charitable Valvano also offers his time and services to civic organizations such as Easter Seals and the American Heart Association.

But on October 15th, Valvano will donate his talents to the festivities surrounding Midnight Madness. The vivacious Valvano should have little trouble motivating our eager and awaiting crowd. Don't blame Jimmy if you catch him staring nostalgically at the basket at the far end of Alumni Hall. He sees Lorenzo Charles pouring in the winning basket. A national championship coach.



Providence Hockey

Annual Black and White
Intrasquad Scrimmage

Saturday, October 12th

Schneider Arena, 1:00p.m.



The Madness is for the Students

by John Raposo
Sports Editor

At midnight on October 15th, Coach Rick Barnes intends to unveil his new lethal weapon. The lethal weapon does not reside on the massive shoulders of Michael Smith nor on the pillowy soft hands of Robert Phelps. Don't look at hard-nosed Ira Bowman or flashy freshman Matt Alosa for the answer, either.

The lethal weapon is you, the student body. The FANS!

Since the birth of Midnight Madness in 1985 (when the attendance barely reached 100 students), PC's Midnight Madness has evolved into one of the most envied and talked-about opening nights in all of college hoopsdom. Each year, on or around the evening of October 15th (with or without Oprah's help), the PC community undergoes an eerie metamorphosis. The shiny, happy student body of 3,800 transforms into a frenetic, hoop-hungry mob of fervent Friarmeisters. And this suits Barnes just fine.

"I want our students to be extra-special this year," crowed the fourth year coach.

"When people talk about PC basketball, they won't mention the Friars without mentioning our fans. Other schools have that identity."

Midnight Madness offers the one opportunity before the start of the season where students can actually play an active and vocal role in the Friars' long practice session.

The inherent purpose of Midnight Madness is to foster some cohesiveness between the student body and the men in black and white. "It's [Midnight Madness] a time where the students say 'This is our team and we'll support you to the hilt,'" added Barnes, the Big East's youngest coach at 36. "I'd like the

students to come into the building every night as our sixth man. I think that they want to do it."

It's nearly impossible to follow the Friars and not root

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for them. For the past three years, Barnes' Friars' trademark has been a high intensity, pressure defense, a strong perimeter game and a deep, spirited lineup. With the exception of the departed but not forgotten, superstar Eric Murdock, Barnes has not had the luxury of fielding a team of All-America, NBA material. However, this disadvantage has never hindered PC's showings against perennial powerhouses such as Georgetown, Syracuse or St. John's. Part of the reason for this is because of the unending and boisterous effort of the fans. In the past

two seasons, Georgetown (twice), Syracuse, St. John's and Seton Hall have all entered the Civic Center as Top 20 teams and left as victims of the Friars' perimeter shooting and the fans' perimeter shouting.

Moreover, Barnes would like to see those great efforts by the Friarmeisters extended into the nonleague portion of PC's schedule, the Morgan States and the Lafayettes of the world. "In the biggest wins we've had, our student body has played a big part in it," admitted PC's grand pooh-bah. "I want the students to look at our non-league games and say, 'We've got to get our guys ready.'"

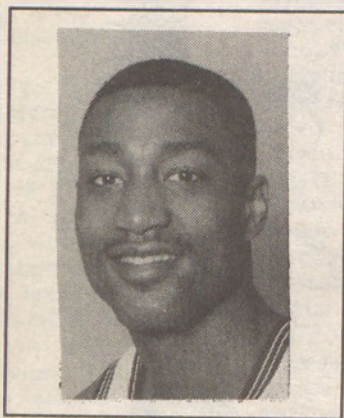
So while you're watching Dickey Simpkins effortlessly sink his sky-hook, or Marvin Saddler hauling down a rebound or Trent Forbes dishing out a now-you-see-it-and-now-you-don't, behind-the-back pass, remember that these are your Friars. And let's help Rick Barnes achieve his goal of "having people look at our students and saying that they're the best students in college basketball."

The challenge starts October 15th.

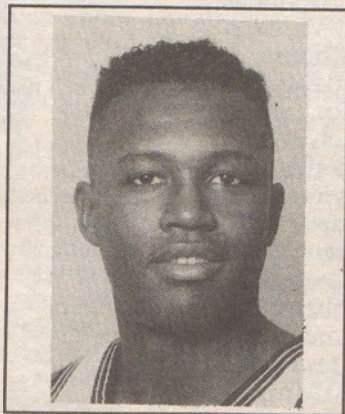


Coach Barnes hopes the crowd will be his sixth man

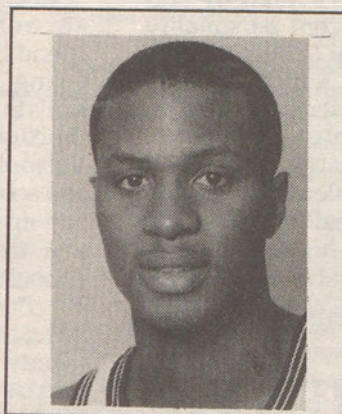
Meet The 1991-1992 Friars



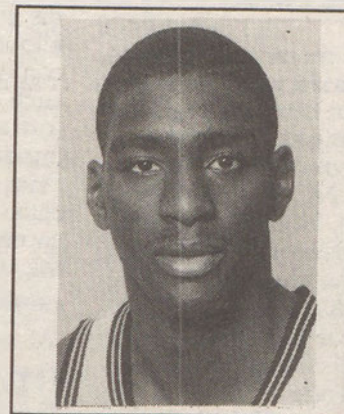
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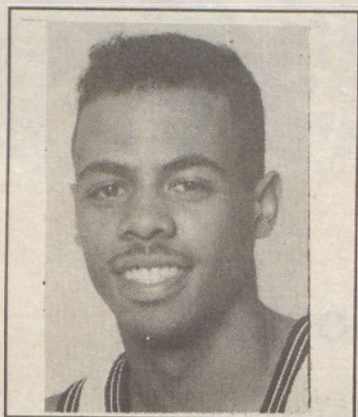
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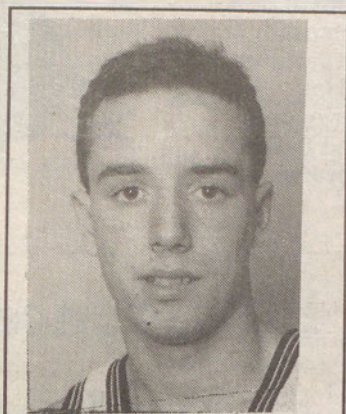
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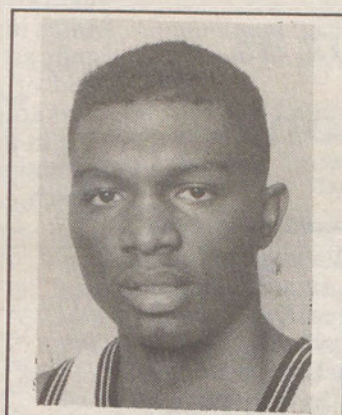
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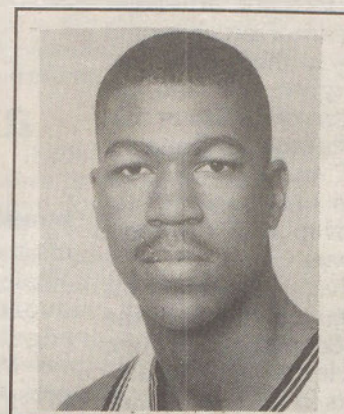
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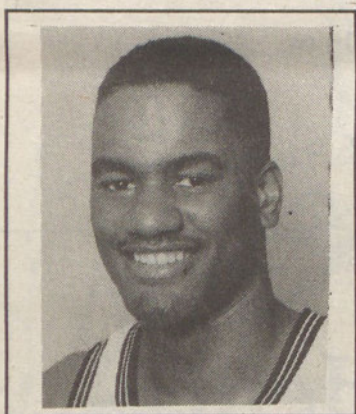
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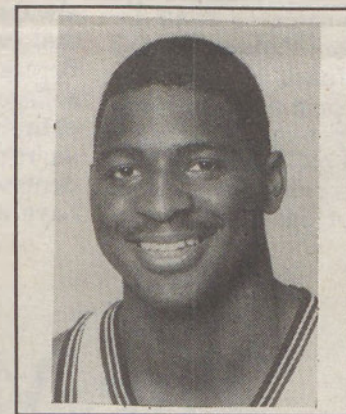
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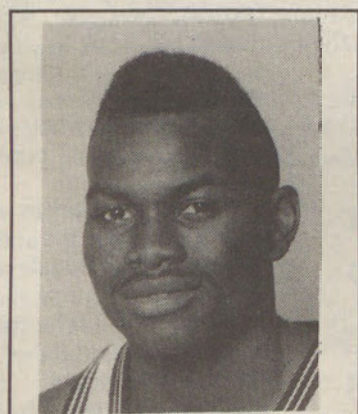
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6'8" Lynn, MA

1991-92 MEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

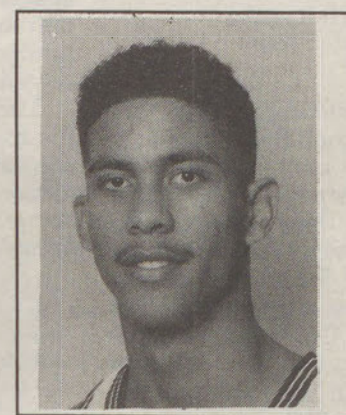
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27	MAL BROWN INTRASQUAD SCRIMMAGE	7:00 p.m.
NOVEMBER		
4	MARATHON OIL	7:30 p.m.
9	CANADIAN NATIONAL TEAM	7:30 p.m.
22	UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE	7:30 p.m.
25-27	at Maui Invitational	7:00 p.m.
DECEMBER		
1	BROWN UNIVERSITY	2:00 p.m.
4	ACC-BIG EAST Challenge (Meadowlands)	7:00 p.m.
	Providence College vs. University of Maryland	
7	HOLY CROSS	7:30 p.m.
10	University of Rhode Island	8:00 p.m.
21	UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT	7:30 p.m.
23	DARTMOUTH COLLEGE	7:30 p.m.
28	ALABAMA STATE	7:30 p.m.
30	CENTRAL CONNECTICUT STATE	7:30 p.m.
JANUARY		
4	at Syracuse	8:00 p.m.
6	GEORGETOWN	7:30 p.m.
11	at University of Pittsburgh	8:00 p.m.
14	at Boston College	8:00 p.m.
18	at St. John's	8:00 p.m.
22	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	7:00 p.m.
25	VILLANOVA (Parents Weekend)	8:00 p.m.
28	SYRACUSE	8:00 p.m.
FEBRUARY		
1	PITTSBURGH (Homecoming)	8:00 p.m.
4	SETON HALL	8:00 p.m.
8	at Georgetown	8:00 p.m.
12	at University of Miami	7:00 p.m.
15	at Seton Hall	8:00 p.m.
18	BOSTON COLLEGE	8:00 p.m.
22	at University of Connecticut	8:00 p.m.
24	ST. JOHN'S	7:30 p.m.
MARCH		
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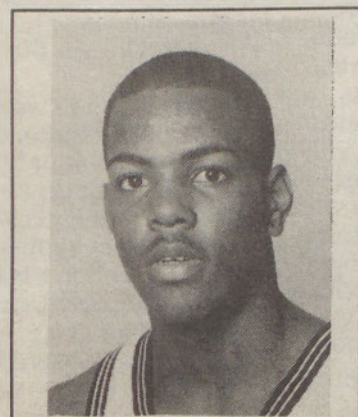
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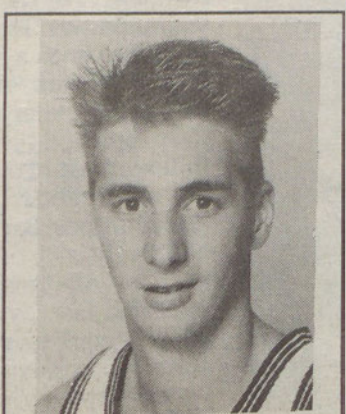
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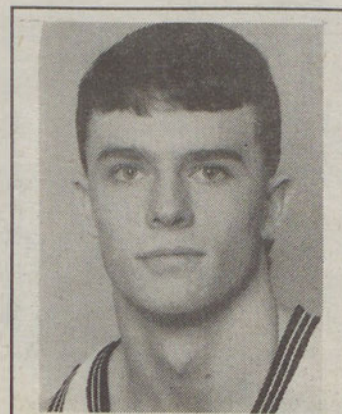
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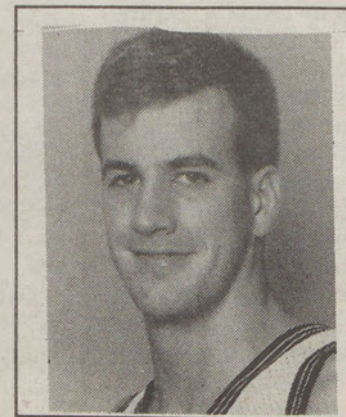
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6'2" Pembroke, NH



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