

METRO SPORTS NEWS

By Scott Wallace



Where Are They Now? Isaiah Harrison

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I recently talked with Isaiah Harrison, a 2011 graduate of Hillsboro High School. He currently plays for Freed-Hardeman University in Henderson, TN. They were

ranked number one in the NAIA (National Association of Intercollegiate Athletes) but they are currently ranked number three. Harrison comes from a family with quite an athletic pedigree. His father, Dennis, played defensive end in the NFL for 10 years and was selected to the Pro Bowl in 1981. His brothers, D.J. and Dennis, played basketball at the University of Colorado. His current coach John Shelton was an assistant there. Both still play professionally overseas. His sister Isabelle plays her college basketball at the University of Tennessee and his other sister Dee Dee played volleyball at UT.

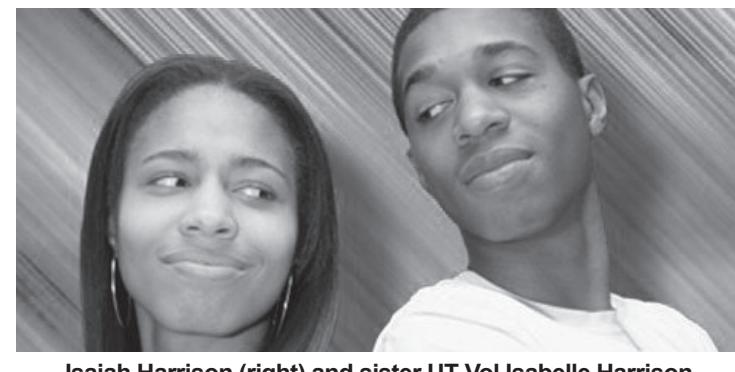
MC - Are you and Isabelle twins? IH - No we are not. Isabelle was scared to go to school in kindergarten. I'm a year older than her so my parents decided to keep me back a year so we could go to school together.

MC - How is your relationship with Dee Dee? IH - Great. Just the other day she did my FAFSA for me. She's always helping me out doing stuff here and there.

MC - How did it feel growing up in a family full of athletes? IH - I felt pushed and challenged every day. Usually every year we played kickball amongst each



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Isaiah Harrison (right) and sister UT Vol Isabelle Harrison continue the Harrison sports tradition

other. Growing up the girls would play the guys and we had a series going on every so often whether we played kickball, baseball and other sports. It was just good to have fun and be together.

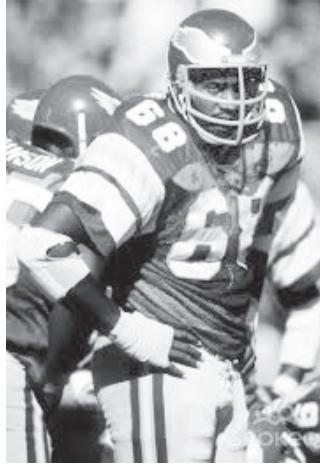
MC - How did it feel when your team was ranked number one in the NAIA? IH - It felt good coming off how we played last year. I was a rough season. I didn't want to have a big ego about it because I told everyone else that we could lose every game for the rest of the year and that being number one for a brief moment wouldn't mean anything.

MC - What are your goals for the rest of your college career? IH - Just to get my degree and start my career. My major is social work with a minor in communications.

MC - How many siblings do you have and what sports did they play? IH - I have 11 siblings. My oldest brother Dennis Harrison Jr. played basketball at Colorado with my other brother David. David is three years younger than Dennis. At the time my head coach was their assistant coach. My brother Daniel Harrison would have gone to play college basketball but he got really sick with a disease called lupus. My little brother Ian Harrison is currently a senior in high school and plays basketball.

All my sisters played sports until they graduated high school. As far as collegiate sports my sister Della Harrison played softball for UTC. Dee Dee played volleyball for UT. My sister Isabelle plays basketball for UT. My younger sister Dora Harrison is a freshman in high school and she starts on her varsity team so she probably is going to play at the collegiate level.

Growing up either you played sports and got a degree or you got a scholarship through academics.



Former NFL star Dennis Harrison has bred a plethora of athletes

ers. He added three blocks against the EWC as well.

On January 21, Lewis was named the NAIA National Division I Player of the Week. He has also been named Player of the Week for the Gulf Coast Athletic Conference. Lewis is leading the GCAC in points per game (23.6), assists (5.8) and steals (2.8). He ranks fourth nationally in points, fifth in steals, sixth in assists and 20th in rebounds nationally per game.

Previous Winners: November 12 - Neiko Hunter, Middle Tennessee November 19 - J.J. Mann, Belmont Univ. November 26 - Jordan McRae, Tennessee December 3 - Jarnell Stokes, Tennessee December 10 - Devate' Jenkins, Tennessee Wesleyan December 17 - Shawn Jones, Middle Tennessee

MLK Sweeps District 10AA Post Season Honors

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It is a new day at Martin Luther King Academy as far as basketball is concerned. Once an easy win when they were on your schedule, now it has become two tough teams to play. MLK is one of the top academic schools in the nation. Last week we chronicled Head Girl's Coach Lindy King winning the District 10AA Girl's Coach of the Year. Two juniors were honored as the District 10AA Players of the Year. For the boys Metro Nashville Public Schools (MNPS) leading scorer Jalen Duke won and for the girls Jordan Majors.

"When you go to a MLK game you see their families there supporting them," said WTN Tribune Radio's McKinley Young. "I have known Jordan since she was little and her parents are a great positive influence in her life. Jalen's family is there too. It is great to see the support they get. It has paid off for both of them."

Duke averaged 21.4 points per game leading his team to an 11-12 record and a chance to play in the regional for the first time in many years. The importance of this team playing well all season was because legendary Head Coach James "Doc" Shelton announced his retirement before the season started. Duke's family has been supporting him since he started playing as a youth according to his mother Hope Brandon.

"Jalen has played basketball since he was 4 years old and it's such a blessing to see the hard work paying off," said Ms. Brandon. "We are extremely honored that he has received this award. He is such a humble child which makes it even sweeter for him to receive this recognition. He is such a joy to our family and we are extremely proud of him on and off the court."

Even though he is a junior, Duke has been courted by a number of colleges including: Yale, Freed-Hardeman (TN), Kennesaw State (GA), Lipscomb, Middle Tennessee State, Tennessee State, Tennessee-Martin, Tennessee-Chattanooga, Austin Peay and Mount St. Mary's (MD). Earlier in the season he talked about what it meant playing for Coach Shelton.

"Coach Shelton has been such a great coach and mentor to me. He has won state championships, coached a Mr. Basketball. I hope we can make this a memorable season for him. I owe him a lot."

Majors has a strong basketball pedigree. Her father Orlando Majors starred at Cheatham County High School and Fisk University. Her mother Wendy Majors is a former women's basketball coach at Fisk. Majors was the second leading scorer behind teammate Briana Smith for MNPS girls players. She had 32 points in the District 10AA semi-final win over Hume-Fogg. Majors also grabbed 16 rebounds in the game. *Both players were honored after the championship game on Tuesday night. At print time neither player knew they were to be honored. We will have reactions from both players in next week's edition of the Tennessee Tribune.*

WTN Tribune Radio Players of the Game



Fisk's Cameron Lewis

University of Tennessee, Shawn Jones of Middle Tennessee State University and J.J. Mann of Belmont University.

"The honor is well deserved," said Fisk Head Coach Jay Smith. "Cam has been playing lights out since after the Christmas break. With our All-American Darrell Miller being out, he has picked up the scoring load. He started this week with a career high 40 points so he is on his way to get another weekly honor this week."

Lewis, a junior from John Overton High School in Nashville, started the week with 29 points, 10 rebounds and four assists in an 89-84 victory against Oakwood University, connecting on 10-of-24 shots overall and 8-of-12 attempts at the foul line. The 6-foot-3 guard then registered his second triple-double of the year with 19 points, 10 boards and 11 assists versus Edward Waters College, hitting three 3-point



McKinley Young talks to East's Terry Holt



McKinley Young with Pearl-Cohn's Michael Battle