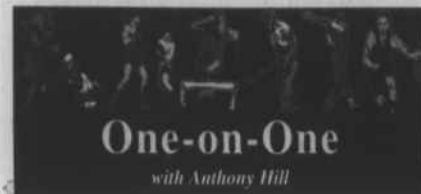


Howard on NBA rookie life

Salisbury native Jackson plans camp



One-on-One

with Anthony Hill

It's hard to believe that Josh Howard, Dallas Mavericks player and former Wake Forest All-American, was my first interview almost two years ago. I usually try to remind him that all of this began with him. We joke about it, but seriously, if that interview would've been a flop, then we would've probably had to stop. (I'm smiling as I type this.)

I looked over our interview the other day, and it had to be one of the rawest interviews that I've done here. There were a few things that I might've edited out if they were said today. Don't get me wrong. Josh gives the best answers. And he never holds back his true feelings. Sometimes he's simply too honest. That's also one of the best qualities that Josh has: his honesty. With J-Ho, you're going to get the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

I caught up with Mr. Howard earlier this week to talk about his rookie year in the NBA, future Winston businesses, women, cars and anything else that came to mind. I always enjoy talking with Josh, because he gives the best answers. And when it comes to athletes, they don't get more entertaining than J-Ho.

Anthony: (Smiling.) J-Ho, I can't believe that I got you back in the hot seat. (Both laugh.) I can't believe that you were my first interview here, almost two years ago. I finally got you back. How's everything been going?

Josh: (Smiles.) In two years, I grew up real fast, man. A lot of stuff went my way, and a lot of stuff didn't. For the most part, I've been having a great time.

Anthony: Can you give me a minor assessment on how you did in your rookie year in the NBA?

Josh: I think it was a success, to be honest with you. A lot of people didn't think that I was going to play that much, after being the last pick in the first round. I just proved a lot of people wrong. And that's my thing. I love to prove people wrong. And I did it this year.

Anthony: Was the NBA as tough as you thought it was going to be? What was the toughest part about being in the league?

Josh: I think the toughest part for me to get over was the players. After watching them play when I was in high school and college, and even more when I was younger, it's something to play with and against them. Once you get over that, everything pretty much just gels out. Of course you're going to get yelled at, because you're a rookie and stuff, but that's a part of the game.

Anthony: Coach (Don) Nelson doesn't yell that much, does he?

Josh: (Smiles.) Yeah right.

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Former Wake Forest star Josh Howard has made an immediate impact on his team in only one year of action.

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SALISBURY - Salisbury native and Sacramento Kings player Bobby Jackson will bring the action back to Livingstone College as he hosts the seventh annual Bobby Jackson/Livingstone College Basketball Camp July 18-23.

The five-day camp is designed to help boys and girls aged 7 to 17 not only learn the fundamentals of the game from the Sacramento Kings' guard and other basketball experts but also to improve their leadership skills and foster self-worth.

"Livingstone provides a camp that teaches fundamental skills, which is neglected a lot today. Watching the kids try to make it though stations several times daily is always fun to see. They sweat and complain, but they leave knowing that basketball is more than dribbling," Jackson explained.

Other activities during the camp include pool parties, all-star games with celebrity basketball players, ice cream days, and movie and game nights. There are options for day campers and boarding campers. All meals are provided on campus and camp participants are covered by secondary medical insurance.

There will also be two all-star games Thursday, July 22, in Trent Gymnasium. At 6 p.m. the top 24 female players in Rowan County will take it to the court. Then, at 8 p.m., the Rowan vs. Mecklenburg All-Stars game will begin. Admission for the games is \$5 in advance, \$7 at the door; children 5 and younger can attend free. All proceeds from the game will go to the Susan

G. Komen Foundation in support of breast cancer research. Jackson graduated from Salisbury High School in 1992 and attended the University of Minnesota, where he was named Big 10 Player of the Year and Big 10 Defensive Player of the Year as a senior. He was named to the NCAA All-Final Four Team and the



Bobby Jackson will host a camp in Salisbury July 18-23.

MVP of the Midwest Region after leading the Gophers to the Final Four.

As a professional, Jackson scored 27 points and grabbed six rebounds in his NBA debut against the San Antonio Spurs. He notched a rookie season-high 14 assists, adding 14 points and five rebounds against the Boston Celtics. Jackson finished fourth in NBA Sixth Man Award in 2000-2001 and second in 2001-2002. He grabbed a 500th career rebound in 2000 and handed out his 500th assist in 1999.

For additional cost information or to register for the camp, contact Kellee Dillard at (704) 216-6017 or kdillard@livingstone.edu.

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