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UNC's Hubert Davis to play for N.Y. Knicks in fall

By Isamu Jordan

Even though his peers Chapel Hill treated him like a god in his college basketball days, he is about to take on the toughest position in the National Basketball Association.... rookie.

At 6-foot-4, three-point specialist, Hubert Davis of the North Carolina TarHeels finished his fourth and final season with an point average of 21.4. Now he has earned himself an NBA jersey with New York Knicks written all over it.

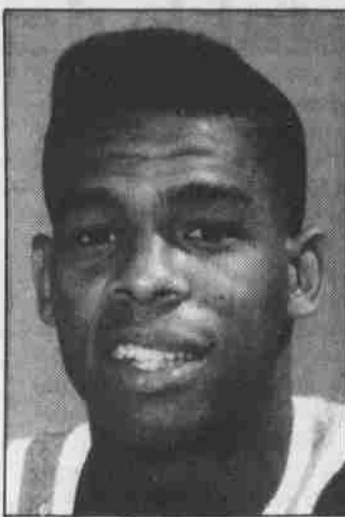
"He'll be a good player in that, he's been taught the fundamentals and Coach Smith gives all the tools needed to play in the NBA," said his former team mate Toure-Sekou Claiborne. "He is a down to earth person on and off the court, he's easy to talk to and he's not arrogant like other athletes are or can be. He simply enjoys interacting and getting to know new people."

Davis, 22, said he loved playing for the Tar Heels. Although many may see him as a superstar, he does not see that in himself.

"Everybody on the team is a star, even though there may be a little pressure on me to score. But Coach (Dean) Smith gave me the burden of being the senior," Davis said.

Davis finished school with a 2.9 grade point average and a degree in criminal justice. He said he has no regrets about his college career and the thing he will miss most about college basketball is "hanging out with the guys," referring to his team mates.

Davis said he won't miss the demand of playing top college



Hubert Davis

basketball and keeping his grades up at the same time. He does realize, however, there is and will be new pressures from the fans for an excellent performance.

Davis will be playing basketball routinely during the summer to prepare him for the NBA. He said he will not change his game at all, and he plans to do the same thing in the pros that he did at North Carolina, good defense and perimeter shooting.

According to Davis the most challenging aspect of professional basketball will be the physical contact, "all that bumping around and stuff." Though small in weight, folks who know him say he has much courage and gear. The 192 pound shooting guard said he has no fears or anxieties about making his debut in the NBA.

"I'm not really intimidated by NBA stars that I'll come up against in future. I'm just going to try my

best, and I hope I can supply outside shooting to the Knicks. I feel that may be something they lacked in the past," Davis said. "I'm looking forward to playing under Pat Riley; he is much like Coach Smith. He's tough, demands hard work ethic and he is used to winning."

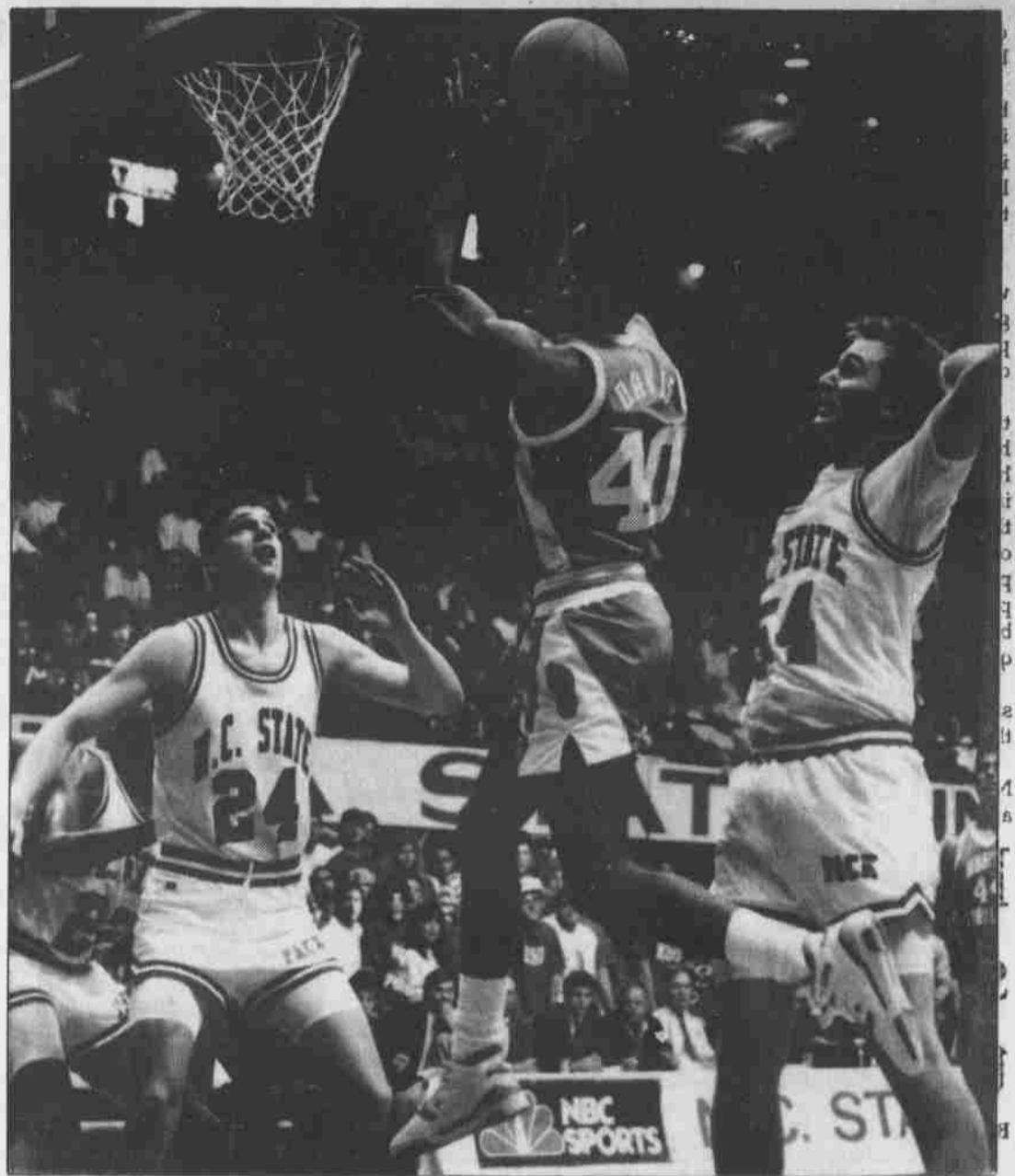
Davis' hero and sole role model when he was young was his father. He said his dad was the most important person in his life. Davis has dreamed of playing professional basketball since he was young. If for some reason he has to leave the NBA early, he will go to law school.

Davis gives a word of advice to freshmen preparing to play under Smith, "be afraid, be very afraid, and work hard."

"There is a big difference between high school and college ball, and you have to get prepared for it," Davis said. "If you're afraid and you work hard you should play respectable basketball, and those are the type of players Coach Smith produces."

Davis stresses the importance of a will to achieve. He also warns kids growing up to keep a level head, a lesson taught to him by the UNC staff. Even if he is the "star" of the team, he is just an "average Joe," to himself, his team mates and anyone who knows him personally.

"To kids pursuing the dream of playing in the NBA: keep the dream alive and remember you don't have to be an All American, just make the commitment and be ready," Davis continued, "And if you're not ready, that is why you have to go to school."



Hubert Davis redefines the laws of gravity

DTH file photo

Rainbow students watch as Bulls beat Salem Buccaneers

By Jason Butler

The teams stretched, warmed up and took fielding practice. As a cool breeze blew, the grounds crew watered down the infield dirt. The starting lineups were announced, and the crowd cheered for every home team player. Then, a wooden bull standing behind the rightfield fence started snorting and blowing smoke through its nostrils. What kind of ballgame is this? A Durham Bulls game.

The hit movie Bull Durham made the Bulls, a minor league club in the Atlanta Braves organization, famous nationwide. Still, people fail to make the connection... Bull Durham, the Durham Bulls.

Before the game, an area baseball team's 6- and 7-year-old players, sporting green T-shirt uniforms and probably a huge sense of importance, ran out onto the field next to Bulls players. The national anthem blared out across Durham Athletic Park, and the fans read the words off of the scoreboard and sang along.

The grass on the field was dark green and clumpy, not really the kind seen in major league parks. The field was a decent size, measuring 335 and 305 feet down the

leftfield and rightfield lines, respectively, and 410 to dead center.

Wearing white uniforms with blue letters, numbers, and logo, and mustard orange hats, the Bulls at least looked like a professional club. But their ability level is far from the major league level: they're in last place in the Southern Division of the Carolina League in this second half of the season. The Salem Buccaneers of the Northern Division of the Carolina League, the Bulls' opponent that night, are in last place. Going into July 6's game, the teams appeared evenly matched.

But they weren't. Because of Bulls pitcher Kevin Lomon's excellent performance [6 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 6 K] and a Bulls offense that got the hits when it needed them, the Bulls never fell behind in the game and cruised to a 9-2 victory.

Catcher Tyler Houston, whose expected entrance into the majors has been delayed by a decline in productivity, improved his stock with a two-for-three performance including a sixth inning, three-run home run.

After the home run ball disappeared over the rightfield wall, the bull, displaying a "HIT BULL WIN STEAK" message, blew

smoke out its nose as its eyes glared red.

In the second 70-game 1992 season, the Bulls' record is 4-11.

A true baseball fan can be no happier than when he is at a minor league ballgame. Especially when he's at a Bulls game, because reserved seats [seats behind the plate] are \$6 and general admission seats [blue bleachers down the left- and right-field lines] are \$3. If a fan gets hungry, he can choose among many cheap ballpark treats: a chili dog for \$1.25, french fries for \$1, a hamburger for \$1.75, or a medium pop for \$1.

The minor league baseball experience is unique to any other sport. Sometimes players struggle to break the monotony of playing more than 150 games in a season. "Sometimes we don't know what day it is," said Bulls pitcher Scott Ryder. "It gets old."

The players' routine involves arriving at the stadium at 3 or 4 p.m., stretching, going through batting practice, and taking fielding practice in the infield. Meanwhile, all pitchers warm up their arms. Players, after post-game showering and talking to local media, leave the field sometime after 10:30. "It's the same stuff over and over," Ryder admitted.

A summer is not complete for the true baseball fan until he has gone to at least one minor league ballgame; a good place to start is Durham Athletic Park.



Rainbow students pose for a picture with the Durham Bull's mascot

Basketball camp still going after 30 years

By Trina Terrell

The rushing feet applauding against the shiny wooden floor leaves the screeching sound of tennis shoes echoing in the air.

The wind blown through the whistle by the referee alerts everyone to stop, catch their breath, wipe the dripping sweating rolling down their face, and observe the delay caused in the competitive game of basketball.

For more than 30 years, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill is the center of attention for a total of 2400 young men during the month of June.

The North Carolina Basketball Camp attracts 800 young men for one week between the ages of 10 to 17.

To participate in the program it costs \$375 per person. The participants are learning the basic fundamentals of basketball, ac-

ording to York Larese, basketball instructor.

"They learn techniques for shaping their talent, unity of team approach, adhering by the rules and discipline," Larese said.

Larese, a broker in Boston, is a 27-year veteran of the camp. In the morning the camp attend clinics and lectures to sharpen their basketball skills.

The camp is divided into 11 individual groups by age to compete with one another at the end of the day.

Nick Lee, 10 from Savannah, Ga. has learned how to work harder and improved my skills on how to play the game," Lee said.

DeMayne Earvin, 17 of Youngstown, Ohio was invited to participate in the camp by his basketball coach. "I have learned how to play defense better and learn to control my temper," Earvin said.

Editors

Dykens, who lives with her husband on a 300-acre cattle farm, reported for the Charlotte Observer after learning her craft at several other southern papers for 16 years. She is now a student again, working on her doctorate at UNC. She earned her Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of North Texas and her Master's from UNC.

Hawpe

social injustice, but in answer to '60s vocalist Lynn Kellog, he does not restrict his compassion and energy to the bleeding crowd. He is sensitive to the needs of friends, as well to his wife and two sons.

"We have a comfortable friendship because we don't have to check it every day," Aubespin said. "David gets on my case at times,

Dykens doubts that newspapers will survive using today's management techniques. So, as a teacher, she will urge students to be more flexible in the news room.

"I would like them to have better skills than I had when I got out of journalism school. And there will be a lot of things more important than the inverted pyramid," she said.

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but it's always for my betterment." Aubespin has assisted Hawpe in his diversity campaign.

In addition to diversity, Hawpe promotes the general idea of brotherly love.

"I'd like to be as happy as I can, and as useful as I can," Hawpe said. "I try to treat others in the same way I would treat myself."

Paul Vincent Brown, who always loved writing, wanted to write novels. When someone suggested journalism to him, he entered the field thinking it was the same as becoming a novelist. But by the time he figured out reporting was different than writing books, he was already hooked.

"I've always loved words, and learned to love it even more now," said Brown.

Because Brown had a family to support, he was unable to major in both journalism and history during college. He opted to go into the field of mass communication and, in 1978, received a journalism degree from UNC-Chapel Hill.

Brown was a reporter for a number of years, covering police, court,

school, and government affairs. He progressed to the position of Bureau Chief of Orange County for The Durham Morning Herald and is now news editor for The Chapel Hill Newspaper.

Having never really taught high school or college students, Brown said he enjoyed working with the Rainbow Institute participants because they have a real enthusiasm for writing.

"I hope the students would catch a glimpse of the joy and excitement of journalism—the fun that's in this business and the seriousness of the role of the press in the U.S.," Brown said.

His goals are cut and dry: "I hope to continue to be a dog-gone good newsman until the day I die."

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