



HOPSON BASKETBALL INSTITUTE OF EXCELLENCE

DENNIS HOPSON



DENNIS HOPSON was a TPS Graduate from Bowsher High School. During his time as a student / athlete at Bowsher he was a two time All-State, two time All-City, City League Player of the Year as a senior and left the school as the All-Time Leading scorer and rebounder. His #42 jersey was retired several years after his high school career ended.

After Bowsher HS, he received a full basketball scholarship to The Ohio State University. The 6-foot-5 forward from Toledo, Ohio averaged 29 points a game in his senior year (1986-87) to finish his career as The Ohio State University's All-Time Leading Scorer with 2,096 points. He was second in the nation in scoring that year and was named to the Sporting News All-American squad. After a standout career as a Buckeye Dennis received a bachelor's degree in Education / Sports Leisure.

The New Jersey Nets made him the third overall selection in the 1987 NBA draft. He played three seasons with the Nets, leading them in scoring in 1989-90. He was traded to the Chicago Bulls where he was part of a World Championship team in 1990-1991. He finished his NBA career with the Sacramento Kings before spending the next seven years playing professionally overseas. Hopson's play has put him on four Hall Of Fame Walls: Bowsher High School, The Ohio State University, City of Toledo and State of Ohio Basketball.

Following the completion of his playing career, Hopson was named an assistant coach with the Rockford Lightning and Sioux Falls Sky force of the CBA from 2001-02. He served as an NBA scout for the Philadelphia 76ers from 2003-04 and held an internship as a varsity basketball assistant at Northland high school in Columbus, Ohio from 2005-06. He was then named an assistant coach at Eastmoor Academy High School in Columbus, Ohio for the 2006-07 season before moving on to an assistant coaching position at Northwood University in West Palm Beach Florida 2007-09.

His college coaching career continued with Bowling Green State University as he spent five seasons as an assistant with the Falcons. He now enjoys his time training kids and working in the community of Toledo as an outreach coordinator for CTF. Hopson became an owner of the Glass City Fury in 2015 and has helped to grow the program with his philosophy, "Kids first, winning second."