

Paris signs to play football at Nassau Community College



Jared Berry – Assistant Coach, Principal Dolores Jones-Bell, Paris Basley – player, Jamicia Basley – mother, Head football coach and Athletic Director – Wayne Poole

Paris Basley will further his education in New York and play football too. On Monday, March 3, 2014 surrounded by his coaches, principal and mother, Paris signed his letter of intent to attend Nassau Community College. Paris played high school football for the Gators at Melvindale Academy for Business and Technology.

During his years as a Gator, he had a total of 155 tackles, 6 forced fumbles, 32 sacks

and 8 fumble recoveries. He was named to the All State First Team in his Sophomore and Junior year and he was an Honorable Mention in his senior year. He also made the Under Armor All American Watch List as a senior.

Paris said he used football as a stress reliever that helped him stay out of trouble. His principal Dolores Jones-Bell said, "Paris is a gentle giant and he is very caring and a leader."

His coaches stepped in as father figures and helped mold him into the young man that he is. His mother Jamicia Basley says she wants nothing but the best for her son. "Football was a way that he could stay focused and now that he is a young man, he will be a great mentor to other young men. He proves that you don't have to go the negative route to be popular."

His teammates all wished him well and said he will be missed.



Eagles soar in final week of regular season, pull hat trick on rivals

By Christian Young - Contributing Sports Writer

The Romulus Eagles started the final week on a bit of a low note and closed it with some big runs.

After their loss against Saginaw Arthur Hill on Feb. 22, the Eagles looked to reverse their fortune with a game against a powerful University of Detroit Jesuit team on Feb. 25.

But it was not to be, as the Cubs dealt Romulus a 67-57 setback—the first time the Eagles had lost consecutive games in close to a decade. The Eagles had trouble getting to the line, getting only two free throw attempts and sinking one.

"Without a doubt, that wasn't our best game," Romulus coach Jerrat Smith said.

After a setback like that, the Eagles were looking forward to their Feb. 27 regular-season-closing home date with Birmingham Detroit Country Day with renewed vigor.

"Everyone says that this is a rivalry game, but every game is

a rivalry game because we're the defending champs," Smith said. "We're the hunted. It would make a lot of teams' seasons just to knock us off."

They did start slow, but withstood a big Yellowjacket run and answered it with one of their own to run away with a 68-46 win and prime them for MHSAA district play.

The Eagles went up 9-0 in the first quarter before Country Day went on a 15-2 run, brought about by forcing Romulus into some uncharacteristic mistakes.

"We had to get recommitted to the defensive end," Smith said. "Our kids are realizing that you have to bring it every day."

The Eagles weathered the storm by coming out of the first quarter tied at 15, and regained their footing in the second quarter, even though the score read 23-23 at the break.

Romulus really turned it on in the third quarter, nearly dou-

bling the output of the Yellowjackets, 45-23, in the second half. They were aided by a 22-9 third quarter and put the game away with a 23-14 run in the fourth.

Kris Ciyburn led the Eagles with 13 points, followed by Jaylin Walker and Juwan Clark with 12. Senior Matt Eldridge was a force, pulling down 10 rebounds to go along with his four points.

"Matt's a kid that took an opportunity and ran with it," Smith said. "He's a good player."

Maceo Baston and Nazir Wallace led Country Day with nine points apiece.

Speaking of rivalry games, the Eagles opened district play on Monday at Belleville High School by knocking off their rival Tigers, 57-51, for the third time this season. The Eagles played Westland John Glenn yesterday at Belleville in the district semifinals. Results were not available at press time.

Time to Make a Run

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

The Detroit Pistons have fallen to 2-7 since head coach Maurice Cheeks was fired on Feb. 9, which has prompted point-guard Brandon Jennings to speak out against the decision by management. "You give a coach a half a season with new faces and new chemistry — that's not enough time, I don't think," Jennings said after last Thursday practice. Per Vince Ellis of the Detroit Free Press, "I felt like he was placed in a losing situation."

Andre Drummond this past Monday play 46 minute and 14 seconds and scored 17 points and a career-high 26 rebounds, helping the Detroit Pistons come back in the second half to beat the New York Knicks 96-85 Monday night in a matchup of tumbling teams. Drummond exceeded his career-high on the boards with 26 rebounds to go with his 17 points, as there were plenty of misses to by both teams. The Knicks shot just 39 percent and the Pistons 42 from the field, as the Pistons needed Drummond's offense to help complete a comeback after they trailed by 14 in the first.

Ecorse Wins First Round of Districts

By Butch Davis - Telegram Sports Writer

Jalen James scoring 24 points, five assist and teammate Darius Carty chip in with 20 points and eight rebounds as the Ecorse Red Raiders beat Detroit Cristo Rey 96-35 in the districts 72, first round play this past Monday. Ecorse will now move on to play Melvindale ABT in the semi-finals in the districts. "Our team played a team that they should have won for that I'm very please about said Red Raiders Coach Mike Talley. Now our attention is on ABT with has playoff experience so I keep our team from looking ahead because if all goes as plan there is a good chance we will be playing Detroit Consortium for the championship in the District.

Again, my complete focus will be on ABT to win that game so we will have the opportunity to challenge Consortium for the championship."

Here are the other scores from the first round of the Boys Districts being played all this week. District 40, Melvindale 40, Dearborn Divine Child 30; River Rouge 73, Dearborn Henry Ford Academy 29; District 14, Brownstown Woodhaven 43, Riverview 37; Southgate Anderson 51, Gibraltar Carlson 31; District 15, Romulus 57, Belleville 51; Taylor Truman 66, Wayne Memorial 42; District 16, Allen Park 61, Dearborn Fordson 59; Dearborn Heights Crestwood 72, Dearborn 48,

The Pistons outscored New York by three points in the second quarter, 30-20 in the third and started the fourth quarter with eight unanswered points. The Pistons had lost four straight and seven of eight, however, in this game Drummond leadership, drive, and the will to win is maybe the answer on the march that might give the Detroit Pistons a chance from not becoming on the way to their sixth straight losing season. By the way, Detroit reserves Rodney Stuckey and Will Bynum each scored 16 points with Bynum scoring 15 of his 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Now with this one-win, a game won by something the home team Pistons have not been to successful in doing all season, perform a comeback when there team was behind and with only 20 or so games left in the season and being three and a half game back from a playoff spot all eye will just not be looking at the high schools and colleges during March Madness however, hoping their will be more basketball to be played in Michigan starting the state's professional basketball team nicknamed the Detroit Pistons.

District 20, Detroit Pershing 88, Detroit Cody 63; Detroit Cass Tech 76, Hamtramck 45; District 39, Grosse Ile 55, Carleton Airport 50; New Boston Huron 61, Allen Park Cabrini 57; District 41, Dearborn Advanced Tech 67, Detroit West Side Academy 37; Detroit Collegiate Prep 87, Detroit Cesar Chavez Academy 35; Detroit Plymouth Educational 82, Detroit University Prep Science & Math 57; District 72, Detroit Consortium 60, Riverview Gabriel Richard 35; District 73, Detroit Allen Academy 72, Dearborn Riverside Academy-West 32; Highland Park Renaissance Academy 73, Dearborn His Star International 39; District 101, Allen Park Inter-City Baptist 82, Newport Lutheran South 26; Taylor Trillum 51, Westland Huron Valley Lutheran 41; District 103, Novi Franklin Road Christian 90, Lutheran Westland 80; Southfield Christian 81, Detroit Davis Aerospace 40.

In addition congratulations to the following Girls Basketball teams that won their Districts and are now moving on to the regional: District 14, Southgate Anderson; District 15, Romulus; District 40, Dearborn Divine Child; District 72, Detroit Consortium; District 73, Detroit Jalen Rose Academy.