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## Seton Hall lands top recruits for 2014

The Seton Hall University Men's Basketball program recently received four commitments from the class of 2014 and is being recognized as one of the top classes in the nation by recruiting experts everywhere, including a #4 overall ranking from Rivals.com. The four-member contingent includes New York stars, Isaiah Whitehead, Angel Delgado, and Khadeen Carrington. The fourth member of the class, Ismael Sanogo, hails from Newark, New Jersey. Sanogo is a 6'6" small forward who attends Newark's East Side High School and he was the first of the group to give the Pirates a commitment. Sanogo plays his AAU ball with the New Jersey Roadrunners.

Isaiah Whitehead is a 6'4" guard from Brooklyn, New York. He attends basketball power Abraham Lincoln High School where he plays for one of the top high school coaches not only in New York, but in the country, in Dwayne "Tiny" Morton.

Angel Delgado is a 6'9" power forward who is from the Dominican Republic. Delgado grew up in New York but is currently attending Huntington Prep in Huntington, West Virginia.

Delgado played AAU ball with the New York Panthers.

Khadeen Carrington is a 6'3" guard and, like Whitehead, is from Brooklyn, New York. Carrington plays his high school ball at Bishop Loughlin H.S. Like Delgado, Carrington played his AAU ball with the New York Panthers.

As you can see, the future looks bright for Seton Hall Basketball and it's great to see the dedication and hard work put in by the coaching staff on the recruiting trail is starting to pay dividends.

### Best Wishes and Good Luck to Coach Steve Sauers

On behalf of the officers and members of the Seton Hall Men's Basketball Booster Club, we would like to extend our best wishes and offer a sincere thank you to former Seton Hall Director of Basketball Operations Steve Sauers. As most of you know by now, Steve joined the coaching staff at the University of California Riverside where he will serve as the lead assistant under Head Coach Dennis Cutts. Steve will definitely be missed. During both his tenures at Seton Hall, Steve was a true friend to our club. In fact, Steve never missed any of our events. Good luck Steve on your new endeavor and we wish you nothing but the best of luck! You will always have the support of our club.

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## The "Wonder Five" and coach "Honey" Russell

by Richard Connors

After 70 years, the mural in Walsh gym's foyer featuring the "Wonder Five" and coach "Honey" Russell is somewhat faded. So too are my memories of that era. I am setting them down in the hope that today's basketball fans might gain an appreciation of that bygone age.

I was a "gym rat" in my high school years. My parents lived a few blocks from campus so I spent many afternoons and most Saturdays in the new (1940) "million dollar" gym. Today it is considered a band box; in 1940 it was state of the art. Whenever Bob Davies and company played (1939-42), my friends and I were early birds, aiming for the row right behind the coach and players. Russell was an intense, observant coach, dictating notes to an assistant who took them down in shorthand. At halftime he took the team into a classroom (now an office) behind the southeast bleachers to go over their performance. A hallmark of his teams was their marked improvement after these chalk talks and "words" of encouragement."

The toast of the town was Davies (the Harrisburg Houdini) with his behind-the-back dribble and graceful, soaring layups. When he put on a special show the fans went crazy; the referees usually had to stop the game until they calmed down. One night Davies did his thing by dribbling through four of the opposing players. Forced into the corner by the last opponent, he proceeded to sink a long, left-handed hook shot. Hats flew and the noise was deafening. The opposing team stood there amazed. It seemed like 10 minutes before the game resumed. A night to remember!

The referees in those days were part of the show, so unlike today's gym reapers. One liked to soar down the floor on his knees to confront an errant player. A fan favorite was Jerry Malloy, who also coached high school teams in Hudson County (his 900 wins are only topped by Bob Hurley). When Jerry called a foul his face went beet red; his in-your-face bawling out of the sinner was high drama. Another characteristic of the game in the 1930's and 40's was the dominance of two-handed "set shots" and foul shots. The master of the underhand foul shot was "Bunny" Levitt. In a 1935 exhibition, he sank 499 in

a row—a record that stood for 40 years. A friend of Coach Russell, Levitt later came to the Seton Hall campus to work on the shooting of 7'3" All-American Walter Dukes (1949-53).

Pirate athletes were an integral part of campus life. Assistant AD Father Jim Carey saw to that. He formed a club called the "Knights of Setonia" whose members pledged regular attendance at Mass in the campus chapel. After Mass we were treated to jelly doughnuts and milk, served by Davies and the other athletes. Certainly "up close and personal," for what was essentially considered a commuter campus.

The apex of the Wonder Five's career was the 1940-41 season. Extending their winning streak to 42 games, they were invited to Madison Square Garden's National Invitation Tournament, which took place in March 1941 (the NIT started in 1938; the NCAA Tournament - which later became the sport's showpiece - in 1939). In front of over 18,000 fans, the Pirates defeated Rhode Island - an early run-and-gun squad - by beating them at their own game, 70-54. A routine total today, that score was unusual in pre World War II years. Unfortunately, the Pirates then faced two Hall-of-Fame coaches in LIU's Claire Bee and CCNY's Nat Holman, losing both games. The LIU-SHU score was 49-26 (LIU went on to win the tournament). In the consolation game, CCNY was victorious, 42-27. The winning formula was the same in each: hound and double team Davies, Seton Hall's star playmaker. I was at the Garden for the CCNY game - a real downer. Before heading home, my friends and I drowned our sorrows in the pinball and penny arcades that lined 8th Avenue and Broadway in those days.

The fans believed that 1941-42, with the all-senior Wonder Five, would be a championship season for the Pirates. But the year started out on a sour note when the East Stroudsburg Teachers came into the gym and - playing a hold-the-ball, slowdown game - beat us 40-37. I still see their big man, with ham hands and great wing span, taunting our players to try and take the ball away. The date was December 10 - three days after the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor. Even though Seton Hall had a very respectable record that season

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(16-3), the war's outbreak pushed sports far into the background. The college quickly emptied out as students were drafted and enlisted. Davies, for one, went on to play for the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Seton Hall priests left also. Fr. Carey became an Army chaplain; Fr. Covert a Navy Chaplain; Fr. Jarvais joined the Merchant Marine. By 1943, there were so few college students left that part of Bayley Hall was taken over for Prep School Classes.

Coach Russell was able to field a frosh-laden team for the 1942-43 season, but the college then shut down varsity sports until the war's end. Honey marked time by teaching gym at the Prep and coaching its teams during these two years. Next he moved across the Hudson to coach Manhattan College's basketball squad for the 1945-46 season. He then became the first coach of the Boston Celtics, heading that team from 1946 through 1948. Russell came back to Seton Hall in 1949 and stayed here until his retirement in 1960. The highlight of this second stint was victory in the 1953 NIT, with a team headed by future Seton Hall AD Ritchie Regan and All-American Walter Dukes.

Honey was elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1964 - as a player. His career, which started in his junior year in high school, included some 3,200 games. In "retirement," Honey worked as an insurance adjuster and as a scout for major league baseball teams. Honey Russell passed away on November 15, 1973. (A digression: it is difficult for today's fans to realize how important the New York City metropolitan area was to college basketball in those days. Madison Square Garden was the premier basketball arena, and area schools were perennial national powers. In 1950, CCNY won both the NIT and NCAA national tournaments. Disaster struck in 1951 when point-shaving scandals, involving four area colleges, - including CCNY - made national headlines. De-emphasis mandated by school administrators, as well as the growth of the NBA, meant difficult years ahead for the city game).

What became of the Wonder Five after the war? One member, "Big John" Ruthenberg, did not survive the war itself. He enlisted in the US Army Air Corps and became a B-24 bomber pilot. On August 22, 1944, his plane crashed near the village of Rabakecol

in Hungary. As pilot, Lt. Ruthenberg steered his bomber away from the village, but he and four crew members were killed. Awarded the purple heart, Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross, he is buried in the American Military Cemetery in Lorraine, France. Ruthenberg became, posthumously, a member of the Pirate Hall of Fame in 1997.

Ken (Kenneth P.) Pine, 6'3" center on the Wonder Five, was an excellent baseball as well as basketball player. While at Seton Hall, he played summer ball with the Brooklyn Dodgers affiliates. He tried his hand again at the sport after the war, pitching for the Nyack (NY) Rocklanders in 1948. Married during the war, Ken soon turned to a teaching/coaching career. He was athletic director/coach at Plainedge High School (Massapequa, Long Island) for 16 years; coach at Long Island Agriculture and Technical Institute for five years. His family later moved to North Fort Meyers, Florida, where Ken died on February 13, 1998. He had been elected to the Seton Hall Athletic Hall of Fame in 1978.

Defensive star of the Wonder Five was Robert C. "Turnips" Holm. A burly rebounder - known for secretly grabbing the shorts of an opponent who was trying to out leap him - his 700 career points indicated he had great scoring skills as well. After the war, Bobby played with the Sheboygan Redskins (1946-47) and the Hammond-Calumet Buccaneers (1948-49) of the National Basketball League. He spent the 1947-48 season with the Saratoga Indians of the New York State Basketball League. The National Basketball League, organized in 1939, consisted of 13 teams; most were located in medium-sized cities in the Great Lakes area. In 1949 it merged with the three-year old Basketball Association of America to form the NBA. Seven NBL teams moved into the new league, including the Minneapolis Lakers and the Davies-led Rochester Royals. Holm settled in Sheboygan area and worked for the Kohler Company (plumbing supplies manufacturer) for 33 years. Elected to the Pirate Hall of Fame in 1989, Bobby passed away on April 14, 2002.


Guard Bobby (Robert B.) Fisher was known as the "Flatbush Flurry" with his Brooklyn origins and accent and deceptive speed on the court. Bobby had a great two-hand "set shot," hitting six out of seven



## The "Wonder Five" and coach "Honey" Russell (cont.)

from near mid-court in a game against DePaul. In 1942 he joined the Navy, coached a Marine team in the South Pacific and a New York City Navy Squad. After leaving the service, he played with the Cohoes Mastodons of the New York State Basketball League in 1946-47. He joined the Colgate-Palmolive Company, whose headquarters was in Jersey City, and remained with that company until retirement. Bobby was chosen for the SHU Hall of Fame in 1986.

Of the Wonder Five, only Bob (Robert E.) Davies pursued professional basketball as a career. And what a career it turned out to be! After war's end, the 6'1" Davies joined the Rochester Royals of the NBL (now the Sacramento Kings of the NBA). He was named MVP of the NBL in 1946-47, while at the same time he was busy coaching the Seton Hall basketball (24-3) and baseball (26-6) teams. The demands of marriage, family, and pro career were too much for him to con-

tinue at the Hall. He thus concentrated on his career with the Royals for the next decade. He was a member of the NBA's All-Star teams from 1949 through 1952. After retiring as a player, Davies coached basketball at Gettysburg College for two years, while continuing his association with the Converse Rubber Company (athletic footwear). He also found time to return to his alma mater for the annual alumni-varsity game - then a Hall tradition. Not having seen him play for over a decade, I recall that his court skills were still very impressive. Davies was elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame in 1970 and the SHU Hall of Fame in 1973. His number 11 has been retired by Seton Hall, by the Rochester Royals and - continuing the honor - by the Sacramento Kings. Davies died at the age of 70 on April 22, 1990 in Hilton Head, North Carolina. 

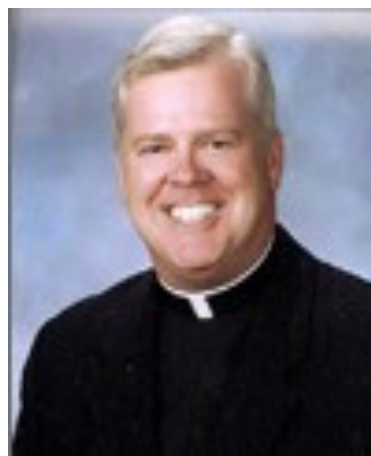
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The Seton Hall Booster Club is pleased to announce that Reverend Warren Hall is our new club chaplain as he replaces Rev. Stanley Gomes who left Seton Hall and is currently on a two year sabbatical in Spain. Rev. Hall is a native of Jersey City and was ordained in 1989 as a priest of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Newark. He attended Seton Hall University earning a B.A. Master of Divinity, and Master of Theology Degrees. His parish assignments within the archdiocese have included service at St Michael Parish, Cranford and St. Mary, in Dumont. He also served as priest secretary to Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, former Archbishop of Newark. Between 1999 and 2003, Father Hall taught at St. Elizabeth Parish and School in Wilmington, Delaware and served as assistant to Bishop Michael Saltarelli, Bishop of Wilmington.

Prior to his appointment to Seton Hall University, Fr. Hall was the Director of the Office of Campus

Ministry and Community Outreach at St. Thomas University, Miami, Florida. He served on the executive board of the National Catholic Campus Ministry (CCMA) and has published related articles in the CCMA publication, *Crossroads*. In his work in Campus Ministry, Fr. Hall



Booster Club Chaplain Rev. Warren

“specializes” in ministry to athletes. He is currently engaged in research that seeks to understand the link between athleticism, sport, and spirituality. Fr. Hall will be offering a course in the Spring Semester titled, “Sports and Spirituality: A Catholic Perspective.” 

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For Fred Hill, there is only one downside to returning to Seton Hall some twelve years after last having Hazard Zet Forward on his business card. "The only thing I have to complain about is I got my same office back," joked the newest assistant coach for Kevin Willard's basketball program, who returns to The Hall after serving on Tommy Amaker's staff from 1997 to 2001.

Joking aside, Hill says it's "great to be home." "Fifteen years ago I received a wonderful opportunity to work at Seton Hall. It was my first job in the Big East," he said, reflecting on the opportunities that followed as an assistant at Villanova, an assistant and then head coach at Rutgers and most recently a recruiting assistant at Northwestern. "I owe it all to the opportunity that I got at Seton Hall and now to be able to come back home where I have so many fond memories is just exciting."

Hill also noted that now, after having coached Shaheen Holloway as a point guard during his first stint at the Hall, one of the great things in returning to South Orange is having the opportunity to work with him on the staff. Hill said the move back to Seton Hall began with a casual conversation he had with Seton Hall Head Coach Kevin Willard at the Tournament of Champions. Hill explained that after leaving Northwestern he decided he wanted to continue to serve as an assistant coach in a high major conference. "I enjoy coaching at this level of basketball so I am not ready to go back and be a head coach at a lower level, which is something I'd probably have had to do at this point in my career."

Coming back to South Orange, Hill said he is impressed with the facilities at the school. "They have done a tremendous job of upgrading. We were very fortunate to have the resources to build something special 15 years ago when I was here. Now they have taken that and built upon it, the upgrades are phenomenal."

Hill returns to a much different Big East than the one he left after serving as the head coach of Rutgers from 2006 to 2010. "The Big East was outstanding as it was started as a basketball conference and I think for us to go back to our roots and to build an-

other basketball only conference, I think we have an opportunity to do something really special."

Having been on both sides of the Seton Hall-Rutgers in-state rivalry, Hill is also glad to see the two programs sign an eight-year deal to continue playing each other once a season. "I am looking forward to keeping the New Jersey rivalry going. I think it is great for basketball in the metropolitan area that we will still be able to play Rutgers and moving forward with Villanova and St. John's in the new Big East as well." Hill said he has been fortunate to be a part of both sides of the Seton Hall-Rutgers battles.

There is always going to be that heated fan rivalry type attitude and I just think that is awesome."

When asked about having the unique perspective of previously recruiting for and against Seton Hall, Hill highlighted the academics, the small campus, the family atmosphere as well as the Prudential Center as positive aspects for the school. "I think every school brings different things to the table. You have to look for and evaluate what each school offers and go out there and find players that will thrive in the situation that you are in. The hard job is it is not the right fit for everybody. Our job is to find those kids that will really enhance their careers by attending Seton Hall and living through the Seton Hall experience. When you find those kids, it is a great fit and it is very natural and easy." Hill thinks the opportunity to play under Willard will also ultimately be an attraction to recruits. "I think Kevin Willard is one hell of a coach," he offers.

Citing Jersey natives Jaren Sina and Sterling Gibbs in the Pirates' backcourt this year as examples of the interest local players have in Seton Hall, the Verona native said "there are a lot of great things we can build upon here which excites me moving forward." Hill said Gibbs deciding to transfer back home



Assistant Coach Fred Hill  
Photo Courtesy of shupirates.com

### A familiar face returns to the Seton Hall bench (cont.)

from Texas, one of the best funded and resourced athletic programs in the country, shows that the key aspects players should focus on are relationships, coaching, family and friends.

Sina was a Northwestern commit, so his relationship with Hill was apparent and was an obvious factor in his decision to come to Seton Hall after the dismissal of then head coach Bill Carmody. But Hill is quick to spread the credit around. "I think everybody played a big part. Seton Hall did a great job recruiting him and we (he and Sina) had a great relationship as well so it was a perfect storm." "When you combine all that, a player having a comfortable relationship with the staff here and then myself, I think it was probably a harder decision for Jaren to go to Northwestern and play in the Big Ten than it was his coming to Seton Hall and playing in the Big East in front of friends and family."

Hill said the situation reminded him of the initial recruiting success he had as a member of Jay Wright's staff at Villanova from 2001 to 2005 following Amaker's departure to Michigan. "All those kids were being recruited to come to Seton Hall," Hill said of Randy Foye, Jason Fraser, Allan Ray, Will Sheridan and Mike Nardi, among others. He explained that along with his recruiting those players then Villanova assistant Joe Jones was involved in their recruiting as well. And so too was the newly-hired Wright from Hofstra, which made it easier for that group to eventually say yes to Villanova. "It is a team effort no matter what you do,"

Most Hall fans have had the "what if" conversation when looking back on the program Hill was a part of building under Amaker that saw the team reach a Sweet 16 and then bring in the top recruiting class in the country the following year, before eventually seeing Amaker bolt for the Big Ten. Hill said his profession doesn't allow for that type of thinking but believes something special was being built in South Orange. "I don't think about it now but I do know if we were able to continue going forward and Coach Amaker didn't get the opportunity to go to Michigan, I know we would have had great success at Seton Hall and we would have gotten great players. Would we have gotten those exact players? Who knows?"


Hill does have a strong belief in one thing - what

was done once can be done again and he notes specific examples to show potential recruits that Seton Hall can be a destination for the highest ranked players when he mentions past players like Eddie Griffin, the top ranked recruit in the Class of 2000, and All-Americans Holloway and Andre Barrett. "We recruited the number one player in the country, so yes you can decide to stay home and do something special," Hill said. "Certainly, there is a track record and a history of success at Seton Hall through the years."

Hill believes a successful season will open the eyes of many local players showing them that they do not have to go far from home to play at the highest level. "We are looking forward to having success this year and winning. Kids want to stay home but they want to play for a winner. They want to go to the NCAA Tournament. Everybody wants to play with good players and everyone wants to win."

Having a strong fan base also helps. "I'm excited to get back and see old fans and old friends at The Rock. I hope they continue to come out and support the program in huge numbers because we are going to work our tails off on their behalf."

While there have been many changes to Seton Hall and the basketball program over the past 12 years, Hill is already finding comfort in the familiar. "It is kind of like an old comfortable sweater that you put on. You just kind of slip right back into it."

Seton Hall fans hope that they too can regain that old comfortable feeling turning the clock back a decade or so when the South Orange campus with Fred Hill was a viable destination for some of the best talent in the country. 

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## Isaiah Whitehead Interview

by Zack Cziryak

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When it came down to choosing a New York metro-area school to play college basketball, the decision was actually a pretty easy one for Brooklyn-native, and new Seton Hall commit Isaiah Whitehead. The trip began as many do for Seton Hall recruits, with a visit to the Prudential Center in Newark, the home court of the Pirates. "We went there before we went to the campus. It was great, it was an NBA arena for a college team. That's special."

From there Whitehead trekked to the Hall's South Orange campus where he became acquainted with what the Pirate program had to offer. "I went to campus to go watch their practice and then I went to see the academic adviser," Whitehead said of his visit. "She (Associate Director of Academic Support Services Amanda DiDonato) was great, she personally tutors the players one-by-one on the team. That was a great thing."

The practice session was another aspect of the trip that impressed the consensus top 20 national recruit, who saw individual workouts by position run by head basketball Coach Kevin Willard. "It was just guys getting better. The drills were awesome. I like the fact that Coach Willard was there. At a lot of schools the head coach just leaves it to the assistants, but he was there and encouraging the guys in the workout."

While in South Orange, Coach Willard and staff sold Isaiah a vision of the program that included the talented shooting guard pairing up with fellow New Yorkers, Seton Hall commits and friends, power forward Angel Delgado and combo guard Khadeen Carrington. "We were at all the camps in the summer together. Those guys are cool. I got to know Angel a lot this summer and I've known Khadeen since we were very young. I played with Khadeen's team in a lot of all-star games in New York City."

Despite the infusion of talent accompanying Whitehead to the Hall in 2014, which also includes

Newark-native and small forward Ismael Sanogo, in Kevin Willard's eyes the five-star shooting guard and scoring machine will be the face of the program and that was made clear to Whitehead. "Just coming in and scoring and being the face of the program," he said of what Willard had envisioned for him. "Other schools said I would be the face of the program too but Seton Hall is close by and I didn't really want to leave my mom so that was a factor."

Being such an important part of the program as well as the league coupled with the proximity to his home in Brooklyn made the decision an easy one for Whitehead. Ericka Rambert, Whitehead's mother, seems to have felt the same way about the school as her son following the visit, and her input certainly seems to have made a difference. "My mom thought it (Seton Hall) was great. After the visit we kind of sat down and mapped it out and Seton Hall was above my other four schools."

In addition to his mother, long-time mentor and his head coach at Abraham Lincoln High School Dwayne "Tiny" Morton attended the campus visit with him. Whitehead, who had Morton as a seventh grade math teacher and is best friends with his son, got an important piece of advice from the coach during his recruitment process. "He said 'just do what your head says and make a decision for you and nobody else,' and I kind of wanted to stay home and be near my mom."

In choosing the Pirates, Whitehead selected Seton Hall over a final list that had been narrowed down to also include St. John's, Indiana, Minnesota and Pittsburgh. He took unofficial visits to Seton Hall, Indiana and St. John's, the last of which came with the Red Storm the day before his September 19th announcement. Despite the buzz swirling that St. John's and Head Coach Steve Lavin were a major factor in the recruitment of the New York star, the inconsistent commitment by the hometown team left a lot to be desired according to Whitehead. "It really did-

n't shape it because St. John's was recruiting me for a very short time, and then they backed off, and then tried to jump back into it," he said of the visit's effect on his decision, preferring the more consistent recruitment by the Pirate coaching staff.

Seton Hall's recruitment of Whitehead began with a summer text from Coach Willard and encompassed a joint effort from the whole staff, including Associate Head Coach and former McDonald's All-American game MVP Shaheen Holloway, a fact not lost on the rising senior likely to play in the same game himself. "It feels great," he said of being able to learn under the tutelage of Holloway." He came a long way so he's showing me all the tools I need to know to get to the next level."

Whitehead already has a number of tools at his disposal, not the least of which is putting the ball in the basket. "Probably just flat out scoring and I can pass really well and rebound well," Whitehead said of his greatest strengths, admitting he needs the most work on his ball-handling and defensive skills at this time.

When Whitehead comes to campus next season he will have plenty of help on the perimeter with current and future guards joining him in Pirate Blue, a luxury he is excited for as he anticipates playing both on and off the ball in the coming years. "I think my best position would be off the ball but I'm probably going to be playing with the ball a lot too. Knowing that we've got a lot of guards is nice so at times I can just focus on scoring."



Isaiah Whitehead  
*Photo courtesy of Rivals.com*

There will be plenty of scoring opportunities for Whitehead in a Seton Hall uniform starting in 2014 as the Pirates have suffered from a lack of point production the last few seasons. However, a national top recruiting class has made for brighter times ahead in South Orange punctuated by the commitment of the Hall's newest recruit and future face of the program, Isaiah Whitehead.

## Welcome Aboard the Pirate Ship!



**Fred Hill**  
Assistant Coach



**Oliver Antigua**  
Assistant Coach



**Anthony Bozzella**  
Women's Head Coach  
Coaches: Stephanie Del Preore  
Lauren DeFalco  
Tiffany Jones-Smart  
Timothy Gardner  
Marissa Flagg  
Alexandra Maseko



**Thank you and  
best of luck to  
Fr. Gomes!**

Father Stanley Gomes served as the Booster Club Chaplain for five years. He has left to serve a two year sabbatical in Spain. We want to thank Father Gomes for his spiritual guidance over the years and we wish him the best of luck in his future endeavors.



*SHBC* - It seems like yesterday we were watching you as junior & senior at Paterson Catholic. How fast has your time at Seton Hall gone to you?

*Fu* - In the blink of an eye, you know it's funny because when I was a freshman, Jordan Theodore told me, "bro the time here is going to fly" and here I am.

*SHBC* - Do you regret staying close to home and not going away to play college BB?

*Fu* - No I don't, I don't you know. I think everything worked out in my favor, with coach Willard becoming my coach and I think he helped me get where I am now.

*SHBC* - How hard was it with all the injuries to the roster?

*Fu* - It was tough...it was tough mentally it's all not physical. Knowing that we had less guys going to places like PITT and UCONN and having six guys plus 1 walk on was really tough. But we never gave up.

*SHBC* - What are your expectations for yourself and the team for this year?

*Fu* - For myself, I'd say just leading the team, just bringing it in every game. Just leading them and showing that winning way. Jordan and Pope showed me the winning way, they showed me when we went to the NIT. And for the team, just going and playing hard as if it's our last game.

*SHBC* - Do you expect the NBE schedule to be easier W/O the likes of UPITT, UCONN, Syracuse & WV.

*Fu* - No I don't expect it to be easier, yeah we lost some good schools but we added some good schools too. Just look at Butler making back to back Championship games, and Xavier has been very consistent in the top 25.

*SHBC* - What part of your game do you think you have improved most since your freshman year?

*Fu* - My ball handling and my BB IQ. I think I know the game well now, you know, at every position, and just knowing what to do and where to be. So I think that's worked in my favor.

*SHBC* - What part of your game do you need to improve for the next level?

*Fu* - I'd say my ball handling and you know creating my own shot, which I have been working on.

*SHBC* - if you don't get drafted by the NBA, is Europe a Possibility?

*Fu* - Yes definitely, definitely you know I'm going to continue to play BB, hopefully in Europe or the NBA.

*SHBC* - Did you know that an NBA scouting service has rated you to be drafted in the second round?

*Fu* - Yes, I did.

*SHBC* - After Graduating from Seton Hall what will you miss the most about the school?

*Fu* - You know just getting up and meeting with the team, and having coach there to talk to. But he will be my ex- coach then.

*SHBC* - Thank you Fu, and good luck this year and in the future.

*Fu* - Thank you

Booster Club interview with Eugene Teague at Seton Hall Media Day (cont.)

by Sal Zacchia

*SHBC* - How close were you to committing to Seton Hall out of High School?

*GT* - I was looking at Seton Hall, but I really wanted to go away to college.

*SHBC* - So what made you decide to transfer back to Seton Hall?

*GT* - When coach Willard got the head coaching job at Seton Hall, I decided to transfer. I had a good relationship with him and felt comfortable.

*SHBC* - Last year, besides playing with a bad ankle, didn't you injure your knee as well?

*GT* - No, it was my shoulder, but it wasn't that bad.

*SHBC* - Losing Auda at the beginning of the season, and having Mobley play injured until he was shut down permanently, made it tough on you having undersized players playing along side of you. How will having them back change your approach?

*GT* - Yeah it made it tough not having any big guys to help rebound. Harolds, Fu and Oliver did what they could. With them back, plus Gerimipoor, Manga and Anthony to help rebound, it will help me on defense and rebounding.

*SHBC* - What are your plans for after Seton Hall, and is Europe a possibility?

*GT* - Yeah, whatever comes. I want to continue to play basketball, and Europe and the CBA offer opportunities.

*SHBC* - Thank you Eugene and best of luck this year, and after graduation.

*GT* - Thanks!



Fuquan Edwin at Seton Hall Media Day  
*Photo courtesy of Sal Zacchia*



Eugene Teague at Seton Hall Media Day  
*Photo courtesy of Sal Zacchia*

Make your reservations now for our pre-game dinner

**Saturday, January 25, 2014**

(prior to the DePaul game)

**At Don Pepe's Restaurant**

844 McCarter Highway

Newark, NJ

(just minutes away from the Prudential Center)

**Come enjoy the usual great food at Don Pepe and talk SHU Basketball amongst the group.**

*Cost:* **\$70.00 for members and \$85.00 for non-members**

**Reservations must be made by Wednesday, January 22, 2014 but payment can be made at the dinner.**

**NO WALK UPS WILL BE ACCEPTED!!!**

Price Includes:

Appetizers

Entrée

Wine, Beer, Sangria and Soda

Coffee, Tea, Cheesecake and Flan

Master of Ceremony: **Dave Popkin**

Guest Speaker(s): **Members of the Coaching Staff**

Honored Guest: **Bill Eyres**

**Former Pirate Greats will be in Attendance**

Raffle Prizes to include: game tickets, team signed basketballs, SHU apparel

For more information contact **Vince @ (908) 647-6042** or **Sal @ (908) 217-5384**

**Make checks payable to Seton Hall Booster Club and send to:**

Seton Hall Booster Club

c/o Vince Zingara

3 Fox Hill Drive, West

Warren, NJ 07059



**Georgetown Getaway**  
**January 17 to January 19, 2014**  
**Georgetown Game, Washington D.C.; Sightseeing and Old Town Alexandria, VA**

**Booster Club members and their families--\$295 pp dbl. occupancy**  
**Non-members--\$325 pp dbl. occupancy**  
**Single Supplement & Child in room with parents add \$150**

*Support the Pirates and Enjoy the Capital*

**Includes:**

- **Roundtrip bus transportation from Walsh Gym--departs 8:30 am Friday, January 17th and returns Sunday, January 19th**
  - **Sightseeing--Washington, Georgetown, Old Town Alexandria & Mount Vernon**
  - **Ticket to the Georgetown Game at Verizon Center, Saturday, January 18th at noon**
  - **Food, drinks and movies and lunch on bus Friday**
  - **Two nights at The Embassy Suites Old Town Hotel**
  - **Full hot cooked breakfast Saturday and Sunday plus complimentary drinks at Hotel (Happy Hour 5:30 to 7:30 each day)**
  - **Hospitality Suite both nights (snacks and drinks)**
  - **Mass Sunday morning**
- For more information call: Vince (908) 647-7016 or Sal (908) 217-5384 after 6:00 PM**

**Note: Make your reservations EARLY to ensure a seat. Check must be received by January 1, 2014**

**Name(s)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Roommate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*MAKE SURE ALL LUGGAGE HAS NAME TAGS TO FACILITATE CHECK IN\*\***

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## Seton Hall Men's Basketball Booster Club



### 2013-2014 Season Membership Application

Please fill out the application completely

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select from one of the membership types:

*Note: Membership includes immediate family members residing at same address (only 1 gift per membership).*

- Regular Membership \$60  
(membership includes a garment bag with SH Booster Club logo)
- Gold Membership \$100      Shirt Size (M-L-XL-XXL) \_\_\_\_\_  
(membership includes zippered hooded sweatshirt with Booster Club logo and garment bag with Booster Club logo)
- Young Alumni Membership \$25      Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_  
(membership includes a garment bag with Booster Club logo)
- Student Membership \$25      Age: \_\_\_\_\_ (Students must be 21 to join)  
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Mail this form with your check to:  
Seton Hall Booster Club  
c/o Alan Arons  
26 Darby Rd.  
East Brunswick, NJ 08816

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