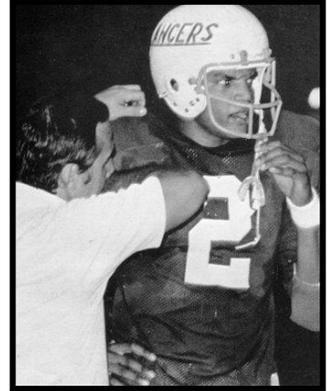


DAVID SMITH

David Smith recognizes his good fortune in growing up across from the athletic fields of old Amherst High School, providing him with a year 'round venue with a basketball court and enough room for any football and baseball exploits the neighborhood kids might contrive. With the support of his parents, Earl and Carrie, and a constant playmate in his brother, Kelvin, David became an all-star in football, basketball, and baseball in high school.



Youth baseball coaches, Larry Pollard and Charles Overstreet, followed by physical education teacher, Ernie Seals, and then other youth and school sports coaches – Donnie Wilkerson, Jim Procopio, G.R. Wiley, Ernie Guill, and Jimmy Diuguid – gave Smith the opportunity to develop his skills to the point that he rose above his peers to lead several teams to championships.

Smith's experiences in Dixie Youth Baseball gave him the opportunity to cover the South in his participation in five World Series, featuring one title, Virginia's only championship team, in 1979. Those teams provided the most successful stretch of Madison Heights Dixie Youth Baseball in the program's long history.

He developed lifelong motivation from the fact that he was cut in tryouts for basketball at Amherst Junior High in his eighth grade year, a slight he corrected the following year and one he vowed never to experience again. He had led that school's football team, as quarterback, to a 14-1 record during his two years there, and also played baseball.

Championships at ACHS in football, where he was quarterback, and basketball, followed, along with selection to all-district and all-regional teams. He took his basketball skills to Radford University on scholarship, where he became their all-time leading scorer as a forward, and still ranks among the Top 10 in both scoring and rebounding.

He has since applied his playing and counseling skills as coach for his daughters' Northside Middle School teams in Roanoke, as well as with AAU girls' basketball teams.

David Smith – August 22, 1963

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Youth: Baseball – Amherst Little League, All-Star (2); Madison Heights Dixie Youth, All-Star (6), Dixie Youth World Series, (5), Dixie Youth World Series Championship (1979)
- Amherst Junior High: Football (1977-78); Basketball (1978); Baseball (1978)
- ACHS: Football (1978-80) – co-champions, Seminole District (1979-80), regional playoffs; Basketball (1979-81) – district champions (1978-79, 1979-80), regional finalist (1980-81), All-District 1st team (1979-80, 1980-81), All-Region 1st team (1979-80), 2nd team (1980-81), All-State, 2nd team (1979-80), Player of the Year, *News & Advance* (1979-80); JV Baseball (1978-79)
- Radford University: Basketball (1981-1985), captain (2), MVP (1985), leading rebounder (3), graduated as all-time leading scorer and rebounder (currently top 10); Sports Hall of Fame, inaugural class (1995)
- Coaching: Basketball – AAU Girls, head coach, AAU national participant (2005-2006, 2009-2012); Northside Middle School, boys (2005, 2012-13), girls' assistant (2010-11)