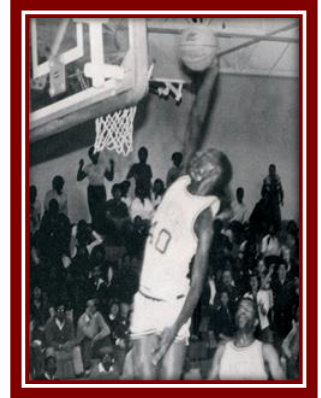




Vincent Massie



Vincent loved basketball. As we know, his love for the game started at Monelison Middle School. Playing for Trojans excelled his passion for the game. At the time students attended middle school thru the ninth grade. He played every year while attending Monelison. Amherst County High School coaches Ernie Guill and Bill Chavis looked forward to this young man coming to ACHS and continue to grow as a star athlete.

It was at ACHS that Vincent showcased his talent. His sophomore year under head coach Guill he started on the varsity team and controlled the court. Coach Guill recognized his athletic ability and knew he was going to be one of the best basketball players to ever take the court at ACHS. That he was. After one year under the helm of Coach Guill, Coach Chavis took over as head coach and continued to strengthen Vincent's dominate play. During Vincent's junior and senior seasons, the accomplishments were abundant. As a three-year starter, Vincent scored over 1,000 points. It was during an intense game against undefeated G.W. Danville Eagles that he became the first male athlete to ever score 1000 or more career points. With 4:49 remaining in the game Vincent tapped in a free throw missed by Joe Anderson and history was made. At that point the game was halted and Coach Chavis and the Eagles head coach Harry Johnson met him at mid court with congratulations and the presentation of the game ball. As a top-flight senior, Vincent led all players in Virginia that year with an average of 26.8 points and 10 rebounds per game. Vincent was nominated to the McDonalds All-American Basketball team and selected the Western District Player of the year both his junior and senior years. The awards poured in. First Team All-Western District both junior and senior years, Second Team All-Northwest Regional Team his junior year and First Team All-Northwest Regional Team his senior year. He was named the News and Advance Player of the year both years and Honorable Mention All-State his senior year. Vincent helped lead ACHS to the Western District Championship and the AAA Northwest Regional Finals his junior year. In 1986 he started in the VHSL All-Star Game played at Liberty University. He lead the team in scoring with 16 points. The final noteworthy accomplishment of Vincent's high school legacy is a record that stills stands today. He scored 40 points in a game. A record that may never be broken at ACHS. According to his coaches, Vincent's accomplishments all came from dedication, a great work ethic and the love for the game. His talent never went unnoticed. For his talented play at ACHS he was awarded a full scholarship to continue play Concord College in West Virginia.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- First Male athlete to score 1000 points at ACHS.
- Leading scorer and rebounder in Virginia his senior year.
- 1st team All-Western District both junior and senior years.
- Western District Player of the Year both junior and senior years.
- News and Advance Player of the Year both junior and senior years.
- Honorable Mention All-State his senior year.
- Nominated and played on the VHSL West All Star team his senior year.
- Still holds the record at ACHS of 40 points in a game.
- Continued play under a full scholarship at Concord College in West Virginia.