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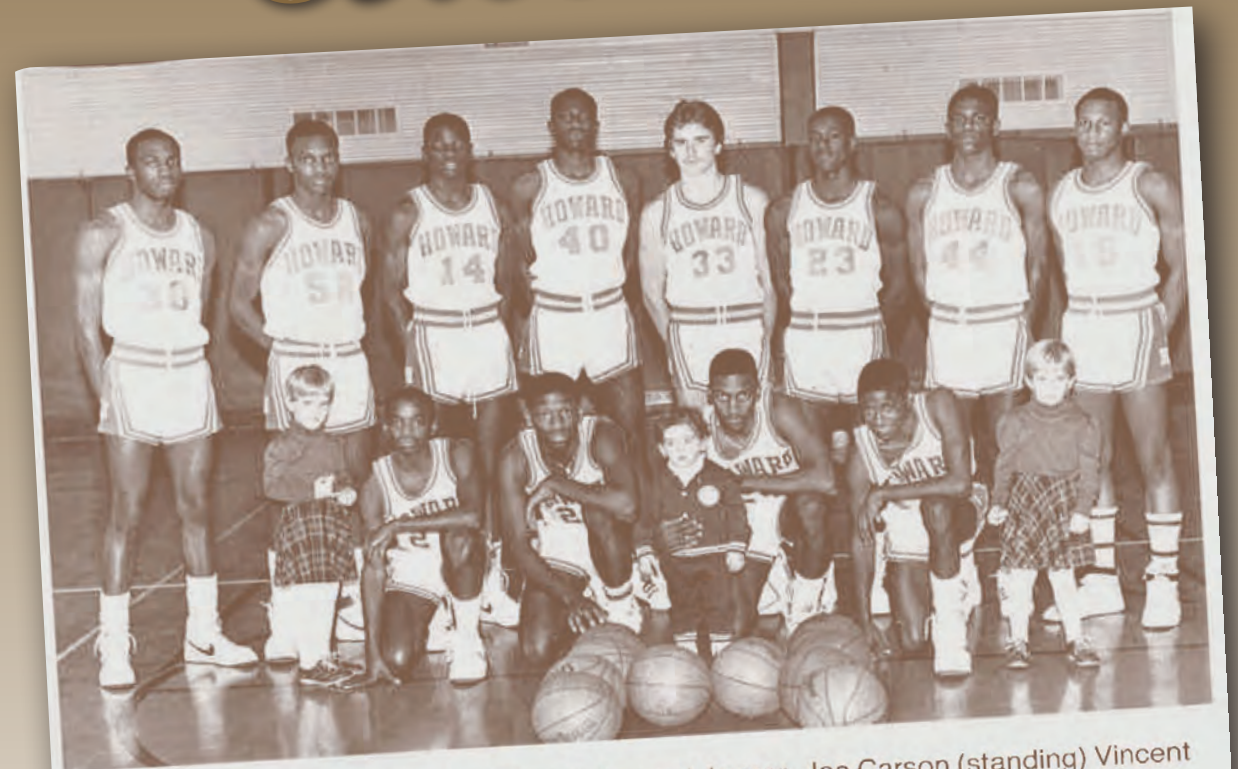


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MARK P. SILLS, PRESIDENT

1985 Howard High School Basketball Championship Team

30th Anniversary Celebration



(knealing) Aaron Gosa, Hershall Russel, Lemuel Joyner, Joe Carson (standing) Vincent Kent, Bilal Rahim (captain) Albert English, Mike Smith, Jim Wonchoba, Darell Chambers, Drew Butler, Paxton Price

Howard High School
401 E. 12th Street • Wilmington, DE

Thursday, February 12, 2015

5:00 p.m.



Dennis P. Williams, Mayor
City of Wilmington

HOWARD HIGH SCHOOL CEREMONIAL PROGRAM

(During Game Intermission)



Greetings and Remarks

Master of Ceremonies **Dr. Stanley Spoor**
Howard High School Principal

Opening Remarks

Mr. Thomas Quann
Howard High Basketball Coach

Introduction of Honorees

Dr. Stanley Spoor
Howard H. S. Principal

Award Presentations

Mr. Rashid Mustafa, Superintendent
Department of Parks and Recreation, City of Wilmington
and **Mark Sills**, President of Urban Youth, Inc.

Howard High Honorees

Captains **Vincent Kent** and **Bilal Rahim**; and Team

Special Community Service Award Presentation

Awardee **Darryl Chambers** - 1985 Howard H.S. Team Member

Introduction by **Shawn Allen**, Deputy Director

Department of Parks & Recreation, City of Wilmington

Closing Remarks

Dr. Stanley Spoor
Howard H. S. Principal

Howard, Delmar battle to be No. 1

By **DAVID HUGHES**
Staff reporter

Had the two teams not met in a rare upstate-downstate game on Feb. 8, the 1984-85 boys basketball state championship game would be a matchup between total strangers.

But Howard Career Center and Delmar High know very much about each other after Delmar's stunning 73-69 triumph over Howard last month in Delmar.

Howard, a perennial upstate behemoth, will be out for revenge in today's 4 p.m. state title game at Delaware Field House. While rags-to-riches Delmar, which became a powerhouse overnight when Gar-

Hussey, bowed to Indian River 48-47.

Delmar (16-6) has never made a state final appearance in basketball. With a enrollment of barely 200, the smallest public school in Delaware and the state's eastern-most high school, Delmar lies just three blocks north of the Delaware-Maryland line, which cuts through the heart of town.

Delmar, featuring a young, quick, aggressive team that has feasted on opponents, nipped William Penn 67-64 in the final at Dover. Guard Demaricus Trader converted a three-



It's Delmar vs. Howard

Demaricus Trader (with ball) converts a three-point play to give Delmar a 67-64 overtime win over William Penn and a date with Howard, a 75-65 winner over Sanford, in the state basketball finals. **Sports C1**

Weather: warmer

Today: Warmer, with a 40 percent chance of showers and a high in the 60s. Southwest wind 10 to 20 mph.
Saturday: Mostly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of evening showers. High in the 50s. **Details, B2**

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Morning News

Boys state basketball tournament

Tonight's games	
William Penn 49	William Penn (19-3)
Archmere 42	
Dickinson 93	Dickinson (12-10)
Glasgow 64	
Delmar 71	Delmar (14-6)
Cape Henlopen 65	
Smyrna 60	Newark (17-3)
Newark 85	
Tonight's games	
Howard 55	Howard (22-2)
Dover 50	
St. Mark's 79	St. Mark's
Milford 48	
Sanford 62	Sanford
Sussex Central 46	
Seaford 79	Seaford
Wilmington 68	

Basketball tickets on sale

One thousand tickets will be sold today at the University of Delaware Field House for each of the Delaware High School Basketball Tournament championship games. Tickets for the Ursuline-St. Elizabeth girls final go on sale at 9 a.m. Spectators will not be admitted to the Field House until 10. The game begins at 11. Tickets for the Howard-Delmar boys final go on sale at 2 p.m. Spectators will be admitted starting at 3 and the game begins at 4.

Bowling fundraiser

Howard hustles by St. Mark's

By **KEVIN NOONAN**
Staff reporter

Howard Career Center threw a combination of relentless rebounding and a tenacious defense at St. Mark's to cruise to a 58-31 victory in a quarterfinal game of the Delaware High School Boys Basketball Tournament Tuesday night at Newark High.

The Wildcats (23-2) will play Sanford, a 73-61 winner over Seaford, in Thursday's 8 p.m. semifinals at Salesianum.

"This Howard team is the best Howard team I've ever seen in terms of defense and going to the boards," said St. Mark's Coach John Fiorelli, whose team ends its season with an 18-6 record.

Howard is the top-ranked team in the News-Journal papers' rankings, while St. Mark's entered the game as No. 8.

The Wildcats set the tempo of the game right away by scoring their initial six points, all by Vincent Kent off offensive rebounds. Kent, a 6-foot-2 senior, scored a game-high 18 points, with eight coming off second shots. He finished with 17 rebounds, nine in the first half. Kent also teamed with Bilal Rahim and Michael Smith to blanket the backboards.

"We really wanted to come out and play aggressively," said Kent. "We've had trouble sometimes by relaxing against teams and we got off to a bad start in our last game (a 55-50 victory over Dover in which the Wildcats trailed by seven at halftime). So we wanted to come out and hit the boards and play good defense, try and get some easy baskets."

team and he's 40 percent of the offense. I think we did a good taking away his scoring opportunities."

St. Mark's trailed 10-7 after the first period, but then didn't score a point in the second. The Spartans scored just five points in the second quarter, all at the free throw line, and went into the locker room at halftime trailing 26-12.

The Spartans made a run in the third quarter, with junior guard John Burton scoring seven of the 13 points, and actually outscored the Wildcats in the period, but trailed 36-25 going into the fourth quarter.

Howard sprinted away at the start of the final period. The Wildcats' Lem Joyner began the period by tipping in his own missed shot, then teammate Albert Eng scored five consecutive points before Kent nailed a jumper. Kevin Locke hit a pair of free throws.

When Wirth finally scored Mark's first basket of the quarter on a short jumper, there was just minutes, 55 seconds left to play. Howard had a 20-point lead, at 27. The Spartans scored just two points in the quarter and the Wildcats won going away.

"We didn't have a lot of offense going for us, so we had to play good defense and crash the boards," said English, who scored 15 points in the fourth quarter. "We kept coming in that if we played that way we would win. But sometimes we've had trouble playing that game, or have played down to other team's level. Tonight, I think we played our game and now



Howard topples Sanford 75-65

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"The kids showed a lot of character when they were down, and that was a big key," said Hussey. "Sanford came at us with all they had, but we withstood the challenge. After the initial charge, we held our composure and started to play our game."

"Sanford might have thrown their knockout punch at us too early," said English. "We're talented and well-coached. People think all we do is run and gun and it's just not true."

Jackson said he was still impressed with English when he wasn't scoring.

"Mark was doing a good job on him, but A.J. was still finding the open man and making some nice

assists," said Jackson. "He kept his poise, which helped them."

English's dunk after a loose ball gave Howard a 39-36 lead several seconds into the third quarter. But it wasn't until midway through the period that the Wildcats were able to pull away.

Rahim, labeled the Wildcats' "detail man" by Hussey, hit a short jumper, guard Lem Joyner made a rebound and jump shot, and Rahim hit a layup on a feed from English off front. Howard suddenly led 51-44.

"We've come from behind in games before," said Rahim. "We kept our cool when they took the early lead, then contained them in the second half."

Mike Smith, Howard's 6-5 sophomore center, played probably his

finest game of the season, scoring 12 points and leading the Wildcats charge on the boards in the second half. Howard led 53-46 after three quarters, staying in an effective zone defense the whole time, and Sanford never got closer than six feet to the basket.

"Mike Smith had one heck of a nerve to come out and play like that tonight!" said Hussey, laughing.

"Wow, did he ever take charge underneath when we needed it."

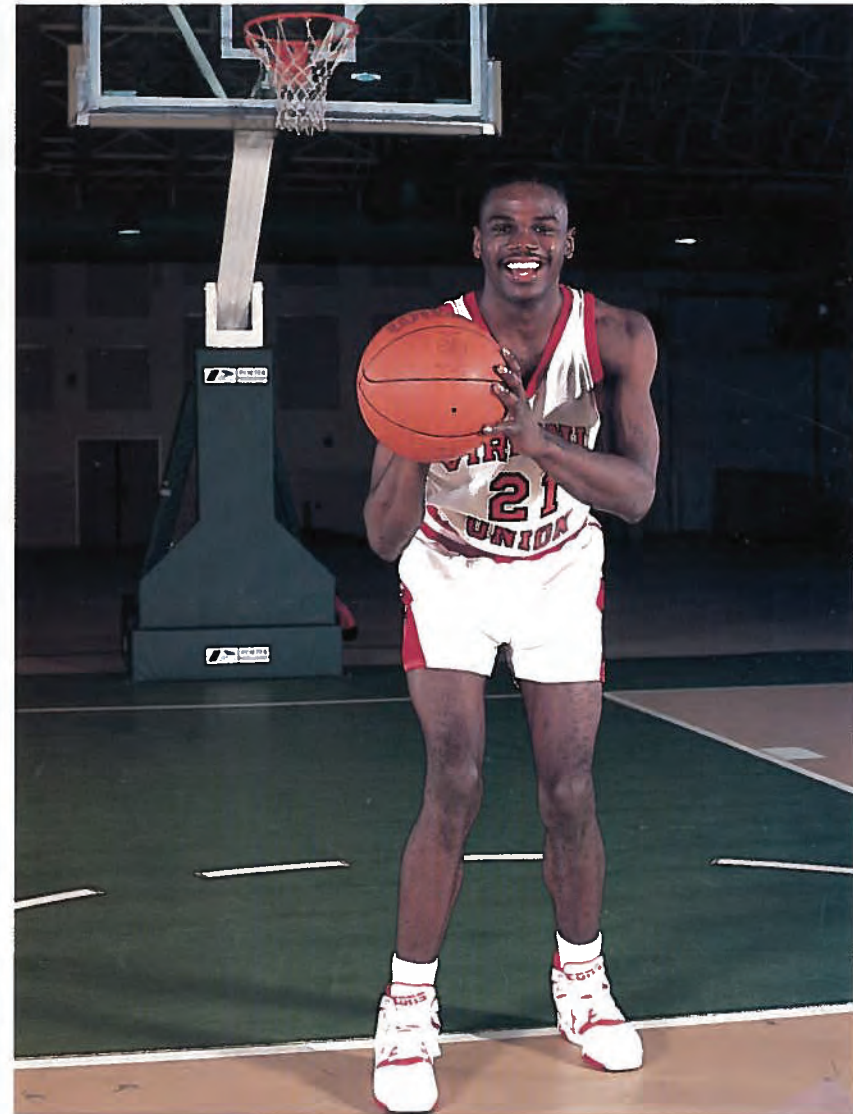
"A.J. and Mike Smith were getting up so high, they forced us to lose our concentration," said Jackson. "We lost our confidence for about a four-minute period, we weren't playing as a team, long enough to get them a little cushion. And once Howard gets a cushion, they're awfully tough."

gory — but most of Sanford's kids are young. Will the tournament pressure get to them or are they kids d

Staff photo by Fred Comegys

A field-goal try by Sanford's Steve Williams (21) is thwarted by Kevin Locke of Howard.

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A. J. ENGLISH

6'5" 185 lb Senior Guard
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**1985 Howard High School
 Championship Basketball Team**



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HOWARD HIGH 1985 TEAM INFORMATION

HOWARD HIGH 1985 TEAM MEMBERS:

COACHES - Head Coach Joseph Hussey,

Assistant Coach Steven Lee and Assistant Coach Thomas Quann

Players - 1. Joe Carson 2. Albert English 3. Aaron Gosa 4. Darryl Chambers
5. Vincent Kent 6. Hershel Russel 7. Bilal Rahim 8. Paxton Price
9. Mike Smith 10. Jim Wonchoba 11. Kevin Locke
12. Lem Joyner 13. Drew Butler

First Black High School in Delaware

Howard High Basketball State Champions 1973, 1985, 1996 and 2013

1985 FLIGHT A and B CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS, RECORD 25 - 2
DELAWARE STATE HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS 1985

Notable Player - AJ English

Team Leading Scorer 26.0 per game
Scored over 1,400 points during Howard HS career
Selected First Team All Conference 1985, 1986
Led State in Scoring 1985, 1986
Selected High School All American 1986
Selected Delaware Player of the Year 1985
First Team All State 1985 and 1986

AJ English played for the NBA's WASHINGTON BULLETS from 1990-1991

Special Community Service Award

Darryl Chambers

Selected Second Team All State 1988, Selected First Team All Conference 1988.
Selected Wilmington News Journal Newspaper Athlete of the Week 1988.
Led Team in scoring and rebounding 1988.
Selected High School All American 1988.

Played basketball at University of California Davis, Team Captain 1990

Undergraduate degree from University of California Davis 1991

Graduate School University of Delaware - earning Masters Degree in Sociology 2014

Vice President UrbanYouth, Inc.

Wilmington Hope Commission Board Member

Research Assistant for Drug and Health Studies, Univ. of Delaware Center for Graduate Studies.

Mentors 'At-Risk' youth in Wilmington

Community Activist, Volunteer, and Civic Leader

Howard hangs tough to slip past Dover

By CRIS BARRISH
Staff reporter

Joe Hussey probably grew a few dozen grey hairs Saturday night.

The Howard Career Center coach saw his Wildcats, the No. 1 team in the News-Journal papers' state rankings, trail a pair of points at half-time for a 55-48 round of School E ment at

"It was a good game for us," Hussey said, despite his team's close call. "We hardly played near our potential, but it's always good in a tournament to have a game like this to rudely let you know you have to play well every night."

From the opening tap, Dover Howard know it didn't take a toward know it didn't take a

at halftime. "Dover came out and did a very good job of putting us to sleep with their tempo," Hussey said. "I think we allowed them to do it through the first half."

"We came out in the second half with the intention of trying to disrupt their tempo and create our own tempo. I think we did that quite well in the third quarter, quite well in some defenses on

(17) and Co. finally started rolling for the Wildcats. English hit a jumper to cut it to 38-36 and, with 15 seconds left in the third quarter, Drew Butler scored inside to give Howard a 38-36 lead. The Wildcats never trailed again.

Dover battled to the bitter end and trailed by two, 50-48, with one minute remaining. But Howard held on as Michael Smith sank two free throws and Bilal Rahim (nine points) hit three to

Wm. Penn-Delmar, Howard-Sanford battle in semi

By DAVID HUGHES
Staff reporter

For the second time in three days, many citizens of Delmar (population, 2,180) will travel 50 miles north and invade Dover basketball team.

The ultimate dream for Delmar — a trip 85 miles north to Delaware Field House for Saturday's 4 p.m. state tournament championship game — will be on the line for the unheralded but powerful Wildcats (15-6) at 8 tonight at Dover in the tournament semi-final. William Penn (20-3), the Blue Hen Conference Flight A champion, will be Delmar's opponent.

In the other semifinal, at 8 tonight at Salesianum, Howard (23-2), No. 1 in the News-Journal statewide rankings, takes on No. 2 Sanford (23-1), the Independent Conference champion that has won 23 games in a row. Sanford will be out to avenge its

only loss, a 57-56 opening-game setback to Howard on Dec. 7 at Howard.

Delmar defeated Newark 82-79 in a double-overtime quarterfinal game Tuesday before a screaming, partisan crowd who followed their team to the state capital.

"It was incredible," said Delmar Coach Garland Hayward. "Our fans have really supported us. Outside of about 100 Newark gym Tuesday, and the place was packed. I know our players felt a big boost."

"This is the first time anything of this nature has happened here at Delmar, and fans have gotten real vocal and supportive at the games."

On Wednesday morning, a mammoth announcement was made that semifinal tickets were available to the Delmar students. Delmar's student body numbered about 400, making it the largest school in Delaware.

Delmar lies about three blocks north of the Delaware-Maryland state line that cuts through the heart of town on State Street. Students enrolled at the high school come from both sides of the state line.

"The whole town is behind the team. The community support can't be topped right now," said Hayward, who received a 24-point effort against Newark from guard Henry Cuffee, and 20 points from 6-5 center Demetrius Jones.

"Everyone is talking about us," said Hayward. "One lady told me she brought two neighbors (to Dover for the quarterfinals) who knew absolutely nothing about basketball. They just came for the heck of it."

At most Delmar home games this season, fans brought out newspapers that they held at arm's length when the opponent was introduced — a gimmick used at some

major colleges. Delmar will face a William Penn team that went overtime to beat Dickinson 75-71 in Tuesday's quarterfinals. Center Merv Flight B champion Howard, which nipped William Penn 60-59 two weeks ago in the Blue Hen Conference title game, also had a large contingent of fans at its 58-31 quarterfinal romp over St. Mark's at Newark.

"We were still outnumbered about two-to-one by St. Mark's fans, but our people were loud and supportive," said Howard Coach Joe Hussey. "I was worried about playing the game at Newark, because St. Mark's isn't far from there and they naturally get a lot of people at their games."

Forward Vincent Kent led Howard with 18 points, while guard A.J. English added 15.

Howard perennially sells out more home games than any other team upstate.

"Of course, our gym has only one stands, so we don't seat as many people as we'd like," said Hussey. "But our fans are Howard basketball has always drawn. There's no question we should sell out our gym. It'll be a great crowd."

Sanford, though a small (90 students) school, has experienced solid fan support as well. Numerous fans and parents followed the team to Delmar last week where they watched the Warriors

Guard Mark Harris, a 10th-grade Warriors with 26 points in Tuesday's 73-61 quarterfinal win over Seaford.

"Sanford's 23-1 record speaks for itself," said Hussey. "Critics who claimed that a weak schedule this year have not been silenced by their performance in the playoffs. We'll have our hands full."

High School Top Tens

Boys basketball

As the state tournament gears up toward Saturday's state final at Delaware Field House, Howard Career Center holds its No. 1 position in the national sports rankings.

Ten high scoreboards D2, Matt Zabitka D3, NBA D4, NHL D5, Horse racing D12

Girls basketball

Catholic Conference champion Ursuline Academy has won its first three state tournament games remain the No. 1 team in the News-Journal papers' girls basketball rankings.

Sports

Howard, Delmar in court battle

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With each step we take, the kids' smiles stone is doing his homework. D10

Howard rallies to state championship

Aggressive Delmar falls short 56-54

Delmar dream ends; Howard's Kent bounces back, D8

By DAVID HUGHES
Staff reporter

Joe Hussey lost all his fingernails Saturday afternoon, but his Howard Career Center basketball team didn't lose the game.

"We were underdog and think they'll never beat you. But they do," Hussey said. "They were getting the second shot."

Established a tempo for us," the Delmar coach. "When we realized what we were capable of doing. The guys started to believe in themselves."

Howard said the biggest key to their success was the return of center Demetrius Jones, a former South Carolina resident who moved



Leading Howard is Albert "A.J." English, 6-3 junior guard and All-State candidate who's arguably the state's best offensive player with a 22.5 scoring average (he pumped in 25 against Delmar), along with 6-2 point guard Bilal Rahim (12.9 scoring average), and 6-2 forward Vincent Kent (11.7). Guard Lem Joyner and 6-5 center Mike Smith round out the starting unit.

BOYS BASKETBALL TOP TEN

- 1-Howard (22-2)
- 2-Sanford (22-1)
- 3-Newark (17-3)
- 4-William Penn (19-3)
- 5-Delmar (14-6)
- 6-Dickinson (12-10*)
- 7-Seaford (15-8)
- 8-St. Mark's (18-5)
- 9-Wilmington (16-7)
- 10-Delcastle (15-7)

*—Dickinson forfeited six wins for using an ineligible player.

Also on the card are Anthony Dean of Wilmington, 165 pounds, and Jerry Rash of Elkton, 200 pounds. Winners of Saturday's bouts at the Penn State-Capitol campus will advance to the National Golden Gloves tournament. For ticket information, call (717) 948-6266.