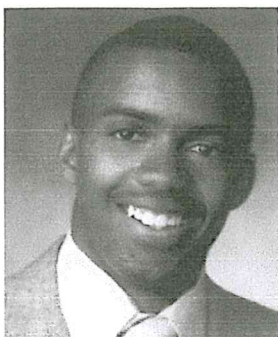


2013 Athletic Hall of Fame Honoree



DARRICK MARTIN

CLASS OF 1988

In 2008, a new hardwood floor was installed in the Jack Errion Memorial Gymnasium and dedicated as "Darrick Martin Court" in honor of St. Anthony High School's own Darrick Martin, Class of 1988, a 13 year NBA veteran who got his start at "The Home of the Saints".

Darrick's professional career as a player in the NBA began in 1992 and spanned 13 seasons. He played with the Continental Basketball Association, with Magic Johnson's All Stars and on various teams in the NBA, including the Vancouver Grizzlies, Los Angeles Clippers, Sacramento Kings, Minnesota Timberwolves and Toronto Raptors. In 2003, he played with the Harlem Globetrotters and went on to play for the LA Lightening of the International Basketball League.

Darrick David Martin was born in 1971 in Denver, Colorado. He was a standout athlete from the start and when his family moved to Compton, California, he quickly found St. Anthony High School as his home court.

While attending St. Anthony, Darrick (known as "Sweet D" and also crowned King of the 1988 B.O.P Court) led the Saints to quarter-finals all three years of varsity play. In his senior year, the Saints Varsity Basketball Team recorded 21 wins, an unprecedented season record. Darrick was awarded the Long Beach Century Club Player of the Year, Camino Real League Player of the Year, California State Scoring Champion (33.4 points per game), CIF Player of the Year, Parade Magazine All-American, McDonald's All-American, Best in the West 1st Team and Top Point Guard in the National Class of 1988.

Beyond his winning ways on the court, Darrick was also a scholar, graduating from St. Anthony with a 3.9 GPA. He was awarded a basketball scholarship from UCLA where he majored in political science and was a four-year letterman.

Quick but relatively small, Darrick helped the Bruins to NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearances in 1989, 1990 and 1992, including a berth to the Elite Eight in 1992. He completed his collegiate career with 636 assists, which still rank third all-time in UCLA history, and 179 steals, which still ties for sixth all-time. Darrick's career assists total placed him fourth on the Pacific-10 Conference's all-time list upon completion of his collegiate career.

Darrick averaged 9.3 points and 4.9 assists in his four years at UCLA, posting a 3.0 grade point average while earning a bachelor's degree and graduating in 1992.

In his professional career, Darrick bounced between the Continental Basketball Association, where he won the 2003 CBA Playoffs MVP, and the NBA. During a 13 year playing career in the NBA, Darrick saw time at the point guard position for the Timberwolves (1994-95, 2004-05), the Vancouver Grizzlies (1995-96), the Los Angeles Clippers (1996-99, 2005), the Sacramento Kings (1999-2001), the Dallas Mavericks (2001), the Denver Nuggets (2002) and the Toronto Raptors (2005-08).

Over the course of his career, he appeared in 514 games, including 178 starts. His per game averages included 17.8 minutes, 2.9 points, and 2.9 assists while shooting 34% from long-range and 84% from the free throw line. Darrick's most prolific seasons on the NBA hardwood were with the Clippers in 1996-97, when he averaged 10.9 points and 4.1 assists, and 1997-98, when he averaged 10.3 points with 4.1 assists.

Since retiring as a player, Darrick has continued his involvement with basketball as an assistant coach with the Toronto Raptors and Minnesota Timberwolves, and is currently coaching at St. John's University.

Throughout his playing and coaching careers, Darrick has been extensively involved in charitable work. In 1996, he founded the Darrick Martin Basketball and Books Camp for student-athletes ages seven to 17, and he has been involved in several service projects with the Cochran Avenue Baptist Church in Los Angeles. His basketball camp was hosted at St. Anthony High School from 2007-2009, attracting young people interested in basketball from the greater Long Beach area on campus.

Since its dedication in honor of Darrick Martin in 2008, Darrick Martin Court has hosted thousands of athletes and fans, providing a setting for the continued growth of St. Anthony's athletic programs and enriching student life on campus.

