



ATHLETE SPOTLIGHT



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Terry Davis Jr. is a shooting guard for the Lake Michigan College men's basketball team.

Terry Davis Jr.:

Playing hoops and dreaming big

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After spending last season at Kalamazoo Valley Community College, Terry Davis Jr. decided to transfer to Lake Michigan College and Red Hawks coach Doug Schaffer is very glad to have him.

"Terry has been an excellent addition to our team this season," Schaffer said. "From day one, he has bought into the high expectations that we have for our players, both in the classroom and on the court. He's on schedule to earn his associates degree from LMC and I believe there's a very good chance that he will have an opportunity to continue his college basketball career at the four-year college level next year."

At the shooting guard position, Davis is averaging between 17 points a night and usually gets five or six rebounds per a game. That has helped LMC off to a 7-2 start.

Originally from South Bend, Davis Jr. attended Adams High School and first began playing basketball in elementary school.

"When I was a kid I wanted to play football, but I was too young, we couldn't do that until seventh or eighth grade, so basketball was my second sport," Davis said. "I did play football for three years, but I decided after my freshman year of high school to stick with basketball."

While Davis hopes to eventually play basketball

professionally, he is currently studying business and is preparing to open his own sporting goods store. In school he has a 3.0 GPA.

Davis is the son of Taniesha Perry, who still lives in South Bend.

What made you want to transfer to LMC? Coaching changes, and I wanted to play with my point guard from high school, Michael Bush. It's going good; the team is doing better than how we did last year at Kalamazoo Valley and everything is really gelling. I can't really complain about it.

Why do you think it's going so well? Everything is kind of free flowing and everybody can play how they want to play. Everybody is having fun, where last year it was a lot more stressful.

What's your favorite part about playing basketball? I would have to say the crowd. When everybody gets excited like when I dunk, or they see something they haven't seen before, I like to see the crowd's reaction. It gets the team going.

If you could pick any four-year university to go play at, where would it be? Ohio State University because they've been my favorite school since I was a kid. It'd be great to just play there. I wouldn't mind playing at Notre Dame either, though.

Do you ever go back to Adams? I sometimes go home to my old high school and I talk to the younger kids. I tell them to live for them, do what you want to do and be who you want to be.

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