

Former Norsemen William Maupins Drafted into CBA



Former Mesabi Range Norse basketball player William Maupins was selected 17th in the 2007 CBA Draft. William played for coach Tom Stackpool's Norsemen from 2003-2005. Maupins was a two year starter and was a key member of the Norsemen's 2004 State Championship team. During his sophomore season William averaged 19 points and 10 rebounds. He was named to the MCCC All State Team as well as the NJCAA Region 13 All Region Team. William finished his career at Mesabi with 664 points and 472 rebounds. "William was a raw and untapped talent coming out of Rosemount High School and he blossomed into one of the best players to wear a Mesabi uniform" commented coach Stackpool.

After graduating from Mesabi William transferred to the College of St. Scholastica and started for two years. His senior year William took over the point guard duties for the Saints. As a senior, William was named the UMAC player of the year as he led the league in scoring (22.4), rebounding (9.1), steals (2.2) and blocks (1.4). Coach Stackpool has great respect for his former player. "You can see William's enthusiasm for the game every time he plays couple that with his work ethic and you can see why his game has dramatically improved each year." "I am extremely proud of William's success and feel good that Mesabi was a part of his development as a player as well as a student." commented Stackpool. "I am as proud of him as his own parents are. That is the type of person William is and our players and younger players should look at him as an excellent role model for what a student-athlete represents".