

Jerome Maultsby



When the Brien McMahon High School boys basketball program won its first FCIAC championship in 1973 after a couple of near misses, it was junior captain **Jerome Maultsby** who finally led the Senators to the promised land.

McMahon didn't have to wait very long for its second conference title, winning a second consecutive crown in 1974, and once again it was Maultsby leading the way.

By the time he was done with his scholastic career, the three-year starter, two-year captain, two-time All-FCIAC pick, All-City MVP, and All-State selection was one of the best all-around players to ever wear the red, white, and blue BMHS uniform.

No less an authority than Ralph King, the Senators' legendary coach, called the 6-foot-3 Maultsby "the best overall player I ever coached" shortly after he played his final

game in 1974.

Maultsby made an immediate impact, breaking into the starting lineup as a sophomore and averaging a team-leading 15.8 points along with 10 rebounds a game as he helped McMahon go 17-5, including a 15-2 league mark. He was the first sophomore to be named All-City, was second-team All-FCIAC, and received all-state honorable mention.

As a junior and the lone starter returning in 1971-'72, Maultsby was named captain and helped lead the Senators to a school-record 23 victories and their first FCIAC championship, going a perfect 17-0 in conference play. In fact, McMahon's only losses during that 23-2 season came against unbeaten state champion Wilbur Cross in the first game of the season and the last game in the Class LL state semifinals.

Maultsby again led the Senators in scoring with 19.4 ppg, which was second best in the city and sixth in the FCIAC. He was named first-team All-FCIAC, second-team all-state, and repeated as an All-City selection.

The 1973-'74 season saw the culmination of an outstanding high school career by Maultsby, who led McMahon to a 22-3 record and a second straight FCIAC title and trip to the state semis. Fittingly, he was voted the MVP of the league championship game as well as the All-City MVP while becoming the first three-time All-City player.

He also repeated as both an All-FCIAC first-team pick and All-New York Daily News Fairfield County selection, and became just the second player from McMahon and fifth overall from the city of Norwalk to be named All-State.

Maultsby, who recorded a double-double in all 25 games, topped the team in scoring for a third straight year with a 17.8 average, which was again second best in the city, although his 445 total points ranked first. He finished his career with 1,281 points, only the fourth player in city history and second from McMahon to top the 1,000-point mark. At the time, only Marvin Spencer, a 2015 Norwalk Old Timers honoree, had scored more points in BMHS history. Maultsby's 763 career rebounds is first all-time in the Senators' record book.

The talented Maultsby took his talents out West to Seattle University, where he was a three-year letterman and was known to teammates and fans of the Chieftains as "Dr. J." After his college days, Maultsby passed up the chance to play professionally overseas and instead played in the first Seattle D League and several years in a high-ranking AAU program. One of his teammates there was Drederick Irving, father of Celtics guard Kyrie Irving.

Maultsby majored in sociology and psychology and later earned both his Doctor of Transpersonal Psychology and Master of Divinity from the Theological Institute of Transpersonal Psychology in Atlanta. He has lived in the Atlanta metro area for the past two decades.

Jerome Maultsby, all-state basketball player from Brien McMahon, is now Dr. Jerome Maultsby, or "Dr. Jerome" as he's known to many. He heads his own practice, Ignite the Power Within, LLC, in which he addresses the spiritual, mental, physical, and emotional experience of individuals or couples. He has also been on several advisory boards, including serving as president of the board of directors and professor on the curriculum development committee at the Theological Institute of Transpersonal Psychology.

Maultsby describes himself as "a very passionate practitioner who enjoys community service and serving mankind who deserve a second chance in society."

He is married with one daughter and the proud grandfather of three.