

Marvin Spencer



The Brien McMahon boys basketball program has certainly produced its share of outstanding players over the last five decades. But it all began with **Marvin Spencer**. As the Senators' first great player, he set the standard.

In fact, his three-year career on Highland Avenue is still the standard all other players who have worn the red, white, and blue uniform are measured against. The sharp-shooting guard is still McMahon's all-time leading scorer with 1,454 career points, a record that has stood for 48 years since he drained his last jump shot in 1967.

And until last season, he was second on the city's all-time scoring list behind only Calvin Murphy, the future *Basketball Hall of Famer* who played at Norwalk High.

Spencer gave a hint of things to come when he averaged 19.1 points as a sophomore. As a junior, he became McMahon's first All-FCIAC and all-state player, registering 24.4 points a contest, which was fourth best in New England.

Murphy, a senior that season, led NHS to a 23-1 record and its first state championship. Their only loss? A 72-68 setback to city-rival McMahon, who were led by Spencer's 26 points.

The following season, with Murphy at college, Spencer became the new king of New England basketball, leading the region in scoring with 30.8 points. He also set a new single-game school record with 49 points against Greenwich, another mark that still stands today.

Spencer was a perfect 23-for-23 from the foul line that night — yet another school record — and his 45 consecutive free throws made set a state record.

By the time his career ended, Marvin Spencer held 15 Brien McMahon records, including his 24.6 career scoring average, which is still the best in school history.