



# Hoop Profiles

**J**ason Williams. Carlos Boozer. Mike Dunleavy. Chris Duhon. Dahntay Jones. These 2001-02 Blue Devil names will rank among the greats whose stories are recalled each season. Four Duke players past—Jim Spanarkel '79, Brian Davis '92, Bobby Hurley '93, and Carmen Wallace '97—have been profiled by writer Bill Glovin, whose “Hoop Profiles” can be read at length on the *Duke Magazine* website, [www.dukemagazine.duke.edu](http://www.dukemagazine.duke.edu). What comes after Cameron? Fame, sometimes. Fortune can smile. But sometimes, as Glovin discovered, the way is not as clear as the jog through Cameron from the locker room to the fabled floor.

## **Bobby Hurley**

As a Duke Blue Devil, Hurley '93 played before crazed fans and millions of television viewers. But he says nothing in his basketball career compared with the pressure he felt the day he spent \$1 million on a horse. “The auction was tense enough, but when I signed on the dotted line to complete the deal, my hand was shaking. I watched this horse run in person and on video and he had this regal, get-out-of-my-face attitude. He was like a great athlete who knew he was great. I'd been around that kind of attitude before.”

## **Brian Davis**

At the age of thirty-one, Davis '92 has covered a lot of ground: growing up on the hard streets of Atlantic City, playing in four Final Fours, shooting professional hoops in France and the NBA, working in the NBA's New York headquarters, spending time with his wife and new son, taking a role in creating West Village, a Durham development a few blocks from campus. Now he reveals that he has spent recent months working out with the New Jersey Nets, the Washington Wizards, and the Miami Heat, hoping to return to the NBA.

## **Jim Spanarkel**

One might consider the life of Spanarkel '79 fodder for a corny Hollywood script. He's a kid from the streets of Jersey City who won a scholarship to Duke and became an All-America, leading his team to the 1978 national championship game. He went on to the NBA, playing against such greats as Julius Erving and Larry Bird, and later became a broadcaster and financial planner. He married his high-school sweetheart. But his office in New Jersey is not that far from the World Trade Center site, and he says his priorities have changed in the past six months.

## **Carmen Wallace**

Watching a game last fall, Wallace '97 winced as New England Patriots quarterback Drew Bledsoe took a vicious hit from two New York Jets. The sports pages reported that Bledsoe suffered internal bleeding. “He should have gone out of bounds,” says Wallace. “My guess is that Drew was frustrated and was trying to make something happen.” Wallace has more than a casual fan's interest in Bledsoe. He is now part of a team of sports agents that represents Bledsoe, and other NFL stars.