

THE 411

Player Name and # #3 – Rodney D'Wayne Smith II
Year: Class of 2011
Parents: Rodney Smith and Rhonda Johnson
Siblings: Jameson, She'Arra, Penny, Brittany and Michael



WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE UPCOMING SEASON? I feel that we have the talent and ability to win state. We have the majority of our team coming back this year. We have 5 new additional players! I also feel we are the best team in 5A when we play together and under control. We have goals and we are working hard to achieve them. We have been working ever since the state semifinals to improve our game so that we can come out on top this 2009-2010 season.



WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR LIFE AFTER HIGH SCHOOL? I plan to go on to college and play football. I'm going to major in engineering. After graduation I plan on going to summer school to get college credits early. After college I would like to start my own business. I would like to try to go pro in football. It's not a big deal if I do or don't, but if I get a chance, I would go.

WHAT DO THE CITY OF BARTOW AND THE COMMUNITY SUPPORT THAT THE TEAM HAS MEAN TO YOU? When you're winning everyone is on your side, but when you are losing it's just you and your team. NOT IN BARTOW! Our fans are behind us 100% (win or lose) that gives me motivation knowing that we have the cities support. They feed us before games and all and we really appreciate it.

TALK ABOUT ALL THAT YOU HAVE BEEN THROUGH HERE THAT HAS BEEN HARD BUT WORTH IT. TALK ABOUT THE PLYOMETRICS, THE WEIGHTLIFTING, THE LONG PRACTICES, THE HIGH DEMANDS. Because of football I have never been through plyos. We have had early practices, late practices, long practices and very physical practices. Coach McGriff pushes us to the max every day. Basketball here is not for everybody. I have a lot of other things that I could do, but instead we have to be at basketball practice. We get no breaks. We lift and run.

TALK ABOUT HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT EACH COACH IN THE PROGRAM? Coach D – Cool and laid back. Coach Tuck – Cool. Coach Austin – Hard going Christian man. Coach Webb – Very helping. Coach Tripp – Weird. Coach McGriff – Crazy and outgoing.

WHAT WILL BE YOUR LEGACY HERE BEYOND THE COURT? I want everyone to remember me as the nice and respectful guy. I want to be successful. I want to be able to leave and come back and people remember me in a positive way. I want to be remembered as a leader. I try to make friends with everyone so they can get to know the real "HOT ROD".

YOUR FAVORITE QUOTE: "Success is the only option for me".
"If you ain't with me, you against me! Ain't no riding the fence."

