

THE 411

#12 – Jeremiah Samarrippas

Year: Class of 2010



Parents/Guardian Name: **John Kilpatrick and Anita Kilpatrick**

Brothers and Sisters: **Boogie, Dunke and Poodie**

What are your thoughts on the upcoming season? **This year I expect this team to do things no other Bartow High school team has ever done. We are going to be a special team to watch every time we touch the floor every night! We work so hard to get where we are as a team on the court and off the court. Out working everyone else is why we are going to be so good this year. As a senior captain, I promise to work as hard as possible and keep my team together through ups and downs. In order to reach our long term goal of state champs in 2010!**

What are your plans for life after high school? **To attend college and play basketball four years at a major D1 College. Therefore having a successful college career, I would like to become a basketball coach somewhere down the line or at least be involved with something in the sport of basketball. I would like to get a degree in Business and a minor in Sports Management.**

What do the city of Bartow and the community support that the team has mean to you? **It is a big deal to be apart of anything having to do with the city of Bartow period! The community support is off the chart, nothing compares to how much support we have from the student body and the Bartow community. I feel honored to be able to play four years in such a home like environment. I love bonding with the community about basketball, whether it's at the gas station to strangers, Fred's during pre-game meal, or down at the Rec. with Arthur, Johnny and Al. Bartow is a special place and I'm glad to be here.**

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. **It is rough playing at Bartow but it is all worth it. I can honestly say that throughout my years playing, I spent more time with the team and coaches then with my actual family! But, THE TEAM IS MY FAMILY! All the 5a.m. workouts, staying after practice shooting extra and off season plyometrics have been worth it, as our program has grown. Starting on varsity as a freshman and only 14 years old, I had to grow up quick and couldn't really be a little freshman unmatue around campus like the rest of my classmates. But through all the dark nights there is a brighter day!**

Talk about how you feel about each coach in the program? **McGriff – is a crazy _____? Jones – laid back and understanding. Austin – is a great coach and very detail oriented. Tucker – is extremely cool and young, I believe he will be 33 years old in a couple of months. Webb – is always focusing on how we played the last game and helps us prepare for the next. Tripp – very talkative with you and gives you good advice.**

What will be your legacy here beyond the court?? **My legacy at Bartow will be how hard I worked on and off the court. I want to be known as one of the best point guards to ever come through Bartow. Not only that, I want to be a champion. Remember me as the guy who always put in the extra mile and made everyone on the team much better.**

Your favorite quote: **"Stay far from timid, only make moves when your hearts in it, and live the phrase "Sky's the Limit" – Notorious B.I.G.**