

Take a look at the list of 1,000 point scorers hanging in the Franklin High School gym, and you'll notice a name that's not there is Kevin Blackhurst.

But he was a pretty great basketball player nonetheless.

And, in his defense, the three-point shot wasn't incorporated into the high school game until 1988, Blackhurst's junior season.

Still, there was hardly a player who received more respect than Blackhurst, a 155-pound guard who was the first – and only – player to receive an invitation to the Dapper Dan Roundball Classic in Pittsburgh as a member of the West Penn squad that was matched against the City-Quad A all-stars.

Blackhurst was actually a two-sports star at Franklin – basketball/baseball – and when he took his talents to Delaware, it was more the same.

Blackhurst capped his senior season at Franklin in 1989 as conference MVP and receiving “special” honorable mention on the Associated Press all-state team. He also was a McDonald's All-American nominee after averaging 18.9 points, eight assists and six rebounds per game.

That spring, he earned his third letter in baseball and then was part of a small (three players) recruiting class for hoops in Delaware.

Blackhurst played in 111 games at Delaware, starting 38 of them. He scored 573 points in his career, issued 153 assists and made 123 steals.

His senior year was his best – and one of the best in Blue Hens history – as they made the NCAA tournament for the second time while Blackhurst was there.

Blackhurst was NCAC tournament MVP that season when he scored 247 points, handed out 57 assists and collected 51 steals. He averaged 8.2 points per game.

Blackhurst was the starting centerfielder for Delaware in baseball, earning North Atlantic all-conference and NABC All-East honors both seasons.

He is still No. 7 on Delaware's career batting average list.

He is the only player in school history to play in both the NCAA hoops and baseball tournaments in the same year.

Blackhurst was named Delaware's Outstanding Male Athlete of the Year in 1994.