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J.J. RICHARDSON

6-7 ■ 235 ■ Freshman ■ Forward/Center

Missouri City, Texas ■ Fort Bend Hightower H.S.

THE STORYLINE

One of the nation's most underrated players, J.J. Richardson is described as a strong and athletic post-player who has an array of "back-to-the-basket" moves. He is an excellent post player with a strong body who moves well to the ball and has a soft touch inside of 10-feet. He also shows a high basketball IQ, has good hands, uses his body well, is an excellent passer out of the post and plays with

energy. A player who does all the little things to help his team win, Richardson sprints the floor with regularity, can rebound on the defensive end and has excellent timing when blocking shots. He is most known for his blue collar style and constant energy and effort in the paint.

HIGH SCHOOL

A 2009 graduate of Fort Bend Hightower High School where he played two seasons for Head Coach

David Green... Averaged 8.6 points, 5.1 rebounds and shot 57.9 percent (73-126) from the floor as a senior... Helped guide Fort Bend Hightower to a 28-10 overall record, 13-0 league record and 20-game win streak as a senior... Reached double digit scoring in nine games and double figure rebounding in three contests on year... Saw action in 22 games on the year... Scored a season-high 19 points vs. Austin... Scored 16 points (10-16 FG) vs. Bush... Finished with 15 points and 11 rebounds vs. Katy Taylor... Scored 12 points with 12 rebounds vs. Bush... Grabbed 12 rebounds vs. Lufkin... The Hightower Hurricanes entered the season ranked No. 35 nationally by *ESPN Rise Magazine* and No. 2 in the state of Texas... Preseason All-Houston selection by *ESPN Rise Magazine* prior to his senior year... Helped guide the Hurricanes to a 27-10 record in Class 3-5A as a junior... Averaged eight points and eight rebounds per game as a junior... Played with the Houston Elite AAU team for head coach Rick

Nelson... Guided Houston Elite to the Reebok Summer Championship semifinals... Impressed at AAU tournaments in both Philadelphia and Las Vegas prior to his senior year... Averaged 15 points and 14 rebounds per game during summer 2008... Helped guide team to Memorial Day Great American Shootout title in 2008.

PERSONAL

Born Johnny Richardson on February 6, 1991... Son of Johnny and Bridget Richardson... Has an older sister Jalesa, who is 10 months older... Grew up in Troy, Ohio before moving to Texas following his freshman year of high school... Played in same AAU program as current Pitt redshirt freshman Dwight Miller... Committed to Pitt on September 17, 2008, two weeks after his visit... Also considered Oklahoma State, Minnesota, Penn State and Utah... Enrolled in the School of Arts and Sciences.

