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54 – STRETCH MIDDLETON

Center \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Season \* 7-4, 270

Date of Birth: January 25, 1984

Hometown: Los Angeles, California

College: Northwood University (Fla.) '09



At 7-4, Harlem Globetrotter **Stretch Middleton** is the third tallest player in team history, behind former Globetrotters Tiny Sturgess (7-8) and Dut Mayar (7-6).

In his two years at Northwood University, Stretch and the Seahawks won 54 games, were back-to-back Sun Conference regular season champions, advanced to the NAIA National Tournament Quarterfinals in 2008, and finished in the top 16 during the 2009 NAIA National Tournament.

Given his height, it's not surprising Stretch mentions Hall of Famer Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Shaquille O'Neal as the two sports figures that have influenced him the most. One thing he shares with Shaq is breaking a backboard while dunking. Stretch and teammate Jet Williams each shattered a backboard on dunks in the same game in Ecuador late in 2012.

Basketball hasn't been Stretch's only athletic endeavor. He has also played baseball and tennis (imagine standing across the net, waiting for him to serve to you), and to stay in shape, he swims and jumps rope – it's a pretty long rope.

Stretch also plays acoustic guitar and writes songs, and he is really into computer technology. Someday he would like to work for a computer company, creating new products.

*Class of 2002 Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame*