

MILT WAGNER
Athlete (Basketball)
Camden HS



Milt Wagner led the new era of Purple Panthers from Camden HS to a state championship title in 1979. In his three years playing varsity, Camden HS went 77-8 and Milt became the first Camden HS basketball player to score over 2,000 points. He was All-South Jersey both his junior and senior years, and ended his high school career on the all-state team his senior year.

Milt accepted a scholarship to the University of Louisville, where he started and directed the Cardinals to three Final Four berths and the 1986 NCAA championship. Louisville went 113-32 with Wagner on the roster, claiming three Metro Conference regular season titles and two tournament crowns. He ranks 5th in Louisville history with 1,836 career points. Milt was a three-time All-Metro conference player and his number was retired by the school. He played in 144 career games, second all-time at Louisville, and started the last 111 games he played. He ranks sixth in career assists (432) and seventh in career free throw percentage (.808, 336-of-413). He left the school with 355 rebounds, 432 assists, 138 steals, 52 blocks, 373 turnovers, 325 personal fouls, and 1,836 points in his 144 games, with a total field goal percentage of 50%.

In 1986, Milt was drafted in the second round by Dallas Mavericks. In 1987-88, Wagner eventually became one of a small group of players to win a high school state championship, a national collegiate title, and the NBA crown when playing for the Los Angeles Lakers, he won an NBA championship. He spent one season with the Miami Heat and played in the CBA as well as in Israel and Europe. When his playing days ended, Milt continued his career in the sport he loves. He spent six seasons as the Coordinator of Basketball Operations at the University of Memphis and was a large part of the Tiger's run of 148 victories and six straight post season tournament appearances. He was also an assistant coach at both the University of Texas at El Paso and Auburn University.