

## **Brad Daugherty**

**TV Analyst, NASCAR Owner and Former Basketball Star**

Brad Daugherty was a stand-out center for the University of North Carolina basketball team, former NBA All-Star, and is currently a NASCAR team owner and broadcaster.

Daugherty had a stellar collegiate career after joining the Tar Heels as a 16-year old freshman in 1982. Daugherty went on to lead the NCAA in field goal percentages (64.8%) and averaged 20.2 points per game during his senior campaign.

In 1986, Daugherty was the first overall draft pick by the Cleveland Cavaliers. He went on to be named an NBA All-star in five of his eight seasons in the league, including an All-NBA Third Team selection in 1992. In Daugherty's eight seasons he averaged over 19 points and eight rebounds per game, and retired as the Cavs all-time leading scorer and rebounder (although these records have subsequently been passed by LeBron James and Zydrunas Ilgauskus). The Cavaliers retired Daugherty's number 43 jersey in 1997.

Following his NBA career, Daugherty took an unexpected career path. As a lifelong NASCAR fan, he began a successful career in NASCAR ownership and broadcasting. He has been featured on the new program *NASCAR Now* on ESPN2 and currently covers the NASCAR Sprint Cup and Nationwide Series on ESPN. In June 2007, the NASCAR aficionado joined Kenny Mayne in co-hosting the reality show *Fast Cars and Super Stars*, where he impressed viewers with his vast knowledge and passion for the sport. He is also an ESPN College Basketball analyst.

In 2008, Daugherty became part owner of JTG Daugherty Racing. "I have a tremendous passion for racing," Daugherty said. "This gives me another avenue to be involved in the sport. It's a big stake to do this at the Cup level, and I hope it opens doors in the sport for other minorities and women." He also serves as a part owner of Tony Kostelnak Racing.

Daugherty is a role model to kids today and has recently accepted the position to act as honorary chairperson for the "North Carolina – Give Kids a Smile Campaign." As part of the campaign's initiatives, on February 6, 2004 the nation's dental professionals provided free oral health care services to thousands of low income children across the state. Daugherty was featured in television commercials to promote the initiative.

While away from the NBA and ESPN, Daugherty spends his time with his two children.