

Trice plays big for Wayne

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HUBER HEIGHTS — The subject is Travis Trice II, and let's just say looks can be deceiving.

At 5-foot-11 and 155 pounds, his physical stature doesn't strike fear in the hearts of opponents.

But once the ball goes up, the Wayne High School sophomore point guard transforms from the little engine that could into a big red machine.

He averages 16 points, 6.6 assists, 3 rebounds and 2.5 steals a game for the No. 3-seeded Warriors, who open Division I sectional tournament play against No. 20 Belmont at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 23, at UD Arena.

"Travis has been messing around with basketball since before he could walk," said Travis Trice Sr., Wayne's coach, who played two seasons at Butler University (1993-95) in Indianapolis.

"When he was 2 years old my senior year, he was walking around on the court with us. He was in the locker room. He was hanging out with the Butler Bulldogs."

And dancing with the Bulldogs' mascot at halftime.

Young Travis is growing up. His game is growing up, too.

Five colleges — Butler, Wright State, Dayton, Akron and Cleveland State — have already made offers.

"We know his body is going to get bigger," Travis Sr. said. "He's going to mature. He's going to keep growing. We're not going to rush a decision."

Trice II is focused on making a tournament run. College plans can wait.

"I'm going to see what's best for me and my family," he said. "Right now, we're looking to win state. That's our No. 1 goal."

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Devin Bartlett and Travis Trice II (22) get directions from Wayne High School coach Travis Trice Sr. during the Warriors' game with Dunbar on Sunday, Feb. 15, at UD Arena. [Click to enlarge](#)