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“Nudge, Nudge”

By Shane Matzen
Hard Court Herald Editor
Marquette High School

Welcome to the new school year. By this time, you’ve gotten back into the routine that we all fall into after a month or so of school. That’s not necessarily a bad thing as a lot of you are doing some good things with your students and your teams that you’ve been doing for a long, long time...and it still works. The rest of this article is all about trying new things and seeing where it might take you.

Where it took me this summer was to the Great Southwest. I’ll back track a little first...I’m a routine guy. If I could get up at the same time every day, eat my breakfast at the same time (all of which my wife will tell you I already do) and do something like go to the beach in Mexico every summer for our vacation I would be as happy as could



be. All of which makes me think “thank goodness” my wife is in charge of the Matzen family vacation.

Maybe you’re like me and the last place you think might be fun the first week of August is the 110+ degree heat in Arizona. We headed out in the pre-dawn of a Sunday morning to fly to Las Vegas to spend one night. While the blackjack tables treated me well (for once!), the everlasting comment from that night was from my youngest, Ross, “Dad, Vegas doesn’t smell very good.”

From there we drove the rental to Hoover Dam and though I had been there before I’d never taken the tour before. What an experience. For a boy from Miller County that thought Bagnell Dam was just about the biggest engineering marvel you could see, it was a sight to see both inside and out. Four hours later, we pulled into the North Rim Park at Grand Canyon for a two-day stay. Hiking is not my thing (my couch kind’ve fits that space in my life) but the scenes were beyond belief though trying to make sure your boys don’t walk off the side of a trail into an abyss with no bottom is enough to keep you on edge.

Two days in Sedona followed and if you're like me you remember your parents when you were young calling you into the car to just "go for a drive". If you ever decide to take just one last drive, make sure it's the one from Flagstaff to Sedona.



The most beautiful scenery with the red rocks and canyons followed us the entire 30 miles and were simply awe-inspiring. A night's stay in Phoenix where we toured the Diamondback's Chase Field (the family's concession to Dad) followed before ending the seven-day journey on our flight back home.

Question: Why in the world is the guy who has been writing this column for several years now pertaining to how I can better run my basketball team doing giving me the boring overview of his family vacation? Well, it's just to remind you that maybe, just maybe there are better ways out there to do our job. Have faith in yourself to make wise decisions even when being faced with a different ways to run your half-court offense, implement your personnel, better communicate with your players, etc, etc, etc. There's still time this fall to read a couple of books (which by the way, check out the "Recommended Reading" section of this newsletter—I found time to read it on the aforementioned vacation—you WON'T be disappointed), check out a couple of coaching DVDs, hit a few clinics, go see a college team practice, ask your assistants what they'd like to try and the list goes on. If you are the head coach, get comfortable enough in your own skin to open up to these things. If you're the assistant coach, come up with a creative, positive way to approach your head coach to present another way of doing things.

If you're like me, getting out of the daily rut is hard. I need that "nudge" to get me going. I hope you allow yourself to be nudged and/or do some nudging. If it turns out like my vacation, it will be well worth it.

EDITOR'S NOTES: A lot of respect and admiration goes out to the class of 2009 Hall of Fame inductee class, but on a personal note...It is with sincere pleasure that I'm able to offer public congratulations to my friend Jeff Sherman at Central Methodist University for his upcoming induction into the Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. I have not had many opportunities to be an assistant coach, but I was fortunate enough to work for one of the best and am now able to say I learned from a Hall-of-Famer. CMU would not be the same without Jeff Sherman.

Also, like I do every year at this time, thanks to Kim Anderson and Brad Loos and the rest of the staff at the University of Central Missouri for a great summer camp in Warrensburg. As I've said before, they just know how to run a camp right and I thank them for that and making my team's stay with them a productive one.

Lastly, make sure you sign up for the official twitter notification site where we will instantaneously release the latest newsletters and send out messages that pertain to the MBCA. You can do this by clicking on: www.twitter.com/stang22



6 HOTEL INFORMATION

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Comfort Inn – Rosalee Henley 573-814-2727	\$72.00
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Hilton Garden Hotel – Laura Starjak 573-814-5464	\$99.00/ \$109.00
Holiday Inn Express – Jesse Springman 573-449-4422	\$79.00
Quality Inn – Barbara Henry 573-449-2491	\$59.00
Ramada Inn – Johnny Kiu 573-443-4141	\$55.95/ 65.95
Regency Downtown – Mike Ebert 573-443-2090	\$60.00
Residence Inn – Suzanne Wiss 573-442-5601	\$99.00/\$139.00
Super 8 - LOW – Bart Perrin 573-474-8307	\$70.00
Stoney Creek Inn – Jennie Haley 573-442-6400	\$90.00
Wingate – Lance Duncan 573-817-0500	\$65.00/\$69.00

OTHER FEATURES INCLUDE:

- MSHSAA Rules Interpretation Meeting
- Late Night with Norm Stewart, Billy Packer and Charlie Spoonhour (social with beverages and hors d'oeuvres included at the conclusion of the clinic Thursday night)
- Continental Breakfast included in clinic fee.
- Coaches t-shirt included as part of the clinic fee.
- Additional T-Shirts and other promotional items.

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2009 MBCA 4TH ANNUAL COACHING CLINIC

FEATURING:

Norm Stewart
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Rich Grawer
Dicky Nutt
Alan Stein
Tim Jankovich
Jay Spoonhour
Lisa Bluder
Rodney Watson
Bret Ledbetter
Nick Nurse
Ed Palubinskas
Billy Packer
Charlie Spoonhour

2009 4TH ANNUAL CLINIC



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7 2009 CLINIC BIOS

NORM STEWART

When basketball in our state is brought up, the first name that must come to mind is Norm Stewart. With over 50 years as a player (both basketball and baseball), assistant coach and finally a 30+ tenure as the head men's basketball coach at Mizzou, Coach Stewart was a part of over half of all victories in the storied history of Tiger basketball. He has spent his post-coaching life as a successful broadcaster of Tiger games and most importantly as the figurehead for Coaches vs Cancer across the United States.

RICH GRAWER

The St. Louis Sports Commission honored Coach Grawer as one of the "Top St. Louis Sports Figures of the Twentieth Century." In his coaching career, he took Saint Louis University to its most wins in school history in a season-27, collected multiple state titles at DeSmet High School (including a 63-game winning streak) and was an assistant at the University of Missouri for Norm Stewart. Under his tutelage were NBA greats Steve Stipanovich and Anthony Bonner. Coach Grawer's greatest reputation is as a true "teacher" of the game which he still upholds as a great summer camp mentor of younger players in the St. Louis area.

DICKY NUTT - SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Coach Nutt was hired prior to this upcoming season as the new men's basketball coach at Southeast Missouri State University. Before coming to SEMO, he was the second winningest coach in Arkansas State history where he coached 13 seasons at ASU with an overall record of 189-186 while leading the Red Wolves to the Sun Belt Conference West Division title in 2007. Nutt ended his tenure at Arkansas State just three wins shy of being the all-time winningest coach. Prior to his 13 seasons as the head coach at Arkansas State, Nutt spent eight seasons as an assistant coach on the SEMO Indians staff from 1987-95. After graduating from Oklahoma State he was an assistant coach at Stillwater High School from 1982-1985. Coach Nutt began his college coaching career at his alma mater, Oklahoma State, from 1985-87.

ALAN STEIN - NIKE TRAINING

Alan Stein is the owner of Stronger Team and the Head Strength & Conditioning coach for the nationally renowned, Nike Elite Montrose Christian Mustangs boy's basketball program. Alan brings a wealth of valuable experience to his training arsenal after years of extensive work with elite high school, college, and NBA players. His passion, enthusiasm, and innovative training techniques make him one of the nation's leading experts on productive training for basketball players. Alan is a performance consultant for Nike Basketball as well heavily involved with Nike SPARQ Basketball. He is the head conditioning coach for the annual McDonald's All American game, the Jordan Brand All American Classic, and the Nike Summer Skills Academies. Alan has filmed over a dozen DVD's on improving performance and is a sought after lecturer at basketball camps and clinics across the world. He has been featured in basketball magazines and periodicals across the globe for his work.

TIM JANKOVICH - ILLINOIS STATE

Coach Jankovich has engineered an amazing turnaround at ISU leading the Redbirds from the depths of the Missouri Valley Standings to the top with 49 wins over the course of his first two seasons including consecutive trips to the MVC tournament finals and invites to the NIT. A veteran of the college coaching ranks, Coach Jankovich has worked under such greats as: Bill Self (including a national title at Kansas), Eddie Sutton, Jack Hartman, Lon Kruger, Boyd Grant, Gene Iba, Bob Weltlich and Kevin Stallings.

JAY SPOONHOUR - MOBERLY AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Coach Spoonhour takes over the reins of the storied Greyhound program in Moberly on the heels of a coaching career that has been nothing but successful. In addition to a national title at Wabash Valley College in 2000-01, he has been a part of winning programs at UNLV (where he was the head coach at the end of his father's retirement season and took the Runnin' Rebels to the Mountain West title game and a berth in the NIT), Saint Louis University and Central Missouri State University. His resume also includes the media as a color commentator for the Missouri Valley Conference, the IBL's St. Louis Swarm and sports-talk radio in the St. Louis area.

LYNN NANCE

A member of the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, Coach Nance took his Mules of Central Missouri State to the 1984 NCAA Division II title. He also had coaching stints that included stops at the University of Washington and Iowa State and as an assistant at Kentucky and Fresno State.

BRET LEDBETTER - I CAN...TRAINING @ LEDBETTERINSTRUCTION.COM

After a successful college career at Southwestern Illinois College, Idaho and UMSL, Brett has become one of the country's top basketball player developmental gurus for players looking to improve their game.

ED PALUBINSKAS - FREETHROWMASTER.COM

World-renowned shot doctor Ed Palubinskas has been a leader in teaching the basketball shot to thousands across the globe. He is the author of numerous products and DVDs pertaining to the art of making shots. His methods have led him to work with numerous professional and college teams and individual players.

LISA BLUDER - IOWA

One of the most respected and admired coaches in collegiate basketball, Coach Bluder is in her 10th season as head women's basketball coach at the University of Iowa and 26th year overall. Under her direction, the Hawkeyes have advanced to eight post-season appearances (six NCAA and two WNIT). The dean of Big Ten coaches, Bluder has posted a 169-109 (.608) record at Iowa and her 25-year record stands at 525-251 (.677). Her 169 wins at Iowa are the second-most of any Hawkeye women's basketball coach, behind Hall of Famer C. Vivian Stringer (269 wins). Also, Iowa's 18 NCAA Tournament appearances are the third-most in the Big Ten.

RODNEY WATSON - SOUTHERN INDIANA

Coach Watson takes over the reins at Southern Indiana's Division II powerhouse program after being a cornerstone for the past 20+ years for the Salukis at Southern Illinois. Being a top recruiter and key figure in scouting for the Salukis the past two decades was key for SIU in the successful run they've made in not only the Missouri Valley Conference but on the national scene as well (430-238 record with 15 postseason appearances).

NICK NURSE - IOWA ENERGY-NBDL

A former successful player at the University of Northern Iowa and in the European professional leagues, Coach Nurse entered the head coaching field early. He was the youngest college coach in the country at 23 when he took over Grand View College in Des Moines. After a short stint on the staff at U. of South Dakota, he then took his coaching act to Europe where he led teams in numerous leagues over the span of 11 seasons. He is the author of "The Ultimate Book of Shooting" and "The Nurse's Pill" on teaching the game.

BILLY PACKER - COLLEGE BASKETBALL TV COMMENTATOR

Known for his frank and well-informed views as one of the true "voices of college basketball," Billy Packer was a constant with the NCAA's Final Four serving as a color man on the broadcast of the event every year from 1975 to 2008. He was also a great in his playing days as well, leading his Demon Deacons at Wake Forest to two ACC titles and the 1962 Final Four.

CHARLIE SPOONHOUR

One of the true legendary characters in our state's basketball lineage, Coach Spoonhour found nothing but success at every stop in his coaching tenure. From humble beginnings in Couch, MO he ended up leading successful post-season tournament runs at Southwest Missouri State University, Saint Louis University and at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas. His post-coaching life has taken him on to a run as a popular college basketball color commentator.

CLINIC SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

11:30	TIM JANKOVICH.....	Early Offense
12:45	RODNEY WATSON (MAIN GYM)	Competitive/Toughness Drills
	JAY SPOONHOUR	Defensive Transition
2:00	ED PALUBINSKAS	Secrets to Perfect Shooting Principals
3:15	LISA BLUDER	Iowa's Continuity Zone Offense
		Quick Hits and Drills to Implement
4:30	UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI WOMEN.....	Practice
5:45	RICH GRAWER (MAIN GYM)	Competitive Drills for Game Situations
	BRETT LEDBETTER.....	I Can...Training
7:00	ALAN STEIN.....	Nike Player Development
8:15	BILLY PACKER.....	In-Game Coaching
9:30	NORM STEWART	Late Night at Holiday Inn Select
	CHARLIE SPOONHOUR	National, Big Twelve, Missouri Valley
	BILLY PACKER	2009-2010 Season Preview
	HIGH SCHOOL COACHES.....	Report on the Upcoming Season
	MISSOURI MENS BASKETBALL TEAM.....	TBA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

8:00	MSHSAA RULES MEETING	
8:30	DICKY NUTT	Motivation
9:45	CENTRAL METHODIST (MEN)	Practice
11:00	NICK NURSE (MAIN GYM).....	European Basketball
	LYNN NANCE	Big Man Drills
12:15	ED PALUBINSKAS.....	Dynamic Offensive Footwork

MBCA CLINICS / MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Coaches (all from same school-both boys & girls):
(please print clearly)

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email: _____

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School: _____

School Phone: _____

CLINIC/MEMBERSHIP FEES

(*all fees include both clinic & 2009-10 membership)
(Checks, School Purchase Orders, Money Orders and Cash are acceptable.)

Before October 5: \$95.00 individual
\$260.00 Staff

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\$275.00 Staff

Mail Check (made out to "MBCA") & this Application Form to:

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REGISTRATION BEGINS @ 10:00 A.M.

The Little Things-“Beyond Basketball”
By Jason Wolfard
Hard Court Herald Associate Editor
Lindbergh High School

Every day as coaches we help shape the lives of young men as we teach them not only the game of basketball, but right vs. wrong. We try to teach them through lessons we have learned and thoughts that we have in the hopes that after they finish playing for us for four years that they will be successful after their glory days in high school. I recently finished reading a book called “Season of Life” by Jeffrey Marx. It had many ideas in it on how to help develop young men. The head football coach in this book started a program called “Men For Others”. At one point, the football coach was quoted before a practice saying, “I expect greatness out of you, and the way we measure greatness is by the impact you have on other people’s lives.” So my goal this article is to make a challenge to the high school coaches in Missouri to make an impact on other people’s lives with the help of their players that goes way beyond the game of basketball.

All of us, in some way, have been impacted by Cancer. Whether it be a relative, friend, parent, a player’s relative, or someone else that is close to us, we know that the fight against Cancer is one of the toughest out there. Our president of the MBCA, Stephanie Phillips, is fighting her own battle with cancer and doing her best to win that battle (check out her blog at: <http://stephsgonnawin.blogspot.com>).

For the past 9 years at Lindbergh, we have had our annual “Coaches vs. Cancer” night where we team up with one of our opponents and work to raise money to give to an organization that helps in the fight against Cancer. We have given to the Jimmy V Foundation, Rainbows For Kids, American Cancer Society, and other families throughout the years. I am very proud to say that with the help of our school’s student council last year we raised the most money by a high school basketball team for “Coaches vs. Cancer” in the St. Louis area.

Perhaps the one of the greatest rewards from our annual drive is the opportunity I have each year to talk to my players about how they can help in the fight against Cancer. Sometimes I share a personal story or one of my assistants shares a personal story. Sometimes we have a player that has a personal story. One year we had a referee in St. Louis that we set out to help. We always stress that somehow and some way, if it hasn’t happened yet, all of us will be impacted by Cancer in some way. But it also helps our kids figure out how they can make an impact on others lives by doing something so small as raising money in the fight against Cancer.

Last year I met with our local representative at the American Cancer Society here in St. Louis. He told me that the national “Coaches vs. Cancer” campaign was trying to make more of a push into high school basketball. Last year in

St. Louis, several schools participated in a "Paint It Pink" night. It was still a "Coaches vs. Cancer" event, but we had a theme. With the help of our student council, we sold shirts for that game on that night. Every player wore one of the pink shirts to warm-up in and the coaches wore pink in their outfits as well (ties, shirts). The event brought more awareness to the campaign we were involved in and we all thought it was a very neat night to have that much pink in our gymnasium in our fight against Cancer.

There are many things you can do to join this campaign. This year, our conference will select conference games where we, as a conference, will make an even greater push to raise more money as we will host "Paint it Pink" nights throughout our conference during that week. There are local American Cancer Societies in St. Louis, Kansas City, Springfield, Columbia, and Cape Girardeau that are more than willing to help out with events like this. There might be a student at your school that you can help, or a fellow teacher. No matter how small or large of a donation that your school comes up with, it makes a difference. But most of all, it helps us as coaches teach our young men the type of impact they can have on other people's lives.

So here is the challenge. If you are reading this article, get your schedule and figure out a game that you can have your "Paint It Pink" or "Coaches vs. Cancer" night. Get in touch with the coach of the opposing school and figure out how you can work together to make the event a success. Join forces with the girls or boys programs and have the event on a night where you both play at the same place. Get some help from your student council. Make a call to your local American Cancer Society and see what they can do to help you. Work to raise money and donate it to a foundation or family of your choosing. Bring in a guest speaker to talk to your players about Cancer. Work to relay the message to your players that having an impact on other people's lives truly does measure greatness.

What an amazing statement it would make if all across Missouri, high school basketball teams raised money for "Coaches vs. Cancer" and it was recognized nationwide. It truly would show why our coaches association is the best in the nation. If you have any questions or need any help with an event, please don't hesitate to contact me (coachwolfard@sbcglobal.net) and if I can't help you I will send you in the right direction. Thanks for all you do to not only promote basketball in the state of Missouri, but to teach our boys how to become respectable young men. Good luck this season and I look forward to hearing about all the successful "Coaches vs. Cancer" drives we have across the state!



MBCA HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2009

The Missouri Basketball Coaches Association (MBCA) announced that nine Coaches and two Broadcasters will be inducted into the MBCA Hall of Fame Class of 2009 on Sunday October 25th, 2009 at the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame in Springfield. In addition the 2009 Kevin “Cub” Martin Memorial Missouri Assistant Coach of the Year will be honored. The event will get underway at 11:30 AM with a luncheon, followed by the induction in the Hall’s Shelter Theatre. Those who were nominated and approved by the MBCA Board include the following:

Gary McDaniel – Gary played and coached at Rogersville (Logan Rogersville) High School before graduating from Southwest Missouri State University in 1963. He won letters in Basketball, Track & Softball in High School and Basketball and Track in College. His Coaching career started in Lebanon and ended at Logan Rogersville with stops at Willard and Drury in between. Gary’s teams won 414 games, made four consecutive trips to the Class 3A State Tournament, including a State Championship in 1983, Runner Up in 1986 and Quarter-finals twice. He still coaches area youth in basketball fundamentals, works summer camps and leads Coaches in Upwards Basketball Program. Gary served on the original Board of the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association. Gary and wife Patricia have two sons and a daughter.

Jerry Armstrong – Jerry had an outstanding high school playing career at North Harrison High School, making All Conference three years, All District two years and All State his senior year. His team played for the State Title in 1962 where they lost to Bradleyville. In college at Texas Western he was a three year letter winner, tri-captain his senior year on the team that won the NCAA Championship by defeating Kentucky University. Jerry was featured in the movie about that game (“Glory Road”). He started his coaching career at Trenton and went on to coach at King City, Richmond, back to King City and then finished at Mansfield. His teams in twenty-one years won seven Conference Championships, made the State Playoffs six times and finished Third in 1987.

Mark Scanlon – graduated from Breckenridge High School and from Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph. His first coaching job was at Bunceton before moving to Bucklin, Mexico, Raytown and this year will coach at Northeast High School in Kansas City. His teams have won 511 games in thirty years. Two of his Raytown teams finished with 27- 1 records before losing in the State Quarterfinals. Mark Coached Tyron Lue who later starred at Nebraska and now is a veteran NBA player. He will join his brother Jim, who coaches at Rock Bridge High School, in the MBCA Hall of Fame (class of 2007).

Jeff Sherman – After a great high school basketball and track career at De Beque, Colorado High School which included leading the state in scoring and winning the 100 and 200 three times, Jeff matriculated to Central Methodist University. There he started on the basketball team for two years. Coaching occupied his time for the next twenty-six years, one at North Nodaway High School and the rest at Central Methodist, where his teams have made him the all time winningest Coach in history. Jeff's teams have nine 20 win seasons, one 30 win season, four conference championships, three seasons in the NAIA top ten, ten seasons in the top twenty-five and three National Tournament appearances. He has received six Coach of the Year awards including 2008 and 2009. His players have a 90% plus graduation rate. Jeff and wife Julee have two sons who are both athletes at Central Methodist University.

Jim McLeod – Jim McLeod passed away in 1975 which cut short his illustrious Coaching career. His Hickman teams racked up 299 wins including the large Class State Championship in 1962, runner up in 1968 and third in 1969. In all his teams compiled a 394-121 record. Jim joined Bob Vanatta and Gary Filbert to form the second summer Basketball Camp in Missouri back in 1967. Jim's specialty was team defense and one of the things he was most proud of was sharing the stage with legendary Coach John Wooden at the national 7-UP clinic in St. Louis. He Coached Ken Ash who later coached at Hickman, Central Methodist and Pittsburg State. Ken is currently Executive Director of the Show-Me STATE GAMES. Jim is survived by his wife Kaye.

Kevin Kelly – played baseball at Bayless High School in St. Louis before graduating from the University of Missouri School of Journalism. He has been broadcasting play-by-play for thirty-two years including over 1400 events. For the past thirty-one years he has covered games for KWOS Radio in Jefferson City. Kevin has won numerous awards from the Missouri Broadcasters Association including the 2009 First Place in Sports Reporting. In 2007 the MSHSAA selected him for a Distinguished Service Award. Kevin and wife Mary have two sons and a daughter.

Steve Hunter – His teams have averaged twenty wins a season for twenty-four years. Steve's teams have made six trips to the Final Four from three different schools and won the title in 2003. Included in that span are fourteen District and seventeen Conference titles, six championships at the Blue and Gold Tournament and posted a record of 53-15 in twenty-one years at the event. Steve was the MBCA Coach of the year in 1996 and 2003. He was an All Conference Player in basketball and baseball at Glendale High School in Springfield. He attended John Brown University and graduated from Lubbock Christian College in 1982. Steve and Wife Julie have two sons and a daughter.

Arnie Drendel – Arnie started coaching in the Dakotas before moving to Missouri where he has coached at Calhoun, Lakeland and now at Leeton High School. Arnie has coached both girls and boys team in the past. Since arriving at Leeton he has concentrated on coaching girls teams. They made three consecutive trips to the MSHSAA State Tournament turning in two second place finishes and one fourth place. He serves on the MSHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee. His daughter Kristin played for him and now serves as his assistant coach.

Doug Smith – Coach Smith started the Hermann High School Girls Basketball Program in 1979. His teams were District Champions in 1983, 84, 86, 87, 90 and 91; Sectional Champions in 1984, 86, 90 and Class 2A MSHSAA State Champions in 1986. Doug graduated from Newburg High School and Central Methodist College. He and his wife Debra have a Daughter and two sons.

Gary Knehans – Gary has been a radio broadcaster since 1963 with KJPW. He has done play-by-play since 1983. Gary served as a writer and editor of the “Frisco League Basketball Guide” from 1975 to 2002. In 1999 established the “Tiger Country Basketball Guide”. This past year he won the MSTA’s top award for excellence in radio reporting of education issues. Gary is a graduate of Owensville High School and Central Missouri State

Jacky Payne – Jacky’s teams have racked up a record of 508-294 in thirty years of coaching at five different schools. He was President of MBCA in 1992 and inducted into the Trenton Junior College Hall of Fame in 1987. He graduated from Missouri Western State University. His teams have won thirty-two tournament championships including seven District and five Conference titles while being ranked in the state nine times. They have compiled the best season record in school history at St. James (26-1) and Marshfield (31-2). He is married to Elana and their children include three girls and two boys.

Scott Stallcup – He is being honored as the 2009 Kevin “Cub” Martin Memorial Assistant Coach of the Year. Scott joined the staff of Jay Blossom at Webster Groves High School in 2005 after working at Centralia and Rolla. He has been part of the winning tradition that includes the Class 5 MSHSAA Championship in 2008, eight straight undefeated Suburban South Championships, three District titles and two state Quarterfinals. He is a graduate of Van-Far High School and Westminster College. Scott and wife, Terrah have a daughter and son.

Tickets for the luncheon and induction ceremony may be purchased for \$20.00 per. Contact the numbers below to reserve your tickets.

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Q&A With the Difference-Makers



Terry Hollander

St. Charles West

Coach Hollander's career has spanned 30+ years including stops at Duchesne and St. Charles West. While he recently retired from teaching, Terry continues to serve as head basketball coach at St. Charles West. His teams have accumulated multiple trips to Columbia and the Final Four including a state championship. Those squads also helped Coach Hollander accumulate over 500 wins in his storied career. His accomplishments have been recognized across the state as Coach of the Year and also an induction into the Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame.

Hard Court Herald: As someone who literally built a program in the truest sense of the word from the ground up at St. Charles West, what advice do you give a coach is starting out at a school he wants to make his career at?

Terry Hollander: There are so many things that go into the process of building a program. I will touch upon 4 of the ones that I think are the most important. First and foremost is the patience to lay a solid foundation. Coaches must be committed to doing things the right way, all the time, even though the results may not come until years down the road. In our first five years here at St. Charles West we had three seasons in which our records were 8-17, 8-16, and 7-18. After ten seasons our won lost record was several games below .500. During those difficult seasons we had players who were hard working, wonderful young men. The results weren't what we wanted, but their effort and example helped lay the foundation for the later successes we've enjoyed. As a coach building a program, you must have the mental toughness to hang in there until your hard work pays off.

The second important factor in building your program has nothing to do with basketball at all. It is the ability to develop a good working relationship with your administrators, coaches of other sports, sponsors (especially cheerleading and band), and the faculty at your school. When interacting with the coaches, take an interest in their teams and definitely encourage your players to play other sports if they wish. Always take time to thank the band director, cheerleaders, and dance and drill for the contributions they make to the atmosphere at your games. In dealing with administration and faculty, gain their respect, not by what your team accomplishes on the court, but rather by being an outstanding educator in your classroom. To gain the type of school wide support you need for an outstanding basketball program you cannot neglect this important area.

A third key in building your program is to surround yourself with good lower level coaches. This also may take time. You should look for coaches that are positive role models, coaches that build confidence in your young players, and people who are extremely loyal to you and your program. Remember, that with very few exceptions, (how many freshmen have you ever had on the varsity), the lower level coaches will be the first ones that really impact the players in your program. You as the leader of the program should be very involved in the development of the younger players during the off season, but during the season you must trust your freshmen and sophomore coaches to do the job you need them to do. Without that trust in your staff your program will struggle to meet it's potential.

The fourth and final step in building a program is organization and planning. Absolutely everything you do, summer schedule, off season lifting, individual workouts, and of course in season practice season planning, should be as organized and thought out as possible. You can't possibly expect positive results from any of the many aspects of your program if you chose to fly by the seat of your pants. Coaches should always be thinking, "What can I do today that will make our basketball program better?" Take time each morning to ask yourself that question and then act on it. Not a day should go by that you are not putting a brick into that wall of success.

HCH: One of the characteristics of the Warrior program is its continuity with a steady stream of successful teams and players. What are some factors that you attribute that success to?

TH: Outstanding players are the most important factor in continuing to have good teams. Without question we've been blessed with far more than our share of great players. We've found out that if you have 1 or 2 outstanding players then getting the other 3 or 4 to play their roles is not that difficult. We have also been extremely fortunate to have a situation in which our outstanding players were also the ultimate team players. The combination of outstanding players, players willing to play their roles, and players who are willing to be great teammates gives our team a good chance to be successful.

Most coaches will agree that “success breeds success.” What that really means is that if your players have witnessed success from the teams ahead of them, then they will be very motivated to do the things necessary to continue that success. If I had to single out just one overriding factor in our continued success here at St. Charles West, it is that our past players are such great role models for our present players.

Although it is very seldom verbalized, all of our players are very aware of the fact that “with great tradition, comes great responsibility.” There can be no greater motivation than feeling that responsibility is now on your shoulders.

HCH: Fundamentals have always been a staple of your teams. Players nowadays don’t see much of this part of the game on TV highlights and are seemingly averse to them at times. What do you do to make the basics of the game something that your players embrace or have fun with?

TH: We work very hard, on a daily basis, to make our players fundamentally sound. That being said, so do almost all high school teams. I don’t believe we do anything special or different when teaching fundamentals. There is certainly an emphasis on doing things correctly, and I give my lower level coaches, Pat Steinhoff and Jeremy Jackson, a great deal of credit for ingraining fundamentals into our young players. One thing that can help in the teaching of fundamentals is the slogan “repetition with variety.” Working on a certain fundamental in a variety of ways can prevent boredom within your players. That is one reason coaches should always be looking for new drills to supplement what you are already using.

The reason our players seem to embrace fundamentals is quite simple: they want to win. They know that to compete with the level of competition we face, we must be very sound. Our players have watched past teams defeat teams with superior talent by playing fundamentally sound basketball. They are intelligent enough to realize that in order for that success to continue, they must play in similar manner. We’ve come to the conclusion that imitation is one of the greatest teachers. We certainly want our present players to imitate the soundness of our past teams.

HCH: Being in the game for the length that your career has encompassed, what are some of the differences you see in players from when you started and what adjustments have you made over the years or, on the other hand, do you see players not changing as much as some say and needing the same things from their coaches that they did 20 years ago?

TH: I believe that players of today have changed very little, if at all, from players 20 years ago. Players today want the same things from the game (enjoyment of competition, sense of being part of a team, and the fulfillment of team success),

as players in the past. That being said there are some significant changes that have occurred with players that have forced coaches to adjust in today's society.

The biggest adjustment is in the number of kids who want to "specialize" in what they see as their best sport. With this specialization, today's coaches are faced with the very real prospect that the best 9 or 10 basketball players in your school will not all come out for the team. Players who are gifted enough to play more than one sport are put into positions where they are being pulled and pressured by several coaches and their parents to be in four places at the same time. Many athletes are taking the easy way out and "concentrating" on just one sport. Today's basketball coach must realize the dilemma that players are faced with and come up with plan to deal with it. Just think how much more we do with our players today than we did 20 years ago. Now multiply that by three if a young man is a three sport athlete. As you can easily see, this can put a real burden on the somewhat fragile mindset of a 16 year old.

So the question becomes, how does today's coach handle this increasing difficult problem? The number one way is communication. Today's basketball coach must be in constant communication with the player, his parents, and the coaches of the other sports. Try to work out a schedule that will be to the benefit of everyone. Coaches are all competitive individuals, but we must remember this isn't a competition to see who can get the biggest chunk of kid's time. We should all want what is best for the young man involved in this.

Second, compromise will be necessary. You as coach will have to work with everyone involved. If you take the "my way or the highway" approach in this regard, the number of quality players in your program will not be what it could be. I'm not saying that you have to be the one giving in all the time, but you must strive to create a workable situation that benefits both you and the player. If we are going to compete at the level we aspire to, then we must have the best possible players in our school playing for us.

HCH: One of the things a beginning coach has to decide early on is whether he/she is a "system coach" or is able to change things from year to year. Your teams have been consistent with their success, but how much of that do you attribute to a system that you're comfortable teaching and how much to you adapt to the talent you're presented with?

TH: A coach must first have a vision of how he sees his team playing. Are you a pressing team, a man or zone team, a transition team, etc. Once that vision has been established then you must create a system to meet that vision. The system that you create must be flexible enough to allow for the variety of the types of talent that you have over the years. When I say create a system this does not mean you have to be some kind of innovative genius. What you can do is take a look at the many great systems that have evolved over the years and pick and choose what best fits your vision.

High school coaches are always torn between sticking with the things they know and teach well and the changes that are required to fit that season's personnel. The way to help alleviate some of this discomfort is to do the proper research when changing to something you are not as familiar with. Get together with other coaches who are experienced in teaching that unfamiliar area and ask for help. Many high school coaches view this "asking for help" as a sign of weakness. I on the other hand see it as intelligent way to make your team better. If there are coaches out there that can help you improve, (by clinics, tapes, or just a personal meeting), then by all means use them.

To sum up the system versus change question, a coach must somewhat rigid in his basic beliefs and flexible in his ability to mold those to his present players. If you stick with the same solid system you believe in, over the years the adaptation to your personnel will become easier to adjust to.

HCH: Finally, you had one of my favorite lines about teams showing up for summer league games or camps and the first thing out of the opposing coach's mouth was about who he had or didn't have at the event. Can you expand on this for our readers?

TH: My frustration lies in the fact that nobody really cares how many starters you have there. Heck it's a summer game, it doesn't matter. We all know sometimes you have a really competitive group and sometimes you don't. You work with who is there. I've heard coaches say they didn't go some place in the summer because they couldn't get all their guys there. Well if that's the case you'll never go anywhere. In the summer work with guys that are there that's all you can do.



10 Ideas for Effective Play Against Junk Defenses

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Just when you least expect it, the junk defense can disrupt even the most prepared coach and his team. This can put your team on its heels and possibly alter the momentum and outcome of the game.

The key is to remain calm and attack with a clear, organized strategy. Practice one or two strategies in practice that are proven to weaken junk defenses. Your players will execute the strategies you have implemented in practice but limit it to a couple of things you do well.

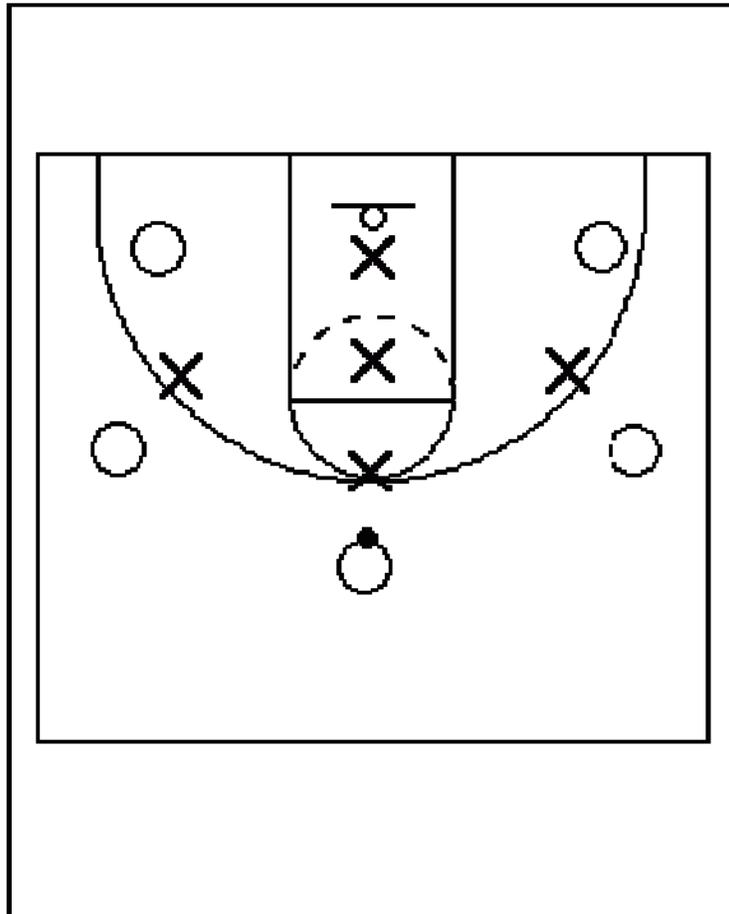
1. First determine the goal of the junk defense. Identify which player or players they are keying on. Is it a triangle and two, box and 1, or combination of the two.
2. Consider making substitutions based on their coverage. A triangle and two will leave open gaps on the perimeter, so put your best shooters and penetrators in the game to attack the gaps.
3. Use your “boxed” offensive player as a screener on the ball and away from the ball. A good screen can provide an inch of separation needed for your best player to get open for shots.
4. If two players are being “boxed”, have one set an on ball screen for the other. If the defense double teams the ball or hedges it will create openings needed to get open shots.
5. Set up a baseline runner alignment where your “boxed” player is free to run off two or three baseline screens. Reverse the ball from one side to the other until he gets open. Cutter must mix up his cuts; back cut, fade, and curl cut.
6. Isolate your player being “boxed.” Stand him in a half court corner for a possession or two, leaving a 4 on 4 game on the offensive end. If two are being “boxed”, put both in half court corners and play 3 on 3.
7. Run a set play for your “boxed” player as a decoy and use secondary action to get the ball to another player in his scoring area.
8. Run a “three game” set by putting your two “boxed” players in the short corners. Your other three players spread the floor and penetrate into the paint to score or dish to open perimeter or short corner player. This is a great way to draw fouls with hard penetration and score from the line.

9. Incorporate hand-offs in your offense. A good player can be denied on the wing but can always receive the ball on a tight hand-off. Once he does gain possession, run your other 4 players flat along the baseline to eliminate help and let him go one on one.

10. Use each possession to the fullest. A junk scheme is good for the first 15 seconds of the possession, but favors the offense if you cut hard and set good screens. The team that is most determined each possession will have the advantage. A good offensive strategy can wear down any junk defense in time.

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Coach, You Can Help Recruit Better Officials!

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At the end of the season, a basketball coach in a small league told the commissioner, "The league needs some better game officials," as if the commissioner could go down to the hiring hall and pick up a few good ones.

One day, some day, coaches might start thinking about how people become interested in becoming a game official. And perhaps one day they will realize, they should play a role in developing that interest. After all, it directly affects them and their players. The quality of officials has a significant impact on how coaches coach and how players' skills can develop.

There are games when a team plays down to its opponent's level. If the team of officials is the weakest team on the court or field, does the team also play down to the officials' level?

Throughout the country, there is a shortage of officials for all sports at the high school level, and the veteran officials, who are the leaders/mentors, are becoming gray haired. They will soon be reluctantly saying good-bye to a career they have loved and enjoyed for so many years. They will not leave the game because they want to, they will just no longer be able to physically keep up.

When I started my football officiating career in 1968, I was paid \$20 for a varsity football game. Now it's \$65 which shows money is not the main reason officials officiate. We are much like coaches – we officiate for the love of the game.

Where do officials come from? People pop up here and there who have played the game; an official talks a friend into officiating; some might answer a newspaper ad; or maybe someone working in a parks and recreation department might get interested. But is there really any proven program that guarantees to draw the attention of potential officials to the game? Not really. Most of them have no idea of where to go or who to contact to become an official.

There are various stakeholders in high school athletics – not just coaches and officials, but namely, athletic directors, principals, league commissioners, section commissioners and state commissioners – all of which have a vested interest in motivating people to become officials. They all want their athletic programs to do well and are continually working to develop them, but what role do they play in developing and strengthening the third team (game officials) on the court or field? They all want the best officials on their league, section and state championship

games. Most say, "Send us your best," without taking a proactive role, or thinking they should take such a role, to help build a strong team of game officials.

Working with, and/or soliciting help from these other vital stakeholders, a concerned and proactive coach can help recruit quality officials by utilizing his/her own creative methods and ideas, as well as some of the suggestions listed below:

Plant the seed early on. Invite a respected official to address your team on why they officiate, and the benefits of being an official. It is a way players can give back to the game and stay involved with a sport that has been a significant part of their lives. Additionally, ask the speaker to invite the players, as an introduction to officiating, to consider attending an official's meeting – visitors are almost always welcome.

Emphasize to your players and others that virtually all professional and college officials started their careers at the high school level. A student-athlete who may lack the skills to play at that caliber can still set lofty goals and strive to officiate at these advanced levels. For example, NFL referee Bill Leavy (who has officiated two Super Bowls) never even played football.

The Central Coast Section of the California Interscholastic Federation lists on its website all the groups that are accredited to provide the officials for all its sports, and makes this information easily accessible.

Contact your local commissioner of officials, asking what you can do to help recruit officials, as well as sharing your ideas with him or her.

Request to speak to Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis and other community-minded organizations. Their members may be interested in becoming officials and/or help recruit.

Display posters in college and high school locker rooms and gymnasiums, with such messages as: "Think About Officiating After Your Playing Days are Over" and "Want to Become an Official?" and add a contact number to each.

Contact officials at all levels for help. Most are willing to do what they can to help recruit. For example, I arranged for our association's educational chairperson and one of our former officials, NFL referee Bill Leavy, to speak on a community-interest TV program about the need for officials and the benefits thereof. Radio programs, focusing on similar subjects, can be effective, as well.

In my local area of Northern California, a weekly TV program, featuring high school sports, was receptive to running a "crawler" at the bottom of the screen, stating "Want to Become an Official?," with a contact number and website.

Contact the sports editor at your local radio and TV news station. All broadcast media of high school sporting events are sensitive to the needs and wants of the community and are usually willing to help. With today's technology, it is easy to put a brief message on the screen.

A call to the offices of most college athletic conferences (such as the Pacific-10, SEC, Missouri Valley, ACC, Big Sky, etc.) may find them receptive to a request for one of their officials to give a presentation to a group of student-athletes, service clubs, professional groups or other such organizations. You may find that one or more of their officials, lives near you.

In your efforts to utilize any of the above-mentioned methods, do not be afraid to enlist the help of the afore-mentioned specific high school athletics stakeholders. The steady decline in the number of quality game officials remains an on-going problem. Coaches, you can step up and help turn this trend around. It's not as if you aren't aware of the lack of quality game officials – you just need to get going and do your fair share in helping to fill that void.

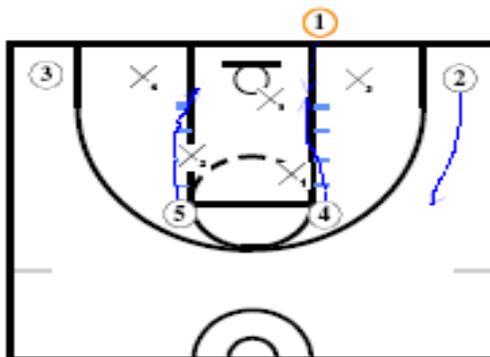


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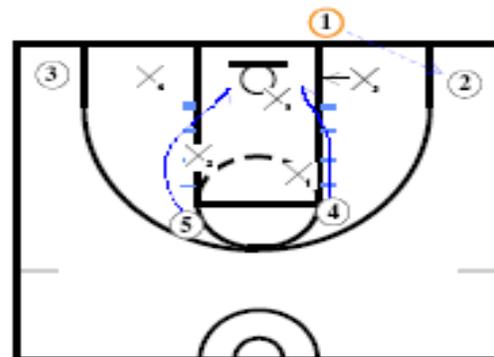
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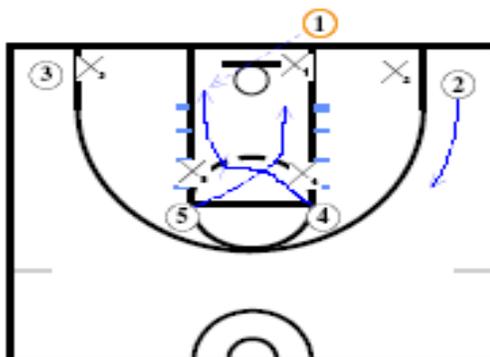
Frame A

Frames A and B the coach calls "Zone". 4 and 5 break to the open spots in the middle, 2 your best shooter is in the ballside corner. Here 1 passes to 4 for a layup. 2 gets back for defense.



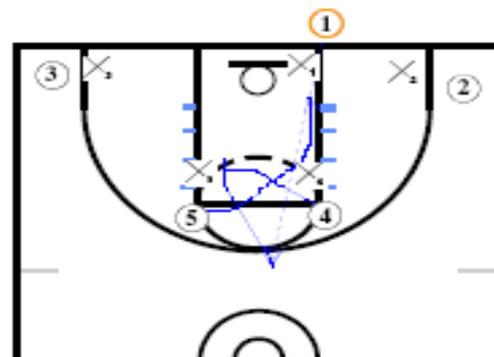
Frame B

Here X3 sags inside so 1 reads the defense and passes to 2 for a three point shot. Some times 3 is open for a cross court pass.



Frame C

Frames C and D the call is "Man". 4 the ballside post always screens for 5 who curls off of 4's screen, Here 4 slips the screen and gets a pass for a layup.



Frame D

In this frame 5 curls off of 4's screen going to the right block as 4 steps back to get a pass from 1 for a three point shot. 4 is reading the defense.

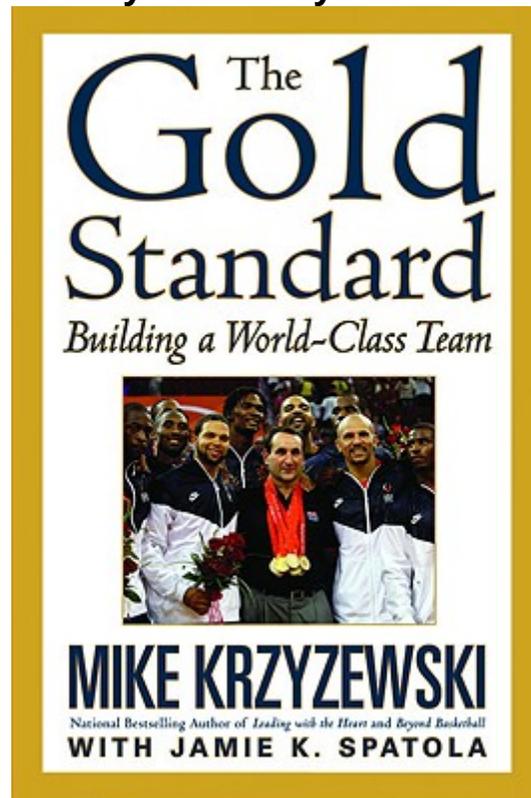
General Comments

You will be shocked how well this out of bounds play works. All you call is Man or Zone. 2 your best shooter is always in the ballside corner and he must stay there three seconds before getting back for defense if nothing is open inside for 4 or 5. (2 and 4 are always on the same side as 1 when the ball is being inbounded.

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Suggested Reading
The Gold Standard: Building a World-Class Team
 By Mike Krzyzewski



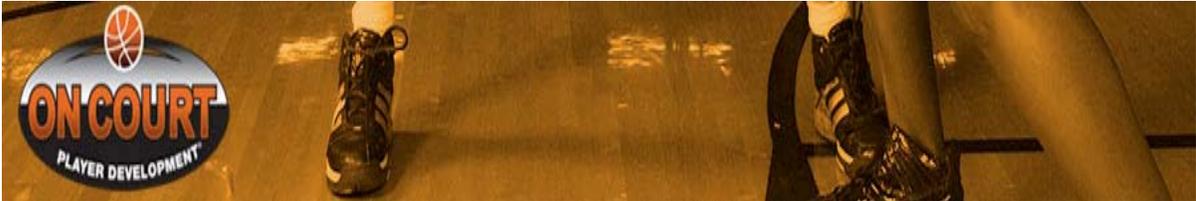
The U.S. reasserted its dominance over the basketball world by winning the gold medal in the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Krzyzewski, with an unquestioned track record as the head coach at Duke, was chosen to lead the team. His challenge was to adapt the coaching methods that worked so well with college kids to a team of NBA superstars. The naysayers felt no one could rein in the egos of millionaire NBA stars, but Coach K obviously succeeded. In his telling of the tale, the egos weren't an issue. To a man, the players sublimated their games to the needs of the team. If anything, Krzyzewski had to guard against excess deference. Kobe Bryant, the NBA's premier scorer, for example, was so determined to prove his unselfishness that, in an early scrimmage, he did not take a single shot. Krzyzewski relates his team-building techniques, offers numerous anecdotes about the players, and provides insightful commentary on the key games. This is not a great book, but it will serve as the definitive account of the U.S.'s climb back to the top of the international basketball mountain. --Wes Lukowsky

Featured Web-Site

On Court Player Development

<http://www.oncourtonline.com/>

This site is an avenue to acquiring an in-depth method of helping your players improve through the latest technology and also the means to get your program's three members (players, parents and coaches) all on the same page.



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News From Your Neck of the Woods

(reports submitted by MBCA Regional Representatives and/or their constituents)

Central Boys: no report submitted

Central Girls: *The Lady Jays of Jefferson City will have 2009 graduate Sydney Crafton on the roster of the Missouri Tigers this upcoming 2009-10 season. After earning MBCA All-State honors for the past three years, Sydney will now be moving on to the Division 1 level after being offered a scholarship by Coach Cindy Stein. The Lady Jays will also be under a new head coach this season, as Shane Meyer will be replacing Doug Light, who has moved down the street to be an assistant at Helias High School.—Gail Jones (Jefferson City HS)-*

Kansas City Boys: no report submitted

Kansas City Girls: no report submitted

Northeast Boys: no report submitted

Northeast Girls: *The Rock Bridge Girls Basketball Team had a busy yet fun summer on the court! With the graduation of three starters - one being our all-time leading scorer and rebounder - our coaching staff felt our predominantly young team needed quality reps and time to develop team chemistry both on and off the court. Thus, we began our summer by attending team camp at Missouri State University. This was a great opportunity for us to play against excellent competition while allowing our team to bond away from home. After our team camp, we stayed in town for the Mizzou Team Camp. After a successful round of pool play games our Varsity group played in the championship game. Monday nights were filled with trips to Jefferson City for league games. The players showed excellent commitment to the voluntary open gyms and weightlifting sessions over the summer weeks as well.---Jill Nagel (Rock Bridge HS)*

Private Boys: no report submitted

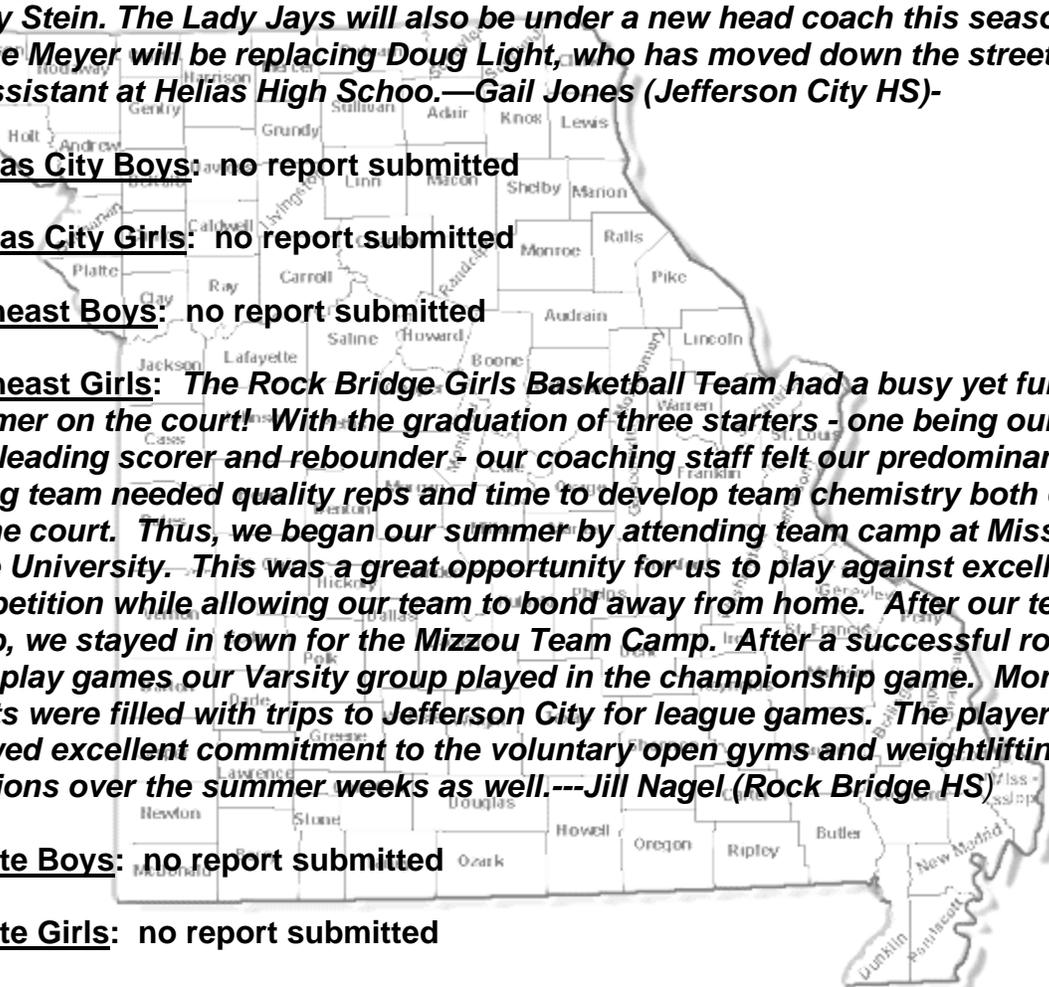
Private Girls: no report submitted

St Louis Boys: no report submitted

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South Central Boys: no report submitted

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Southeast Boys: Southeast Missouri had an active summer this year in basketball. Teams were active in attending camps and shoot outs throughout the summer. Several individual players played for club teams to improve their skills and chances at receiving a scholarship to play in college. Murray State's Shoot Out included Cape Central, Charleston, and Jackson from the area. Bobby Hatchett was a member of the Eagles summer team until late in the year when an injury slowed him down.

SEMO also introduced their new basketball coach Dickie Nutt to the area at the beginning of the summer. Area high school coaches are anxious to meet Coach Nutt and are hoping that he will be involved in the local high school basketball scene. Coach Nutt did a great job at Arkansas State with his summer camp and is looking to develop that type of camp here at SEMO.---Darrin Scott (Jackson HS)

SEMO area had a good year of hoops this past season in crowning two state champions and being represented by three other teams in the final 4.

Scott County Central boys won the Class 1 boys title in decisive fashion led by Hall of Fame Coach Ronnie Cookson. And the Portageville Bulldogs brought home the Class 2 boys crown with Hall of Fame Coach Jim Bidewell at the helm garnering his 5th title. Classes 3 and 4 boys were both represented well with Charleston getting ousted by eventual state champs in Maple-Richmond Heights in the quarterfinals in class 3, and Sikeston getting edged by Borgia in the same round, who won the class 4 title.

Three girls teams from the area made final 4 appearances this past year, all finishing in 4th place. Bakersfield represented class 1, Couch made the run in class 2, and Dexter capped off an outstanding season in class 4. Greenville also represented the area with a trip to the quarterfinals where they lost to the eventual class 3 state champions in Cardinal Ritter.

The SE area was well represented with MBCA post-season accolades placing 29 players on their respective all-state teams. Three boys and three girls made the team in class 4; two boys and three girls gained all-state honors in class 3; six boys and three girls were selected in class 2, along with Coach of the Year on the boy's side in Coach Jim Bidewell; and five boys and four girls were chosen to the all-state team in class 1, along with Coach of the Year on the boys side in Coach Ronnie Cookson.

It was a busy summer for teams in the area. Team camps and leagues were hosted in the SEMO area, along with many teams traveling out of state to participate in many competitive events to prepare for the upcoming year.

The year saw some turnover in the coaching realm for the area. Some old faces return to the area and some whom have served as loyal and hard-working assistants are now getting their chance to lead their own respective programs.

We look forward to an exciting year in the SEMO area with many teams having their sights set on reaching Columbia.

---Jim Vaughan (Kennett HS)

Southeast Girls: no report submitted

Southwest Boys: *The Drury Panthers have added veteran Ozarks' prep basketball coach Denny Hunt to the men's basketball staff as an assistant coach, the university announced on Friday.*

Hunt is one of the most respected basketball minds in the Ozarks after compiling a 353-259 record as a head coach during stints at Hartville, Republic and Central high schools before joining the staff as an assistant with the highly successful Kickapoo Chiefs program from 1998-2008.

In his time with the Chiefs, his junior varsity squads compiled a record 183-19, and while serving as coach Roy Green's top assistant, the varsity Chiefs went 245-46, won 10 Ozark Conference championships and seven district titles and made three Class 5 final four appearances, including a state crown in 2003.

Hunt replaces Dylan Dudley, who has accepted an assistant coaching position at NCAA Division I Tennessee-Martin.

"We're excited to have a coach the caliber of Denny Hunt join our basketball staff," Drury head coach Steve Hesser said. "He'll bring a wealth of knowledge and a high level of enthusiasm to our program."

Hunt also has been very active in the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association, serving as president in 1998, as a board member from 1989-2009 and as co-director of the Hall of Fame Games from 1993-2008. He received his undergraduate degree from Southwest Missouri State University before completing his Masters in Education at Drury in 1988.

"I'm thrilled to get this tremendous opportunity," Hunt says of his first venture at the college level. "I've always wanted the chance to work on the college level in some way or another, and I'm thankful to Coach Hesser and Drury University for giving me this opportunity to do so."

Hunt and wife Patty reside in Springfield and have two daughters - Samantha (20) and Alexandra (18).---www.drury.edu

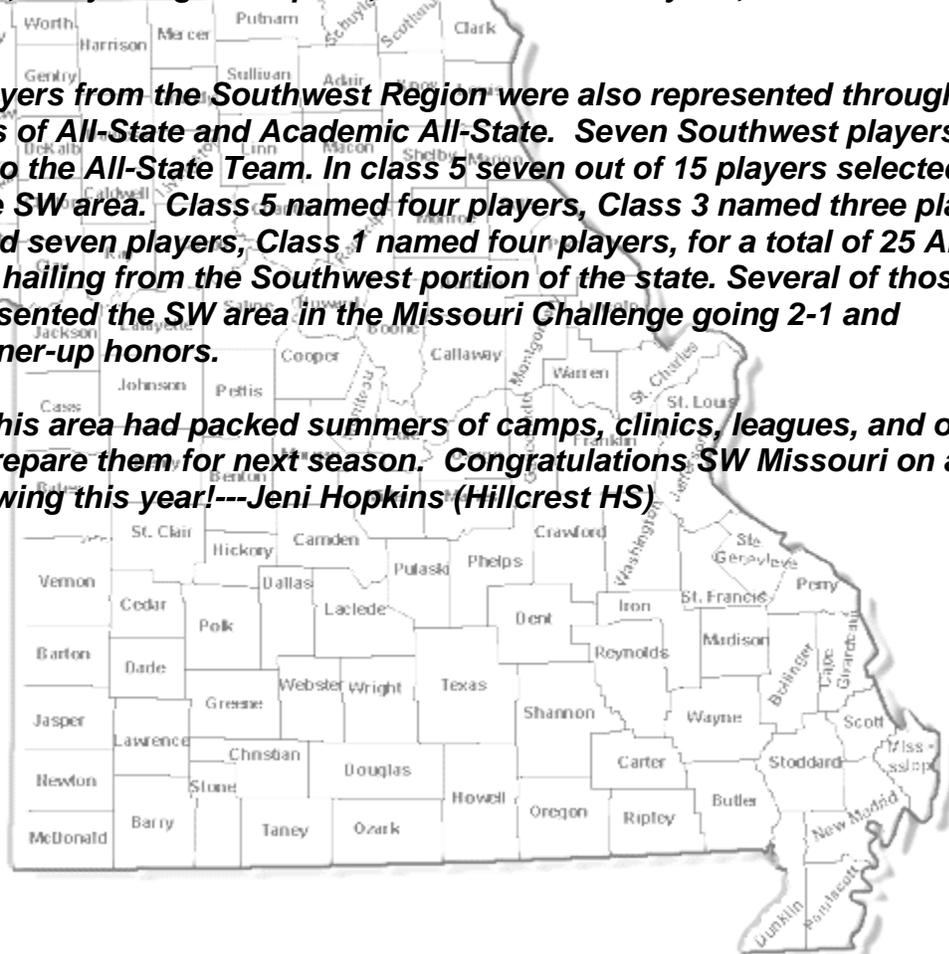
Southwest Girls: *The Southwest Girls represented our area with stellar accolades and success during the 2008-2009 season. In Class 1 Exeter claimed the championship; in Class 2 Sparta also claimed the states top honor by winning the championship and finished undefeated at 31-0. In Class 3 two teams represented our area, Skyline finishing second (by one point) and Fair Grove placing 4th. In*

Class 4 Webb City placed 2nd to represent the southwest area and in Class 5 Nixa claimed the championship.

The southwest area also boasted four MBCA Coaches of the Year with Jason Cole of Exeter, Jerry Songer of Sparta, Kevin Cheek of Skyline, and Jim Middleton of Nixa.

Individual players from the Southwest Region were also represented throughout the selections of All-State and Academic All-State. Seven Southwest players were named to the All-State Team. In class 5 seven out of 15 players selected were from the SW area. Class 5 named four players, Class 3 named three players, Class 2 named seven players, Class 1 named four players, for a total of 25 All-State players hailing from the Southwest portion of the state. Several of those players represented the SW area in the Missouri Challenge going 2-1 and receiving runner-up honors.

All teams in this area had packed summers of camps, clinics, leagues, and open facilities to prepare them for next season. Congratulations SW Missouri on a fantastic showing this year!---Jeni Hopkins (Hillcrest HS)





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