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EDITOR'S NOTE: In lieu of an article written by yours truly, I'm ceding my editor's space this issue to Jordan Lanham of the Elsberry Democrat. Jordan was kind enough to publish an article celebrating the life of a former manager of mine at my first high school coaching job in Elsberry, MO. As you can read below, the MBCA has elected to honor a boys and girls team manager of the year in honor of the late Curtis Kerr (you can find a nomination form towards the end of this issue). A more appropriate award, in my opinion, with all Curtis gave of himself to high school basketball, could not be given.



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Former Indian basketball coach honors first EHS manager

JORDAN LANHAM 12/2/09

Curtis Kerr was loyal. He was devoted to his school work. He had outstanding character and work ethic. Although he lost his life at a young age, his memory is not lost to the Elsberry community--and now Coach Shane Matzen is making sure that no one ever forgets how special Curtis was.

Curtis was part of Matzen's first managing crew as a high school coach when he came to Elsberry in 1993. Managers perform various duties like recording the score or whatever else a coach may need help with or thinks is important for the team.

And Curtis helped provide just that.

"I remember Curtis unabashedly offered his services to me upon my starting as a teacher way before the basketball season started," Matzen said. "He was one of those special people that as a coach or an employer you never forget because they did their duties and went beyond those duties without being asked to."

Matzen also remembers Curtis as a reliable person who stood up for what he thought was right.

"Curtis was a friend I could count on," he said. "I'm a big fan of unique people who stand up for themselves. Robotic, uninteresting people are the ones I tend to forget—I could never forget Curtis."

And because Matzen appreciated Curtis' friendship and his dedication to the basketball team behind the scenes, he decided that other special people should be recognized in his name for doing work that so



often goes unnoticed. Matzen established the Curtis Kerr Memorial, a Missouri High School Basketball Student-Assistant of the Year Award.

"Once the idea came to me to do this in honor of Curtis, it was a very easy process to take it to my fellow board members at the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association and present it to them," Matzen said. "It was unanimously and very excitedly received by all the coaches."

The award is based on a set of criteria including, outstanding character, devotion to academics, loyalty, commitment to the program and outstanding work ethic.

Greg Pflasterer, a member of the team when Curtis was manager said that these qualities describe him exactly. "He was a really good guy," Pflasterer said. "For a non-player he was devoted to the team and I think this award in his memory is a great idea."

Any member of the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association can nominate their manager and every varsity coach in the state can place a nomination. The entries will be collected by the MBCA board and the winner will be selected and honored in the spring at the Academic All-State/Mr & Miss Show-Me Basketball/Mr & Miss Special Olympics of Missouri Basketball Banquet in Columbia. Those who are not selected will be listed in the MBCA Newsletter "The Hard Court Herald" in the spring edition and will receive a certificate. Nomination forms along with the coach's letter of recommendation are due by Feb. 14.

Curtis' parents, Curtis and Marsleen Kerr gave Matzen permission to create the award in their son's name. They described their Curtis as a hard working student who took great pride in everything he did.

"It's wonderful—it's overwhelming really," Marsleen said wiping tears from her eyes. "It's a great honor for our son."

Marsleen said that Curtis always feared no one really cared about him—but this award proves there were people who still appreciate his kindness and hard work.

"He would feel very proud to have people still care about him after he's been gone for seven years," Curtis Kerr said.

Matzen said that he thinks it's important for everyone to keep memories of special people alive.

"The neat thing about this situation is keeping Curtis' memory alive will pave the way for a lot of worthy young people to be honored in a way that wasn't always there for them through this award," Matzen said. "I want those kids who so often do the dirty work of high school basketball programs to be recognized for their efforts. It's a hole that's needed to be filled for a long time."



Q & A With the Difference-Makers



Randy Albrecht Meramec Community College

Randy Albrecht enters the 2009/10 season looking to guide the Magic to their 25th consecutive winning season. Albrecht has been named the Region XVI Division II Coach of the Year ten times and the Missouri Athletic Conference Coach of the Year eight times. He was named the Midwest Community College Athletic Conference Coach of the Year in 2004, 2005, 2007 and 2008. The Magic won the 2008 MAC championship. At Meramec, Randy has 641 victories. Coach Albrecht's teams have made eight trips to the NJCAA Division II Tournament since its inception 20 plus years ago. The Magic were the national runner-up in 1989. He has coached two NJCAA Academic All-Americans and seven NJCAA Athletic All-Americans. Rodney Ford received AA honors in 2009. He has also placed numerous players at four-year colleges and universities with basketball scholarships.

2006 marked the year Coach Albrecht was elected to the NJCAA Basketball Hall of Fame. He was inducted into the Magic Hall of Fame in 2003. In 2004 he entered the Missouri Basketball Coaches Hall of Fame. In addition, the Magic won the Fall 2003 and the Spring 1994 semester President's Cup under Albrecht. In addition to his coaching duties, Albrecht is a retired Associate Professor of Physical Education.

He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and a Masters of Education Administration degree from St. Louis University. He coordinates the Meramec Holiday Festival High School Basketball Tournament and the Missouri State High School Activities Association sectional tournament games played at Meramec each year. In addition he serves as the Region XVI Division II chairperson and is a member of the Missouri Basketball Coaches' Association Board of Directors.

Hard Court Herald: You've had a lengthy career at Meramec. What are some of the factors about the school and the program that have made it such a good fit for you?

Randy Albrecht: Meramec has been a good fit for me for several reasons. First, I was very familiar with the Meramec basketball program. At SLU my first coaching assignment was the freshman team. Freshmen were not eligible for varsity competition during that time period. SLU played a 15 game schedule versus other university frosh squads and area junior colleges. Ironically, my first game coaching the SLU frosh was against Meramec at the old Arena on Oakland Avenue. We also played Forest Park, Mineral Area, Moberly and some other jucos. Secondly, after spending 11 years at SLU, I was aware of the St. Louis area recruiting landscape. Having established many good relationships with area high school coaches was an additional asset in assuming the Meramec position. Thirdly, I was able to stay in St. Louis and not uproot my family to pursue an unknown journey. Fourthly, Jack Mimlitz, the first Meramec coach had built a winning tradition in the first 12 years of the program. Fifthly, Meramec had a nice campus, good athletic facilities, and a great location in Kirkwood.

HCH: Have you noticed a difference in the athletes you've worked with over the years? If so, what adjustments have you had to make as a coach in the way you run your team.

RA: Most Meramec basketball players come to us because they have the desire to play at a higher level than they were recruited coming out of high school. Choosing Meramec offers these young men the opportunity to improve their skills, physically mature, and attain academic progress towards a college degree. Because they have chosen a path which is a step in the process, not a final destination, many of our players are highly motivated to succeed. That aspect has not changed much in my 33 years at Meramec. The differences I sense are more societal. The softening of our culture produces softer student-athletes. Our coaching staff spends more time trying to develop toughness drills than we did in earlier years. We try to stress "competing" is winning a battle versus "intensity" which measures individual effort, but not necessarily a successful outcome.

HCH: A lot of basketball fans hear the term "Division II Junior College" and probably are pretty murky on what that level of play entails. Can you give them an idea on how the top teams in the country (including Meramec on a consistent basis) in JUCO D-II stack up against some of the other levels of both two- and four-year basketball programs?

RA: The NJCAA is the national governing body for community college athletics. There are 3 divisions in basketball based on scholarships. Meramec made a decision 25 years ago to compete at the DII level which means we can offer tuition and books to 14 student-athletes. DI can provide full scholarships including housing and meals. DIII cannot offer any athletic aid. In Missouri, there are 5 DI programs and 5 DII's. We play 9 DI's on our schedule this year. These are difficult assignments for us because of differences in talent levels. DI's have rosters full of potential NCAA DI prospects who did not qualify academically. Most of our Meramec players do not have academic issues, but have talent challenges. We are currently 3-4 against the DI's this season. Our scheduling philosophy coincides with the "toughing up" process which we previously discussed. We currently have 7 former players competing at the 4 year level - 4 are at

NCAA DII"s, 1 at a NAIA, and 2 at NCAA DIII's. Occasionally, we develop a NCAA DI player, but most of our players range from NCAA DII to NAIA to NCAA DIII. A major plus for our players is the opportunity to play against all levels of competition which allows them a sound bases for deciding what is their best level of future play.

HCH: The storied history of the Holiday Invitational (16-team high school tournament held over the Christmas break) has kept Meramec on the map amongst both high school fans and players. Please give us a little background on the history of the tournament and what it's meant for your basketball program.

RA: We recently held the 32nd annual edition of the tournament and it was a success as all of the rest due to the tremendous support we have from our staff here at Meramec and the support of not only our school but the St. Louis community in general. It's really become a sort of holiday tradition for families and friends to gather during what is a break for most folks and a centralized location for fans to see some outstanding high school basketball. As you can imagine, it's a tremendous opportunity for our program and school to showcase our campus, facilities and location to potential players and students here at Meramec.

HCH: We always ask this question of college coaches who are so kind to be a part of this segment of the newsletter... Give us qualities that you look for in a high school player that say to you: "This player is well-coached."

RA: The major adjustments most high school players have to make to the college game are movement without the ball and improved defensive skills. We believe well-coached players have developed good practice habits including a high work capacity, a high basketball IQ, and good listening skills. Fundamental soundness, adaptability to organizational concepts, and the desire to improve are also qualities that would indicate to us that a player has been exposed to the proper learning environment. Fortunately, we have been able to recruit many student-athletes whom we have considered to have been very well-coached by some outstanding high school coaches.



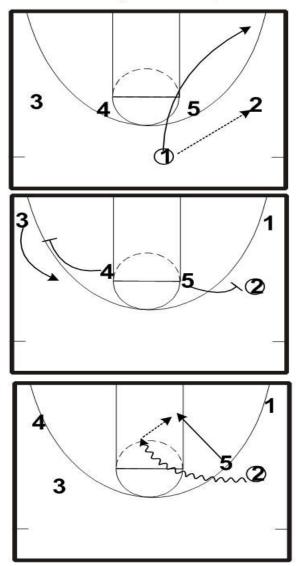


FEATURED PLAY

(courtesy of Randy Brown---www.coachrb.com)

1-4 RIP

Simple but effective play out of the 1-4 high set. 1, 3, and 4 are decoys in this play to isolate 2 and 5. The objective is for 2 to use the on ball screen to drive deep in the paint to score or bounce to 5 rolling to the hoop.

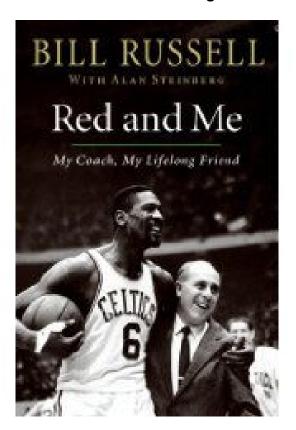


Featured Web-Site



If you're looking for a host for a team, school, even a tournament web-site, the folks at iHigh.com will do whatever it takes to get you up-and-running. With new features available, you can do more for your program now with less stress.

Featured Reading



Hard Court Herald Editor's Recommendation: A truly in-depth and personal look at the relationship that Bill Russell and Red Auerbach shared that went above and beyond player-coach. Two men who could not come from more different backgrounds found acceptance of each other that carried both of them to great heights. Truly a keeper in your coaching library....Bill Russell is normally a very private man when it comes to his affairs but it was obvious he felt compelled to reveal his relationship with Red Auerbach as a fitting tribute to the life he led.

The "Meat and Potatoes" Section

You joined the MBCA for several reasons. Hopefully one of which was to be able to access the January and April issues of The Hard Court Herald (available only to members). But the true reason we all coach and belong to this organization is to do for others (peers and players). The remainder of this newsletter includes all the necessary forms you will need to nominate those that have contributed to the game.

Whether you have a player who has been a star on the court and/or been a great citizen and student, an assistant coach who has meant a great deal to you and your community, a coach you respect who deserves to be a candidate for Coach of the Year or in the Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame....well, the avenue to recognize them is on the following pages.

Please take the time to peruse the forms included here and pay a tribute to a player or coach who deserves to be recognized. Also, just after this page is a letter from our newly-named "MBCA All-State Committee" which has put out specific guidelines for the process to go through to nominate and select our MBCA All-State Team. In this process, we will also be naming All-District teams. Forms will have different due dates to be turned in and some awards will require you to be a member to nominate and some will not. **Membership fees go up as of February 1st. Individual fees will be \$30 and school staff fees will rise to \$75**. Please pay particular attention to those details when selecting which categories you choose to print, fill out and send in. The awards and forms to follow include:

Mr. & Miss Show-Me Basketball
MBCA All-State & All-District
Academic All-State
Richard Fairchild Coach of the Year
MBCA Hall of Fame
Kevin "Cub" Martin Assistant Coach of the Year
Curtis Kerr Student-Assistant/Manager of the Year
MBCA Membership Form



Nomination form Mr. and/or Miss Show-Me Basketball

Sponsored by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association (current school year SENIORS only)

Player Name:				
School: School Phone:				
Player's Home Ph	none:			
Coach's Name:				
Coach's Phone:				
	School		home	cell
Height:		Weight:		_
Averages: Points: Rebounds: Assists:				
FG%:	_ FTA:	FTM:	FT%:	
Honors Received:				
Coach's comments:				
Coach's Signatur	e:			

There will be 10 girls and 10 boys selected as finalists from the nominations submitted. Mr. and Miss Show-Me Basketball will be chosen from those finalists. The names of finalists will be published in the Hard Court Herald and at mobca.org. The final selection will be made from a panel of college assistant coaches. Mail all nominations to:

Gary Filbert, MBCA Office 906 Wayne Road Columbia, MO 65203

Return this form by March 1, 2010. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION.

MBCA ALL-DISTRICT/ALL-STATE NOMINATION FORM

(please print clearly)

Player Name:		circle one:	Male Female
School:		Classification (circle one	e): 1 2 3 4 5
	Key Stati		
Points/Game:	Rebounds/Games	: Assi	sts/Game:
Free Throw%:	Field Goal %:	Thre	ee-Point%:
Three-Pointers Made:	Steals/Game:	Bloo	cks/Game:
Coach's Comments:			

Give this form to your site coordinator before the district tournament. This will serve as the nomination form for the All-District Team. Once your team has completed its season, revise this form to include final season stats and give to the site coordinator if your player is voted onto the All-District Team.

Nomination form Academic All-State Team

Sponsored by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association

Player Name:		
School:		
Player's Home Phone:		
Coach's Name:		
Coach's Phone: School		
School	home	cell
Coach's E-Mail:		
The individual being nominated for Acaden following qualifications:	nic All-State must me	et the
 Senior standing Started 90% of his or her team's games quarters played. Possesses outstanding moral character Has ONE OR MORE of the following version. ACT score of 27 composite or at B. SAT score of 1210 composite or C. PSAT score of 185 selection ind Grade-Point Average of 3.25 out of possite grade scale) 	r. erified minimum scores pove above ex or more	S:
SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MUST VERIFY ALI Other qualifications: Coach's signature: Principal's		LE ITEMS
signature:		

---AN OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT MUST ACCOMPANY THIS NOMINATION---

All student-athletes who meet ALL of the required criteria will be honored as members of the Missouri Academic All-State team. Please send additional information to your district representative. YOU MUST BE AN MBCA MEMBER TO NOMINATE FOR THE ACADEMIC ALL-STATE TEAM. Mail all nominations to the following address by March 10, 2010:

Gary Filbert, MBCA Office

906 Wayne Road Columbia, MO 65203

COACHES.....THERE IS A LATE FEE TO BE ADDED TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF YOU JOIN AFTER FEBRUARY 1!

Nomination form **Richard Fairchild Coach of the Year* Sponsored by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association

Nominated Coach's	s Name:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					
School:						_	
School Classificati	on (circle one):	1	2	3	4	5	
(circle one):	boys		girls				
Nominating Coach	's Name: pach in the SAME classifi	cation as	the individ	ual you	are nomi	nating!	
Nominating Coach	's School:						
Reason for Nomination:							
					_		

Mail all nominations by March 10, 2010 to:

Gary Filbert, MBCA Office 906 Wayne Road Columbia, MO 65203

You MUST be an MBCA member to nominate!!!

Nomination form Missouri Basketball Hall of Fame Sponsored by the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association

Coach's Name:				
School(s) coached at and record at ea	ch school:			
Nominated Coach's				
Phone:				
School	home	cell		
Nominating Coach's Name:				
Nominating Coach's Phone:				
School	home	cell		
Career Honors Received:				
Nominating Coach's				
comments:				
Nominating Coach's Signature:				

Coaches with 500 or more wins in Missouri are automatic qualifiers. Please mail form or seek more information by contacting Gary Filbert at the following address:

Gary Filbert, MBCA Office 906 Wayne Road Columbia, MO 65203

Return this form by March 10, 2010. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION.

KEVIN "CUB" MARTIN MEMORIAL

MISSOURI ASSISTANT BASKETBALL COACH OF THE YEAR

This award is being awarded in honor of the late Kevin "Cub" Martin, the long-time assistant basketball coach at Nixa High School. A lifetime resident of Nixa, Kevin's committed loyalty to his students, players, family and friends was always proudly displayed and never questioned. He was a source of inspiration to all he came in contact with. His legacy is one that will now live on in honoring those who give of their time to basketball in our state in a manner befitting Kevin's life and career.

CRITERIA

Outstanding Character
Loyalty
Commitment to Program and Community
Sportsmanship
Ethics
Selflessness
Leadership
Longevity at a School/Program

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS

Nominating coach must be a member of the MBCA Applicants will be sorted and honorees selected by the MBCA board

Fill out the space below with appropriate information and return to (by Feb 1):
 Missouri Basketball Coaches Association
 906 Wayne Road
 Columbia, MO 65203

Assistant Coach Nominated:	
School Affiliation:	
Years at School:	
MBCA Member	
Nominating:	

****In addition to this form, please submit a letter of recommendation including:

1) career overview of nominee
2) reason for nomination

Nomination form

CURTIS KERR MEMORIAL

MISSOURI HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STUDENT-ASSISTANT OF THE YEAR

This award is being presented in honor of the late Curtis Kerr, a four-year basketball manager during his time at Elsberry High School. Though Curtis lost his life at a very early age soon after graduating from EHS, his dedication and devotion to the Indian basketball program will and should never be forgotten. This award will not only carry on Curtis' legacy but give just due to those hard-working young men and women who do all the previously-unsung work that makes a high school basketball program go.

The winner of this award will be honored at the annual MBCA Academic All-State Banquet in April and all nominees will be listed in the May Edition of the MBCA newsletter ("The Hard Court Herald").

CRITERIA

- 1) Outstanding Character*
- 2) Devotion to Academics
- 3) Loyalty
- 4) Commitment to Program (must have served as a manager for your program for at least three seasons)
- 5) Outstanding Work-Ethic

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS/PROCESS

Nominating coach must be a member of the MBCA Applicants will be sorted and honorees selected by the MBCA board

Fill out the space below with appropriate information and return to:
Missouri Basketball Coaches Association
906 Wayne Road
Columbia MO 65203

Nominee's Name:		
High School:		
Years as a Student Assistant:_		
MBCA Member Nominating:		
MBCA Member Contact Info:	Phone	o mail addross
	Phone	e-mail address

*In addition to this form, please submit a letter of recommendation from nominating coach.
PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM AND LETTER BY FEBRUARY 1, 2010!



2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out and return \$20 per single membership (Take note of "All-School" rate and late fees below).

Make your check payable to:

"Missouri Basketball Coaches Association"

	NAME:				
	HOME PHONE:		E-MAIL:		
	SCHOOL AFFIL	IATION:			
CLASS:	1	2	3	4	5
	JR HI	HS	JUCO	COLLEGE	OTHER
DISTR	ICT:	NW	NE	SE	sw
	South	Cent Cent	КС_	STL_	
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		Number of year	rs coaching at each le	vel:	
	COLLEGE:	ASST	HEAD COACH	TOTAL	
HIGH SC	CHOOL:	JR HI	HS ASST	VAR	TOTAL
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