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## Stephanie Phillips

*Mother, Wife, Daughter, Friend, Teacher and Coach*

1974-2010

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## **Can You Really Go Home?**

**By Shane Matzen**

**Hard Court Herald Editor**

**Marquette High School**

I'm getting ready later this month to have an experience that I really never envisioned when I got into this profession: I'm taking my Marquette team back to my hometown to participate in the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Eldon Tournament. A little background to catch you up I suppose would be in order...

I'm like a lot of you, I decided to be a coach in large part because my high school experience was pretty special to me (I've expanded on that several times in this space before so I'll spare you, faithful reader). But a big part of that experience was this event that we're going to go play in on January 27-29. Besides the fortune of getting to play in what was basically the "Super Bowl" for kids in the greater Lake of the Ozarks area, it was a big deal way before you got to pull on the uniform. I vividly recall pulling into the parking lot as an elementary school student with my father (who was the P.A. announcer at all the games) and smelling that unique gymnasium smell coupled with what had to be the MOST delicious food in the world (all of you in small towns know what I'm talking about: the legendary HOSPITALITY ROOM!). As a teacher's son, I even got to sneak in and grab a bite to eat before I got scooted out there to join my friends.

And what fun my friends and I had at those games! Gathering on the north baseline by the opposing teams' bench and screaming our heads off as we supported our heroes in the Maroon and Gold. Stan Green, Rick Kehr, Tim Thompson, Bill Harvey, Denny McDevitt, J.W. Vann, Troy Kreiling, Kelean Carlock....I can see those guys playing and so many more as if it was yesterday. Then to eventually get to pull on the uniform a few years later and be part of the spectacle, WOW! It just seemed like you had hit the summit of everything you'd always hoped for.

Now, I'm out here in this big world and realize that those weeks in January back in the 70s and 80s were not all that a person could achieve in the world, but they still haven't lost the special place I'll always have in my mind for them. And now, what in the world am I doing bringing my team from a school of 2000+ students back to my hometown of just over twice as many citizens, let alone students? Well, not only because Eldon Coach Jimmy Lincoln, AD Shannon Jolley, Superintendent Matt Davis and board member Jerome Atteberry (my old teammate at Eldon) along with many others have concocted a three-day event which is bringing in four competitive teams from around the state to match up with four of the local schools and making an attractive package for the traveling teams to be accommodated...but most of all I want my Marquette players and parents to get just a taste of what I think is something pretty special, an event that an entire community rallies around. I really hope they get out of it what I think they could.

As for me, well the closest thing I ever dealt with that was like this was taking my team to the Hearn Center for the MFA Oil Classic nine years ago. After being a manager for Norm Stewart and hauling water, chasing down loose balls and wiping down that floor too many times to count over the course of four years, it was pretty neat to bring my own team back to participate. That situation though was a little antiseptic though. A 12:30 Sunday afternoon with about 1500 people in a 13,000-seat arena that you remember being full and rocking every night for Big 8 games just didn't feel the same.

This Eldon thing though...I wonder if it will hit closer to home. I expect the crowds will be pretty good and I expect to see a lot of familiar faces. I hope I get to see and talk to everyone that cares to

reminisce but obviously have got to keep focus on the business at hand and that's trying to get my guys to play as well as possible. My wife says, "You know everything won't go perfectly don't you?" and I suppose she's right. But I'm going to do my best to keep it all in perspective and try to enjoy the best of both worlds: savor coming home and trying to win some games for my Mustangs. It's such a neat circle that I can't help but get caught up in the whole thing: 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the tournament, 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the current EHS gymnasium (which I played in my senior year in as the first team to win the Eldon Tourney in that venue) and me coaching the Marquette Mustangs after being a Mustang myself growing up in Eldon.

We shall see, I suppose. We shall see.

Nevertheless, I hope all goes well for all the teams, the fans and my hometown. If you care to check into the event, I've set up a web-site with a ton of information and old photos and even video at an easy-to-remember address:

[www.eldontournament.com](http://www.eldontournament.com). (I know several of you out there reading this and I also know several of you would love nothing more than to make fun of the "short-shorts" we used to sport!) Also, I will be doing an hour-plus long episode previewing the Eldon Tournament. You can access that at my online coaches' show ("Frailey's Mustang Mania") at: [www.mustangmaniashow.com](http://www.mustangmaniashow.com).



Best of luck to all of you as you head through January and into district play.







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AFTER RECENTLY STEPPING DOWN FROM HIS LONG-TIME POST AS OUR ASSOCIATION'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND BEING BASICALLY THE "FATHER OF THE MBCA", GARY FILBERT IS BEING HONORED IN DROVES FOR HIS VAST CONTRIBUTIONS TO BASKETBALL. FOLLOWING ARE A COUPLE OF ARTICLES COURTESY OF THE COLUMBIA DAILY-TRIBUNE AND ST JOSEPH NEWS-PRESS.....

## WELL-DESERVED AWARDS ROLLING IN FOR FILBERT



Jarrad Henderson/Special to the Tribune

Gary Filbert was flanked by former Missouri Coach Norm Stewart and current Coach Mike Anderson in October when a bench was dedicated in his honor outside Mizzou Arena. Filbert has received several awards recently for his lifetime achievements in athletics.

By [Joe Walljasper](#)

Columbia Daily-Tribune

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Bob Burchard got his start in college coaching when Gary Filbert offered him a job as an assistant at Missouri Western in 1981. After their one season together, Burchard got a taste of Filbert's uncanny powers of persuasion.

“We had a great year, and he wanted to have a big banquet,” recalled Burchard, the Columbia College men’s basketball coach and athletic director. “He said, ‘Maybe we can get John Wooden to come in and talk to us.’ ”

Laughter filled the room. The greatest college coach of all time was going to speak at a Division II team’s postseason banquet?

“Sure enough, John Wooden was our banquet speaker,” Burchard said.

Filbert’s friends and associates — a web that covers almost anyone associated with basketball in the state of Missouri and beyond — marvel at the crackpot ideas he has nurtured into lasting institutions. As Norm Stewart put it, Filbert knows “where to go and which foot to tickle.”

At Stewart’s suggestion, Filbert, then an assistant coach at Missouri, herded the disparate factions of the state’s coaching fraternity into one tent that was known as the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association. It annually hosts one of the largest clinics in the nation, with more than 1,000 coaches attending each year. He got the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame off the ground with the help of John Q. Hammons. And, perhaps most improbably, he turned the pipe dream known as the Show-Me State Games into the biggest event of its kind in the nation and an economic godsend for Columbia.

Stewart jokingly compared Filbert to Tom Sawyer, that fictional creation of Mark Twain, who convinced everyone that what they really wanted to do was paint his fence. He is the master of organization, motivation and delegation.

“I’ve never seen a guy like him that could get everybody to paint,” Stewart said. “That’s the idea. But, boy, he could do it. And he has done it.”

No need to talk about Filbert in the past tense, because he is with us. But he has been slowed by brain cancer, which was discovered in June. And that will make this weekend’s Norm Stewart Classic at Columbia College’s Southwell Complex a little more solemn than usual. Filbert’s baby, the MBCA, sponsors the high school basketball event, and proceeds benefit Coaches vs. Cancer.

Previously, in the week before the Classic, a press conference was held, with coaches and players speaking to reporters to promote the two-day hoops fest. It was Filbert who made all the arrangements, of course. This year, no press conference, but the show will go on, with the Rock Bridge and Hickman boys and girls teams among the participants.

The teenagers who fill the court this weekend could learn a lot about shooting from Filbert. Six months ago, he won the Show-Me State Games free-throw competition by making 24 of 25 foul shots. Not bad for an octogenarian without sight in one eye. A few days later, he received the grim news that he had a brain tumor.

Since then, the honors have poured in, befitting a man whose impact on basketball in Missouri is immeasurable. His playing career at MU came in two parts, separated by a stint in the Marines



from 1948-52. In his second tour with the Tigers, he was a teammate of Stewart, who joked that Filbert could have improved an anemic assist total if only he passed him the ball more. Filbert went on to a long, successful stint coaching Mexico High School before jumping to the college ranks at Missouri Western and MU.

In October, the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame created an award called “The Filbert Five” that honors five of the state’s basketball players each year, and yesterday the Hall announced that Filbert will be the 20th recipient of the Missouri Sports Legend award. A marble bench bearing his name was placed outside the north entrance of Mizzou Arena. On Tuesday night, Filbert was at the Sprint Center in Kansas City for Missouri’s game against Georgetown to receive the National Basketball Coaches Association’s Guardian of the Game award for achievement in growing the profession and the game of basketball.

Earlier in the day, his daughter Lisa Filbert said she and her mother, Glenda, were concerned whether Gary would be able to accept the award. The tumor causes balance problems.

“But he really does seem to rise to the occasion,” Lisa said.

Using a cane, Filbert walked onto the court and accepted the NABC award during an early timeout in the game. The fans rose and gave him a standing ovation, and he waved back. Unfortunately, the Tigers couldn’t use him to shoot free throws in the final seconds of regulation.

Given the chance, he probably could have talked the officials into it.

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## **Basketball Ambassador**

ST. JOSEPH’S GARY FILBERT EARNING AWARDS AFTER GIVING TO THE GAME

Cody Thorn  
St. Joseph News-Press

With today being a day of giving, it was perhaps very fitting that the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame decided to honor St. Joseph native Gary Filbert this year.

Filbert, 80, is already in the Missouri Sports Hall of Fame, but will be the 20th Missouri Sports Legend inducted into the hall on Jan. 30.

Filbert, a standout at Benton in three sports, is well known throughout the state for his role as a basketball coach at Mexico High School, Missouri Western and the University of Missouri. He later became the executive director of the Missouri Show-Me Games.

Other Legend members are Bobby Bell, George Brett, Lou Brock, Bob Broeg, Jack Buck, Len Dawson, Dan Dierdorft, Don Faurot, John Q. Hammons, Lamar Hunt, Stan Musial, Buck O'Neil, Bob Pettit, Red Schoendienst, Norm Stewart, Payne Stewart, Hank Stram, Rusty Wallace and Whitey Herzog.

To earn the status of a legend, the sports hall of fame says honorees, 'have made an impact upon the face of the Missouri sports in such a way that their names are viewed in iconic stature.'

It's an award that means a lot to Filbert and his family, particularly in what has been a tough year.

Back in June, Filbert took part in the Missouri Show-Me Games for seniors and won the free-throw shooting contest, hitting 24-of-25 free throws. He did so with blurry vision.

Days later, it was revealed he had brain cancer.

"He can't really put into words what it means," his wife Glenda said last month of her husband being named a Missouri Legend. "It is affecting his memory. It is a great honor for him. It's the height of his career, it is the ultimate prize. He dedicated his entire life to basketball. If he could still play the game, he would. He was playing up to a few days before (the news)."

It was just one of many awards announced or given to Filbert this year. It's easy to see after looking back at what was a memorable career in basketball.

Filbert graduated from Benton in 1947 and was an All-City player in football and basketball, and he ran track as well. His senior season, playing for the legendary 'Pop' Springer, the Cardinals played in the Peanut Bowl in Columbus, Ga.

The next year, he played basketball at Missouri. Then, the military called and he served four years in the Marine Corps. In 1952, he returned to Columbia — where he still resides — and played three more years for the Tigers. He played with Norm Stewart, who would play a big part in his life later.

After graduating college, Filbert coached basketball and taught at Mexico, Mo., for 14 years.

Filbert made a return to St. Joseph in 1969 and became the first-ever men's basketball coach at Missouri Western. He went 196-174 — a .529 winning percentage — and guided the Griffons to two NAIA District 16 titles and one appearance in the NAIA playoffs.

"It was an honor to come back and coach there," Filbert said. "I coached there 13 years ... that was a long time. We had a couple of really good teams there. We were able to win conference and play in the playoffs. Those are really two high points as teams are concerned. They were all really enjoyable times."

In only his second season, the Griffons had a record over .500. In his fourth season, the team reached 20 wins. He set a then-school record by guiding the team to a 25-7 mark in his final season, the 1981-82 campaign.

"He was the first coach and anything involved started with him," Western men's basketball coach Tom Smith said. "I know he had some really good teams. Over the last six or seven years, I have gotten to know him a lot better. When I first took the job, I didn't know Gary very well."

Smith has one memory that stands out when talking about Filbert.

"I remember one year, Gary, Larry (Holley) and myself actually walked around Central Park when the Final Four was in New York," Smith said. "Central Park is pretty big, we probably walked 10 miles, but I remember we talked the whole time. I'll never forget it."

Holley, the head men's basketball coach at William Jewell in Liberty, also has a lot of stories to share about Filbert. A veteran coach himself, Holley first became acquainted with Filbert when his cousin, John Baumgardner, played on the same basketball team.

Years later, Holley, a Jameson, Mo., native, would cross paths with Filbert again.

"I remember he went back to St. Joseph to Missouri Western. The first year they played basketball was my first year at Central Methodist College. We played each other a couple of times. "I can say, I was winless against Gary. He certainly did a good job at Western and made them one of the best in NAIA."

The two became friends and back in the 1970s, the two teams rode the same bus to Jackson, Tenn., for games. Central Methodist played Lambuth College, while Western battled Union University one night. The teams then played the other school the following night.

"He is one of the most well-liked individuals I have ever been around," Holley recalls. "He is a leader, obviously, looking at what he did as the assistant athletic director at Missouri and later as the director of the Show-Me Games. He is a remarkable person, and he would do

anything for a person. I go to Columbia for the state championships and he always has a place for me to stay so I can watch games and recruit players. "It is hard to find a better ambassador for the game of basketball than Gary."

Following the 1982 season at Western, Filbert headed back to Columbia, where he was an assistant coach with Stewart. He later transitioned into the assistant athletic director at Missouri, before taking over the Show-Me Games. He helped that competition grow from 3,200 participants to more than 36,000 in recent years.

Looking back, Filbert has given a lot and, as mentioned, he is getting a lot of notice.

Earlier this year, prior to the Missouri-Georgetown basketball game in Kansas City, Filbert was given the Guardian of the Game award from the National Basketball Coaches Association.

In October, a bench was dedicated in his honor outside of Mizzou Arena and his longtime friend Stewart was there as well.

The Missouri Sports Hall of Fame also established the 'Filbet Five' Award, given to the top five coaches and players in the state.

Finally, just in time for Christmas, the Mexico School Board approved a new basketball floor that will be ready after the break and decided to name it Gary Filbert Court after the longtime coach.

Filbert and his family will be present when the court is dedicated in his honor on Jan. 7.

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## Q & A With the Difference-Makers



Bill Sodemann

### Parkway West High School

Long-time Parkway West Head Coach retired after the 2009-2010 season after accomplishing many on-court achievements. Twenty-two years as the head of the Longhorns resulted in a 389-221 record highlighted by a state title in 1991 (when he was named St Louis Post-Dispatch and Missouri Coach of the Year). On three occasions, West reached the quarterfinals, five times they won their district and in 11 seasons either finished first or second in their conference. Bill was named conference coach of the year eight times and served our profession on the Suburban Athletic Directors Board and also with the MSHSAA Basketball Advisory Committee.

**HARD COURT HERALD:** *You're in your first year of retirement from coaching the game, give us an idea of what that's like, both from a positive and negative angle and what you do to fill the time you would have spent at practice, scouting and games.*

**Bill Sodemann:** *I'd be lying if I said I didn't miss coaching. When November rolled around, my mental clock was gearing up as usual but I had nowhere to coach. The positive aspect is that I've had more time to spend with my wife, who has made many sacrifices on my behalf over my career. I've kept busy with catching up on my to-do list relative jobs around the house. I have begun to exercise much more because I have the time. Linda and I walk alot together. I would recommend highly the book I'm currently reading: "How Lucky You Can Be" by Buster Olney about Coach Don Meyer, formerly of Lipscomb University and Northern State University. The negative for me has been not being around the student-athletes. Those relationships were very important to me. Not coaching and working with the kids has created a void in my life that I'm trying to figure out how to fill.*

**HCH:** *You spent a lot of time around the game during your coaching career. Do you see the number of coaches dropping that were able to make a career of it and if so, why?*

**Bill Sodemann:** *It's funny that when I started I looked at coaches such as Pratte, Bergmann, Bee, Radtke, Chaput as old timers. Now that I'm at the place they were when I started I really don't look at myself as an old timer. I have noticed that the number of coaches who started when I did are not around and didn't last as long. I think there are several reasons for that but generally family responsibilities and*



*the pressure of the job would top the list. High school coaching is a very hard job and very time consuming if you want to do it the right way. There is so much more pressure on the coaches to win today. I think kids and parents have changed in what they expect from their high school coach.*

**HCH: Going back to the last question...For those of us whose intention is to stay in this profession for a length of time like yourself, what is some advice you can give that would help us not only with "staying-power" but also to continue to enjoy what we do?**

**Bill Sodemann:** *If a coach wants to stay in the profession for a length of time I believe it would be important to have the full support of your wife and family. The sacrifices they make for your frequent absences and coaching responsibilities, helping you through the tough losses and being there for you when the times get tough (and they will get tough) go a long way to helping one stay the course. The other thing I truly believe is: don't feel your success is wrapped up in the wins. As an educator/coach, your classroom is just different than your non-coach colleagues. Try focusing on the relationships you develop in your coaching: with your players, parents/patrons, your staff, your rival coaches, referees, etc. Be positive and upbeat as you deal with your players. Teach your kids the right way to play. Use your coaching to teach life lessons. In the final analysis that's what really matters. That's why they hire us to do what we do.*

**HCH: You had three sons play for you as Longhorns at Parkway West and from this writer's standpoint, they all seemed to be wonderful experiences. What are some things you did with each son both before they began playing for you and during their time in high school that kept their time wearing the Columbia Blue a positive one.**

**Bill Sodemann:** *I have had the good fortune to coach my three sons. I've talked to other coaches who said they would never do that. I guess it depends on your approach. Good advice is that you need to be sure their playing time matches their ability. I've always thought that it was important to spend time with them in their formative years as I did with others people's children. All three would tell you I was always harder on them than their team members. I wanted to teach all of my players how to survive if they moved on to playing in college. Tough but fair. But the most important piece I could give about coaching your sons would be to not bring the game home. Coach the heck out of them at practice but be a dad at home. Don't dissect the game or practice afterwards. Do that in a team setting as if you didn't have a son on the team. But if they ask, give them the answer but don't dwell. As hard as it may be, treat them as a player at practice and love them as a dad at home.*

**HCH: Finally, you now have come full circle...that is, you've watched your sons play as youngsters, raised them, coached them and are now watching one of them actually COACH at the high school level at Washington High. What has that experience been like for you?**

**Bill Sodemann:** *The greatest compliment that our sons have given us is that they want to teach and coach. They must have had a good experience and believe it's a worthwhile profession because they want a career similar to ours. Our oldest, Chip (PWHS '02, Truman '06) is in his first year as head coach at Washington HS. I've watched a few of his games but it is very hard to do so. People have told me he is doing a great job. He has my number on speed dial and we discuss his coaching often. Our middle son, Buddy (PWHS '05, Westminster College '09), is an assistant coach at Illinois Wesleyan University. Last year he was an assistant at Washington University. He wants to go the college coaching route. What a wonderful experience he's getting having worked for Mark Edwards and Ron Rose. Youngest son, Patrick (PWHS '10, Truman '14), is playing at Truman and is studying Exercise Science. His team is struggling a bit so he is learning about the adversity that all players and teams experience.*



## Keeping it Fresh in January

By Mark McLaughlin

Madison High School

Missouri Magic AAU Basketball

You're now two months into your season, having completed what I refer to as a "pre-season shakedown" cruise. Six weeks of early games, initial tournaments, and my favorite time of the season...holiday practices, that time where you go back to the beginning, re-teach and re-emphasize the guts of your program and introduce the new "toys" you want to use in the second season...mid-season.

In the early stages of my coaching career, January could be a drain. The bumps and bruises have set in, confidence is either building, or it is faltering. The sharpness and crispness that seemed to predominate in early games is turning to missed assignments, corners being cut on the little technical things you emphasize so much in the early season. Successes are turning into setbacks for individual players. Practices are becoming a drain as one moves into the three and four game a week meat grinder of tournaments ---the worst being the ones you *host* that make it difficult to get back into practice to clean things up.

That's why that holiday practice time is so important, and why keeping it "fresh" through this hardest of months is the key to making the steady, upward progress you hope to see in building your season. I use late December, pre-January practices to go back to the beginning. We re-teach everything---man-to-man techniques, how we'll defend the pick and roll, re-emphasizing our help, really working on screening, cutting and passing technique, and we work very hard on patience...getting good, high-percentage shots, involving our post players, and working on relocation and inside-outs.

We also begin working on adding some things defensively at this time --- run and jump applications both on the first pass and on attacking the dribbler. We work on defeating traps very hard at this time and on finishing press breaks with high percentage looks and making good decisions on what happens if we don't score against the press.

In small schools, the most difficult thing you face is that it's difficult to simulate the intensity you will see from good teams who bring applications that you don't utilize. I try to mix up my starters and reserves to at least get better competition against each other, and hopefully, to speed the game up in practice in an attempt to get closer to what we'll see at game time.

I've also utilized another technique over the last few years. If a team does something to us that we really struggle with, we *teach* it and try to run it ourselves. That takes a little bit of study, but the strength of this approach is if we know how to run something, we also know how to counter it. This approach led me to study the Memphis Dribble Drive, the 1-3-1 half and three quarter court press, and the run and jump.

Diversity may take a little edge off of doing a few things well, so I'm sure I'd be countered by coaches speaking against this, but I believe it adds to our awareness as a team, and mine as a coach. Scouting is important, and while I can be very sophisticated in building a gameplan based on what individual players can do, I'm more interested in what other teams do to have success ... If I can explain that to my players, there seem to be fewer surprises, and if I like what they do, and can see the application with our team, I'll implement it.

The best stuff coaches do is mostly, if not all, stolen. One of my great joys is to run something I have learned from another coach against *them* and execute it successfully. That's an "up" for the kids, and in actuality, a compliment to my opponent and their coach.

When the January schedule hits, with 13-games in 20-school days, there's not going to be a lot of time to clean things up from game to game. This is one of the gifts I've given myself from coaching 150-games of basketball a year, 125 of those games every year being in the AAU circuit.

I've learned I don't have to have two hours of practice between games to fix things. Morning practices when you're hosting a tournament are questionable in the level of their productivity, and half hour shoot-arounds after school and half-hour walk throughs on game day probably help as much as anything between games.

The games themselves, if approached properly and if prepared for enough in advance allow you to make the gains you need to make from game to game. While I'm not a big fan of weekend workouts, if I get to the end of a tournament week and need some serious time to get back under the hood and tinker, I'll use a two-hour weekend practice to get back on track.

When I get to a practice, when we haven't had a lot of them, those tend to be very focused, very intense workouts. Since the schedule doesn't have a compassion button you push to cut yourself some slack. You do what you have to do. Drill work in these practices is not introductory but rather, it is complimentary to what you're trying to get accomplished. New drills that haven't been employed are one key to keeping it fresh. Break down of components of offenses and defenses that tighten and hone inefficient execution are ways to keep it fresh as well.

I like doing a pure shooting and skills practice when I get to a week where I have two days between games. Competitive and fundamental shooting and scoring work is good for the players to go back to the basics, to build some rhythm and flow, and for the kids to relax a little bit and have some fun. Anything that keeps the kids moving at game speed, working on the little things takes away from the monotony and seasonal affective issues that can set in when the kids come to school in the dark and go home in the dark.

For you as a coach, your tendency is to fret about all the little things that your team doesn't do well, and that wears on you. Cut yourself some slack. Take your wife and kids to dinner. See a movie. Have a family night at home, and make sure you make time on Sunday morning to get to church. Nothing gives you more peace and calm than being reminded that what we do is not war. For all the metaphors about "warrior mentality" and "combat", Pat Riley says that "what we do in a game is just a small item drawing dust somewhere on a shelf in the toy store of human affairs."

Enjoy the second pre-season. It's the time to get back to brass tacks. Choose carefully the stuff you add. Review your schedule and identify your actual "practice" time over the next month, and realize this ... The key to keeping it fresh for the kids is staying fresh yourself.



# The Coach's Clipboard

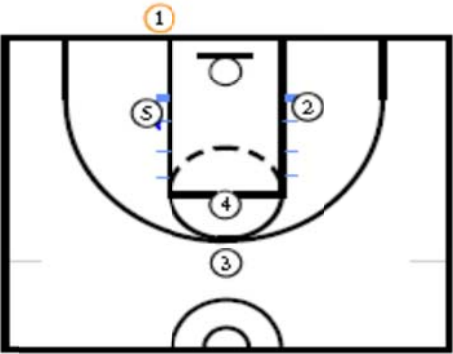


## PLAY OF THE DAY

Brought to you by Duane Silver ([www.coachsilver.com](http://www.coachsilver.com))

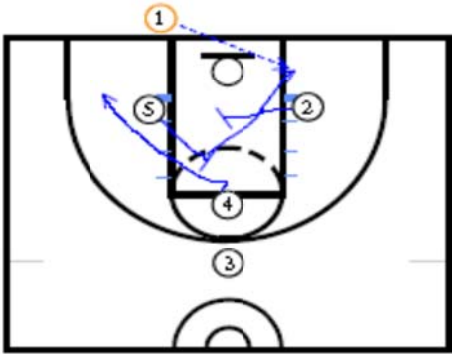
### Larry Brown OB Play

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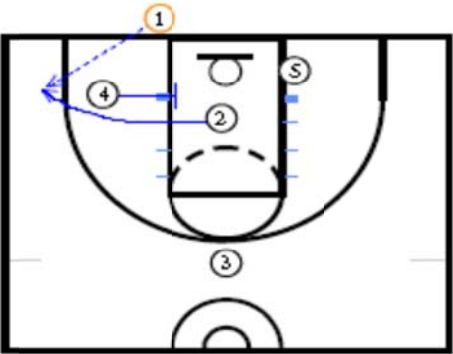
Frame A

Triangle Set: 2 is your best shooter (YOU may want 2 and 3 to switch assignments from time to time to keep the defense honest.)



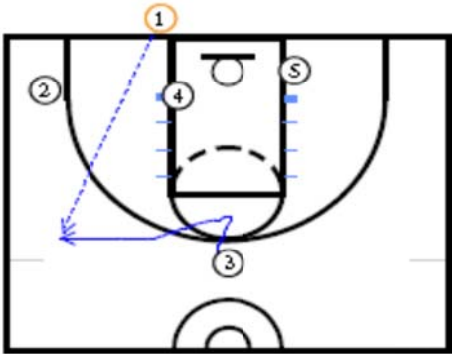
Frame B

5 screens for 4 to get open (we don't want to pass to 4) 2 screens the screener 5 (must get open outside the lane) 1 passes to 5 for layup.



Frame C

If 5 is not open 4 will screen for the new screener 2 to get open for a three point shot. This is what we really want to do. This really works!!!!



Frame D

If neither 5 or 2 are open as a last resort we will pass the ball into 3 who MUST GET OPEN any place except the right corner where 2 is now located. (3 can break forward between 4 and 5)

General Comments

This is an AWESOME Man to Man Out of Bounds Play that will work two times a game.

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## FEATURED WEB-SITE

*Take your team to the next level in technology with one of our new MBCA sponsors.....*

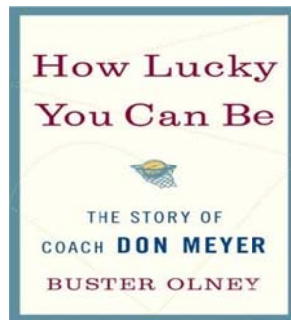
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## RECOMMENDED READING

"How Lucky Can You Be?"

By Buster Olney and Don Meyer



"Those of us who savor fine sports journalism have long known that Buster Olney knows the baseball beat. Now, with this beautifully conceived and elegantly written executed book Olney shows that he knows the beating heart of life and the pulse of humanity that makes sports matter." -

**George F. Will, Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist**

"Don Meyer is a dear friend to me and the entire Basketball Community. His passion to teach, to share, and to live is unmatched. Buster Olney does a magical job of capturing this truly unique man and presents him in a way that is surprising and unforgettable." -**Mike Krzyzewski, Coach of the Duke Blue Devils**

"There are very few coaches who have positively impacted the game of basketball and the people who coach it as Don Meyer has done. His passion for the game, for teaching and for building character as well as his commitment to team are all legendary. Coach Meyer has taught and given so much to us, and our game is better for it. This book chronicles not only his life as a coach, but his journey as a man through triumph and adversity. His story is a true inspiration and one which everyone should know." -**Pat Summitt, Coach of the Tennessee Lady Vols**



Dear Coaches

As this exciting season of hoops reaches the stretch run, the MBCA Board would like to remind you to do your part in the All-State Selection process. In an effort to get more coaches involved in the Missouri Basketball Coaches Association and to do a better job of promoting our student-athletes, the MBCA revamped the All-State Selection process for the 2007 MBCA All-State Teams. We feel that the changes implemented in 2007 were beneficial to the process and each year we will look for ways to improve the All-State Selection Process. We need your help to make sure the 2011 All-State Selection Process is a successful endeavor.

Attached to this letter is a detailed outline of how the selection process starts at the district level. Each district in the state, boys and girls, need to select an All-District Team with a maximum of ten players at the conclusion of their District Tournament. We would hope that a coach in each district, boys and girls, would volunteer to be the site selection chairperson. This person would be responsible for collecting all the information and forwarding this information to the All-State Chairman. Also included in this letter are the forms necessary for the selection process. If you would like to volunteer in the process feel free to contact your regional representative to volunteer. Information for finding your region and your representative is on the following page.

Also we would like to remind all coaches that forms are also available to nominate players for MBCA Academic All-State. The requirements for MBCA Academic All-State are posted on the MBCA website: <http://www.mobca.org>. You can also receive these forms via e-mail: [mbca.allstate@yahoo.com](mailto:mzca.allstate@yahoo.com).

This year with the health issues our Executive Secretary Gary Filbert has experienced, all Academic All-State Information needs to be mailed to the following address:

Missouri Basketball Coaches Association  
c/o Shawn Erickson  
942 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Festus, MO 6302

Please feel free to contact either of us with suggestions that we may further improve the MBCA All-State Selection Process. Good luck the rest of the season.

Sincerely

MBCA All-State/Academic All-State Co-Chairman

Shawn Erickson  
MBCA  
[mbca.allstate@yahoo.com](mailto:mzca.allstate@yahoo.com)

Jim Vaughan  
Head Boy's Basketball Coach  
Kennett High School



# MBCA ALL-DISTRICT SELECTION PROCESS

## *SELECTION PROCESS AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL*

- Each district needs to select a site coordinator.  
The site coordinator's job will be to coordinate the start of the All-State Selection Process at the district level.
- The site coordinator will start the process when he/she receives the MBCA All-District/All-State Packet, prior to the district seed meeting. The site director will be responsible for bringing this information to the district seed meeting. Please note that we are making an attempt to mail this information or e-mail this information to every coach in the state of Missouri.
- At the district seed meeting, the coaches in the district will nominate players for the MBCA All-District Team. These players should be considered worthy for MBCA All-State consideration. **THIS IS NOT AN ALL-TOURNAMENT TEAM.** The site coordinator will make a list of all players who will be considered for the All-District Team. The site coordinator would send out a ballot (attached to the e-mail in the all-district packet) to all the coaches in the district.
- After the district tournament, the site coordinator will be responsible for coordinating the voting process. The site coordinator will tabulate votes for the All-District Team and for District Coach of the Year. There should be at least five members on the All-District Team but not exceeding ten members. The coach does not have to be a member of MBCA to have a player on the All-District Team. The coach has to be a member of MBCA to be the District Coach of the Year. The votes should be tabulated in ranking order (1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10) with 1 being the best player in the district. Any ballot not containing a vote for a particular

player should be counted as 11 toward the total number of points a player receives. The five to ten players with the least points will make the All-District Team.

- Once the votes have been tabulated and the All-District Team and District Coach of the Year have been selected. The District Coach of the Year will be the MBCA Member who's team either wins the District Tournament or member who's team places the highest in the District Tournament without winning the tournament. Also the coaches with players on the All-District Team need to forward all statistical information to the site coordinator.
- The site coordinator should collect all the statistical information from each coach who has players on the all-district team. Please open the excel document that you will also use for the all-district ballot and tabulate all the information on the form and save it. E-mail the form back to Shawn Erickson, MBCA All-State Committee Co-Chairman at [mbca.allstate@gmail.com](mailto:mbca.allstate@gmail.com)
- Finally, to make sure we have all the information, mail a hard copy of the All-District Team information to:

Shawn Erickson

942 North 6<sup>th</sup> Street

Festus, MO 63028

## HOW DO I HELP?

- Questions please contact Shawn Erickson via e-mail at : [mbca.allstate@gmail.com](mailto:mbca.allstate@gmail.com)
- If you want to help out at the district level or want to help out in the selection of the All-State teams, please contact your regional representative. If you do not know who your regional representative is? Follow this link to find out what region you live in then contact that respective representative: <http://www.mobca.org/Forms/Regions.html>

# **Officials: A Part of Making the Game Better**

During the first two weeks of February, 2010 the officials in the west central Missouri area were blowing pink whistles in support of cancer awareness. As well as blowing pink whistles, members of the Sedalia Officials Association have been donating money to cancer awareness. Total donations were \$1,500. Members voted to divide this money equally between 3 groups: The cancer project at Bothwell Regional Health Center, the Liberty Park Stadium fund in honor of Ross Dey and State Fair Booster club in honor of Ross Dey. Ross Dey coached high school baseball for over 20 years. He died in October 2009 after a 3 year battle with cancer.

Also this past May the baseball, basketball, and softball officials gave over \$ 10,000 dollars in scholarships which have been awarded since 2000 to area athletes. This has been a joint effort between our member schools and officials to help our young athletes to further their education. This is a small way in which officials are helping in all of our communities. Next time you see an official say "thanks" for what they do for our student athletes.

This December for the 2010-11 season members voted to donate all of the money earned during the State Fair Shootout back to a cause in the area that has not been determined at this time. The Shootout will have over 23 games and it has always been a chance for young officials to work with veteran officials around and during the Christmas holidays. The total for this year will exceed \$ 2000 which will make for a nice donation in the area.

The Sedalia Officials Association has members from approximately a 50-60 miles radius around Sedalia. We represent Warsaw, Lincoln, Stover, Cole Camp, Green Ridge, Sedalia, Smithton, Sweet Springs, Knob Noster, Warrensburg, Higginsville, Appleton City, Harrisonville, Marshall as well as other towns in the area.

If you would like to start a drive like this in your area, contact Dennis Hagedorn at:

[dhagedorn@charter.net](mailto:dhagedorn@charter.net)

## **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 1<sup>st</sup>. Individual fees will be \$30 and school staff fees will rise to \$85.** Please pay particular attention to those details (as well as a new mailing address this year to mail your nomination forms to) 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 Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

School	home	cell
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Height: \_\_\_\_\_

Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Averages:

Points: \_\_\_\_\_

Rebounds: \_\_\_\_\_

Assists: \_\_\_\_\_

FG%: \_\_\_\_\_

FTA: \_\_\_\_\_

FTM: \_\_\_\_\_

FT%: \_\_\_\_\_

Honors

Received: \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach's

comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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Coach's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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:

Shawn Erickson, MBCA Office  
942 North 6th St  
Festus, MO 63028

Return this form by March 1, 2011. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION.

## **Past Mr. Show-Me Basketball Winners**

- 2010 Ricky Kreklow Rock Bridge
- 2009-Michael Dixon-Lee's Summit West
- 2008-Scott Suggs-Washington
- 2007-Connor Teahan-Rockhurst
- 2006-Ben Hansbrough-Poplar Bluff
- 2005-Tyler Hansbrough-Poplar Bluff
- 2004-Drew Richards, Logan-Rogersville
- 2003-Spencer Laurie, Kickapoo
- 2002-Jimmy McKinney, Vashon
- 2001-David Lee, Chaminade
- 2000-Joel Shelton, Vashon
- 1999-Kareem Rush, Pembroke Hill
- 1998-Jaron Rush, Pembroke Hill
- 1997-Larry Hughes, CBC
- 1996-Tate Decker, Webster Groves
- 1995-Ryan Robertson, St. Charles West
- 1994-Monte Hardge, Jefferson City
- 1993-Kelly Thames, Jennings
- 1992-Brian Gavin, Parkway Central
- 1991-Marcus Timmons, Scott County Central
- 1990-Jevon Crudup, Raytown South
- 1989-Chris Heller, Rockhurst
- 1988-Anthony Peeler, Paseo
- 1987-John Cooper, Rockhurst
- 1986-Anthony Bonner, Vashon
- 1985-Monroe Douglass, McKinley

## **Past Miss Show-Me Basketball Winners**

- 2010-Anne Marie Hartung-Bowling Green
- 2009-Morgan Johnson-Platte County
- 2008-Yvonne Anderson-Hickman
- 2007-Shakara Jones-Howell Central
- 2006-Mackenzie Stirmlinger-St. Joseph's
- 2005-Heather Ezell, Kickapoo
- 2004-Katie Dierdorf, Visitation
- 2003-Laura Granzo, Kickapoo
- 2002-Kari Koch, Elsberry
- 2001-Dionnah Jackson, Parkway West
- 2000-Terianne Wolford, Nixa
- 1999-Karensa Barr, West Plains
- 1998-Lauren Jackson, North Kansas City
- 1997-April McKinney, Incarnate Word
- 1996-Niele Ivey, Cor Jesu
- 1995-Amy Rhea, John F. Hodge
- 1994-Kristin Folkl, St. Joseph's Academy
- 1993-Marsha Burton, Marionville
- 1992-Andrea Siemer, Jackson
- 1991-Melissa Grider, Marshfield
- 1990-Melody Howard, Marshfield
- 1989-Kim Mahn, DeSoto
- 1988-Rhonda Moore, Hazelwood East
- 1987-Lisa Sandbothe, Washington
- 1986-Lori Sandbothe, Washington
- 1985-Janet Clark, St. Joseph Lafayette

**MBCA ALL-DISTRICT/ALL-STATE NOMINATION FORM**

(please print clearly)

Player Name: \_\_\_\_\_ circle one: Male Female

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Classification (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5

Nominating Head Coach: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Key Statistics**

Points/Game: \_\_\_\_\_ Rebounds/Game: \_\_\_\_\_ Assists/Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Free Throw%: \_\_\_\_\_ Field Goal %: \_\_\_\_\_ Three-Point%: \_\_\_\_\_

Three-Pointers Made: \_\_\_\_\_ Steals/Game: \_\_\_\_\_ Blocks/Game: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**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

home

cell

Coach's E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

The individual being nominated for Academic All-State must meet the following qualifications:

1. Senior standing
2. Started 90% of his or her team's games or played in 75% of the total team quarters played.
3. Possesses outstanding moral character.
4. Has ONE OR MORE of the following verified minimum scores:
  - A. ACT score of 27 composite or above
  - B. SAT score of 1210 composite or above
  - C. PSAT score of 185 selection index or more
5. Grade-Point Average of 3.25 out of possible 4.0 (or equivalent on alternate grade scale)

**---SCHOOL PRINCIPAL MUST VERIFY ALL OF THE APPLICABLE ITEMS---**

Other qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

Coach's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's 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, 2011:

Shawn Erickson, MBCA Office

942 North 6<sup>th</sup> St

Festus, MO 63028

COACHES.....THERE IS A LATE FEE OF \$10 EXTRA TO BE ADDED TO YOUR MEMBERSHIP IF YOU JOIN AFTER FEBRUARY 11



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

Nominated Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

School Classification (circle one):    1       2       3       4       5

(circle one):                    boys                    girls

Nominating Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

You must coach in the SAME classification as the individual you are nominating!

Nominating Coach's School: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for  
Nomination: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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**Mail all nominations by March 10, 2011 to:**

Shawn Erickson, MBCA Office  
942 North 6th St  
Festus, MO 63028

**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 each school:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominated Coach's

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    School                                    home                                    cell

Nominating Coach's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Coach's Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
                                    School                                    home                                    cell

Career Honors

Received: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Nominating Coach's

comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

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:

Shawn Erickson, MBCA Office  
942 North 6th St  
Festus, MO 63028

Return this form by March 10, 2011. YOU MUST BE A MEMBER TO SUBMIT A NOMINATION.

Nomination form

# 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

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Fill out the space below with appropriate information and return to:  
Shawn Erickson, MBCA Office  
942 North 6th St  
Festus, MO 63028

**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

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Fill out the space below with appropriate information and return to:  
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942 North 6th St  
Festus, MO 63028

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Years as a Student Assistant: \_\_\_\_\_

MBCA Member Nominating: \_\_\_\_\_

MBCA Member Contact Info: \_\_\_\_\_  
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, 2011!**



## 2010-2011 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Please fill out and return \$25 per single membership (Take note of "All-School" rate and late fees below).

Make your check payable to:  
"Missouri Basketball Coaches Association"

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL AFFILIATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS:            1\_\_            2\_\_            3\_\_            4\_\_            5\_\_

JR HI\_\_            HS\_\_            JUCO\_\_            COLLEGE\_\_            OTHER\_\_

DISTRICT:            NW\_\_            NE\_\_            SE\_\_            SW\_\_

                          South Cent\_\_            Cent\_\_            KC\_\_            STL\_\_

Total Wins as Head Coach \_\_\_\_\_

Number of years coaching at each level:

                          COLLEGE:            ASST\_\_            HEAD COACH\_\_            TOTAL\_\_

                          HIGH SCHOOL:            JR HI\_\_            HS ASST\_\_            VAR\_\_            TOTAL\_\_

**MAIL TO:**

MBCA, c/o Shawn Erickson  
942 North 6<sup>th</sup> St  
Festus, MO 63028

(Please note: single Membership is \$25 per year)

\*\*\*\*\*SPECIAL "ALL-SCHOOL MEMBERSHIP"\*\*\*\*\*

INDIVIDUAL Schools may enroll ALL of their coaches (boys AND girls) for a school membership fee of only \$70. Each coach on the staff though will have to fill out an individual membership form along with the check for \$70. After February 1, 2011, the prices will go up to \$30 per individual and \$85 for the entire school staff.

I would like to become more involved in the MBCA and its activities. Please check out the info below for more information on how you can contribute:

MBCA web address: [www.mobca.org](http://www.mobca.org)

Shawn Erickson: [mbsca.allstate@gmail.com](mailto:mbsca.allstate@gmail.com)

Suggestions for the MBCA Board to consider:

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