

EDITORIAL

After 24 years of producing a hard copy of Texas Basketball Magazine, I have decided to make the transition into the electronic age. When the magazine was first conceived the cell phone was a dinosaur, VHS videos were at the forefront with DVD's on the way, and the Nation of sportswriters, mainly the East coast thought all Texans rode horses and took their six guns to town.

Fast forward to our standards of to-day and Texas is now by far one of the top three states in the nation that produce outstanding basketball players and programs.

Shaquille O'Neal from class AAA San Antonio Cole high school, had just led his undefeated team to the 1989 State Championship, and a bevy of talented players followed across the nation to play in top programs.

March Madness and the Road to the Final Four was coined in the early 80's, the NCAA tournament went from 32 teams in the 70's, to 64 in the 80's until present day where in 2011 94 teams competed for the National crown.

Division I College Women's basketball in Texas has been on the upswing and has good success with Texas in 1986, Texas Tech in 1993, Baylor in 2005 & 2012, and A&M in 2011 all winning National Championships. On the mens side the only Division I Championship captured was by Texas Western (UTEP), in 1966 and when the NIT was just as important, The University of Texas in 1978.

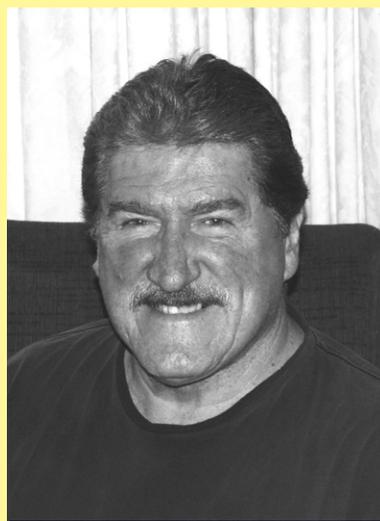
Back in the early 80's only one team advanced from their district, now we have as many as 4 teams advancing. There were only 5 classifications: 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A, and B. Now their are 6: 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, DI-A and DII A.

The point is improvement and growth is everywhere and now homes have TV 's in every room, not tube type, but flat screen plasma, and every person has a hand held computer i.e. cell phone, or ipad.

With newspapers and post offices feeling the pinch of networking, emails and the electronic age more people have access on the world wide web, 24-7... 365 than ever before.

This transition year for Texas Basketball Magazine, it's our first attempt online and will only get better as our ideas and the word gets out. The 25th 2012-13 Annual is becoming a digest of records and accomplishments of teams, coaches, & players. We will be emphasizing the playoff bound teams and their accomplishments, while continuing to compile and expand our record sections.

We will be spending our time preserving our History and Heritage both with the magazine and in our Texas Basketball Museum that is available to everyone free, no charge for admission or viewing.



So come join us, contribute and share your success, because even though this is a transition year, and should be the celebration of our 25th Anniversary, we feel next years effort with you help will be our best.

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Keep your goals high,
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