

The Texas Basketball Magazine was created to accumulate and share as much information that could be amassed about the outstanding players, teams, and coaches that have perpetuated love of basketball across the State and Nation.

Starting without a journalism background or any knowledge of how to put together a publication that would be put on the newsstands across the State. Bob Springer pioneered his first publication in 1988 with 72 pages of information about Texas Basketball along with articles about the history as well. I was very proud of the first edition, although it was far from a slick, professional finish, but it was a one man effort to get the word out about Texas High School Basketball.



A lot of folks on the eastern coast where all the nations sports writers are from perceived Texas to be kind of a country pumpkin where they still rode down the streets on their horse with a six shooter on their hip.

Not much mention was made of the talent and the expertise of the teams produced in the high school ranks in Texas. However in 1988 everything was about

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to change as summer camps were to be allowed across the State and players were given the chance to excel and participate in more than one All-Star team in and out of the State.

With addition of scouting services such as Mike Kundstadt's Great American Shoot out, summer play, tournaments and leagues took off.

As the magazine progressed and coaches that participated help create an avenue that was warranted and well received. Over the years 24 to be exact the publication caught on and expanded to over 134 pages with emphasis on records, expanding to push our great state to include more than a Top Ten but advance to a Top Twenty-Five in each classification for both Boys & Girls, plus picking an All-State team that included all Five classifications, but honoring it with 30 players from each team (1-5) for a total of roughly 130 to 140 being picked to a preseason All-State team, also included was an honorable mention page that also featured 100 of players that were outstanding leaders on their team.

I was a basketball coach for thirty years, so this took me about six months to crank out this publication. I was rewarded by the coaches and sponsors over the years, and without their support this endeavor would never have happened.

The magazine improved with color pages added, as well as special categories for Boys & Girls: Best Big Men, Top Players statistics in the State, and All-State Profiles. Coaches for both Men and Women were honored each year with pages an updates on there outstanding coaching records, also a National Record page showing how our Texas Coaches compared or ranked across the Nation. Not to be

overlooked or forgotten, two pages were highlighted with Honor pages that showed the coaching records of coaches that had retired with over 300 wins.

Again not to be forgotten but remembered was a 2 page category where all the great players that took it all the way from the high school ranks and were selected to play in the NBA.

Talk about a learning experience. This was in the era when computers were just coming out, cell phones had antennas, VHS and Beta films were taking over for actual camera footage. That is when the World Wide Web came into play and I took out the website: [texasbasketball.com](http://texasbasketball.com).

As the years progressed other magazines would come to bear, some successful, some not. At one time at the end of my publishing the Texas Basketball Magazine there was three State wide publications available. At then decided to pass on the Name of my basketball magazine, with the trademark, and two websites: [texasbasketball.com](http://texasbasketball.com) and [texasbasketballmagazine.com](http://texasbasketballmagazine.com) to a corporation that produces now David Campbell's Texas Basketball Magazine. I retained all the copyrighted information that made up the content of my magazine and now have two more websites that you can check out: [texashsbasketballrecords.com](http://texashsbasketballrecords.com) and [texasbasketballmuseum.com](http://texasbasketballmuseum.com) a Basketball Museum I opened up 9 years ago: where you can visit the accumulated records over the past 28 years and get a tour of the Museum.

I would encourage you to purchase the new David Campbell's Texas Basketball Magazine that is professionally done and is a good read. With each preseason highlights the Colleges and the High School ranks across the State, plus many outstanding articles of what is happening in Texas Basketball.

yours truly, Bob Springer

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