

THE BASKETBALL PLAYBOOK

Porter Moser Article

<https://www.nbcsports.com/chicago/ncaa-talk/loyola-basketball-coach-porter-moser-be-next-featured-guest-inside-look>

Moser on his team approach last season:

"I never said during the season, 'Hey you guys, we're going to the Final Four.' It was about the process. You ask any one of our guys, it was about getting better, what's in front of us. We very rarely, pretty much hardly at all, talked about the end goal."

Moser on perseverance:

"I've always said, if I had a tattoo, and I don't, it would be an old proverb that would be: 'Fall Seven, Rise Eight.' And I've just been blessed to have people in my life that have always talked about perseverance. I keep a picture of the '63 national (championship) team right to my left. Every morning when I walk in to my desk, I see them holding the trophy...and I have another picture of Sheridan Road packed with fans. When things get hard, it's such a much more rewarding path fighting through it."

Moser on not being complacent going forward:

"Don't get me wrong, I want to win. I want to advance. I want to get better. I'm obsessed this offseason about getting better. I don't want to talk about repeating. I don't want to talk about going back to the Final Four. I want to talk about capturing our culture again."

Draymond All Star Article - Show players impact outside of scoring.

<https://www.cbssports.com/nba/news/the-draymond-green-do-it-all-nba-all-stars-they-love-defense-put-the-team-first-and-play-to-win/>

Long Term vs Short Term look as a coach?

<https://www.charlotteobserver.com/sports/nba/charlotte-hornets/article218148555.html>

“The long term isn’t really my job. My job is to go after this thing, to maximize the season and go try to win every game possible,” Borrego said. “We’ll go full steam ahead trying to win every game at whatever cost. That’s my job No. 1.”

“Along the way, through 82 games, there are plenty of opportunities to put Devonte in the lineup or to put Monk (in the rotation), to play Bridges on a night after he sat four in a row.

“And if they’re not in games, you can still develop them in practice. I’ve got to develop them using the G-League. I learned that in a system that developed players along the way. I saw on a back-to-back, Pop (Spurs coach Gregg Popovich) trusted Cory Joseph to go in. Or (Popovich) would sit Tim Duncan on a back-to-back and Matt Bonner would start.”

Dribble-drive offense

Borrego said he doesn’t think inside-out basketball that relies heavily on post-ups is particularly efficient in the current NBA. (more evidence why center Dwight Howard was traded). He likes that the Hornets have several players with the skill set to drive to the basket (Walker, Monk, Jeremy Lamb and Bridges, for instance) and force defenses to react.

“The roster says get those guys to the rim and generate offense. And with

everybody around them, create as much (3-point) shooting as you can, so when those guys go downhill, we're open" with able shooters for kick-outs, Borrego described. "That's the strength of our team right now."

Grassroots issues article.

<https://www.sbnation.com/college-basketball/2018/9/12/17716896/ncaa-rule-changes-aau-grassroots-basketball>

Player Leadership - BYU the week before the win against Wisconsin

<https://www.deseretnews.com/article/900031434/byus-tristen-hoge-shows-leadership-after-loss-to-cal.html>

"Tristen Hoge gathered us up and gave us a little speech. He told us, 'This is behind us now. We can't change anything that happened on the field. We took a loss and we're going to have to move on,'" said linebacker and team captain Sione Takitaki. "We have a good team coming up that we have to prepare for in Wisconsin.' He just let us know that we need to keep moving. We've got to take our licks like a man and move on."

Sitake liked the way his players showed leadership and accountability.

"It was cool. That's the leadership we're talking about, holding each other accountable," he said. "It was more of guys knowing the opportunity that they missed. It's not good when you don't play your best. We need to be more efficient as a team."

"There are guys that step up as leaders. Right when we got in (the locker room), Tristen Hoge addressed the team, gathered us together, before coach Sitake said anything," said senior linebacker Zayne Anderson, another team captain. "We have a lot of those leaders like that. He's not even one of the leaders but there are guys like that throughout the team. Having that really helps us."

"Get Old, Stay Old"

<https://slapthesign.com/2018/04/08/notre-dame-basketball-get-old-stay-old-works-south-bend/>

The GOSO concept isn't a new one. It is basically the mantra of every mid major program that hopes to make the tournament every 4-6 years. In the power 6 however, it is not typically prevalent. It is a concept that Josh Pastner is currently trying to adopt at Georgia Tech as well, as he has used Notre Dame as a specific example of how he intends to build his roster. Since the 2010-11 season, Coach Mike Brey has lost only four players to transfer that he brought into the program as freshman. One of those players, France native Eric Katenda was forced to leave the program after an injury left him blind in his left eye. Brey has had zero one and done players. In fact, he hasn't had any two and done players! Demetrious Jackson was the only player I could find that declared early, and that was after his junior campaign.

At the conclusion of this year's Final Four, there was a lot of Twitter chatter about how Jay Wright shifted his tactics from recruiting five star, future lottery pick recruits, to guys that "he could actually coach." Mike Brey has been doing that all along. Landing multi-year, high end talents such as Jackson, Jerian Grant and DJ Harvey — while also identifying underappreciated players he can develop like Bonzie Colson. He was rated a 3-star player coming out of high school.

Since 2010-11 (I just picked that year out of a hat by the way), Coach Brey has compiled a 192-89 record — including seven 20 win seasons — and has never lost in the first round of his six NCAA tournament appearances.

Technology & Basketball

<https://www.geekwire.com/2018/sports-tech-apple-event-new-iphone-app-uses-augmented-reality-basketball-training/>

Thoughts on this? I would love to know the impact it can have on skill development.

Ray Allen's Insane Shooting

<https://www.miamiherald.com/sports/nba/miami-heat/article111840107.html>

Erik Spoelstra on Tuesday morning reminisced about the first time he saw Ray Allen work through a shooting drill in a Heat uniform.

It was something the coach said he had never seen anyone do before.

“He would lay on the floor, pop up, backpedal, have the presence of mind to have his feet set and not out of bounds and have a coach throw him the ball,” Spoelstra said. “Afterwards I said, ‘That seemed like a crazy drill. Why would he do something like laying down in the middle of the floor?’”

“He said, ‘It’s extreme, but I want to prepare myself for when I’m in the lane and hit the floor, or I’m on the ground and there’s an offensive rebound so I have the fundamentals to be able to back pedal, stay in bounds and be able to knock down shots.’ ”

“Things don’t happen by accident the majority of the time in this league,” Spoelstra said Tuesday of Allen’s shot. “It was an incredible thing to see, but that’s how Ray Allen was with his workouts. And it was on all levels -- his conditioning, his shooting, his footwork. He was really maniacal about the details.”

“You think about guys like myself who are getting up a little bit in age,” said captain and 14-year veteran Udonis Haslem, 36, who played alongside Allen in his final two seasons in the league with the Heat.

“Then you see Ray, being the first in the gym and the last to leave, riding his bike, jogging, eating right and doing the things that’s he’s done. So I’ve taken a couple of pages out of his book just to continue my career moving forward.”