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COACHING PORTFOLIO

Basketball Coaching | Recruiting | Player Development | Program Building

COACHING PHILOSOPHY

Developing complete student-athletes through character, competence, consistency, accountability and the right way to play.



CHARACTER.
Who you are
when it matters.

COMPETENCE.
What you know
and can
execute.

CONSISTENCY.
Doing it the
right way, every
day.

CHAMPIONSHIP CULTURE & PROGRAM SUCCESS

A decade of contributing to sustained success through recruiting, player development, preparation and championship-level expectations.



6x

CONFERENCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS
AS PLAYER & COACH

9x

NAIA NATIONAL
TOURNAMENT
APPEARANCES
AS PLAYER & COACH

6

ALL-AMERICANS RECRUITED
& DEVELOPED

A decade of contributing to sustained success through recruiting, player development, preparation and championship-level standards.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Individualized development built around skill growth, basketball IQ, decision-making and preparation for the next level.



SKILL DEVELOPMENT

Position-specific instruction built around individual strengths, weaknesses and role.

DECISION-MAKING

Developing reads, pace, shot selection and the ability to make winning decisions.

APPLICATION

Translating individual skill development into competitive situations and game performance.



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SCOUTING & GAME PREPARATION

Detailed preparation built around personnel, tendencies, analytics and actionable game-plan information.

GAME-PLAN COMMUNICATION

Turning detailed scouting into clear, actionable information players can execute.



Langston (21-5, 16-4) IS A TOUGH TEAM!!!! They have an excellent defensive-minded coach who will have his team well prepped (**No. 1 Defense in the SAC - 59.9 Points Allowed Per Game**). The Lions utilize high ball pressure & physical edge and take immense pride in their defense.

Rebound margin will decide this game. Player for player, we are as talented as anyone in the nation. But right now, Langston is sitting at a **+7.3 rebounding margin** and that's not by accident, it is all tough effort and activity.

Do not let them disrupt your motor. Do not let them win the 50/50 balls. Do not let them dictate the physicality. You are talented. You are more than capable. And you can get nasty. I've seen it. We've all seen it.

Defensively, the formula is simple: **disrupt everything**. That means contesting every pass, challenging every decision, and getting a hand on every shot/rebound. They thrive when they're comfortable so our job is to remove comfort entirely.

SAMPLE SCOUTING & GAME-PLAN MATERIALS CREATED BY DARIAN DAVIS

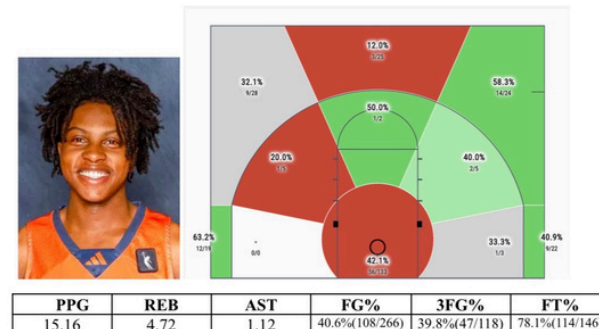
PERSONNEL EVALUATION

Individual tendencies, strengths, weaknesses and matchup considerations.

ANALYTICS & FILM

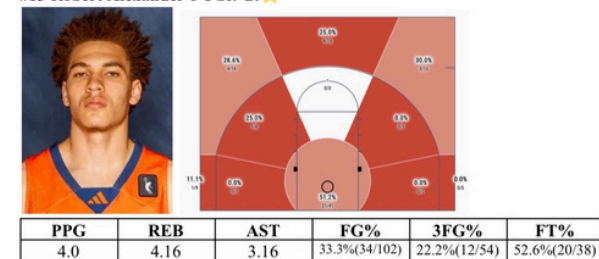
Using statistical analysis and film study to identify tendencies, anticipate actions and inform preparation.

#0 Orlando Thomas 6'2 Sr. G. ★



- **Slashing wing.**
- **Lefty.**
- The first point of contact has to be early.
- 28 Assists & 47 Turnovers. Has made the majority of his miscues when forced to use his right hand.
- Athletic and dynamic in fastbreaks.
- After closeouts to the touch his go to moves are **two foot finishes or LEFT hand rim floats.**
- Help has to be early to deter drives.
- **YOU HAVE TO WIN 1V1s & STAY CONNECTED.**
- **He's crafty in the paint, you cannot just lead him to help, just win (5.84 Free Throw Attempts Per Game).**
- 15 Points (6-15, 3-6) vs. us 11/20/25.

#13 Robert Alexander 6'1 Sr. G. ★



- **Playmaking Ballhandler.** Heels after you heat the ball. **KEEP HIM OUT THE PAINT!**
- Team leader in assists. 79 Total Assists & 40 Turnovers.
- **Downhill playmaker** but 1st point of contact STILL has to be EARLY!
- He has only attempted 7 total midrange jumpshots on the season.
- **Tre, Abram, Dallas.** (take pride in heating him up, like dogs).
- 5 Points (1-1, 0-0, 3-5) & 5 Assists vs. us 11/20/25.

RECRUITING & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Identifying talent, developing complete players and helping student-athletes reach their potential at the collegiate level.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT & RECRUITING

SIX NAIA ALL-AMERICANS



JOSHUA KASHILLA

GUARD



NYKOLAS MASON

WING



JOEL POLIUS

CENTER



CORTLAND BLAKE

FORWARD



CJ HALL

GUARD



MICAH CLARK

WING



6 NAIA ALL-AMERICANS RECRUITED & DEVELOPED

A track record of identifying talent, maximizing individual strengths and developing student-athletes into nationally recognized performers.

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RECRUITING, DEVELOPMENT & PLAYER SUCCESS

Sustained player development reflected through individual recognition, conference honors and competitive performance.



18 SOONER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Recruiting & Player Development



JJ Boling



Trelin Green



Alerick Hall



Noah Boling



Tyler Kinghorn



Isaiah Boling



Jesse Iweze



Ozavian Buford



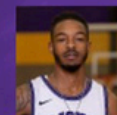
Justin Collins



Philbert Weekes



Brooks Haddock



Nathan Bailey

18 ALL-SOONER ATHLETIC CONFERENCE SELECTIONS

Earned by players recruited & developed during coaching tenure (12 featured here; 6 featured on previous page).

LEADERSHIP & CULTURE

Developing better men through relationships, accountability, academics, character and purpose.



Community, relationships & service



Perseverance, transformation & personal growth



Faith, service & purpose



Academic achievement & preparation for life

Leadership that extends beyond basketball, developing men prepared to serve, lead and succeed in life.

Select images to view features and supporting media

RECRUITING & PROGRAM BUILDING

Built relationships, identified the right fit and created a recruiting experience that connected student-athletes to the program's vision, then conceptualized, designed and published branded content to celebrate their commitments and welcome them to the program.



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RECRUITING & RELATIONSHIP BUILDING

Creating a professional recruiting experience that helps prospective student-athletes understand their fit, value and future within the program.



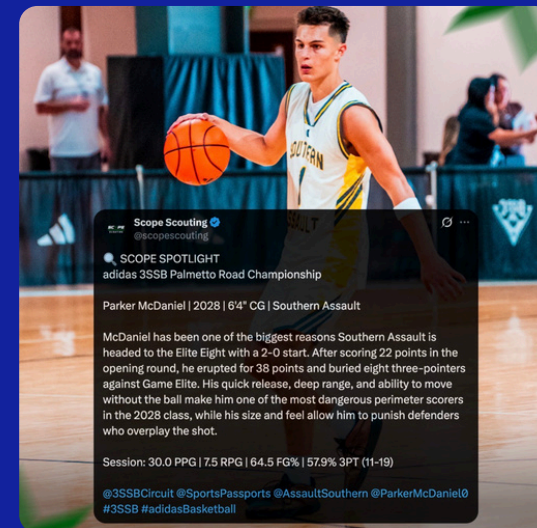
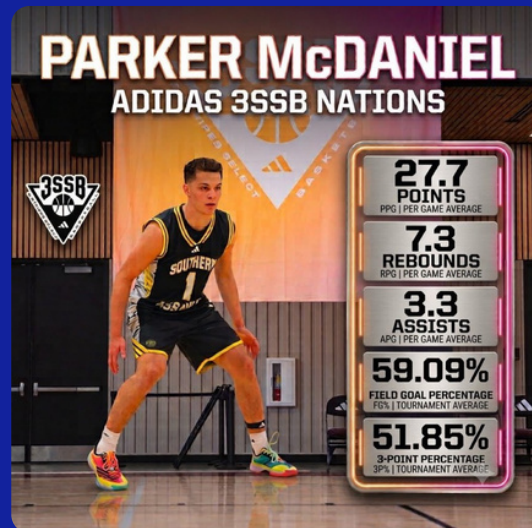
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COMMITMENT & PROGRAM IDENTITY

Turning commitments into momentum by celebrating student-athletes while strengthening program identity, visibility and recruiting excitement.

GRASSROOTS BASKETBALL & PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Coaching and developing high-level prospects through elite grassroots competition, with an emphasis on skill development, basketball IQ, winning and preparation for the next level.



Select images to view highlights, features and supporting media.

PROGRAM BUILDING & STUDENT-ATHLETE RETENTION

Founded the program's first JV team and helped retain 45–60 student-athletes annually across two teams.



Nelson University JV at Dallas
College Cedar Valley
November 21, 2025

▶
**CLICK TO
WATCH THE
MOMENT**



◀ **81 - 73**



LEADERSHIP EVOLUTION

Served as the inaugural head coach before transitioning into a general manager role overseeing recruiting, rosters, scheduling, and operations.

ROSTER SUSTAINABILITY

Built a year-round recruiting and development structure that retained 45–60 student-athletes annually across the varsity and JV teams.

COMPETITIVE REACH

Scheduled competition at UTRGV and Tarleton State, highlighted by an 81–73 road victory over Dallas College Cedar Valley.

FUNDRAISING & PROGRAM RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT

Created innovative fundraising opportunities through donor campaigns, major events, and community engagement.



\$31,000 RAISED

Reached 62% of a \$50,000 locker-room renovation goal.

DONOR ENGAGEMENT

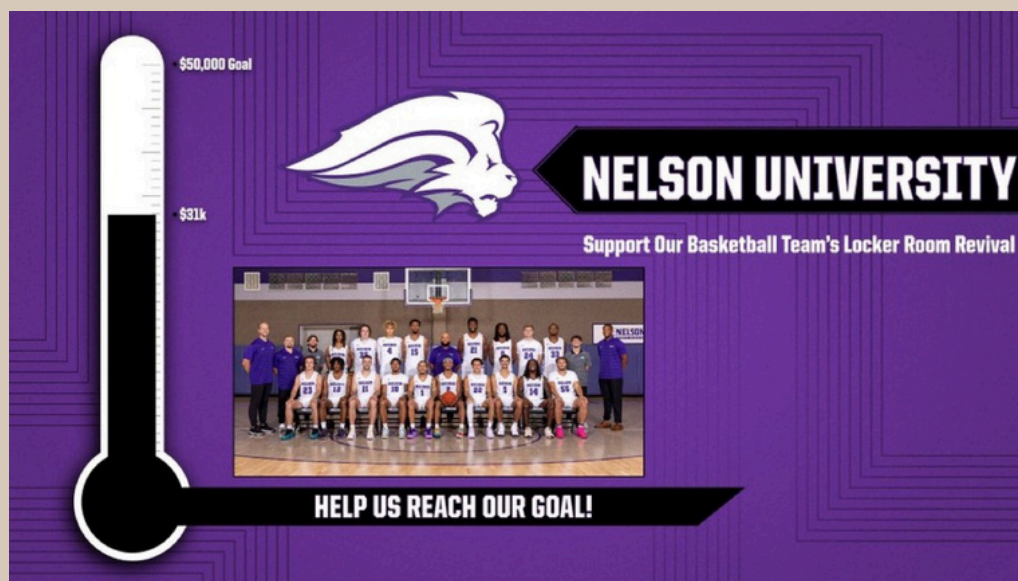
Created personalized \$1,500 locker sponsorships that connected supporters directly to the program's future.

EVENT-BASED FUNDRAISING

Organized team fundraising opportunities through work at NCAA Division I football games and Dallas Cowboys games.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Generated additional support through community events, including a fall festival.



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT & PROFESSIONAL SUCCESS

Players I recruited, coached or helped develop who went on to play professional basketball.



Joshua Kashila



Micah Clark



Ariyon Williams



Michael Kolawole



Donte Houston



Austin Luke



Kaleb Hughley



Edwin Sam Mbaka



Jesse Iweze



Kaodirichi Akobundu-Ehiogu



Joel Polius



CJ Hall



Sherman Brashear



Philbert Weekes

PROGRAM VISION

Building a winning program through relationships, development, accountability and a shared commitment to joy.



**DEVELOP THE PERSON. DEVELOP THE PLAYER. CULTIVATE PURE JOY.
WIN WITH PURPOSE.**

EVERY PROGRAM HAS A STORY.

TELL THE STORY. BUILD THE BRAND. SERVE THE PROGRAM.

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