

Tech's Reuther finds new home on banks of Brazos

Former all-SWC standout finds way to Aggieland via Belgium, Canada,

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Would you believe A&M recruited a basketball star last year who was an all-stater at Ft. Worth Arlington Heights, broke all the Ft. Worth scoring records, scored 78 points in one game and played on a team who had a 73-10 record over a two year span?

Where is he?
Why hasn't he played this year?

Simple.
The above mentioned star is Norm Reuther, new assistant basketball coach for TAMU.

Reuther comes to A&M after an illustrious career with half a dozen basketball teams in Texas, Canada, and Belgium.

Before graduating from Arlington Heights in '62, Reuther managed to break all the city scoring records. They stood for ten years until "ironically enough Cedric Joseph came along and broke every last one of them." Reuther was a first team all-stater although his team never left district.

From Ft. Worth Reuther traveled to Lubbock to play for the Tex-

as Tech Red Raiders. He had an outstanding freshman year on a 13-1 team. The next year it was varsity and the tall Ft. Worth never missed a starting night through graduation.

His sophomore year the Raiders finished second behind A&M, and his senior year they were third in the conference. It was Reuther's junior year that was the highlight of his Tech career. Reuther called it "the best team I played on there and probably the best team ever to play at Tech."

The team was 18-6 and Southwest conference champions that year but because of an error in counting that was all the honors the team gained. It seems Reuther had enough hours to be eligible but one of those hours was a Phys. Ed. course which, unknown to Tech officials did not count toward the total. The inefficiency didn't slip by conference officials though and Reuther was declared ineligible. There was no NCAA tournament for Tech in '65.

Reuther had stayed in Lubbock to study when, a year later,

he was picked by the Dallas Chaparrals in the first ABA draft ever held. He spent the training season in the Dallas camp before being put on waivers. The Chicago Bulls took the option but Reuther wanted to stay in Dallas.

That wasn't the end. Reuther had been moonlighting. The big forward played on an independent team from Texas, leading them to the AAU National Championships in Denver.

Reuther remained in Texas another year before being offered a coaching job at the University of New Brunswick and accepting a position there as an assistant. Canada was the start of the second half of Reuther's life as he met his wife-to-be there. It just so happens that Mary Ann Aikenhead of Renfrew, Ontario was a member of the New Brunswick U. girls intercollegiate basketball team which won 87 games in a row (shades of a dynasty, ala-UCLA).

His stay in Canada was not restricted to coaching though. Reuther played again on an independent team and led them to the

finals of the Canadian National Championship, where he set a scoring record of 75 points in two games.

From Canada, Reuther set sail for Belgium. He was hired by "what they call an amateur team but it compares with a pro team in the U. S." Nevertheless, he was put on as a player-coach with a full salary and "incentive for high scoring." It was with the Belgian team that Reuther's statistics look most impressive.

In one breath, Reuther scored 78 points in one game, scored over 50 in ten others and was awarded the Honor Cup by the Antwerp Gazette. His team had a 78-10 record during his two seasons with them, lost only one division game in that span, made the eighth finals of the National Cup both years and was always ranked in the top fifteen teams in the country. Probably the most amazing demonstration of this man's abundant talent was his average of 35 points, 20 rebounds and 10 assists per game.

Reuther took Miss Aikenhead to Belgium and there they wed. Born

to them was a daughter Melissa Ann, now three, who has, says Reuther, "triple option, she can claim to be Canadian, Belgian, or American although the Belgian government claims she is Belgian."

Reuther came back to Texas looking for a position and went to Tech temporarily for a teaching certificate preparatory to coaching. At last year's Tech game, Shelby Metcalf acted interested and a year later finds Reuther assisting the Sage of the Brazos.

Reuther always had "a great deal of respect for Metcalf. He's a great person and a great coach." Reuther says, "I've learned more in five or six months here than I would have coaching a high school team for five years."

As for the team he's currently involved with, A&M, "we have good potential because we have good people. We match up well with any team in the conference."

There is trouble explaining the Ags current slump though as Reuther explains, "we're having difficulty finding the right combination. It seems there is a built

in animosity toward A&M from every team in the conference. Everybody plays their best game against us."

Reuther is currently working on his Master of Education here in Health and Physical Education. He comes from Tech well educated with a Bachelor of Science in Zoology and minors in Botany and Chemistry. He also earned a teaching certificate; "whatever that's worth."

Hobbies other than his first love, basketball, include fishing, (a must for assisting Metcalf), hunting and collecting first editions and rare books.

Reuther is one recruit who'll probably last longer than the average four years.

He has been working diligently with A&M's post men. Play at center in the forms of Cedric Joseph, Jerry Mercer, John Thornton, Webb Williams, and C. W. Guthrie is noticeably improved. His intensity on the court, sprinkled liberally with jumping, pointing, yelling and (most appreciated) praise, indicates the type of coach he is. Exciting.

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NORM REUTHER leaps off the bench to point out either a questionable call or questionable play. The former Texas Tech standout is responsible for the improved play of the Aggie postmen this year.

'Pokes sign Young

DALLAS (AP)—Running back Charles Young of North Carolina State, spurning a last minute feeler from the World Football League, Thursday signed a contract with the Dallas Cowboys.

Jones' agent, Fred Joseph, a Greensboro, N. C., investment and life insurance broker, said his client agreed to a multi-year contract at undisclosed terms with the National Football League Cowboys.

The Florida Sharks of the WFL, which did not draft Jones on its first six rounds, made contact with Joseph less than 12 hours before announcement of the Dallas signing he said.

Jones was the second player to be chosen on the first round by the Cowboys in the NFL draft. He was the 22nd prospect selected.

"His characteristics are out-

standing for a pro runner" said Coach Tom Landry.

"He is big at 215 pounds and runs the 40-yard dash in 4.6 seconds. One thing we liked most was his abilities to play either fullback or halfback equally as well. This will give us more versatility in our backgroup."

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