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“CHIT CHATS WITH COACH”

HEAD MEN’S BASKETBALL COACH:

EDWARD MCINNIS (and Assistant Head Coach, Darnell Johnson)

I had the chance to talk to both coaches of the Men’s Basketball team here at TCC to see just exactly how our team is going to fair to this year’s line-up of matches and how the coaches felt about the team as a whole. When asked to compare teams from the past to the present, the coaches commented that the current team is the third best that they have had, further commenting on the trials and struggles of the previous two.

The interview continued with questions about the uniqueness of the current team and the possibilities of success for this season with both coaches giving their optimistic views on the subjects. The team has six great athletes including Sherman Nelson, bringing solidarity to the point guard position. Dedication and hard work will have to play an important role this year; both to the team and to each other. Coach McInnis often uses the phrase “receive, retain, release”, signifying the importance in keeping the knowledge that the coaches give and being able to use it in the games.

When asked the question, “What players do you expect the most out of?” the coaches responded with Byron Carpenter, Sherman Nelson, Terrence Palmer, and the shooters Jared Wittington, Antoine Bradley, and Domingo Ramos. Not forgetting Marcus Finklea and Paul Miles for their steadiness. Austin Whitehorne is one the coaches pick which they predict seeing the most progress from, commenting that he probably has the most to gain from this season. Other players that the coaches have their eyes on are Roynell Cuffee and Byron Carpenter.

The conclusion of the interview came with the coaches final thoughts on the team. “If the team buys into the defensive scheme and plays aggressively, they should be successful,” commented one of the coaches. If the team stays together, there should be no reason why they shouldn’t be around to compete for the VCCS championship. The keys to that are trust and consistency in the newcomers and the veterans alike.