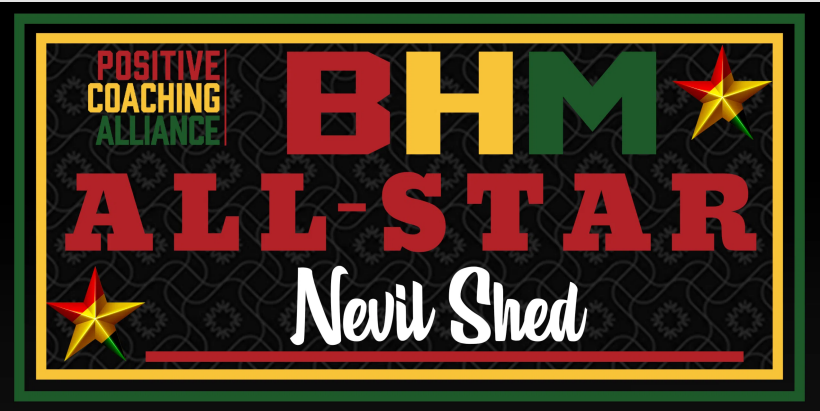




Black History Month All-Star: Nevil Shed



Growing up in the New York City borough of the Bronx, Nevil Shed grew up around poverty and crime. Attending Morris High School Texas Western Minors basketball coach Don Haskins recruited him promising his mother that he would graduate with a college degree.

Once Shed got to Texas Western, it was a difficult start for him being new to the racism and bigotry of the south. Another difficult adjustment was dealing with the African American professors that Shed felt were unreasonably demanding. After just one semester, he wanted to leave college and move back to New York City. Shed did stick it out and was rewarded for his decision.



Once he played varsity basketball in 1964-65, Shed quickly became known for his intense defense earning him the nickname “The Shadow.” The 6-foot-8 inch forward would make every shot around him difficult and stressful. He averaged 9.6 points and 7.6 rebounds a game his three seasons on the team at the school.

In 1966, the Minors won the National Championship, defeating coach Adolph Ruff led the Kentucky Wildcats team 72-65. Texas Western became the first team to win the title game with an all-black starting lineup in this historic game. Although Shed came off the bench, his defense played a vital role in the victory. That season his contribution to the team averaged 10.6 points and 7.9 rebounds a game.

The Boston Celtics drafted Shed with the 9th pick in the 2nd round of the NBA draft. He would suffer a leg injury on a layup during training camp ending his career as a rookie. After the disappointment, he would eventually head back to Texas Western as an assistant coach.

Shed served as a Coordinator for Student Activities at the University of Texas-San Antonio for 25 years. Shed now is a director for a summer youth training camp for the San Antonio Spurs. He was a substitute teacher at Metzger Middle School in Converse, Texas, near San Antonio. He has also worked with Judson High School as a greeter and an ISS teacher. ISS teachers coordinate, provide and supervise instructional and behavioral activities for students.



Texas Western University is now known as the University of Texas El Paso. Glory Road in 2006 depicted the journey of that 1967 team winning an ESPY for Best Sports Film. In 2007 the 1967 Texas Western Minor basketball team was inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

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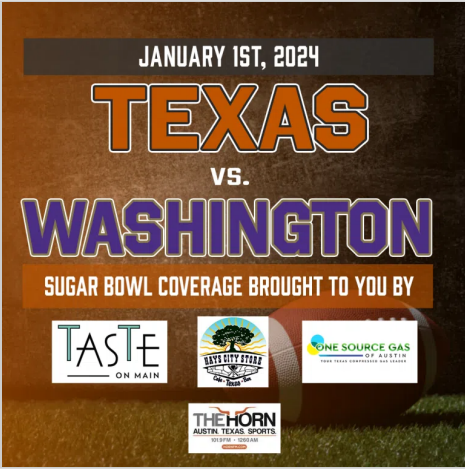
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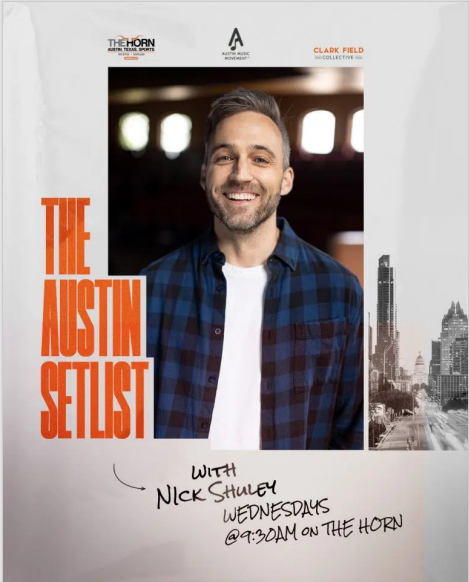
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