

**TERRY** *from B1*

turned Yoncalla down and didn't come.

**CGS: What changed?**

DT: I had an opportunity to apply for Cottage Grove to be the head coach. I know they

went the route of hiring an alum there which I understand, I totally get it. I'm an alum here so they're excited about that. Having an alum at your school is kind of more - it's like hiring a relative.

So I decided, hm, I'll contact

Yoncalla. I'll see. I know the job was still posted. 'Hey is there still an opening there?' and so Mr. Barry, the superintendent principal said yes they are interested in interviewing me and I got hired for the head coaching job here. It wasn't until August so I finished the Cottage Grove summer season and kind of was looking for a job and this opened up so here I am.

**CGS: What are the challenges of coming into a new group?**

DT: I think this is one of the toughest things. I know everybody says your first year as a head coach at a school that's not known to you, the players, is the toughest year. So I think I'm going to use some of the advantages of being an alum. Even though that was 30 years ago, a lot of things have changed and none of the players know me a lot of community members still know me. And so that was nice. But as far as that, I think build-

ing relationships is huge. I think whether you are a new coach or have been coaching a long time building relationship with the players.

But I think coming in, talking about me being an alum, talking about the passion and the tradition. That's huge, that's kind of the theme this year. Our shooter shirts are going to have tradition on it. Just to kind of get them to buy in to the school pride and tradition. Build on what they have.

There's a lot of good things, Yoncalla, I know, has always been competitive in all their sports. And try to build on that and I think kids are hungry for a coach to come in and have good structure, organization and bring a good brand of basketball to Yoncalla so they can compete.

**CGS: As the third coach in the last three years at Yoncalla, how do you bring stability to the program?**

DT: I think I go back to relationships and finding, I like to find out and assess their skill level. Not only their skill level and who their personalities and then bring that together. Because they all have different personalities, they've all been through a lot, like you said, last three years. Some of them have played for that coach that left a couple years ago. Some had the new coach. And then they had another coach because of medical issues and whatever was going on with another coach. A lot of changes for them and that's hard.

And so I think me being an alumni, my goal, you never know year to year what changes. I see myself being here for a little bit. There's no guarantees but my goal is to be here to build a program. Because we do have a lot of young players that can make an impact. What I would say is look out for Yoncalla next

year. Not that I don't want to win big this year, because I do. I'm a competitor, I want to win big. But it's your first year and you've got to get the kids to believe and buy into your system and we have, on top of the talent we have, we have a lot of young talent that's going to be returning next year that I think is going to make a bigger impact.

**CGS: What are your goals for this season?**

DT: I think, to be realistic, try to compete. You know, first of all, don't worry about the wins and just go out there and compete and try to win some ball games and improve. Like I said, as a coach, I honestly look at the big picture because you have to. You have to look at our youth program. At a small school it can be tough but look at our youth program, look at our JV and look at all those players and coach to your strength and what's coming up.

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| <b>Game: 2M Points</b>                               | Second Place: -23                                       | Dave Tooker, Leon Hayes                        | Fourth Place (tie): -21                         | Rickard, Gary Sparks    |
| First Place: -24                                     | Ron Ackerman, Keith Rowling, Don Hanly, Jack Strickland | Fourth Place (tie): -21                        | Gary Ackley, Jake Cox, Jim Lehl, Bob Martindale | Low Gross: Dan Smith 68 |
| Manny Anderson, Rick LeBrun, Gary Ordway, Mike Stahl | Third Place: -22  | Jim Hoover, Gary Rider, Dan Smith, Jim Wamsley | Sixth Place: -18                                | Jake Cox 71             |
|  | Larry Emery, Todd Dennis,                               |  | Larry Eyman, Gary Ingram, Pat                   | Gary Rider 74           |
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LARRY This Week Stats: 9-3 Season Stats: 87-53

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