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“A Bright Future Ahead” Campaign Update

Monte and P.D. Towe Name #6 Tennis Court

We are very pleased to announce that Coach Monte and P.D. Towe have pledged to name the #6 tennis court as a part of the “A Bright Future Ahead” Campaign. Monte and P. D. are both active members of the club. Please join me in thanking them for their support!

Some things you may not know about Monte Towe from Wikipedia:

“Monte Towe attended Oak Hill High School in Converse, Indiana. He was the starting point guard on North Carolina State’s 1974 NCAA championship team, and also played varsity baseball for NC State, earning All-ACC recognition in basketball and playing on conference championship teams in both sports. (One of his baseball and basketball teammates, Tim Stoddard, would go on to have success as a Major League Baseball pitcher.) In 1975, the 5’7” (1.7 m) Towe received the Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award as the year’s best college player under 6 feet (1.8 m) tall. Monte Towe and David Thompson are credited with “inventing” the alley-oop. Because dunking was illegal at the time, Towe would throw the ball to Thompson while he was in the air and Thompson would gently drop the ball in the basket. Towe was drafted by the Denver Nuggets in the third round of the 1975 ABA Draft and by the Atlanta Hawks in the fourth round of the 1975 NBA Draft. Towe joined Thompson in signing with Denver, for whom he played in 1976 in the final year of the American Basketball Association and in 1977 when Denver joined the NBA. He played in the 1976 ABA All-Star game when the game format was Denver vs. All-Stars. After his retirement as a player, Towe became an assistant coach under Norm Sloan, first at NC State (1979-80) and then at the University of Florida (1981-89). During the 1990s, he was coach and general manager of two teams in the Global Basketball Association; coach of a professional team in Venezuela (Marinos de Oriente); an assistant coach of the Sioux Falls Skyforce of the Continental Basketball Association under head coach Flip Saunders; coach of two junior college teams; and an assistant coach at the University of North Carolina at Asheville. In 2000, Towe was named head basketball coach at the University of New Orleans. He compiled a 70-78 record over five seasons. In May 2006, he left UNO to become associate head coach at North Carolina State under new head coach Sidney Lowe. Towe was inducted into the Indiana Basketball Hall of Fame in 2002.”

Again, I would like to encourage all of you to consider one of the many naming opportunities listed in the campaign website at:

http://www.ncsuclub.com/filelib/FileCabinet/OTHER/Naming_Rights.pdf?FileName=Naming_Rights.pdf

If you, or if you know of someone, are interested in making a contribution to the “A Bright Future Ahead” Campaign, please contact any member of the Board, staff, or me at keith_oakley@ncsu.edu, 919.515.9262 - office or 919.612.3135 - cell.

Thank you for membership and support of the Club!

Best wishes,

Keith Oakley



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