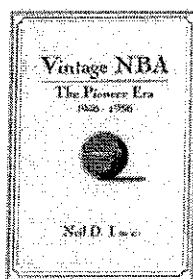


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Tosheff's Old School

Pushin' the desire (pay attention wannabes)

By Bill Tosheff
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Segments written for one Nitin Dhiman, MD, related a desire of an unknown, who should have been known, and what he's doing to gain the attention of the pro basketball upper echelon to at least get a look-see of what he's got on floor offensively and defensively.

Is this happening? Just a little bit. But with confirmation to action ... no, not yet. The drill now is contacts, contacts, contacts. Unending and wherever possible.

Still running each day to keep his skills in tune. So what's been the action thus far. Here's a small part of the "push", to gain attention.

A call to "Pop", yes, that "Pop", Greg Popovich, GM & Coach of the world champs San Antonio Spurs. The first call was direct to "Pop's", secretary. "Sorry, Greg, and the team are in the Virgin Islands, doing their training sessions and will be back next week."

A quick E-mail directly to "Pop", listing some of the salient facts about Nitin. Wow, a response a week later which said, "My name is Sam Presti, I serve as the Assistant GM for the Spurs. Pop, passed along your E-mail to him and I wanted to follow up. When would a good time to speak on the phone?" An answer, nice.

Now, three return calls and two E-mails to Presti, nothing, no response. Quit, no. Just keep on messaging. You see, one of the answers to the gaining at least a "hearing", is continual pushing for responses. How do I know this? Hell, I made the calls and messaging. Why? Because this talented player can make the grade if given the chance.

That's what anybody wants, isn't it? Besides, I've trained him, tested him to the highest degree outside of putting on a NBA uniform and hitting the court for action. Are you listening, you wannabes?

Moving on. Calls were made to the Charlotte Bobcats, per Bernie Bickerstaff. Trying to get action from a phone call to the "Bobcats" offices is like running against the old East Berlin Wall -- *tough*. OK, let's do some E-mailing and see if any action develops. Not only that, two fax transmissions were sent simply stating who I am, why I called, and would my past NBA experiences as a player motivate somebody to respond just if anything, respect me? The answer, yes, there came a call. Leslie Purcell, Manager of Basketball Operations called and we did talk.

"Look", said I, "I know Bernie, is in the need of a shooting guard; at least that's what the media has reported. I want to again impress the potential fix for this situation with a possible look-see for Dr. Dhiman, in Charlotte. In addition, Nitin Dhiman, played with your point Kareem Rush, when both were in high school performing for Pembroke High, Kansas City, Mo. Ask Kareem, about Nitin, commonly titled by Kareem, as 'Sunny.'"

Purcell answered back that Nitin's name did in fact come up.

Now, the tough part at this stage of DESIRE, is the fact that the season is



but one week away. Rosters are full, trades are being made, and Nitin had not attended any team camp. He was still located in the Dominican Republic, where he finished his medical school requirements with the result that he is now a full fledged medical doctor. He played pro ball in the Dominican League and did great; but, nobody from the States saw his action.

Yes, the doc did attend two worthless summer camps, one in Florida, and the other in the Southern California Summer League, in Long Beach. Three hundred fifty dollars, a round trip plane ticket from Tennessee, room and board while at the three day camp ... all proved a total loss. The doc did not play against any of the NBA clubs that had their teams in the league, only against the makeup teams. He played against a multitude of small in size, 3-point shooters. Did he ever get the rock? Hardly. How many games did he play? Just two. Ridiculous.

After returning to Tennessee, I got the call. Would I evaluate and train the doc? My answer? OK, let's get after it. Previous segments on this matter explained the drill ([check the archives](#)).

So what's next? First, if you, as a "wannabe", want to be evaluated by film, DVD, or whatever, make sure what you send in to be evaluated is a professional job. You are being represented by a process -- and not human look-in-your-face action. Inadequate presentation will seal your desire to failure.

A couple of determinations must be made (1) Do I go on with my life without pro basketball? (2) Do I reevaluate my presentations and try again? (3) How long do I pursue my desire and how' does my age fit? (4) Do I keep working, keep active messaging, stay in top shape as best I can just in case? SURE.

Look, desire is strong medicine. FEED OFF OF IT. And as Edward R. Murrow, would say at the end of his TV & radio shows ... Good night, and good luck.

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Tosh's Old School

Doctor continues to chase basketball dreams

By Bill Tosheff
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In the past few months, I've written on-going reports of a multitasking man, a man who is chasing his basketball dreams.

On one hand, he is a trained medical doctor who's taken the Hippocratic Oath to help those in physical distress. It is an honorable and needed profession -- something to which he will devote many years of his life, taking care of virtually thousands of patients who will put their trust in his care.

He will evaluate and diagnose, giving his patients the relief that he was trained to provide. And Dr. Nitin Dhimin is ready, oh so ready. So nurse, send in the next patient.

On the other hand, he is a darned good basketball player. My previous reports on his basketball ability have been written to provide him with an opportunity to pay for play -- whether it be in the NBA, CBA, or overseas.

To date, the Doctor remains in basketball limbo, waiting for a door to open.

Dialog with NBA Development League director Chris Alpert has revealed that before a player is considered, he must be placed in a "player pool," with a tape of his past performances submitted for review. A complete bio is also required. In Dr. Dhimin's case, a bio is available, but not a film. Subsequently, he's received no consideration from the D-League.

Calls have also been made to Jewell Harris Jr., general manager of the CBA's Gary Steelheads. No response. Messages to Atlanta Hawks assistant coach David Fizdale have also gone unanswered.

Frustrating? You bet.

On the bright side, at least San Antonio Spurs assistant GM Sam Presti is allowing me to update him on the Doctor's progress. He actually asked to be updated. That's nice.

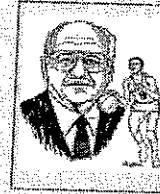
And I have told Sam that the Doctor can outshoot anybody on the Spurs, and I mean it. He can. He's got the stroke.

So what am I saying here? For the Doctor to pack it in and quit? No way! As long as there remains a strong will, there remains a way for the Doctor to crack into the big time. Maybe not this year, but the next. We'll see.

Most important is the fact that the Doctor and I are a team. We have bonded in our search for success. I am sure something will develop, and I for one will keep pushing our agenda.

Working with and training the Doctor was a great experience for me. I have grown via another man's desire. I've been to the top, and know what it means. Now let's see if I can open the door for him.

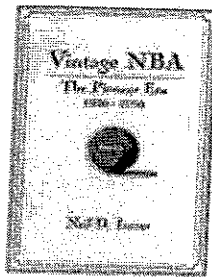
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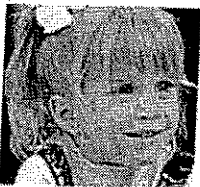
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And to you who have followed my reports on the Doctor, take heed. Learn from our experience and prepare to prove yourself. You may never be a doctor like Dr. Nitin Dhimin, MD. Just take what he's experiencing as prescription for your own big-time attempts.

Stay tuned. Good night, and good luck.

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