

Paul Pressey follows in father's footsteps

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Sports smorgasbord, while wondering whatever happened former Comanche basketball coach Gene Westmoreland:

If the name of University of Missouri basketball player Phil Pressey rings a bell, it should. He is the youngest son of Paul Pressey, who helped Western Texas College win the national junior college championship in 1980.

Nolan Richardson was the WTC coach and after that undefeated season, he was hired by Tulsa. He recruited Pressey and his roommate, Mike Anderson with him. Pressey played in the NBA for several years and he made playing point guard a major part of the game.

Anderson was the Missouri coach when he recruited both Matt Pressey and Phil to become Tigers.

It was figured they would go to Arkansas when Anderson was hired after last season, but they stayed put. Maybe the family moves during Paul's pro career had something to do with it.

Matt, a senior, had played this year, but was hobbled late in the season and his absence hurt the Tigers because his main job was shutting down the opposition's leading scorer.

Phil took a rushed 3-point shot just before the final buzzer sounded and Norfolk State upset the Tigers, 86-84, in the second round.

But he's just a sophomore, and he has time left to help the Tigers win a national title like his dad, who now is an assistant coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers.

Benson, Bengals done

Cedric Benson's career with the Cincinnati Bengals may be over because they signed BenJarvis Green-Ellis.

Even if they get one, the Bengals plan to use the running back position by committee with former ACU standout Bernard Scott and probably a draft choice in the mix.

Scott has been Benson's backup and he was worked into the passing game in addition to returning kicks.

Ireland under fire

The heat continues to be on former Cooper grad Jeff Ireland as general manager of the Miami Dolphins despite getting a pat on the back by the owner.

It did not help when he could not hire Jim Harbaugh or Jeff Fisher as the head coach nor could he lure quarterbacks Peyton Manning or Matt Flynn although Manning owns a condo on South Beach.

Harbaugh left Stanford and moved a short distance away when he was hired by San Francisco. Fisher took a job with St. Louis, Manning signed with Denver and Flynn joined the Seattle Seahawks.

Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Ryan Clark, who almost signed with Miami, was quoted as saying no one in the league wants to go there. He put the blame on the GM, but there are always two sides to a story.

Shilcutt good to go for Senior Games

Abilene Bryan Shilcutt is over his injury and last week and qualified for the National Senior Games track meet in Cleveland come August. He won the 50-meter dash and was second in both the 100 and 200 meters, but he won't have to face the winner because Shilcutt has graduated to the 55-59 age bracket.

Abilenians Kay and Floyd Meredith competed in the 1,500 and 5,000 walk and former ACU football player Jan Brown was in the sprints.

Ex-HSU player Poss honored

Delnor Poss, a former Hardin-Simmons basketball great, was inducted into the San Angelo Sports Hall of Fame last week along with five others and members of the 1963 state basketball championship team.

Poss led the Cowboys in scoring his senior year and had a single game high of 34 points. He also ran track. He later coached at Big Spring and became a college basketball official and worked many games in Abilene. He has spent 35 years at Midland College.

Others inducted were football quarterbacks Gary Mullins and Milton Rathbone, diver Jessie Marsh, gymnastics star Gerald Martin, tennis great Bernard "Tut" Bartzon and trackman Lewis "Smokey" Brothers, who anchored the mile relay to first place at the national meet held in Chicago.

Don't overlook Radway

A blogger named Mike recently made his sleeper and bust list for pro fantasy football selections and he lists former ACU receiver Raymond Radway as a sleeper along with 49ers running back Kendall Hunter, quarterback Robert Griffin III and Rams quarterback Sam Bradford. I do not know what Mike had to drink but among his busts are quarterbacks Andrew Luck, Cam Newton, Peyton Manning and "any Colts player."

End of quote

"I keep both eyes on my man. The basket hasn't moved on me yet," — former pro basketball legend Julius Irving.

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