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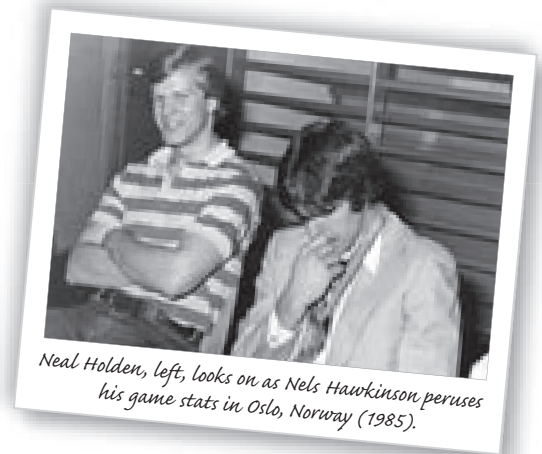
Basketball Travelers Celebrates 20th Anniversary



To think **Basketball Travelers, Inc.** started twenty years ago with two guys that simply wanted to travel to Europe for free!

Back in 1985, Nels Hawkinson and Neal Holden longed to return to Europe. Both had finished their playing careers just three years earlier, competing for professional teams in Oslo, Norway. Nels then became the head women's coach at Seattle Pacific University and Neal a systems analyst for Weyerhaeuser.

Sadly, there were no European travel plans in sight. Then the idea formed . . . what if they took American college teams over to Europe to play, and in return got to travel with the team for free? In March 1986, Basketball Travelers was incorporated and three months later Hawkinson was on his way to Europe with their first client, the Pac-Ten All Stars coached by Ralph Miller.



Neal Holden, left, looks on as Nels Hawkinson peruses his game stats in Oslo, Norway (1985).



Twenty years later, Holden and Hawkinson still young at heart.

While that first tour netted just \$18.00, Hawkinson and Holden were well on their way to a successful business model based upon integrity, experience and customer satisfaction. Most of all, they both shared a strong desire to glorify the Lord in all their business dealings. In the past twenty years the company has serviced over 2000 teams that have participated in foreign tours, exhibition games, and tournaments. 261 American teams have traveled to 35 different countries via Basketball Travelers tours. 396 foreign teams have represented 43 different countries, playing in a total of 3,192 U.S. November exhibition games. To service this amount of business, seven other employees and two additional partners, Craig and Jeff Jonas, now join founders Hawkinson and Holden.

From their modest beginning, Hawkinson and Holden probably didn't imagine their simple dream to travel would culminate in television contracts and dealings with such prestigious programs as Duke, North Carolina, Tennessee and Connecticut, to name but a few. After twenty years, Basketball Travelers, Inc. has developed into a company that positively impacts and serves the basketball community in a way their founders could never have imagined or planned.

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain." Psalm 127:1 (NIV)

Major NCAA Rule Changes Anticipated for Game Scheduling

Significant rule changes involving game scheduling are anticipated in April, should the NCAA management council approve the proposed legislation. If the new rules are adopted, the actual number of games a team can play in a season could increase considerably. Following is an abbreviated outline of the proposed legislation:

- An institution may participate in a "multi-team event" **EVERY** year (formerly called a certified event).
- A "multi-team event" counts as only one game in your schedule, but you may play up to four games in the event.
- The conference tournament will not count toward your maximum of 28 games.
- You may play in a "multi-team event" **AND** take a foreign tour in the same year.
- Opening weekend will be moved to the 2nd Friday in November.

Wisconsin Captures Paradise Jam Title



Bo Ryan steered his team to the 2005 Paradise Jam Championship.



The Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands is a 3-for-1 tournament held annually in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands at the island's state-of-the-art Sports and Fitness Center. The 2006 tournament field includes Villanova, Iowa, Xavier, Alabama, Middle Tennessee State, Virginia Commonwealth, Toledo and College of Charleston. **Call now for entry into the 2007 tournament or go to ParadiseJam.com for more details.**

It's a little-known fact that badgers travel in packs...even across the tropical blue waters of the Caribbean. The horde of Wisconsin fans that converged on St. Thomas were treated to a track meet when their Badgers team outlasted Old Dominion for the championship of the Paradise Jam at University of the Virgin Islands. Wisconsin erased a ten-point first-half deficit, then another 8 point 2nd half shortfall to seize the lead and bring home an 84-81 victory.

The atmosphere was electric for what proved to be the most exciting title game in the five-year tournament history. A record crowd of 3,147 reflected the large and vocal contingents that accompanied both ODU and Wisconsin to the island. Wisconsin's Alando Tucker exhibited incredible offensive talent to earn the tournament MVP honors, as well as the single-game high scoring honor in the tournament record books.

In the consolation games, Georgia defeated Eastern Kentucky for third place and Fordham defeated Norfolk State for 5th place.

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UNLV, BTI Offer New Tournament

UNLV and Basketball Travelers, Inc. have teamed to offer the "Duel in the Desert" Dec. 17-19 in Las Vegas. This 3-for-1 tournament includes UNLV (host), Norfolk State, Texas A&M - Corpus Christi, and a team TBA. CSTV will likely televise some of the games.

Call our office to inquire about 2007.



Basketball Travelers Classics Offer Flexibility

The Basketball Travelers Classic is BTI's newest tournament innovation, offering expanded options to teams looking to host or participate in a certified tournament. The BTI Classic concept employs a 3-for-1 tournament model based on a host school and three other tournament participants. Both the host and the participants can utilize options to roll their fees or earnings into future participation in foreign tours or warm-weather tournaments such as the Paradise Jam or the Hawaii Surf 'N Slam. BYU was the first team to contract a host opportunity for a Basketball Travelers Classic, followed by Old Dominion.

Call our office for more information on tournament participation or host opportunities.

2006 Summer and Labor Day Tours Still Available

Foreign tours are still one of the best means to give your players added game experience and team bonding opportunities. Summer tours offer the most game opportunities, but if your school has a Fall break over Labor Day, you can take your freshmen and transfers. Should the 2-in-4 rule change in April, you can even take a foreign tour this year **AND** participate in a certified tournament in the upcoming season. **Tour options include Europe, Australia, Canada, Bahamas.**

2005 TOUR TEAMS

Summer:

Western Kentucky, Ohio, Nevada, NIT All Stars, Central Florida

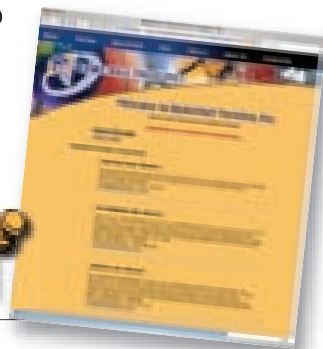
Fall:

North Carolina, Colorado, Troy, Cal. State Northridge, Marshall

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Find Non-Conference Games Easier Using BTI's Web Bulletin

The NABC and Basketball Travelers, Inc. continue their commitment to offer Division I coaches access to the finest web-based scheduling bulletin board available. Unrivaled in numbers of participants, the complimentary service assists coaches in booking or posting non-conference games and tournaments. Coaches can post game openings or view games currently posted. The site is constantly being improved and expanded based on feedback from users. **Call our office if you need assistance with posting or viewing games.**



UAF, BTI Offer "BP Top of the World Classic"

University of Alaska-Fairbanks has contracted with Basketball Travelers, Inc. to continue their partnership through 2008. BTI assists UAF with securing teams for the BP Top of the World Classic. The 3-for-1 tournament annually offers eight teams a taste of true Alaska hospitality, including dog sled rides, gold panning, ice carvings, incredible fan support, and a myriad of other truly Alaskan experiences. Competitive guarantees are offered by UAF to participate in this tournament. The 2006 field is filled by UAF (host), Centenary, Drake, Rhode Island, Southeast Missouri State, Troy, Utah State and Weber State. **Call for entrance into the 2007 field and beyond.**



Teams Follow Foreign Tour with Season Success

Of the nine NCAA teams who participated in foreign tours with Basketball Travelers, Inc. in 2005, one finished the regular season nationally ranked, one captured the regular-season conference championship, and one accomplished both feats. North Carolina gained early-season experience for a team that returned only one player with significant minutes played in the 2004-05 championship season. The Tarheels took a 3-day Labor Day tour to Nassau, Bahamas in September to kick off their season early. "(Chemistry) was the biggest benefit," Roy Williams said. "The kids were able to spend some time together. They got to room with different people than they room with at home, and the older guys were able to take care of the freshmen and give them some advice. We were able to get together as a team now rather than waiting until October 14."

Nevada and Western Kentucky enjoyed longer summer tours that provided the opportunity for extra games and team-building. The Hilltoppers, who decisively won the regular-season Sun Belt Conference championship, took their game to Spain this August, playing five games against tough Spanish competition. During their tour they also watched a bullfight in Madrid, visited the Olympic Park in Barcelona, and toured Valencia and Zaragoza. The Wolfpack, AP #20 and WAC champions, played five games in Italy in August. The team also enjoyed a boat trip on Lake Como, a visit to Juliet's balcony in Verona, a look at Pisa's leaning tower, a trip to the Vatican, and a gondola ride on the canals of Venice.

Darrin Horn, WKU Head Coach, "The success we have experienced this season began last summer in Spain. Our trip was a great experience both in preparing us for the upcoming season and in giving our young men a unique opportunity to visit a foreign country. The tour was extremely well-planned and organized and it exceeded my expectations."



Nevada visits the Leaning Tower of Pisa in Italy

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*"Whatever you do,
work at it with all your heart,
as working for the Lord,
not for men."
~ Col. 3:23*



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