



Eyes focused on the scoreboard, **Coach Brett Cloud** paces the floor in a close game against Jefferson. After a close fight, the Roughnecks were edged out by the Bulldogs in a 43-46 loss.
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CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF BASKETBALL

Junior varsity basketball coach promoted to head position

With 25 year veteran **Coach, Ron Boyett**, stepping down from the head basketball coach position, assistant **Coach, Brett Cloud**, will fill his shoes. Coach Cloud begins his new assignment effective immediately.

"First and foremost, I feel honored and blessed to have the opportunity to head the White Oak basketball program," Cloud said. "It is true that I'm following the career of a Texas coaching legend, and that can be looked at a couple different ways. Obviously the bar of achievement has been set at a high mark, and that can be intimidating, but as a competitor, I think that is a great thing."

Cloud has been the assistant Varsity coach and head Junior Varsity coach for the past four years here at White Oak. Previous to this, he was the head basketball and tennis coach for seven years in Harmony. Cloud has watched Boyett over the years as he has taken the Roughnecks to many District, Area, and Regional titles, as well as two back-to-back State championships.

"Some qualities I have learned from watching Coach Boyett are his attention to detail, organizational skills, and his dedication to the game," Cloud said. "They are all very inspiring. Those are aspects that I want to continue to emphasize as I take control of this program."

Boyett was Cloud's coach all four years of high school. Cloud has experienced the expectations of dedication, hard work, and passion for the game that Boyett has established.

"I want to continue an established tradition of success. The old adage 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it' applies in my

situation. As far as my legacy, I want to consistently put basketball teams on the court that play harder, tougher, and more prepared than the opponent," said Cloud.

"I want those athletes to be able to take principles learned throughout my program and successfully apply those once the ball stops bouncing. If people can say that about me when I move on, then I will consider my time here a success. However, it would be nice if we won a lot of basketball games along the way though."

Cloud only plans on making a few adjustments and has full trust in the program he is taking over.

"We will have to adjust our offense somewhat to fit the personnel we'll have returning next year. The offense will have some minor adjustments, but most of the concepts flow right into our current schemes," said Cloud. "I think it will suit what will, most likely, be a smaller lineup and allow our guys to attack the basket but still have guys in position to knock down the three. Aside from that, I don't want, or need, to change much. All the guys we'll have returning have gone to battle with me before in practice and on the JV level, so they know what to expect from me and my coaching style."

Coach Cloud hopes to continue a legacy of his own as well.

"I will look forward to leading the next group of guys to success on the court," said Cloud. "I will cherish the opportunity to help instill some life-essential principles that others, including Coach Boyett, instilled in me. Sports are a great vehicle to impact young lives in a positive way. This is my chance to pay that forward."

Successful Moments: "My key to success in Coach Gossage's class is to try to understand what I'm doing a little better." **Karl Anderson** [9]

"The key to success in math would be to study and do all the work." **Dalton Sumrow** [9]

Just try to stay positive and remember that this hard work is going to pay off." **Justice Davis** [9]

"To focus and work 110% to get your work done right." **Alyssa Evans** [9]

"My hardest is Coach Gossage's class. My key to success is to take good notes as he always says." **Macaela Alexander** [9]

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