
Underwhelmed

Posted by SUMG - 2008/04/08 14:09

So, here we are a year after a NCAA tournament appearance....and we've signed Ben Knox and now have a commitment from this kid. No offense intended, but we're still at the point where we're battling FIU, ULM and UALR for a kid? That's all I need to know.

JJ's mind must be more on getting the LSU gig....here's the story;

Arkansas-Fort Smith Junior College point guard Dominique Johnson has committed to North Texas. I just got off the phone with second player to commit to the Mean Green for its next recruiting class.

Johnson also had offers from Louisiana-Monroe, Florida International and Arkansas-Little Rock. He was a second-team all-conference selection.

Johnson will fill UNT's need for a second ball-handler to allow Josh White to play off the ball next season.

For more on Johnson, check back on the blog later today and be sure to pick up tomorrow's edition of the Denton Record-Chronicle

Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/08 15:49

Well, I guess you could say we beat out the Division champions for a kid?

Honestly, I'm not sure how to take this signing. We can't really have a starting backcourt that small can we? Or is he purely a backup?

Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/08 19:41

But let me add.....a welcome home to Dominique Johnson. I hope he proves us all wrong. Didn't we have some questions about Josh's height at first too?

Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by SUMG - 2008/04/08 20:31

CMJ wrote:

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I didn't...because I've seen plenty of guys that size get the job done.

I'm much more concerned with the fact that JJ has one signee and one commitment and neither one of them even averaged 10 ppg.

Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by scrappy - 2008/04/08 21:04

I think the most important issue is that we haven't addressed our needs. Wooden and Q's absence will be felt.

Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/08 22:28

1. Josh White
2. Collin Dennis
3. Adam McCoy
4. Harold Stewart
5. George Odufwa

Johnson spelling Josh. Tristan able to come in for Collin or Adam. Mangrum might be a good sub too. Kedrick & Justin both can steal minutes in the frontcourt.

We definitely need more size, but I still think we're gonna be dangerous given what we have coming back.

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Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by GrandGreen - 2008/04/09 15:55

Johnson was signed to be a back up point guard, Those that think White will be an off guard are wrong IMO. I would guess JJ found it very difficult to recruit a high school pg with White with three more years.

I think NT should be at least as good as last years team in 2008-2009. The team with a healthy Wooden was very good, but without a healthy Wooden, it was very mediocre.

Assuming no major help with the last two recruits. The starting point will be White with Johnson as backup. NT has a good stable of wings with Thompson, Dennis, Mangrum and McCoy. I project that Dennis and Thompson will start. I like everyone else am assuming Odufawa is going to be at one of the front court positions. If this guy is not a much better than average player, then NT will be in trouble next year. I believe that Howerton and Stewart will split minutes at the center position. Other than White, Howerton had NT's best performance against WKU at Mobile.

Right now, it looks like another .500 or slightly better Belt team. I think the guards will be very strong but the front court looks very questionable at this time. I hope I am wrong but I don't see a lot of help being recruited this year.

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Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by CMJ - 2008/04/09 16:19

Hey...welcome GranGreen!!

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Re:Underwhelmed

Posted by Evan - 2008/04/09 18:50

Since it doesn't look like we are going to get a impact big man, I hope to see Stewart starting next season and this team running up and down the floor and pressing like wild men. Use our strengths to our advantage and don't try to make something happen in the paint that isn't there. It will be interesting to see how JJ handles it and if he will change the style of play to fit his personnel.

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