

Paul Mokeski



**Over 30 years of
basketball experience**

Playing Career

Paul was a four year starter at the University of Kansas, and a two year All Big Eight selection. He was the 42nd overall pick in the 1979 NBA Draft

Paul played with 5 different NBA Teams over a 12 year span, from 1979-1991 (Houston Rockets, Detroit Pistons, Cleveland Cavs, Milwaukee Bucks and the Golden State Warriors), making the NBA Playoffs in each of his final 9 seasons.

Paul played with many former and current NBA coaches/executives such as Isiah Thomas, Moses Malone, Sidney Moncrief, Jack Sikma, Bob McAdoo, Larry Drew, Mike Dunleavy, Rudy Tomjanovich, Rod Higgins, Kevin Pritchard, Chris Mullen, Phil Hubbard, Brian Winters, Paul Pressey, Scott Skiles, and many more

Played for 2 Hall of Fame coaches and 4 NBA Coaches of the Year:

Del Harris ('95 NBA Coach of the Year)

Tom Nissalke ('77 NBA Coach of the Year)

Don Nelson (NBA Hall of Fame; 3-time NBA Coach of the Year; #1 All Time Wins Leader)

Lenny Wilkens (NBA Hall of Fame; '94 NBA Coach of the Year; #2 All Time Wins Leader)



NBA Coaching Career

2007-2008

Assistant Coach, Charlotte Bobcats

As Defensive Coordinator, implemented and monitored defensive coverages for pick/roll, post up, rotations, etc.

Design defensive plan/coverage for each game.

Defensive Accountability System-grade and implementation.

On court presentation of game plan to players at shoot around.

Compiled scouting reports for coaches.

2001-2006

Advance Scout/Player Development Coach, Dallas Mavericks

Responsible for advance scouting of the entire league.

Defensive break down each game to give individual and team grade.

Compile detailed scouting reports to diagram defensive and offensive schemes.

Prepared team play off book for each opponent.

Develop individual player skills, especially the big men.

Head Coach- 2005 Long Beach Summer League.

1995-1996

College Scout, Miami Heat

Evaluated college players and potential draft choices.

Attended Portsmouth, Chicago and Phoenix pre-draft camps with Miami.



NBA D-League Coaching Career

2013-2014

Associate Head Coach, Rio Grande Valley Vipers
Responsible for Defense, opponent scouting reports and player development

Assistant coach for D League All Star Game
3 players called up to the NBA

2011-2013

Head Coach, Reno Bighorns
Total responsibility for all decisions on player trades.
Total responsibility for draft decisions.
All on court decisions, practice plans, player development.
Represented team at community events.
Three players called up to the NBA.

2009-2011

Assistant Coach, Rio Grande Valley Vipers
Assistant coach NBDL All Star Game and NBDL Championship.
Responsible for defensive coverages and Accountability System.
Team recorded a NBDL record number of players called up to the NBA.
Player development, scouting reports.

2008-2009

Assistant Coach, Anaheim Arsenal
Defensive coordinator, game plans and player development

2006-2007

Assistant Coach, Fort Worth Flyers
Implement defensive coverages and monitoring during games.
Defensive Accountability System-grade and implementation.
Assistant Coach NBDL All Star Game.
On court presentation of game plan, and prepare locker room board.
Individual player workouts with focus on post player.



International Coaching Career

2016-Present

Head Coach / General Manager, Moncton Miracles NBL Canada
Made all personnel and basketball decisions

2014-2015

Associate Head Coach, Brampton A's NBL Canada
Help organize and run practices
Put together scouting reports and game plans

2012

Head Coach, Great Britain National Futures Team
Responsible for implementing game plans and strategies.
Evaluating which players would contribute to the Senior Team

2010-2012

Assistant Coach, Great Britain's Senior Men's Olympic Team
Responsible for defensive coverages and Accountability System.
Player development specializing in big men.
Team qualified for Olympics in 2012

2009-2010

Assistant Coach, Jamaica Senior Men's National Team
Won FIBA Caribbean Championship qualifying for Centrobasket Tournament.
Defensive Coordinator, game strategy and player development



Additional Coaching Experience

2018-Present

Head Coach / General Manager
Nevada Desert Dogs, NAPB (North American Premier Basketball League)
In charge of all basketball and personnel decisions
Help with sponsorship and ticket sales

2015

Head Coach, Team USA Jones Cup
2015 Jones Cup in Taiwan against top international competition
Responsible for all aspects of the offense, defense, and game preparation

1999-2000

Assistant Coach, University of Southern California

1998-1999

Assistant Coach, University of Stony Brook

1993-1995

Head Coach/Director of Player Personnel, Hartford Hellcats
(Continental Basketball Association)

1992-1993

Assistant Coach, Quad City Thunder
(Continental Basketball Association)



Comments from Coach Lee Rose

“Speaking from a 50 year career as a coaching lifer in college, the NBA, and 6 years as Coaching Supervisor of the NBA Development League, there is one necessity each team must have to be successful: a coach who knows and can teach Low-Post techniques and tactics. Who better to teach these essentials fundamentals than Paul Mokeski, a player who’s made his living playing and studying the low-post skills and drills.

Following a successful 12 year NBA playing career that ended in 1991, Coach Mokeski continues to sharpen his extensive expertise in professional venues. Stops include the NBA, CBA, NBA D-League, the Jamaican National Team, the European Championship U 20 Division B in Sarajevo, Bosnia, Assistant Coach of the Olympic British National Team, and two successful seasons as Head Coach of the Reno Bighorns.

I had the privilege of working with Coach Mokeski in the NBA and I speak with complete confidence when I say he’s knowledgeable, personable, and brings a work ethic that underscores the term success. Coach Mokeski would be an asset to any franchise interested in winning”

-Coach Lee Rose



Additional comments

"Paul is knowledgeable in all phases of the game and is specifically an outstanding big man developer. He has truly paid his dues as a coach and has good success at all levels. Coaching against Paul Last season as the head coach of the Texas Legends, I thought he mixed up his defense better than anyone in the league and was well prepared for every game. The past three years as GM and last year as head coach of the Legends, I have seen him be an integral part of the RGV Vipers championship team two years and this past season he did an excellent job as head coach of the Reno Bighorns. After Big Mo's playing days, I followed his career through the various hills and dales of coaching until he joined us at the Dallas Mavericks as a big man coach and outstanding advanced scout."

-Del Harris, Former NBA Head Coach

"Paul is an outstanding teacher and coach who has a deep understanding of all aspects of the game. His experience and expertise have been instrumental in the success of our teams. Be it winning a D-League championship in Rio Grande Valley, qualifying for Eurobasket 2011 or competing against the world's best in the 2012 London Olympics. Paul is an asset to any team that wants to win."

-Chris Finch, Assistant Coach (Houston Rockets), Great Britain Senior National Coach, Former Rio Grande Valley Head Coach

"Paul was a knowledgeable self made NBA player for 12 years, that same blue collar mentality has served him well in his coaching career."

-Fran Fraschilla, ESPN Basketball Analyst

"Coach Paul Mokeski has accumulated a wealth of basketball knowledge from playing and coaching basketball during the past 40 years. I was fortunate to have Coach Mokeski as part of my basketball staff. His dedication to his craft, attention to the details and basketball IQ was a huge factor in the success of our basketball team."

-Sidney Moncrief, Assistant Coach Milwaukee Bucks

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