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Professional Experience

Perhaps opportunities of a lifetime might be an overstatement at this point in my journey, but nevertheless I have had the good fortune to do two things I consider memorable. The first opportunity was the chance to interview St. Joseph Hawks men's basketball coach Phil Martelli. How did such an opportunity come about? My dad and Coach Martelli attended junior high together and played on the basketball team throughout. Though attending different schools after that, they remained in contact; and more recently played together in the charitable event Coaches vs. Cancer.

Coach Martelli and I.

The interview went well and included questions such as:

-How much of coaching is instinct and how much is skill?

-Would you say playing college ball is a pre-requisite to becoming a coach?

However, the answer I found most revealing was Coach Martelli's response to the following.

-On a more personal note, you've been at this for a long time, so obviously basketball is your passion. But, if life had worked out differently, what could you see yourself doing?

I waited a minute while he thought about it and then he responded, "I really don't know, maybe I would be a high school teacher and coach, but honestly it's hard to envision not doing what I'm doing. Sometimes I jokingly tell people there are two things I would do if I didn't coach basketball, park cars or be a toll-taker. Not that every job doesn't have its pressures, but at least these jobs are for the most part predictable and any pressure ends with your shift." To me, it was clear Coach Martelli was saying that along with coaching comes worry and anxiety, which does not go away at the end of the day. The pressure is constant and every time out requires you to be at the top of your game. It was also clear however that he thought the reward and personal fulfillment was worth the anxiety.

Interning with the Sonny Hill Basketball League was another highlight for me. The experience afforded me the opportunity to see how an organization, which is well known and respected locally, runs on a day-to-day basis. Obviously, the purpose of any internship is to gain hands-on experience; and I did. My duties included setting up and breaking down equipment, recording player statistics, staff scheduling, facility maintenance and reporting scores to the Philadelphia Daily News. Updating the results and league standings placed on the Sonny Hill League website, was also one of my tasks. In addition, I was given the responsibility of scouting talent for the purpose of assembling a list of players deserving honorable mention for their outstanding season.

Mr. Hill

These experiences allowed me to explore and test my abilities in two very different aspects of the Industry. The first allowed me to test my interviewing skills and my interest in sports reporting; and the second, the opportunity to observe and participate in the mechanics of organization management. These experiences helped to sharpen strengths such as the ability to communicate well, work with diverse personalities, demonstrate leadership and complete tasks in a timely manner, all critical to future employment. In that light, any opportunity to improve in these areas has to be viewed as a chance of a lifetime.

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