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Former NBA Coach Conducting Basketball Coaches Clinic in Georgetown

Former U.S. National Basketball Association Assistant Head Coach Tom Newell is conducting a FIBA Level 1 Coaches Clinic at Cliff Anderson Sports Hall in Georgetown from May 23 – May 29, 2011. More than 50 coaches from Linden, Georgetown, Berbice, and Kwakwani are participating. The training will include both coaching clinics and practical sessions, during which Coach Newell will conduct drills with the assistance of players selected by the participating basketball associations. The event is being funded by the Guyana Olympic Association (GOA) under the Olympic Solidarity Program, and is being presented by the Guyana Amateur Basketball Federation (GABF).

GABF Vice President Michael Burnett says the great thing about having Coach Newell here for training is that “his philosophy puts education and people before the game. We are hoping through this program that coaches will become more active in developing young minds by teaching teamwork... and by presenting themselves as best examples of how youth can effectuate their upward mobility.”

Newell began his professional career in 1980 as an east coast scout for the Golden State Warriors. In 1984, he moved to Indiana to become the Director of Player Personnel for the Pacers. After two years in Indiana, Newell moved to the bench as an assistant coach with the Seattle Sonics. From 1990-1997, Newell worked with the New Jersey Nets, Milwaukee Bucks, and Dallas Mavericks while also for the first time entering the realm of international basketball. In 1995, Newell became head coach of the Greek professional team Iraklis, then in 1997 began working for the United States Basketball Academy as Director of International Clinics in Korea, Japan, and the Philippines. Coach Newell was also an assistant coach for the WNBA's Portland Fire. He now runs basketball camps for kids and coaching clinics around the globe, focusing on youth participation in basketball and teaching young people, parents, and coaches the necessary skills to be successful participants in the game.

NOTE: Press can arrange coverage of the clinic by calling GABF President David Patterson at 227-1161 or 661-4543 or GABF Vice President Michael Burnett at 685-3359. The clinic schedule can be found at: http://www.guyanabasketball.com/news.php?fn_mode=fullnews&fn_id=34.