

# TYLER LEE BASKETBALL

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## Mark Your Calendars

- **Oct. 29** First day of practice
- **Nov. 1** First Sat. practice
- **Nov. 7** Homecoming Concessions
- **Nov. 10** REL Scrimmage.
- **Nov. 14** Lufkin Scrimmage

**Check our web-site for an updated schedule. Start making plans to attend a game today!**

## COACH JOHNSTON SPEAKS AT UNIVERSITY COACHING CLINIC

Recently, coach Johnston was invited by the Northwestern State University's coaching staff to speak on the Skills Test he administers to the REL players each spring. Northwestern State is a division-1 university that competes in the Southland Conference.

The Skills Test is given each spring to players currently in the basketball program at Robert E. Lee. It is used to assess skill level and monitor improvement over the course of a player's career.

The Skills Test measures ability in dribbling, passing, shooting and athleticism. Twelve different test are given to combine for a total

score.

Several coaches

at the clinic took special interest in the Skills Test and have



- Coach Johnston speaks in front of Texas and Louisiana coaches.

St. Edward's University and Northwestern State

requested more information about the test and how to administer it.

It was an exciting day for the staff to be able to share knowledge with coaches across and around the state. While attending the clinic several other coaches spoke including

University head coaches'. This was a great way for the coaches to get primed and ready for the approaching season. Thank you to the staff at NWSU for having us!

## SCHEDULE RELEASED FOR 2008-2009 SEASON

The schedule for the 08-09 season has been finalized and ready for release.

There are some new faces and some familiar places to this year's agenda. Some new additions to the schedule will include regular season games with Lindale and Jacksonville. The Raiders will once again compete in the Burger King Classic and

the Brooke Nichols shootout in Garland. This event raises money for a scholarship fund in memory of Coach Garland Nichol's daughter who died in a car crash at a young age. The Raiders will face Pampa and Lake Highlands at the event. Coming back from Christmas, the Coppell Cowboys will come to town to help prepare REL for district play.

The district has changed from the traditional 12-5A to 11-5A and removed Longview while adding DeSoto.

A printable version of the schedule can be found on our website, <http://www.tylerisd.org/schools/REL/Sports/Basketball/index.htm>.

## A MESSAGE FROM COACH J.

On October 29th the 2008 - 2009 season will tip off with high expectations for the team. The boys have been working hard during the pre-season workouts. The weight room is showing on them and their skill level is much improved from last year. The coaching staff is excited about the possibilities and the athletes are ready to erase the disappointment of the season a year ago. Our schedule is going to be very challenging and force our team to compete at a very high level every time we toss the ball up. Devin Wheeler and Kerry Jones will headline a team made up of young men who all have the desire to succeed. Elliott Davis' tremendous leadership will help the underclassmen grasp the "never say never" attitude. Michael Balkey and Lamar Delong are both excited to lend their

work ethics to the success of the team and Clay Haas awaits the opportunity to showcase a summer's worth of hard work. The underclassmen's job is to play as hard as they physically can to help the seniors listed above make lifetime memories during their senior campaign. We (coaches and players) look forward to making all of Tyler proud throughout the season. Make sure to take time to share your pride with these young men by coming out and supporting them during the season. If you are unable to attend a game, then pat these boys on the back and tell them how proud you are to have them representing you and your community on the hardwood floors across Texas.

*"The harder you work, the harder it is to surrender."*

*-Vince Lombardi*

### RED RAIDER SPOTLIGHT: KERRY JONES

**What elementary school did you attend?**

Pete Elementary

**What is your most memorable moment from Junior High?**

Winning the city title in 7th grade

**Who is your favorite teacher at Lee and why?**

Ms. Valentine because the way she explains everything to us and her good personality

**Of all the opportunities Lee HS to offer, why did**

**you choose basketball?**

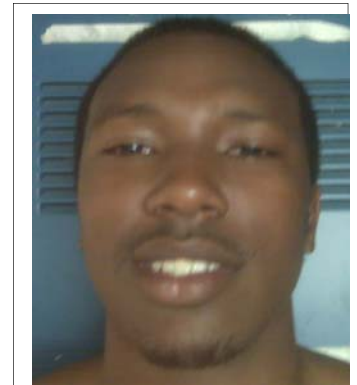
I love basketball.

**What advice would you give to an incoming freshman?**

Do everything that is required in basketball such as grades and work ethic. Make good grades as a freshman so it won't backfire on you later.

**Where do you see yourself in 5 years?**

In five years I will be graduated from college and try to play basketball. I would like to come back and coach possibly one day.



**Kerry Jones**

**What are you looking forward to this season?**

Revenge. I want to make the play-offs and win as many games as possible. I felt like teams tried to run it up on us last year and I would like to show them how we have improved.

## MEET OUR FACULTY: MR. FISCHER

BY: SAM JAMISON

There are not many classes a teenager looks forward to attending. Mr. Fisher's class is different.. He stands outside the door every day and gives me a "nug," which for a



Tim Fisher-History Dept.

teacher to do is pretty "spiffy." In the classroom he always gives us options to do things. One option he gives us is taking notes instead of forcing us to take them. All the kids take advantage of our option to take neat notes to be able to study for quizzes and tests.. He also gives us freedom to add on comments about what is being discussed that day in class. He makes kids look forward to coming to school.

*Mr. Fisher has taught History at Robert E. Lee for 11 years. Here are some things you may not know about him:*

**Q: As a senior in high school, what did you want to be when you grew up?**

**A: A lawyer**

**Q: What college did you attend?**

**A: University of Texas Austin**

**Q: What is your favorite food?**

**A: Steak and Shrimp**

**Q: What is your favorite sport? Team? Athlete?**

**A: Football, Cowboys, Bob Lily**

**Q: If you weren't a teacher, what profession would you like to hold?**

**A: Somewhere in the FBI.**

**Q: What is your favorite type of music?**

**A: Good Music!**



REL Junior Sam Jamison

*"Sometimes a player's greatest challenge is coming to grips with his role on the team."*

*-Scottie Pippen*

**Thanks Mr. Fischer!**

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**Jim Daughtry**

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## A LOOK AT ALUMNI— JIM DAUGHTRY

*Mr. Daughtry is currently a real estate salesman in Tyler for Simmons Realty. His son, Brad, was also a standout player for REL.*

**Q** When did you play for Lee?

**A** I Played for the Robert E. Lee Rebels during 1960, 1961 and 1962 seasons.

**Q** What was your most memorable memory as a student?

**A** My most memorable experience as a student at REL was developing lasting relationships with other students and faculty members. I met my future wife there and we have been

married 44 years and have 6 grandchildren.

**Q** What is your most memorable experience as a player at Lee?

**A** My most memorable experience playing at REL was playing for Coach Sam Bell. It was very disappointing when we lost our last high school game in the state regional finals and finished with a record of 29 - 2.

**Q** How has the game changed since you played?

**A** In my opinion, basketball has changed over the years because it is much more physical and the players are generally bigger and

stronger. Also, the three point goal has made a great impact, in my opinion

**Q** How did you benefit from participating in athletics?

**A** Athletics played a large part in giving me the ability to think, concentrate and work hard to succeed. I have been a real estate broker for 40 years after graduating from TJC in 1964 and SFA in 1966.

*Thanks to Mr. Daughtry for being a long time supporter and role model of Robert E. Lee athletics!*

# Robert E. Lee 2008-2009 Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Vs.</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Varsity</u>	<u>JV</u>	<u>9th</u>
	Whitehouse/Hallsville				
Nov. 11	(scrimmage)	Home	5:00	5:00	
Nov. 14	Lufkin (scrimmage)	Lufkin	6:00	5:30	
Nov. 18	Pine Tree	Longview	7:00	5:30	
Nov. 20-22	Wells Tourn.	Wells		TBA	
Nov. 22	Corsicana	Home	2:00	12:30	11:00
Nov. 28	Mt. Pleasant (BK Classic)	UTT	7:00		
Nov. 29	Dallas Skyline (BK Classic)	UTT	11:30		
Dec. 1	Nacogdoches	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30
Dec. 4-5-6	Hoop Heaven Tourn.	Lindale	TBA		
Dec. 4-5-6	Henderson Tourn.	Henderson		TBA	TBA
Dec. 9	Lufkin	Home	7:00	5:30	5:00/6:00
Dec. 12	Pampa	Garland	1:30		
		South Gar-			
Dec. 13	Lake Highlands	land	1:30		
		Nacogdo-			
Dec. 16	Nacogdoches	ches	7:30	6:00	4:30
Dec. 19	Lindale	Home	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Dec. 29-31	Holiday Tournament	Lufkin	TBA		
Jan. 3	Jacksonville	Home	3:00	1:30	12:00
Jan. 6	Coppell	Home	6:30	5:00	5:00/6:30
Jan. 9	Lindale	Lindale	7:30	6:00	5:00/6:00
Jan. 16	*Mesquite	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 20	*Mesquite Horn	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 23	*John Tyler	TJC	7:30		
Jan. 24	*John Tyler	John Tyler		7:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 27	*North Mesquite	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Jan. 30	*Desoto	Desoto	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 3	*Mesquite	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 6	*Mesquite Horn	Mesquite	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 9	*John Tyler	Home		7:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 10	*John Tyler	TJC	7:30		
Feb. 13	*North Mesquite	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30
Feb. 17	*Desoto	Home	7:30	6:00	4:30/5:30

