

## **Britt Cooper**

Born: October 5, 1964, Clovis, New Mexico

High School: Floyd High School (NM) 1982

College: Sul Ross State University 1983-85

Eastern New Mexico University – Bachelor of Science degree 1986 and master's degree in administration 1993.

### **High School**

- 1980, 1981 & 1982 Letterman in Basketball three years
- 1982 First Team All-State and All- South performer
- 1981 & 1982 All-District
- Honor Roll all semesters.

### **College**

- 1983-85 Two-year letterman
- 1984 Played basketball at Sul Ross State University and was the TIAA's Conference Freshman Player of the Year.

### **Professional**

- 1987-1990 Started his career as the Head Coach at Dora High School.
  - Led the boys' basketball team to their first winning season in ten years and the girls' team to their first winning season in thirteen years during his three years.
- 1987-1990 Track, volleyball and boys' & girls' basketball at Dora High School
- 1991-1994 Track at Roswell High
- 1990-1994 Varsity Assistant and Junior Varsity Basketball Coach
- 1994 Became Head Basketball Coach at Roswell High School
  - Coached twenty-three seasons as Roswell High School Basketball Coach.
  - Won four State Titles
    - 2009 New Mexico State Championship with an overall record of 23-7.
    - 2010 New Mexico State Championship with an overall record of 29-2.
    - 2014 New Mexico State Championship with an overall record of 29-1.
    - 2017 New Mexico State Championship with an overall record of 25-4.

- Roswell High School's all-time wins leader with a record of 448-236 after passing the legendary Poe Corn.
- Led the Coyotes to the State Tournament sixteen times including the last thirteen years in a row and made eight Final Four appearances.
- Recorded twelve regular season district titles.
  - Won the 2017 District Championship for the fifth straight year and has not lost a District game since 2012.
  - District Tournament Champions in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2010, 2009 and 2003.
- (118-4 home record over his last decade of coaching as well as an 87% overall winning percentage).
- 2003 Regional Title.
- Went out on his own terms, with a convincing 74-53 win over Capital at The Pit. After his team won, Cooper retired a couple of months later.
- 2000, Coach Cooper was selected to coach the South All-Stars in the annual game and led the South to a victory over the North.
- Coached numerous Coyotes who have been selected to the All-District, All-State and South All-Star team. Several of his players have gone on to play college basketball with six playing Division I and one playing in the 2004 Olympics in Athens.
- 2018 July – After sitting out a year, Cooper found he missed being around the local sports scene and applied for the Roswell Independent School District's athletic director position, vacated by the former RISD activities and athletic director, Troy Hudson. Cooper was selected to replace Hudson.

## **Honors**

- 2010 by the New Mexico High School Coaches Association (NMHSCA) and National Federation of High School State Coach of the Year.
- 2014 by New Mexico Preps Coach of the Year.
- 2015 Named the NFHS National Coach of the Year. He is the first boys' basketball coach from New Mexico to ever win this honor.

- 2016 Named the 2016 National High School Coaches Association (NHSCA) Southwest Region Coach of the Year and was a finalist for the 2016 NHSCA National Coach of the Year.
- 2016 Inducted into the NMHSCA Hall of Honor. This is the most prestigious award a coach in New Mexico can achieve. He is one of very few active coaches ever to be inducted.
- District Coach of the Year eight times.
- 2017 Leadership Roswell Alumni Association Commitment to Youth Award.
- 2018-19 New Mexico Athletic Directors Association's 5A Athletic Director of the Year.

### **Community Involvement**

- Elk's Member for 17 years. Various fundraisers as an Elk.
- Elk's Hoop Shoot Director for several years.
- Member of Chaves County Character Counts!
- Served on NMAA Basketball Sport Specific Committee.
- 2014 President of the Southeast New Mexico Border Conference

### **Family**

- Anjv, wife of 27 years, who Britt is very grateful for her support only a coach's wife would understand. Anjv is a real estate agent.
- Two children, Desiree and Sterling. Desiree is a Roswell High School and ENMU graduate and is the New Media Coordinator for ENMU. Sterling is also a Roswell High School graduate and is currently attending New Mexico State University He was a member of the 2014 State Championship team.