



Advance Praise for Dunks, Threes & Palm Trees

“David Dorsey took his encyclopedia-like knowledge of perhaps the best high school basketball tournament and wrote a pretty doggone good basketball book. I went out of my way to watch the City of Palms Classic when I was coaching. Which was why I couldn't wait to read *Dunks, Threes & Palm Trees*.

— **Roy Williams, retired North Carolina and Kansas basketball coach**

“David Dorsey has seen a lot of great basketball while covering the City of Palms Classic, and now, thanks to his persistence, diligence and talent, the rest of us get to see it as well. In this richly reported, well-written chronicle, Dorsey traces the ghosts of hoops past who came through Fort Myers on their way to stardom.

— **Seth Davis, CBS Sports college basketball studio analyst**

FFrom Chauncey Billups and Teddy Dupay to Aaron Wiggins and John Wall, hundreds of McDonald's All-Americans and future NBA players have competed over the past half century at the City of Palms Classic in Fort Myers, Florida.

But back in 1973, Edison Community College coach Hugh Thimlar began the tournament without such visions of grandeur. He just wanted to gauge Southwest Florida's high school talent. He did so more than a decade before the three-point shot and even longer before the NBA's prep-to-pros renaissance, the one-and-done college basketball trend and the proliferation of high-powered high school basketball academies and multi-million-dollar shoe deals.

Author David Dorsey has sat courtside at more than half of the tournament's title games. With intimate detail in *Dunks, Threes & Palm Trees*, Dorsey transports readers through every era, bringing them forward to present times and looking forward to the challenges that lie ahead. It's a must-read for basketball fans at all levels.

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