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Coach Jose was an incredible coach and mentor during my time as a player for his North Stars basketball team and over the years since then. He certainly knows his Xs and Os in basketball strategy, but what really made playing for Coach Jose was that he wanted to see you be the best player you could be. In many respects, he was much more than a 'Players' Coach', but he was a Person Coach, providing support, guidance, and wisdom about growing up. He's a great mentor because he cares – and he cares with honesty, integrity, experience, and enthusiasm. He's a natural leader but never needed an authoritative stance to challenge or discipline his team. We wanted to work hard and do well for him because he was always committed to doing the same for us. As I've watched his career expand and evolve over the years, this mutual respect between Coach Jose and his team is something that I know has served him well professionally. I'm also proud to say that he's always expressed interest in my professional growth that he's played an instrumental role in setting the foundation for.

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