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Ex-CMU coach Jay Smith resurfaces with Detroit

by David Mayo | The Grand Rapids Press
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DETROIT -- Through the sage advice of a child, Jay Smith rediscovered his past and made it his future.

Smith was out on a jog one day, while his son, Cooper, biked alongside, when the chat turned to coaching basketball. Smith had been out of the business two years since resigning at Central Michigan University, so maybe young Cooper heard his mother, Tymi, say words very much like those he was about to utter.

Or maybe the kid is just incredibly wise.

In any case, these words tumbled from Cooper Smith's mouth:

"You know what, Dad? You have to do what you love to do."

Jay Smith was taken aback.

"I was like, wow, if my son can see it, and if a 9-year-old is telling you something like that, it must be pretty obvious," he said.

Smith joined Ray McCallum's staff at the University of Detroit Mercy this season. Their relationship goes back three decades, to when they were college recruits. They also worked together briefly on the same University of Michigan staff.

After an unannounced family trip to campus to make sure Detroit was the right decision, Smith's transition back to warmups and whistles was like coming home.

"There are a thousand things racing through your head, a thousand things," Smith said. "Memories. Players. Things that happened."

Smith, 48, coached nine years at CMU, where he won two Mid-American Conference titles, two conference coach of the year honors, and had two conference players of the year, including Chris Kaman in 2003, when the Chippewas won a first-round NCAA tournament game against No. 15 Creighton.

He enjoyed success as Steve Fisher's assistant during Michigan's since-erased Fab Five era, and in winning a conference title his only year at Grand Valley State.

Then, after a 4-24 season in 2005-06, he resigned.

Smith said speculation that he wanted an extension and left because he didn't get it, with one year for \$165,000 left on his contract, was wrong.



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Jay Smith compiled a 95-160 record in nine seasons at Central Michigan, which included two MAC championships.



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