



Interview Ty Harrelson & Christian Haas / Fundsback



Ty Harrelson



Christian Haas

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Christian Haas: Hi Ty thank you very much for taking some time for our interview. It is a pleasure for me to talk to you today. You have played Basketball in Germany between 2005 and 2010 for BBC Bayreuth, TV Langen, and Osnabrueck. Please tell us something about your time in Germany.

Christian Haas: What did you like most in Germany?

Ty Harrelson: I really enjoyed the culture and friendships that I made over the years. I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to play with great teammates and coaches. Germany will always be a special place to me because of the fans and friends I was able to meet. I spent a large part of my professional basketball career there and I hope to return for a visit soon.

Christian Haas: Could you tell please why you decided to come to Germany and in what position you played for Bayreuth and Langen?

Ty Harrelson: My desire to play basketball in Europe initially led me to Germany. I mostly played PG during my career.

Christian Haas: Are you still playing or what are you doing currently?

Ty Harrelson: I am currently the Men's Basketball Coach at Wayland Baptist University where I played in college before going to Europe. Our team won the conference championship last year and was voted the conference Coach of the Year for the first time in school history. After Germany, I found success in Australia but stopped playing full time in 2015 as I transitioned to full-time coaching.

Christian Haas: Congratulations on winning the championship. Please tell us your favourite team in the USA and in Germany?

Ty Harrelson: I have always been a San Antonio Spurs fan and my favourite team in Germany is Medi Bayreuth.

Christian Haas: I think many fans in Germany also like the San Antonio Spurs.

Christian Haas: Let's change the topic. Do you think all players from USA or Canada, who are playing in Germany, are informed about the possibility of getting back their own paid pension contributions?

Ty Harrelson: No, I think there would be a large group of players who do not realize that they are eligible to receive the contributions. It is important to find these players and make sure that they receive the funds because basketball is their job while in Germany and securing contributions will help them in the future.

Christian Haas: Fundsback contacted you to manage the complicated process of the application for your reimbursement. What convinced you to become a Fundsbacker?

Ty Harrelson: A former colleague contacted me about receiving my pension through Fundsback. The company had clear lines of communication and an easy to understand process. Once I signed the paperwork, they went to work for me.

Christian Haas: Please tell us something about your experiences during the whole process?

Ty Harrelson: The process was extremely smooth. I received the documentation and filled it out, received the funds in my USA bank account, and the company followed up with me to make sure everything was correct. I could not ask for better experience.

Christian Haas: What would you recommend your friends who played or who are still playing in Germany to work with Fundsback?

Ty Harrelson: Absolutely. Without Fundsback it would have been difficult to get my pension money. In fact, I really would not know where to start. They took the stress and communication issues out of the process. If there are any players out there who have not received their pensions I strongly suggest using Fundsback.

Christian Haas: Ty, thank you very much for this amazing feedback and thank you very much for taking time. We wish you all the best and we hope to see you again in Germany.

Best regards Christian Haas - Fundsback