

★ People are Talking...

"Brown is our choice for NBA Coach of the Year, because he turned the worst franchise in pro basketball into a winner. None of the other fine candidates can claim to have done that... And he's done it the old-fashioned way. By teaching. By getting his guys to play better because of what he's able to impact. These Grizzlies are a tribute to and a reflection of their 70-year-old coach. They're unselfish. They play hard. They care less about minutes than wins. Hubie Brown gets our endorsement for NBA Coach of the Year. Miracle Worker of the Year, too."

- Geoff Galkins, *The Commercial Appeal (Memphis)*

"He's got to be the Coach of the Year: Hubie Brown"

-Matt Steinmetz, *Contra Costa Times (San Francisco Bay Area)*

"Brown is the feel-good story of the NBA season, taking a Grizzlies franchise that has never done squat and turning it into a Western Conference powerhouse... Hubie, it's you who most deserves the (NBA Coach of the Year) award."

- John Denton, *Florida Today*

"Coach of the First Two Trimesters: Hubie Brown. This list always has numerous candidates...Brown, meanwhile, has already recorded the winningest season in Grizzlies history - with 30 games to go. If Memphis maintains its 47-win pace, Brown has a decent shot at holding off a deep field..."

- Marc Stein, *Senior NBA Writer, ESPN.com*

"You talk about great coaching jobs this year. Hubie Brown, I can't say enough. Let me be real honest with you, I didn't think Hubie Brown could do this. At 69, now 70 years old, I didn't think he would have the energy to relate to today's players. He has proven me wrong and everybody wrong."

- David Aldridge, *ESPN NBA Fast Break*

"(Hubie Brown) is doing an unbelievable job coaching this team. It's a miraculous turnaround. Hubie is just a born coach and teacher. There are other old coaches working in the league, but the difference between Hubie and the rest of the old coaches is that he is born to coach. He lives and breathes it. He's got the passion for the game."

- Danny Ainge, *Director of Basketball Operations, Boston Celtics*

"The Memphis Grizzlies, without an All-Star among them, are the hottest team in the mighty Western Conference, if not the entire NBA. Suddenly, the Grizzlies, who have never made the playoffs, whose previous record for victories in a season was 28, are battling with San Antonio, Dallas and the Lakers for the third or fourth seeding and home-court advantage in the first round of the playoffs. And the 70-year-old Brown has emerged as the unequivocal front-runner for coach of the year."

- Chris Broussard, *New York Times*

"Let's take a moment and show some love for what the Grizzlies are doing. They're right in the playoff mix and they're doing it all with a bunch of 24-year-old players and a 70-year-old coach... (The Grizzlies) are a team that's somehow getting it done without a physical, low-post scoring threat in the West, the land of Shaq, Tim Duncan and Kevin Garnett. They force steals, their athletic front line blocks shots, and they get out on the fast breaks. They've turned into one of the better stories in the NBA."

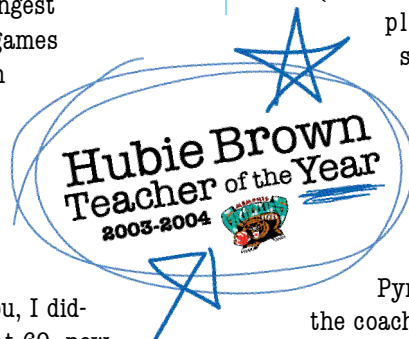
- J.A. Adande, *Los Angeles Times*

"(Brown's) preacher, teacher and father. His young players, everyone one of them looking straight at him are true believers...The spirit of revival is alive in Memphis, folks. Jerry West was the start of it, but Hubie is the heart of it. From the players who arrive two hours early on game night to get some extra shooting, to the guys selling peanuts in The Pyramid who walk the aisles shouting like the coach on the sideline, everyone is a Hubie man..For this team, with its whatever-could-go-wrong history, even being allowed to think about the playoffs is quite an achievement."

- Eric Neel, *ESPN The Magazine*

"I think that Hubie is doing a great job. Hubie is a terrific coach. He has just done a terrific job (in Memphis), they are not only going to make the playoffs, but they have a good team because of their depth, and who knows, they may do some damage."

- Mike Dunleavy, Sr., *Los Angeles Clippers Head Coach*



"He is one of the all-time great teachers of the game of basketball"

- Dr. Jack Ramsay, *ESPN.com*