

A few years ago, Tyler Underwood probably never saw himself playing at the University of Illinois. And he probably didn't see himself playing with his dad as the coach.

Growing up with a basketball coach as his dad, you'd think they would have a long-playing history together. Underwood explains that it is actually the opposite.

"He tells a story where I think he saw me play in my eighth grade year, he saw me play one quarter, so for him to be able to see me play every day now and just hangout with him doing what we both love is pretty cool."

Underwood adds that playing under his dad has a special feeling. However, they do a "good job separating our relationship on and off the court."

After injuries, a few school transfers, the transition to Illinois was made easier with the help of his dad. Underwood feels he has a great grasp on the ins and outs of the system and hopes to be an asset to the team.

"The guys have been great since I got here in the summer and started working out, and since I know the system I try to help them out as much as I can." Underwood is already showing strong leadership abilities for the team. At 6'2 he is a solid guard that can make a positive contribution to the season.

With the Underwood duo taking over Illinois basketball, the team is set out for an exciting year.