

## **New coaches – 1997-98**

**American:** Art Perry replaces Chris Knoche. The 51-year-old Perry returns to his alma mater after one 7-20 season as head coach at Delaware State. Prior to that, he served as an assistant at Maryland, Old Dominion, UConn, and Rutgers, including the Scarlet Knights 1976 Final Four team. The Washington, DC native is known as a great recruiter.

**Arizona State:** Don Newman replaces Bill Frieder. Frieder never really lived up to expectations at Arizona State, so his recent resignation under cloud of program wrongdoing might not be all that big a deal. The only problem is, his interim successor has a record of 20-114 as a head coach over the last five years. The 39-year-old Newman spent that time leading Cal State-Sacramento during its transition from Division II to Division I. Newman's biggest claim to fame might be the five years he spent playing in the Canadian Football League.

**Army:** Pat Harris replaces Dino Gaudio. The 40-year-old Harris has been at West Point for the last seven years, the first five as an assistant with the men's team, the last two as an assistant with the women's team. He actually played for the Cadets as well, and was a three year starter under Mike Krzyzewski. In between time, he was an enlisted man.

**Bethune-Cookman:** Horace Broadnax replaces Tony Sheals. Most recently, Broadnax was head coach at Valencia Community College, where he compiled a 29-32 record. Previously, he served as an assistant at Florida and Bethune-Cookman. Played collegiately at Georgetown, where he was a member of the 1984 championship squad.

**Boston College:** Al Skinner replaces Jim O'Brien. The 44-year-old Skinner spent the past nine seasons as head coach at Rhode Island, compiling a 138-126 overall record. Coached two NIT and two NCAA clubs during that time, including last season's 20-10 team. Was an assistant for the Rams for four seasons prior to getting the top job.

**Bowling Green:** Dan Dakich replaces Jim Larranaga. The 34-year-old Dakich spent the last 16 years at Indiana—4 as a player and 12 as an assistant to Bobby Knight. Teams went 367-140 during that time, so he knows how to win. Coached 10 players who went on to the NBA. Was team captain his junior and senior seasons. Perhaps best known as "the guy who held Michael Jordan to 13 points in his last college game."

**Brigham Young:** Steve Cleveland replaces Tony Ingle. The 45-year-old Cleveland comes to BYU from Fresno City College, where he compiled a 156-76 record, including 30-3 this past year. Ironically, he had been turned down for an assistant job at BYU a few years back when Lynn Archibald got the nod.

**Cal-Irvine:** Pat Douglass replaces Rod Baker. Douglass spent the past ten seasons as head coach at Cal State-Bakersfield, where he led the team to the NCAA Division II tournament every year, capturing three of the last five national titles. His 1993 championship squad was 33-0. Previously, he was head coach at Eastern Montana for six

seasons, where he led that school to four Division II tournaments. Overall record in 16 years is 376-118. He's ready for the move up.

**Cal State-Sacramento:** Tom Abatemarco replaces Don Newman. After the 47-year-old Abatemarco was hired, a local columnist dubbed him a "travelling salesman." This will be the 11th school to issue him checks. Tour highlights include assistant jobs at Rutgers the past three seasons and at N.C. State under Jim Valvano in the mid-80s, as well as head coaching positions at Lamar and Drake, departing the latter amidst allegations that he demeaned his players.

**Canisius:** Mike MacDonald replaces John Beilein. The 31-year-old MacDonald gets the top job after nine seasons as an assistant with the Golden Griffins under Beilein and Marty Marbach. A 1988 graduate of St. Bonaventure.

**Centenary:** Billy Kennedy replaces Tommy Vardeman. Kennedy was an assistant at California the past four years, and an assistant at a half dozen other Division I schools before that. A 1986 graduate of Southeastern Louisiana.

**Central Michigan:** Jay Smith replaces Leonard Drake. Smith was 23-6 as head coach of Division II Grand Valley State this past season. Previously, he was an assistant at Kent for five years and at Michigan for seven, where he went to two Final Fours with Steve Fisher.

**Chattanooga:** Henry Dickerson replaces Mack McCarthy. McCarthy made it obvious he wanted a higher-profile job, but his resignation this summer was still a surprise after he led the team to the "Sweet 16" last season and signed a five year contract extension in May. The 45-year-old Dickerson had been an assistant at Chattanooga since 1989. Previously he was an assistant at Marshall and Charleston. Dickerson also played in the NBA with Detroit and Atlanta.

**Delaware State:** James Dubose replaces Art Perry. Dubose gets the promotion after serving three seasons as an assistant with the Hornets, including last year with Perry.

**DePaul:** Pat Kennedy replaces Joey Meyer. A winning track record was a must for anyone who was going to succeed the Meyer dynasty, and Kennedy has it—326-191 over 17 years at Florida State and Iona. During that time, he made seven trips to the NCAAs, five with the Seminoles and two with the Gaels. His 1996-97 FSU squad was NIT runner-up to Michigan.

**Eastern Kentucky:** Scott Perry replaces Mike Calhoun. The 33-year-old Perry spent the past four years as an assistant to Steve Fisher at Michigan, where he was recruiting coordinator for some of the best incoming classes in the nation. Prior to that, he was an assistant at Cal for one season and Detroit Mercy for five.

**Florida State:** Steve Robinson replaces Pat Kennedy. The 39-year-old Robinson was head coach at Tulsa the last two seasons, leading the Golden Hurricane to NCAA berths

each year and a 46-18 overall record. He had signed a seven year contract extension in March before deciding to leave for the more lucrative ACC. Previously served as an assistant at Radford, Cornell, and Kansas under Roy Williams.

**Furman:** Larry Davis replaces Joe Cantafio. The 41-year-old Davis assisted Clem Haskins at Minnesota the past three years, culminating with last season's trip to the Final Four. He was responsible for much of the Gophers' recruiting success. Previously was an assistant at Ball State, Wake Forest, and Delaware. He was also head coach at Oak Hill Academy in Virginia when Rod Strickland played there.

**George Mason:** Jim Larranaga replaces Paul Westhead. The 48-year-old Larranaga compiled a 170-144 record over the past 11 years at Bowling Green, including last season's 22-10 mark when he was named MAC coach of the year—leading the team to the regular season title and a NIT berth. Was also a head coach at Division II American International in the late 70s, and an assistant to Terry Holland at both Davidson and Virginia, where he went to a pair of Final Fours.

**Georgia:** Ron Jirsa replaces Tubby Smith. The 37-year-old Jirsa was groomed by Smith himself the last six seasons as an assistant at Tulsa and Georgia. Also was an assistant at Virginia Commonwealth and Delaware, among others. Has made six NCAA tournament trips.

**Georgia State:** Lefty Driesell replaces Carter Wilson. Love him or hate him, the "lefthander" finds a way to stick around. Fired by James Madison after nine seasons, the 65-year-old decided that was no way for a "legend" to go out, and hooked on at Georgia State just weeks later. Has a 683-335 record in 35 seasons as a head coach, the most notable of which were his 17 at Maryland, where he vowed to make the Terps "the UCLA of the East". His 1974 squad featuring John Lucas, Len Elmore, and Tom McMillen was undoubtedly the best never to make the NCAAs, losing three times to N.C. State.

**Gonzaga:** Dan Monson replaces Dan Fitzgerald. The 36-year-old Monson is the son of former Oregon coach Don Monson. He was an assistant at Gonzaga for the last nine seasons and has been groomed to take over since Fitzgerald announced two years ago that he would be leaving after the 1996-97 campaign.

**Hampton:** Steve Merfeld replaces Byron Samuels. Merfeld moves up from being an assistant at Hampton following Samuels' resignation to serve as an assistant under Jerry Green at Tennessee. Previously, Merfeld was also an assistant at Bowling Green.

**Idaho:** David Farrar replaces Kermit Davis. The 50-year-old Farrar is the Vandals' third head coach in as many seasons, being the only holdover from the Davis regime. Prior to taking an assistant job at Idaho last year, Farrar was 61-73 the previous five seasons as head coach at Middle Tennessee State. Was also head coach of junior college power Hutchinson Community College for five years, where he won the 1988 JC national championship and compiled a 137-33 record.

**Indiana State:** Royce Waltman replaces Sherman Dillard. The 53-year-old Waltman was 89-49 as head coach of Division II Indianapolis the past five years, finishing last season with the third ranked team in the country. Previously, he was 100-37 in five years at Division III DePauw. Assisted Bobby Knight at Indiana for five years as well, including the 1987 championship season. Waltman will have to draw on all that experience to turn around a program that hasn't had a winning season since 1980.

**Jacksonville:** Hugh Durham replaces George Scholz. Many were surprised by the 59-year-old Durham's return to coaching after he stepped down at Georgia in 1995. Has a 528-311 overall record in 29 years as a head coach at Georgia and Florida State. Durham led both schools to their only Final Four appearances—taking the Seminoles in 1972 and the Bulldogs in 1983. Was named SEC coach of the year four times.

**James Madison:** Sherman Dillard replaces Lefty Driesell. The 42-year-old Dillard returns to his alma mater after compiling a 29-52 record as head coach at Indiana State over the past three seasons. Dillard played for the Dukes in the 70s and is the school's second all-time leading scorer with 2065 points. Served as an assistant at Georgia Tech (including the Yellow Jackets Final Four season in '90), California, and ironically, Maryland under Driesell.

**Kentucky:** Tubby Smith replaces Rick Pitino. The 46-year-old Smith is a really good one, but he has some tremendously big shoes to fill. Smith served as an assistant to Pitino at Kentucky for two years before taking on the head coaching positions at Tulsa for four years and Georgia for two. Certainly built a nice resume in those six years though—a 124-62 overall record with four trips to the NAAs, including three to the "Sweet 16."

**Liberty:** Randy Dunton replaces Jeff Meyer. Meyer stepped down after this season's practices had already begun, ending his 16 year reign as head coach of the Flames, to take an administrative job at the school. Dunton was an assistant at Liberty the last nine years, and has been named head coach on an interim basis. Prior to coming to Liberty, Dunton was a high school coach at two schools, compiling a 123-35 record.

**Louisiana State:** John Brady replaces Dale Brown. The 25 year reign of Brown is over, and Brady hopes to bring excitement back to a sagging program. The 42-year-old spent the last six years as head coach at Samford, compiling a record of 89-77, including 19-9 last year when the Bulldogs won the TAAC West Division title. Brady loves the three-pointer, as evidenced by his '95 team which made the second most "treys" per game in NCAA history. Previously was an assistant at Mississippi State and New Orleans.

**Loyola (MD):** Dino Gaudio replaces Brian Ellerbe. The 40-year-old Gaudio was 36-72 as head coach at Army the past four years. Previously, he was an assistant at Xavier for six years and a high school coach for six more.

**Loyola Marymount:** Charles Bradley replaces John Olive. Most fans remember the 37-year-old Bradley as the Boston Celtics' first round draft pick in 1981. He's the second all-time leading scorer in Wyoming history. For the last three years he was head coach at

Division II Metropolitan State College in Denver, compiling a 37-43 record. Has also been an assistant at BYU, San Diego State, and Wyoming.

**Memphis:** Tic Price replaces Larry Finch. In three seasons as head coach at New Orleans, the 41-year-old Price compiled a 63-27 record, won two Sun Belt regular season titles, and was honored as that league's coach of the year in 1996-97. Inherited the UNO job following Tommy Joe Eagles' death in 1994. Played collegiately at Virginia Commonwealth and later at Virginia Tech, where his team was eliminated by Larry Bird and Indiana State in the 1979 NCAA tournament.

**Mercer:** Mark Slonaker replaces Bill Hodges. Slonaker was head coach at Pensacola Junior College the past two years, posting back-to-back 20-win seasons. Previously, he was an assistant at Georgia State and Georgia, where he played collegiately in the late 70s and was co-captain as a senior.

**Michigan:** Brian Ellerbe replaces Steve Fisher. Michigan always seemed to act as if it was "stuck" with a coach it never wanted after the Wolverines won the 1989 NCAA championship—Fisher taking over for Bill Frieder right before the tournament began. Then, you can hardly get rid of a guy who recruits the "Fab Five" and takes your team to two more title games. Ultimately though, even a championship in the NIT wasn't enough to keep the school from overlooking the chaos its basketball program had fallen into under Fisher. The 34-year-old Ellerbe has been named his successor on an interim basis after becoming a Michigan assistant just last spring. Ellerbe was head coach at Loyola, MD the past three seasons, compiling a 34-47 record, and was previously an assistant at Virginia, South Carolina, George Mason and Bowling Green.

**Morehead State:** Kyle Macy replaces Dick Fick. The 40-year-old Macy was an All-American guard at Kentucky and a ten year NBA pro with Phoenix, Chicago, and Indiana, but he has no coaching experience. He applied for the Murray State opening in 1995 and was contacted by some smaller schools, but most recently he was working at a bank and doing color commentary for Kentucky basketball.

**New Mexico State:** Lou Henson replaces Neil McCarthy. In a strange turn of events, Henson takes the reigns on a volunteer basis for one season following McCarthy's dismissal, which was prompted by NCAA sanctions on the program. Henson played for and later coached the Aggies—leading the school to its only Final Four appearance in 1970. In nine seasons as coach, his record was 173-71. He became head coach at Illinois in 1975, where in 21 seasons he compiled a 423-224 record and scored another Final Four appearance. One current head coach once said Henson's Illini program was the dirtiest in the country, only adding to the irony of this latest saga.

**New Orleans:** Joey Stiebing replaces Tic Price. The 36-year-old Stiebing moves up after assisting Price and Tim Floyd at UNO the past seven seasons. Six of those seven were 20-win campaigns, highlighted by four conference titles, three NCAA trips, and two NIT berths. Stiebing originally agreed to follow Price to Memphis before he was offered the Privateers' job. He has spent most of his life in the New Orleans area.

**North Carolina:** Bill Guthridge replaces Dean Smith. The 60-year-old Guthridge has as good a chance to succeed a legend as anyone, seeing as he's spent half his life working alongside Smith as an assistant. And if that's not enough, he spent five years as an assistant to Tex Winter at Kansas State before coming to Carolina. Guthridge replaced Larry Brown on Smith's staff prior to the 1967-68 season, and though he could have moved on to head coaching jobs many times, he elected to remain with the Tar Heels.

**North Texas:** Vic Trilli replaces Tim Jankovich. The 44-year-old Trilli spent the last eight years as an assistant to Tom Penders at Texas. Previously, he was 167-89 in eight seasons as head coach of Lon Morris College. Also served as an assistant at Midwestern State from 1978-81.

**Northwestern:** Kevin O'Neill replaces Ricky Byrdson. The 40-year-old O'Neill looked like a shooting star a few years ago; now he's at Northwestern. After leading Marquette to the "Sweet 16" in 1994, he got the job at Tennessee, but just couldn't get things going there. His 140-120 overall record as a head coach is good, but unless a miracle happens he'll probably be under .500 after a few years at NU.

**Ohio State:** Jim O'Brien replaces Randy Ayers. The 47-year-old O'Brien spent 11 up and down seasons at Boston College, compiling a 168-166 record. Was surprisingly maligned by Eagle followers during that time, particularly for someone who played for the school and scored 1273 points. Took BC to the NCAAs three of the last four years. He was Big East coach of the year in 1995-96, and engineered the NCAA upset of top seeded North Carolina in 1994. Unfortunately, some of his down years were really bad. Brings exciting point guard Scoonie Penn with him, but Penn won't be eligible this year.

**Oregon:** Ernie Kent replaces Jerry Green. The 42-year-old Kent returns to his alma mater after compiling a 90-80 record in six seasons as head coach at St. Mary's. Last year was his best, leading the Gaels to the NCAAs and finishing with a 23-8 mark. Previously served as an assistant at Stanford, Colorado State, and Oregon.

**Oral Roberts:** Barry Hinson replaces Bill Self. The 36-year-old Hinson leads ORU into the Mid-Continent Conference this year after spending the last four seasons as Self's assistant. Prior to that he was a high school coach for six years.

**Rhode Island:** Jim Harrick replaces Al Skinner. It's safe to say that no one else who has ever won 70 percent of the games he's coached, as well as a national championship, has ever had his coaching skills questioned more than the 59-year-old Harrick. He may not have been another John Wooden at UCLA, but his fine record there and at Pepperdine before that proves he's no chump either. No reason his 358-160 overall mark shouldn't continue to build with the Rams, but did URI "sell out" by hiring someone who was fired for lying about an (albeit minor) NCAA recruiting violation?

**Richmond:** John Beilein replaces Bill Dooley. Beilein is an up-and-comer, which makes it a little surprising that he would make what many consider a "lateral" move to Richmond. 89-62 over the last five years at Canisius, he was MAAC coach of the year

following a regular season league title in 1994, led the Griffs to the NIT semis in 1995, and capped it off with a NCAA appearance in 1996. Previously was head coach at Erie (PA) Community College, Nazareth College, and Division II LeMoyne, compiling impressive records at each stop.

**Rider:** Don Harnum replaces Kevin Bannon. The 33-year-old Harnum had been an assistant at Rider since 1989, when he came over with Bannon from Trenton State College. Took two trips to the NCAAs with the Broncs during that time.

**Rutgers:** Kevin Bannon replaces Bob Wenzel. The 40-year-old Bannon is basically taking the college hoop tour of his native New Jersey. Comes to Rutgers after compiling a 145-48 record at Division III Trenton State, and more recently a 131-103 mark at Rider, where he improved the team's record in each of his first five seasons. His resume includes two Northeast Conference coach of the year awards, two trips to the NCAAs, and a trip to the D-3 championship game with Trenton in 1989. Graduated from St. Peter's and served as an assistant there as well.

**St. Mary's:** Dave Bollwinkel replaces Ernie Kent. Bollwinkel served as an assistant for last year's 23-8 NCAA squad, and now gets the top job. Was head coach at Cal Poly Pomona from 1987-92, compiling a 58-83 record. Has also been an assistant at Cal, Oregon, Colorado State, and San Jose State.

**Samford:** Jimmy Tillette replaces John Brady. Tillette was Brady's assistant for the past six years and was invited to join his former boss at LSU, but decided to succeed him instead. The Bulldogs were 89-77 during that time, peaking with last season's 19-9 TAAC West Division title squad. Tillette was previously an assistant at Mississippi State and Tulane.

**Seton Hall:** Tommy Amaker replaces George Blaney. The 32-year-old Amaker finally gets his shot after nine years as an assistant to Coach K at Duke. Was the point guard for the Blue Devils from 1983-87, leading his team to the NCAAs each year, including the Final Four in 1986. Got a taste of five more Final Fours and two national championships as an assistant. Should be a great influence on Shaheen Holloway.

**Siena:** Paul Hewitt replaces Bob Beyer. Whether Beyer's fault or not, his three years at the helm saw Siena go from one of the most dangerous small schools in Division I to one of the worst. The 34-year-old Hewitt will try to bring back some of the magic Siena experienced during the prior eight years under Mike Deane. A native of Jamaica, West Indies, Hewitt spent the last seven seasons as an assistant at Villanova and Fordham.

**South Alabama:** Bob Weltlich replaces Bill Musselman. Seems like Musselman never leaves a job on good terms, and that was the case again when he resigned October 7th. Weltlich takes over on an interim basis after having been out of coaching for two years since resigning from Florida International in 1995. He has 17 years head coaching experience at FIU, Texas, and Mississippi, compiling a 219-270 record. Highlights include SEC coach of the year honors in 1980, a Southwest Conference title at Texas, and

a trip to the NCAAs in his final year at Florida International. Previously assisted Bobby Knight at both Army and Indiana.

**Southeast Missouri State:** Gary Garner replaces Ron Shumate. The 53-year-old Garner compiled a 138-44 record as head coach at Division II Fort Hays State over the past six years. In the past two he's been 63-2, highlighted by a 34-0 national championship squad in 1996 and a 49 game winning streak. His overall record in 14 years as a head coach is a more modest 248-163.

**Southwestern Louisiana:** Jessie Evans replaces Marty Fletcher. Fletcher moved on to Denver after 11 seasons at USL, and the 46-year-old Evans takes over with impeccable credentials. Serving as an assistant to Lute Olson the past nine years at Arizona, he was credited with much of the Wildcats recruiting success. During that time, the 'Cats went to the NCAAs every year, won five Pac-10 titles, and barged the Final Four twice, including last season's title run. Previously was an assistant at Wyoming, San Diego State, and Minnesota. Played collegiately at Eastern Michigan with George Gervin.

**Stetson:** Murray Arnold replaces Randy Brown. Arnold brings more than 35 years of varied coaching experience to the table. Career highlights include the 1995 national junior college title at Okaloosa-Walton Community College, the 1992 Australian professional title with the Perth Wildcats, and five seasons as head coach at Tennessee-Chattanooga in which he led the team to three NCAAs and two NITs. Also was head coach at Western Kentucky, and an assistant with Florida State and the Chicago Bulls.

**Tennessee:** Jerry Green replaces Kevin O'Neill. The 53-year-old Green spent the last five seasons at Oregon, compiling a 72-70 record, taking the Ducks to the NCAAs for the first time in 34 years in 1995, and finishing with three straight winning campaigns. He was also head coach at UNC-Ashville for nine years, where he was 150-108, and served as an assistant at Kansas, where he sat on the bench for the 1991 NCAA title game.

**Texas-Pan American:** Delray Brooks replaces Mark Adams. Another of the growing cadre of ex-Rick Pitino assistants to get a top job, the 31-year-old Brooks takes over a troubled program after spending the last five years in the "bluer" pastures of Kentucky. Played collegiately at Indiana and Providence—where he helped Pitino's 1987 squad to the Final Four—and later professionally in the CBA and WBL. Once named high school player of the year by both USA Today and ESPN.

**Towson State:** Mike Jaskulski replaces Terry Truax. After 14 years as head coach at Towson, Truax is out and the 43-year-old Jaskulski is in. Jaskulski spent the last four years as an assistant at Miami, and prior to that was an assistant at Maine for six years and the head coach at Division III Loras College for four, compiling a 62-48 record.

**Tulsa:** Bill Self replaces Steve Robinson. The 34-year-old Self was head coach at Oral Roberts for the last four years, compiling a 55-54 record, and taking the team to the NIT this past season with a 21-7 mark. Previously, he was an assistant at Oklahoma State for

seven years—where he also played and twice led the team in assists—and at Kansas for the 1986 Final Four campaign.

**Virginia Tech:** Bobby Hussey replaces Bill Foster. The 56-year-old Hussey had been an assistant at Virginia Tech since 1991. Previously, he was an assistant at Clemson and the head coach at Davidson for eight years and Belmont Abbey for ten. Has six 20-win seasons, one NCAA tournament appearance, and a 287-238 overall record to his credit as a head coach.

**Wright State:** Ed Schilling replaces Jim Brown. Schilling spent the last two years serving under John Calipari—first with the 1995-96 Final Four squad at UMass, then with the New Jersey Nets. Schilling was a four year starter at Miami of Ohio, point guard on Ron Harper-led NCAA teams his first two seasons, and co-captain his last two.

**Wyoming:** Larry Shyatt replaces Joby Wright. The 45-year-old Shyatt worked as an assistant for Rick Barnes the last nine years, first at Providence and then at Clemson. Teams qualified for postseason play in eight of those nine. Shyatt has also been an assistant at New Mexico, Cleveland State, and Utah.