

2004 Coaches' Bios



ARIZONA BASKETBALL™





Head Coach

Lute Olson

Record at Arizona: 499-147 (20 years)

Career Record: 691-239 (30 years)

As Lute Olson enters his 21st season at the University of Arizona, he has established both the Wildcat basketball program and himself as two of the preeminent figures on

the collegiate basketball landscape.

Whether it's the 1997 national championship, four Final Four appearances, 19 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, 10 Pacific-10 Conference titles, or the nation's best winning percentage over the past 16 seasons, basketball excellence and the University of Arizona go hand-in-hand.

Olson, now in his fourth decade as a head coach, also has a title that befits those monumental accomplishments – Hall of Famer – as he was selected for enshrinement into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame on June 5, 2002. In a career full of individual and team accolades, this honor ranks among the best. True to form, Olson shared the recognition with his family, coaches and players.

"I think it ranks right up there with the NCAA Championship and the 1986 World Championship," said Olson. "This is definitely one of the special things that has happened in my career. I am very thankful for the recognition and opportunity for enshrinement. I want to thank Bobbi and my family for their sacrifices in addition to the former assistant coaches and former players who also share in this honor as well.

Set to begin his 31st season as a head coach on the NCAA Division I level with time spent at Arizona, Iowa and Long Beach State, Olson is one of just 40 head coaches in NCAA history to win 600 or more games. He owns a career record 691-239, which adds up to a gaudy winning percentage of .743. He has tallied a mark of 499-147 (.772) in his 20 years at Arizona, while being named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year seven times (1986, '88, '89, '93, '94, '98, 2003). Olson also has guided Arizona to 16 consecutive 20-win seasons (the longest active streak in the nation), and is one of only five coaches in NCAA history to record 25 or more 20-win seasons.

Long considered one of the top coaches in Pac-10 history, he has led Arizona to the aforementioned 10 league titles, with the last coming in 2003. He has a career Pac-10 mark of 279-77 (.784), and the 279 conference victories is the second-most in league history — trailing only John Wooden (304). Olson is the No. 2 coach in Pac-10 history for career winning percentage for conference games with more

than two years experience, once again trailing only the legendary Wooden (.810/304-74).

As for his Arizona career, he has the highest winning percentage in school history (.772), and his 499 wins trail only Fred Enke's 509 from 1925-1961 (36 years).

Olson, who was a finalist for Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame induction in 2000 and 2001, had success long before his days on the collegiate level. In 11 years as a high school coach (1956-69), he compiled a record of 180-76 (.703). After that, there were three years in the junior college ranks at Long Beach City College, where he was 104-20 (.839). Factor in those games, along with the contests as the head coach at Arizona, Iowa and Long Beach State, and he has won 975 games heading into 2003-04 and has a .744 winning percentage in 1,310 career games.

His success not only happens on the court, but also in the recruiting process and in the number of former players that currently play in the NBA. For instance, the 2002-03 and 2003-04 recruiting classes were each judged as one of the top five in the nation by some analysts. In fact, the two highest-ranked recruits in school history were signed to national letters-of-intent in November 2002. With a 1998 NBA draft-day high tying three choices, followed by two in 1999 and five in the 2001 NBA Draft, Arizona has had 21 UA players picked by NBA teams since 1990. In his collegiate career, he has produced 46 NBA Draft picks, including 27 at Arizona. Last year, there were 10 Arizona alums on NBA rosters, and two former Wildcats faced off in the 2003 NBA Finals (Steve Kerr and Richard Jefferson).

Lofty expectations have become commonplace for the Wildcats, and such was the case in 2002-03. Beginning the season as the Associated Press' top-ranked team for the second time in three seasons, the Olson-led charges held that ranking for 13 of 19 polling periods, while never falling lower than No. 4 in the AP poll. UA won 28 games (fifth-highest in school history) and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's "Elite Eight" for the seventh time in school history. Along the way, Arizona earned the school's 10th Pac-10 championship in the last 20 years with a 17-1 league mark that featured a spotless 9-0 road record. Boasting a lineup that had seven players tally at least 200 points, Arizona led the nation with an 85.2 points-per-game average.

Any doubts about Olson's ability on the sidelines were put to rest in 2001-02. He quickly rebuilt a roster that had been decimated by graduation and the NBA Draft, molded a team made primarily of three juniors and six freshmen, and turned it into one of the nation's best. That young Arizona

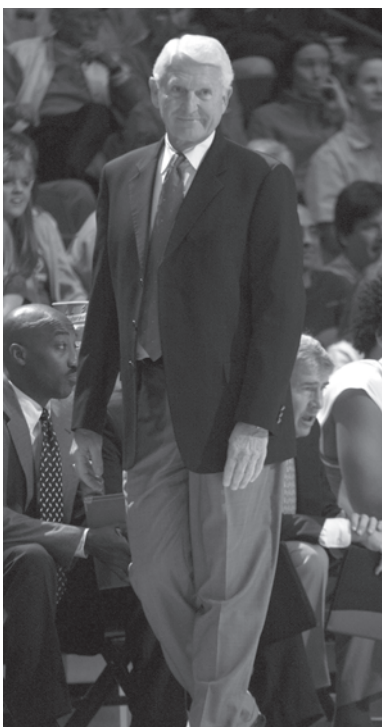
squad exceeded nearly everyone's expectations by winning 24 games, capturing the Pac-10 Tournament title (the school's fourth consecutive), and advancing to the NCAA West Regional semifinal. After starting the year unranked in the *Associated Press* poll for the first time since November 1995, the Olson-led Wildcats served notice by stunning second-ranked Maryland and fifth-ranked Florida in its first two games. UA would rise as high as No. 3 in the polls and remained nationally ranked for the entire season.

Olson guided his charges through a season full of distractions in 2000-01 to one

of his most rewarding results. Opening the year as the nation's top-ranked team in five different polls, the 2000-01 Wildcats overcame two NCAA suspensions, the untimely passing of Olson's wife, Bobbi, and his own five-game leave of absence to amass a 28-8 record, earn a berth in the school's fourth Final Four and play in the national championship game. After struggling to an 8-5 start, the Cats finished the regular season with 15 wins in 17 games to emerge as a title contender. The team rolled through the first five games of the NCAA Tournament dispatching four conference champions and stretching its season-long win streak to 11 games, before falling to Duke, 82-72, in the NCAA Final. Through it all, the Wildcats displayed a toughness and determination seen in few teams across the country.

In a career that has been dotted with terrific coaching jobs, the 1999-2000 season may have been one of the best. Whether it was an injury to a key player, someone who left the program or the fact that there were three freshmen in the starting lineup, he was at his best all year in leading the team to a 27-7 record and the program's ninth Pac-10 Conference championship. The season was also highlighted by his 600th career win, his 400th victory as Arizona's head coach and the renaming of the McKale Center playing surface, "Lute Olson Court".

Arizona fans have grown accustomed to success when basketball season rolls around, but believe it or not, this same attitude did not exist before Olson's arrival in the "Old Pueblo" prior to the 1983-84 campaign.



Back on March 29, 1983, when Olson took over the reigns in Tucson after nine successful seasons at Iowa, he was given a program that finished just 4-24 the season before. A quick and rapid rise to the top would ensue, much to the delight of the legions of hoop-crazed fans in the Arizona Sonoran desert.

Simply put, the 69-year-old Olson has created a basketball-rich tradition at the University of Arizona and made the Wildcats one of the programs that others attempt to emulate.

In 1997-98, he put together what may have been the best team in Arizona history. His silver season as a collegiate coach, Olson won his sixth Pac-10 Coach-of-the-Year honor after directing Arizona to the program's eighth Pac-10 Championship during his tenure. That defending national champion club took everyone's best shot throughout the season, and still managed to post a 30-5 record, thanks in part to a school-record-tying winning streak of 19 consecutive games. The Wildcats, who were a last-second desperation three-pointer away from becoming the first team in Pac-10 history to complete the league schedule 18-0, would get one step away from the school's fourth Final Four before falling to Utah in the NCAA West Regional Final in Anaheim.

In a career that has produced one major achievement after another, it was the 1996-97 season that proved to be the year when Olson reached the pinnacle of his on-court coaching career.

After seeing his squad finish with a regular season record of 19-9 and its lowest Pac-10 finish (fifth) since his first year at the UA (eighth), he rallied the troops for one of the most remarkable runs in the NCAA tournament's history. Going in as a No. 4 seed and with a two-game losing streak, the Wildcats proceeded to do what no team had ever done — beat three No. 1 seeds on the way to the national title.

By the way, the trio of wins didn't come against just any group of teams — they came against the three winningest programs in college basketball history.

The excitement started when Arizona knocked off everyone's favorite

to win it all, Kansas, in the regional semifinal in Birmingham, Ala. Then, after going into overtime to beat Providence in the Southeast Regional Final (96-92), the UA advanced to the Final Four in Indianapolis, where it beat its second No. 1 seed, North Carolina. This win set up the title game against defending national champion, Kentucky.

The Wildcats vs. Wildcats match-up proved to be a battle of epic proportions, one that resulted



Olson's Career at a Glance

	Years	W	L	Pct.
High School	11	180	76	.703
Junior College	3	104	20	.839
Long Beach State	1	24	2	.923
Iowa	9	168	90	.651
Arizona	20	499	147	.772
NCAA D-I Totals	30	691	239	.743
Career Totals	44	975	335	.744



in the first NCAA overtime title game in seven years. When the dust settled, Olson's club came away with an 84-79 win, a conquest that took place just two days after his 14-year anniversary of being named the head coach at Arizona. The monumental win set off a wild celebration at the RCA Dome, and back home on the streets of Tucson.

That national championship team was built out of the same mold as the man who was in

charge — forged with a competitive fire, intensely driven and dedicated to be the best. Following the year, Olson was awarded with the second annual Chase Winged Foot Award, an honor that is presented to the coach of the national champions by the New York Athletic Club.

In the year prior to the national championship campaign (1995-96), Olson reached a pair of head coaching milestones, as he won his 300th game as the UA mentor and attained his 500th career victory as a head coach.

Following the initial season as the Wildcats' leader, the Arizona basketball program began its trek into the local, regional and national spotlight. The excitement that Olson brought to McKale Center has been parlayed into sellout season ticket crowds for the past consecutive 16 years and well-earned respect for Olson among his peers in the coaching profession.

Olson's Wildcat squads have finished the season ranked in the top 10 in one or both major college basketball polls for seven straight seasons and 13 times overall. In fact, Arizona has finished the season with a national ranking in each of the last 16 years. As a testament to his long-term greatness, CBS-TV included Olson on its list of the "Ten Greatest Coaches in College Basketball History" during the 2003 Final Four.

He continues to put his stamp on the NCAA and Pac-10 coaching record books with each passing season. He has coached in the NCAA Tournament 24 times in the last 25 years, including the 19 consecutive appearances at Arizona, and overall he has a 42-24 (.636) NCAA Tournament record. In addition to the appearances with his Arizona clubs from 1985-2003, he led Iowa to trips in each of his final five years in Iowa City, including the 1980 Final Four.

Olson's Arizona teams are 35-18 (.660) in NCAA play with trips to the 1988, 1994, 1997, and 2001 Final Fours. His Iowa teams were 7-6 in NCAA action, including a Final Four trip in 1980. His 42 NCAA Tournament wins ties him for fourth place on the NCAA Tournament's all-time victory list, and he is one of just eight coaches who have coached in five or more Final Fours. Further, his 24 appearances in the NCAA Tournament puts him third on the all-time head coaching list.

Some teams rebuild, but Olson reloads his Wildcat program — always giving his players the right to approve or disapprove any prospective recruit.

"I have been a firm believer that you build a successful program with good people, Olson said. "We never recruit the great players who are questionable people. Hopefully, they will be great players as well."

Many of these players have utilized the Arizona program to hone their skills and move onto the next level. Under Olson, 27 players have been selected in the NBA Draft (10 in the first round), while numerous others have gone onto play overseas.

It most assuredly has been a successful run at Arizona for Olson. After coming to Tucson, it proved to take just one season for

Lute Olson's Year-By-Year Coaching Record

School	Year	Record	Pct.	Conf.	Finish	Postseason
Long Beach State	1973-74	24-2	.923			
Iowa	1974-75	10-16	.385	7-11	7th	
Iowa	1975-76	19-10	.655	9-9	5th	
Iowa	1976-77	20-7	.741	12-6	4th	
Iowa	1977-78	12-15	.444	5-13	8th	
Iowa	1978-79	20-8	.714	13-5	1st	NCAA Mideast 1st Round
Iowa	1979-80	23-10	.697	10-8	4th	NCAA Final Four
Iowa	1980-81	21-7	.750	13-5	2nd	NCAA Midwest 2nd Round
Iowa	1981-82	21-8	.724	12-6	2nd	NCAA West 2nd Round
Iowa	1982-83	22-9	.710	10-8	T2nd	NCAA Midwest Regional
Arizona	1983-84	11-17	.393	8-10	8th	
Arizona	1984-85	21-10	.677	12-6	T3rd	NCAA West 1st Round
Arizona	1985-86	23-9	.719	14-4	1st	NCAA West 1st Round
Arizona	1986-87	18-12	.600	13-5	2nd	NCAA West 1st Round
Arizona	1987-88	35-3	.921	17-1	1st	NCAA Final Four
Arizona	1988-89	29-4	.879	17-1	1st	NCAA West Regional
Arizona	1989-90	25-7	.781	15-3	T1st	NCAA West 2nd Round
Arizona	1990-91	28-7	.800	14-4	1st	NCAA West Regional
Arizona	1991-92	24-7	.774	13-5	3rd	NCAA Southeast 1st Round
Arizona	1992-93	24-4	.857	17-1	1st	NCAA West 1st Round
Arizona	1993-94	29-6	.829	14-4	1st	NCAA Final Four
Arizona	1994-95	24-7	.774	14-4	2nd	NCAA Midwest 1st Round
Arizona	1995-96	27-6	.818	14-4	2nd	NCAA West Regional
Arizona	1996-97	25-9	.735	11-7	5th	NCAA Champions
Arizona	1997-98	30-5	.857	17-1	1st	NCAA West Regional Final
Arizona	1998-99	22-7	.759	13-5	2nd	NCAA Midwest 1st Round
Arizona	1999-2000	27-7	.794	15-3	T1st	NCAA West 2nd Round
Arizona	2000-01	25-6*	.806	12-2*	2nd	NCAA Runner-up
Arizona	2001-02	24-10	.706	12-6	T2nd	NCAA West Regional
Arizona	2002-03	28-4	.875	17-1	1st	NCAA West Regional Final
Overall	30 years	691-239	.743			
Arizona	20 years	499-147	.772	279-77	.784	
Iowa	9 years	167-91	.647	91-71	.561	
Long Beach State	1 year	24-2	.923			

* Reflects Arizona record with Olson on the sideline. UA was 28-8 overall and 15-3 in the Pac-10. Olson took a five-game leave of absence during the year. Associate head coach Jim Rosborough was credited with a 3-2 record in that span.

him to ignite a dormant program.

In 1984-85 — his second year — the Wildcats finished the year at 21-10 and made their first of many visits to the NCAA Tournament. It had been eight years since an Arizona team had won 20 games and Olson was just beginning to scratch the surface.

National recognition came with the 1986 season as the Cats won its first Pac-10 title and put together a 23-9 record. That was the first of 10 Pac-10 titles that Arizona has won since Olson's arrival. The four titles won from 1988-91 marked the first time a Pac-10 team won four consecutive titles since the league expansion in 1979.

With the 1988 Pac-10 title in hand, the season culminated with Arizona's first trip to the Final Four as the Cats put together the finest season in school history with a 35-3 record.

Since that 1987-88 Final Four season, Arizona has won an average of 26 games a season (averaging just six losses), and the overall record of 429-101 during that same period is the nation's best in terms of winning percentage (.809).

The numbers get even better when you look at what the Cats have done at home for Olson. In the last 20 years under Olson, Arizona has amassed a record of 294-30 (.907) in McKale Center, have lost only 11 non-conference games and have won 222 of its last 237 games. In that span, the Cats had an amazing run of 71 consecutive victories without a defeat, making it the 10th-longest homecourt winning streak in NCAA history.

The streaks haven't built around a light schedule either. Olson does not avoid tough games. Since his arrival, Arizona has played 45 non-conference, regular season games against teams that played in the Final Four later that same season. Further, the Wildcats have matched wits with a team that played in the NCAA title game in eight of the past nine seasons.

With the success of the Wildcats throughout the years, the accolades for Olson continue to grow. His resume includes Coach-of-the-Year honors from both the Pac-10 (1986, 1988, 1989, 1993, 1994, 1998, 2003) and the Big Ten (1979 and 1981) in addition to a variety of regional and national honors. He earned the John R. Wooden "Legends of Coaching" and the Clair Bee Coach of the Year awards in 2001. In the summer of 1999, he was also inducted into the

Pima County (Ariz.) Sports Hall of Fame.

Olson's success at Arizona mirrors his earlier work at Iowa where in nine years in Iowa City from 1975 to 1983 he became the then-winningest coach in school history (168-90) and took the Hawkeyes to the NCAA five straight times including a Final Four trip in 1980.

Olson was born on a farm just outside Mayville, N.D., on Sept. 22, 1934, and would go on to attend high school in Grand Forks, N.D., for the 1951-52 season, where he led the team to the 1952 state basketball championship.

In college, he was a three-sport athlete (basketball, football and baseball) at Augsburg (Minn.) College from 1953-56. As a senior in 1956, Olson was recognized with the Augsburg Honors Athlete Award, which is given annually to the top male student-athlete. Since that time he also has been honored by his alma mater with induction into the

Augsburg Athletic Hall of Fame in 1977 and received the Augsburg College Distinguished Alumni Award in April 1986.

After five years of prep coaching in Minnesota, he moved west and coached for seven years in Anaheim and Huntington Beach, Calif., high schools. Olson was inducted into the Two Harbors, Minn., Sports Hall of Fame in July 2001.

He then guided Long Beach City College to three league titles and the 1971 state junior college crown and was the conference coach of the year in each of his three seasons. Olson

followed that with a one-year stint as the head coach at Long Beach State (1973-74), where he led the 49ers to a 24-2 record. That got the attention of Iowa, which hired him for the next season.

Olson was married the former Roberta (Bobbi) Russell for 47 years. Bobbi passed away in January 2001. Olson has five grown children — daughters Vicki, Jody and Christi, and sons Greg and Steve — and 14 grandchildren.

On April 12, 2003, Olson married the former Christine Toretto of Indiana, Pa. She has three sons, Joe, 17; Max, 15; and Matthew, 12. The couple first met at the 2002 Final Four in Atlanta.





NCAA Division I Coaching Records

Winningest Active Coaches, By Percentage

Rnk	Coach, school	Yrs.	W	L	Pct.
1.	Roy Williams, North Carolina	15	418	101	.805
2.	Lute Olson, Arizona	30	691	239	.743
3.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	27	653	226	.743
4.	Rick Majerus, Utah	19	407	142	.741
5.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	28	663	234	.739
6.	Bob Huggins, Cincinnati	22	517	184	.738
7.	Rick Pitino, Louisville	17	396	144	.733
8.	Tubby Smith, Kentucky	12	288	109	.725
9.	Bob Knight, Texas Tech	37	809	311	.722
10.	John Chaney, Temple	31	693	269	.720
	John Calipari, Memphis	11	260	101	.720

NCAA Division I Coaching Records

Winningest Active Coaches, By Victories

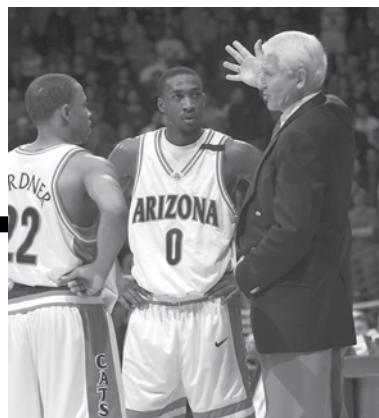
Rnk	Coach, school	Years	Wins
1.	Bob Knight, Texas Tech	37	809
2.	Lou Henson, New Mexico State	39	764
3.	Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma State	33	724
4.	John Chaney, Temple	31	693
5.	Lute Olson, Arizona	30	691
6.	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	28	663
7.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	27	653
8.	Jim Calhoun, Connecticut	31	647
9.	Hugh Durham, Jacksonville	35	604
10.	Dave Bliss, Baylor	28	526

NCAA All Division Coaching Records

Winningest Coaches, By Victories

Rnk	Coach, last school	Yrs.	W	L	Pct.
1.	Dean Smith, North Carolina	36	879	254	.776
2.	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	41	876	190	.822
3.	Clarence Gaines, Winston-Salem	47	828	447	.649
4.	Jim Phelan, Mount St. Mary's	49	830	524	.613
5.	*Jerry Johnson, LeMoyne-Owen	45	812	400	.670
6.	*Bob Knight, Texas Tech	37	809	311	.722
7.	Lefty Driesell, Georgia State	40	786	394	.666
8.	Jerry Tarkanian, Fresno State	31	778	202	.794
9.	Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	41	767	338	.694
10.	Ed Diddle, Western Kentucky	42	759	302	.715
11.	Forrest C. "Phog" Allen, Kansas	48	746	264	.739
12.	*Lou Henson, New Mexico State	38	742	377	.663
13.	Norm Stewart, Missouri	38	731	375	.661
14.	Herb Magee, Philadelphia Univ.	35	730	277	.725
15.	*Eddie Sutton, Oklahoma State	33	724	288	.715
	Ray Meyer, DePaul	42	724	354	.672
17.	Don Haskins, Texas-El Paso	38	719	353	.671
18.	Dick Sauers, Albany	41	702	330	.680
19.	*John Chaney, Temple	31	693	269	.720
20.	*Lute Olson, Arizona	30	691	239	.743
21.	Denny Crum, Louisville	30	675	295	.696
22.	Dennis Bridges, Illinois Wesleyan	36	666	320	.675
23.	Ed Messbarger, Angelo State	41	665	515	.564
24.	John Wooden, UCLA	29	664	162	.804
25.	*Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	28	663	234	.739

* active



Most NCAA Tournament Appearances

27	Dean Smith, North Carolina	1967-97
25	Bob Knight, Indiana/Texas Tech	1973-2002
24	Lute Olson, Iowa/Arizona	1979-2003
23	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-2000
23	Eddie Sutton, Creighton, Arkansas/Kentucky/Okla. State	1974-2002
22	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-2002
20	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	1942-72
20	John Thompson, Georgetown	1975-96

Most NCAA Tournament Wins

65	Dean Smith, North Carolina	1967-97
60	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	1984-2003
47	John Wooden, UCLA	1950-75
42	Lute Olson, Iowa/Arizona	1978-2003
42	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-2000
42	Bob Knight, Indiana/Texas Tech	1973-2002
38	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-00
34	John Thompson, Georgetown	1975-96
31	Eddie Sutton, Creighton, Arkansas/Kentucky/Okla. State	1974-2002
31	Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach St./UNLV/Fresno St.	1970-2001
30	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	1942-72

Most Consecutive NCAA Tournament Appearances

23	Dean Smith, North Carolina	1975-97
19	Lute Olson, Arizona	1985-2003
15	Bob Knight, Indiana	1986-2000
14	John Thompson, Georgetown	1979-92
11	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	1984-94
11	Eddie Sutton, Arkansas/Kentucky	1977-87

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* At Arizona alone, 16 of his players have earned a total of 56 All-America accolades. Additionally, Arizona players have earned all-Pacific-10 Conference honors 36 times since 1984.

* Olson's .743 career winning percentage ranks second among active NCAA Division I coaches.

* Lute Olson is one of eight coaches in collegiate history to coach in five or more Final Fours.

* Olson is one of 11 coaches who have taken two different teams to the Final Four. Olson's five Final Four appearances are the most in that group of 11 coaches.

* Olson's and Arizona's string of 19 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances is the longest current streak in college basketball. Further, it's the second longest in NCAA history, trailing only North Carolina's 27 consecutive appearances.

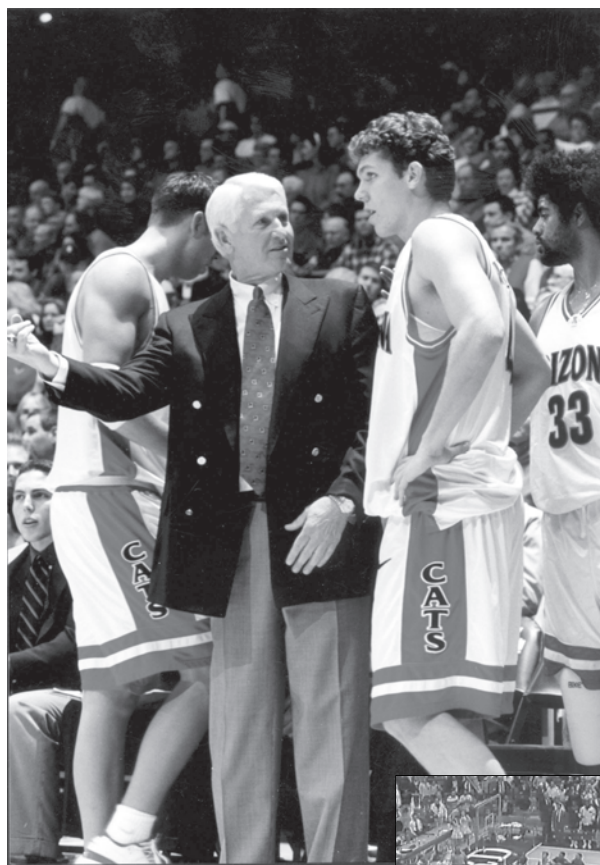
* Olson's 24 tournament appearances are second-most among active coaches (Bob Knight is first with 25).

* Olson's 42 NCAA tournament wins are the second-most among active coaches (Mike Krzyzewski - 60).

* Olson's 1997 NCAA championship UA team was the first and only squad in history to beat three No. 1 seeds in the same tournament.

* Olson has guided Arizona to 10 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances in the last 16 years and a 26-9 record in the Cats' last 35 NCAA tournament games.

* Olson has produced 46 NBA Draft picks, including 27 at Arizona. No school in the Pac-10 has produced as many first round picks in the last 20 years than Arizona's 10.



Lute Olson vs. All Opponents

Alabama	0-2
Alaska-Anchorage	1-0
Arizona (at Iowa)	1-0
Arizona State	35-7
Arkansas	2-3
Arkansas-Little Rock	1-0
Assumption	1-0
Auburn	1-0
Augustana	1-0
Austin Peay	1-0
Baylor	2-0
Boston College	4-0
Boston University	1-0
Bradley	2-0
Brigham Young	4-0
Butler	2-0
California	34-9
California-Irvine	2-0
California-Santa Barbara	3-0
Cal Poly Pomona	1-0
Cal State-Los Angeles	2-0
Cal State-Northridge	1-0
Canisius	1-0
Chaminade	1-0
Cincinnati	3-0
Clemson	2-0
Colorado	0-1
Colorado State	1-1
College of Charleston	1-0
Connecticut	0-3
Coppin State	1-0
Cornell	1-0
Davidson	1-0
Dayton	3-0
Delaware	1-0
Delaware State	1-0
Denver	2-0
Detroit	2-0
Drake	11-1
Duke	3-3
Duquesne	1-0
East Tennessee State	1-1
Eastern Illinois	1-0
Evansville	2-0
Florida	1-0
Florida International	1-0
Florida State	1-1
Fordham	1-0
Ft. Hays State	1-0
Fresno State	2-0
Fullerton State	0-1
Georgetown	2-1
Georgia Tech	0-1
Gonzaga	2-0
Hawaii	2-0
Hawaii-Hilo	2-0
Hawaii-Pacific	2-0
Holy Cross	2-0
Houston	2-1
Houston Baptist	1-0
Idaho	0-1
Illinois	17-7

Illinois State	1-0
Illinois-Wesleyan	1-0
Indiana	7-11
Indiana State	1-0
IUPUI	1-0
Iowa	2-1
Iowa State	10-2
Jackson State	1-0
James Madison	2-0
Kansas	2-5
Kansas State	2-0
Kent State	3-0
Kentucky	3-1
LaSalle	1-0
Long Beach State	3-0
Long Island Univ.	1-0
Louisiana State	3-3
Louisville	1-0
Loyola-Chicago	1-0
Loyola-Maryland	1-0
Loyola Marymount	2-0
Mankato State	1-0
Marquette	3-1
Maryland	2-0
Miami (Fla.)	2-0
Miami (Ohio)	0-1
Michigan	11-12
Michigan State	10-12
Minnesota	11-9
Mississippi	1-0
Mississippi State	1-1
Missouri	2-1
Montana	1-0
Navy	1-0
Nebraska	3-0
Nebraska-Omaha	1-0
Nevada-Las Vegas	1-5
Nevada-Reno	1-0
New Mexico	5-6
New Mexico State	1-0
New Orleans	3-0
Nicholls State	1-0
North Carolina	3-1
North Carolina-Asheville	1-0
North Carolina-Wilmington	1-0
North Carolina State	1-0
Northeast Louisiana	2-0
Northern Arizona	10-0
Northern Illinois	4-0
Northern Iowa	3-0
Northwestern	16-2
Notre Dame	4-0
Ohio State	9-9
Oklahoma	1-4
Oklahoma State	2-0
Oral Roberts	1-0
Oregon	30-10
Oregon State	36-6
Pacific	2-0
Pan American	1-1
Pennsylvania	2-0
Penn State	1-0

Pepperdine	2-0
Pittsburgh	3-1
Princeton	1-0
Providence	2-2
Puget Sound	1-0
Purdue	10-13
Rhode Island	2-0
Richmond	1-0
Robert Morris	2-0
Rutgers	2-0
St. Bonaventure	1-0
St. Francis (Pa.)	1-0
St. Joseph's	1-0
Saint Louis	1-0
Saint Mary's	1-0
San Diego State	5-1
San Francisco	1-0
San Francisco State	1-0
San Jose State	3-1
Santa Clara	2-1
Seton Hall	2-1
South Alabama	1-0
South Carolina	1-0
South Florida	1-0
Stanford	30-12
Syracuse	2-2
Temple	2-0
Tennessee	2-1
Texas	6-0
Texas A&M	1-0
Texas-San Antonio	1-0
Texas Tech	3-0
Toledo	0-1
Towson State	1-0
Tulane	1-0
Tulsa	1-1
UCLA	24-19
U.S. International	1-0
USC	34-10
UTEP	2-2
Utah	3-3
Utah State	1-0
Valparaiso	2-0
Vermont	1-0
Villanova	2-1
Virginia	1-0
Virginia Commonwealth	2-0
Wake Forest	0-1
Washington	30-11
Washington State	38-2
West Virginia	1-0
Western Illinois	1-0
Western Kentucky	1-0
Wichita State	2-1
Wisconsin	15-3
Wisconsin-Eau Claire	1-0
Wyoming	2-0

Pac-10 Comparison (1984-2003)

	Arizona	ASU	Cal	Oregon	OSU	Stanford	UCLA	USC	Wash.	WSU
Pac-10 Championships	8			1		2	5			
Pac-10 Co-Championships	2				2	1		1	2	
Pac-10 Tournament Championships	4			1			1			
Overall Record	502-149	305-288	351-253	305-283	283-291	407-210	431-198	294-295	283-300	249-327
Road Record	227-120	95-182	127-172	116-186	118-193	178-145	171-139	110-195	105-199	94-219
Pac-10 Record	282-78	153-207	182-178	161-199	153-207	215-145	245-115	156-204	154-206	111-249
Pac-10 Road Record	121-59	57-123	70-109	54-126	58-122	88-92	101-79	56-124	53-127	32-148
Final AP Top-10 Rankings	11					4	3	1		
NCAA Tournament Appearances	19	3	8	4	5	11	15	6	5	1
NCAA Championships	1						1			
Final Four Appearances	4					1	1			
NCAA Tournament Record	35-18	4-3	7-8	3-4	0-5	15-11	25-14	4-6	4-5	0-1
Pac-10 MVPs	6	1	4	2	3		1	3	1	
All-Pac-10 Selections	36	16	16	15	14	25	36	14	16	9
Consensus All-Americans	9		3		1	4	2	1		
First Round NBA Draft Picks	10	1	5	4	6	7	9	2	2	
Second Round NBA Draft Picks	16	4	4	2	1	3	12	5	3	2

Lute Olson in NCAA Play

Arizona head coach Lute Olson has coached in the NCAA Tournament 24 times in the last 25 years, including 19 consecutive seasons at Arizona. Overall he has a 42-24 (.636) NCAA Tournament record. In addition to the appearances with his Arizona clubs from 1985-2002, he led Iowa to five consecutive trips in his final five seasons in Iowa City. Olson's Arizona teams are 35-18 (.660) in NCAA postseason play with trips to the 1988, 1994, 1997 and 2001 Final Fours. Olson's Iowa teams were 7-6 in NCAA Tournament action including a Final Four trip in 1980. Here is a breakdown by yea:

L	72-74	Iowa-Toledo	1979 Midwest
W	86-72	Iowa-Virginia Commonwealth	1980 East
W	77-64	Iowa-N.C. State	1980 East
W	88-77	Iowa-Syracuse	1980 East
W	81-80	Iowa-Georgetown	1980 East
L	72-80	Iowa-Louisville	1980 Final Four
L	58-75	Iowa-Purdue	1980 Final Four
L	56-60	Iowa-Wichita State	1981 Midwest
W	70-63	Iowa-NE Louisiana	1982 West
L	67-69 (ot)	Iowa-Idaho	1982 West
W	64-59	Iowa-Utah State	1983 Midwest
W	77-63	Iowa-Missouri	1983 Midwest
L	54-55	Iowa-Villanova	1983 Midwest
L	41-50	Arizona-Alabama	1985 West
L	63-73	Arizona-Auburn	1986 West
L	91-98 (ot)	Arizona-UTEP	1987 West
W	90-50	Arizona-Cornell	1988 West
W	84-55	Arizona-Seton Hall	1988 West
W	99-79	Arizona-Iowa	1988 West
W	70-52	Arizona-No. Carolina	1988 West
L	78-86	Arizona-Oklahoma	1988 Final Four
W	94-60	Arizona-Robert Morris	1989 West
W	95-68	Arizona-Clemson	1989 West
L	67-68	Arizona-UNLV	1989 West
W	79-67	Arizona-South Florida	1990 West
L	55-77	Arizona-Alabama	1990 West
W	93-80	Arizona-St. Francis	1991 West
W	76-61	Arizona-BYU	1991 West
L	77-81	Arizona-Seton Hall	1991 West
L	80-87	Arizona-East Tenn. St.	1992 Southeast
L	61-64	Arizona-Santa Clara	1993 West

W	81-55	Arizona-Loyola (Md.)	1994 West
W	71-58	Arizona-Virginia	1994 West
W	82-70	Arizona-Louisville	1994 West
W	92-72	Arizona-Missouri	1994 West
L	82-91	Arizona-Arkansas	1994 Final Four
L	62-71	Arizona-Miami, Ohio	1995 Midwest
W	91-51	Arizona-Valparaiso	1996 West
W	87-73	Arizona-Iowa	1996 West
L	80-83	Arizona-Kansas	1996 West
W	65-57	Arizona-South Alabama	1997 Southeast
W	73-69	Arizona Coll. of Charleston	1997 Southeast
W	85-82	Arizona-Kansas	1997 Southeast
W	96-92 (ot)	Arizona-Providence	1997 Southeast
W	66-58	Arizona-North Carolina	1997 Final Four
W	84-79 (ot)	Arizona-Kentucky	1997 Final Four
W	99-60	Arizona-Nicholls State	1998 West
W	82-49	Arizona-Illinois State	1998 West
W	87-79	Arizona-Maryland	1998 West
L	51-76	Arizona-Utah	1998 West
L	60-61	Arizona-Oklahoma	1999 Midwest
W	71-47	Arizona-Jackson State	2000 West
L	59-66	Arizona-Wisconsin	2000 West
W	101-76	Arizona-Eastern Illinois	2001 Midwest
W	73-52	Arizona-Butler	2001 Midwest
W	66-56	Arizona-Mississippi	2001 Midwest
W	87-81	Arizona Illinois	2001 Midwest
W	80-61	Arizona-Michigan State	2001 Final Four
L	72-82	Arizona-Duke	2001 Final Four
W	86-81	Arizona-UC-Santa Barbara	2002 West
W	68-60	Arizona-Wyoming	2002 West
L	67-88	Arizona-Oklahoma	2002 West
W	80-51	Arizona-Vermont	2003 West
W	96-95 (2ot)	Arizona-Gonzaga	2003 West
W	88-71	Arizona-Notre Dame	2003 West
L	75-78	Arizona-Kansas	2003 West





Jim Rosborough

Associate Head Coach
15th year at Arizona
Iowa '66

Entering his 15th year at Arizona, Jim Rosborough (pronounced ROZZ-burr-oh) has proven himself to be one of the top game strategists around – a role he has developed in 24 seasons working alongside Lute Olson. His expertise and familiarity

of the Olson system is one of the keys and driving forces that has established the Arizona program as one of the finest in the country, both on and off the court.

The 2002-03 campaign saw Rosborough put in some of his best work. He turned a senior, a sophomore and three freshmen into arguably the finest perimeter group, a group that was the driving force behind a club that won 28 games, spent 13 weeks atop the Associated Press' top-25 poll and won the school's 10th Pac-10 championship. With Rosborough's assistance, Arizona has nine 25-win seasons in the last 14 years.

Rosborough's cool demeanor was essential in 2001-02 as the Wildcat staff molded a squad made up of three juniors and seven underclassmen into the eventual Pac-10 Tournament Champions and NCAA Tournament Sweet "16" participants. With Rosborough's assistance as a motivator and strategist, Arizona met the challenge of the nation's most difficult schedule and won more than 20 games for the 15th consecutive season.

One needs to look no further than his performance during Olson's leave of absence in the middle of the 2000-01 season to realize just how crucial Rosborough is to Wildcat basketball. Despite high emotions on and off the court, he led the team to a 3-1 Pac-10 record in Olson's absence, including a road sweep of the Washington schools that many surrounding the team considered the turning point of the season as the Cats eventually finished as the NCAA runner-up. His knowledge of the system and leadership presence allowed the team to continue with as little interruption as possible.

Rosborough was promoted to associate head coach following Arizona's 1996-97 NCAA championship season in a move that gave him expanded duties within the program and demonstrated his invaluable position in the Arizona basketball program. In his career, he has made 20 trips to postseason play, including four Final Four appearances, and has helped 14 Arizona teams win just under 80 percent of its games since joining the program in April of 1989.

Game preparation and defense are Rosborough's main focuses for the Cats and it is no coincidence that those have been crucial elements of Arizona's two most recent Final Four appearances. He also works with Arizona's perimeter players and has helped the Cats produce four backcourt first-team All-Americans in the past five seasons, including 1998-99 National Player of the Year Jason Terry, as well as 1997-98 Player-of-the-Year finalists Mike

Bibby and Miles Simon, and 2003 Frances Pomeroy Naismith Player of the Year Jason Gardner. Those four, along with 1994-95 All-American and former NBA Rookie of the Year Damon Stoudamire, cite Roz's coaching as a reason for their success. It's no secret that Rosborough has helped turn Arizona basketball into "Point Guard U." All told, Rosborough has produced 36 NBA Draft picks.

Rosborough also directs the Lute Olson Basketball Camps, oversees most daily office operations and is greatly involved with the academic progress of the players. In addition, he has been closely involved in recruiting efforts that have consistently attracted top-flight classes, including the incoming 2003-04 class, which is ranked among the top 10 in the nation.

Rosborough, who will turn 59 in December, was a top aide to Olson at Iowa from 1974 to 1983. While there, he built a solid reputation during the rebirth of Hawkeye basketball in the 1970s that included six 20-win seasons, five NCAA berths, a Big Ten title in 1979 and a Final Four appearance in 1980. As a recruiter on those early Hawkeye teams, he had repeated success in Chicago, drawing four starters from the Windy City for Iowa's Final Four club that included All-Americans Ronnie Lester and Kevin Boyle along with Steve Kraficisin and Kenny Arnold. He was also responsible for recruiting 16 future NBA draft picks to Iowa City and he helped design a defense which twice led the Big Ten in scoring defense.

When Olson departed for Arizona, Rosborough remained an assistant to Iowa athletic director Bump

Elliott and did color commentary for Hawkeye basketball. He was then an aide to J.D. Barnett at Tulsa for a year, where he helped guide the Golden Hurricanes to an NCAA tournament appearance.

Rosborough took his first head coaching position at Northern Illinois University in April, 1986. He posted a record of 28-56 in three seasons at NIU (1987-89), but his first recruiting class went on to a 26-5 record and NCAA Tournament bid in its senior season.

Rosborough is in his 30th season of intercollegiate athletics at the Division I level. A 1962 graduate of Moline (Ill.) High School where he was an all-state forward, Rosborough was inducted into the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall of Fame on April 27, 2002, to honor his outstanding prep playing career. In 2003, he was elected to the Board of Trustees at Epworth Heights in Ludington, Mich., his summer vacation home.

He received his bachelor of arts degree in political science in 1966 from Iowa and earned his teaching certificate from Loyola (Ill.) in 1970. He and his wife, Kim, have two sons, Greg (20), a UA basketball video manager, and Jon (19). Rosborough, a crafty veteran of the Tucson tennis circuit, was born on Dec. 2, 1944, in Davenport, Iowa. He and Kim were married in Iowa City, Iowa.





Rodney Tention

Assistant Head Coach
Seventh year at Arizona
San Francisco '88

Whether developing yet another top-notch Arizona guard or drawing nationally-recognized talent to Tucson, seventh-year assistant coach Rodney Tention continues to impact the UA basketball program in a positive

fashion. While he works primarily with the UA perimeter players, he also helps with the scouting of opponents, game day preparation and is one of the main cogs in the UA's nationally-renowned recruiting efforts. It is no small coincidence that since his arrival at the UA, the program has won 159 of 199 games (.799) and produced some of the best backcourt talent in college basketball.

Not only has Tention proven his ability to consistently deliver some of the nation's best recruiting classes, but develop that talent into college All-Americans and NBA standouts. Since joining the Wildcat program in April 1997, Tention's perimeter players have proven to be among the best anywhere. In addition to Miles Simon, Mike Bibby, Jason Terry, Gilbert Arenas, and Jason Gardner, the 2003-04 Arizona backcourt with all-Pac-10 performer Salim Stoudamire and potential freshman All-America Mustafa Shakur has the talent and ability few programs can match.

Prior to his arrival in Tucson, Tention spent six seasons at Division II College of Notre Dame in Belmont, Calif. He spent three years as an assistant for the Argonauts from 1991-94, recruiting the talent that led the school to its first NCAC playoff appearance in 1994, and three years (1994-97) as the head coach.

Before heading to the College of Notre Dame, Tention served as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South Florida in Tampa from 1989-91. In fact, his team faced Olson's Wildcats in the first round of the 1990 NCAA Tournament in Long Beach, Calif., a 79-67 Arizona victory. He received his start in the collegiate coaching ranks as an assistant coach at Skyline Community College in San Bruno, Calif. during the 1988-89 campaign in which the team captured the Coast Conference Championship.

Tention played collegiate basketball at the University of San Francisco from 1985-88, where he was a two-year captain and the team's most valuable player. At



USF, he played for Jim Brovelli, who recently served as an assistant coach with the NBA's Denver Nuggets. Tention competed in the junior college ranks at Grossmont Community College and was the squad's captain and MVP during the 1984-85 season. He also played at the Air Force Academy in 1983-84.

Tention received a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of San Francisco in 1988 and earned a master's in public administration from the College of Notre Dame in 1995.

He and his wife, Rebecca, have two sons, Justice (7) and Miles (4).





Josh Pastner

Assistant Coach
Second year at Arizona
Arizona '98

Pastner, who has been with the program as a player and administrator since 1996, continues to be a key cog in the Wildcats' recruiting efforts and work with the program's big men.

His dedication to the program can be seen in the outstanding play of Arizona's front line. Former Wildcat All-American Luke Walton flourished under Pastner's tutelage, while current all-Pac-10 standout Channing Frye continues to show the progress that lists him among several preseason All-America teams.

During the 2001-02 season, Pastner served as the team's video and recruiting coordinator, as well as an administrative assistant. In this role, he oversaw the team's video room and assisted in film editing, as designated by the coaching staff. Pastner coordinated all recruiting mailings and assisted the coaching staff with interoffice academic concerns. He filled the coaching vacancy left when former assistant Jay John left to become the head coach at Oregon State. The newest member of the Wildcat coaching staff assumed his full-time responsibilities on April 10, 2002.

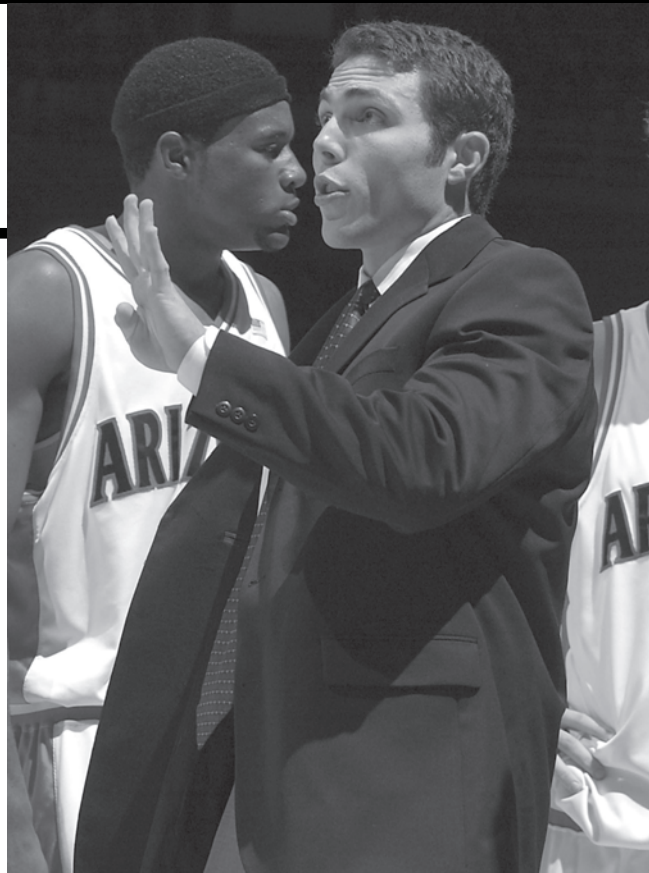
Pastner, 25, made the step up from the playing ranks to the coaching world in June 2000 when he was named an undergraduate assistant coach for Arizona. Pastner, who played for UA from 1996-2000, had similar duties as the three assistant coaches, but could not go on the road to recruit.

"Josh has been intimately involved with this program for six years," said Olson. "One of his goals was to be a full-time assistant here at the University of Arizona and his persistence has paid off. We feel that Josh is an excellent addition to the staff and his tireless efforts will benefit the program for years to come."

The Kingwood, Texas, native played in 42 games as a Wildcat and finished his career with an average of 0.9 ppg. The Wildcats were 42-0 in the games in which he appeared.

Pastner received his undergraduate degree in two-and-a-half years, and his master's degree the following year, and started work on his doctorate. In his role as an undergraduate assistant in 2000-01, Pastner began pursuit of another undergraduate degree.

Despite his lack of playing time, Pastner's presence



in the program has been invaluable since he arrived in 1996. He did many of the small behind the scenes things that helped the team win an NCAA Championship and two Pac-10 titles during his career. Pastner helped break down game tapes and scout opponents, and he was the shot specialist for many of the Wildcat players. In his seven years with the program, Arizona has a 184-50 (.786) record.

While a high school and college athlete, Pastner began his career as a coach on the AAU circuit. He led the Houston Hoops, a select all-star team from that area, to the 1999 Nike National Summer Championship in San Diego. Pastner also led the Houston Hoops to the Global World Championship in the summer of 2000.

Pastner earned his bachelor's degree in family studies from Arizona in December 1998, 2½ years after enrolling, the fastest an Arizona student-athlete has ever earned a degree. He finished his master's in teaching and teacher education in December 1999 before beginning work on his doctorate.

Despite taking as many as 33 units a semester while at Arizona, Pastner maintained a high grade point average, was nominated for the CoSIDA/GTE Academic All-America team and was named to the Academic All-Pac-10 Second Team as a senior in 2000.



Ryan Hansen

Coordinator of Basketball Operation
Seventh year at Arizona
Arizona '96

Ryan Hansen is in his seventh year as the coordinator of basketball operations.

A University of Arizona graduate, Hansen handles the program's daily office operations and also serves as the travel coordinator for the team. He assists with the team's public and community relations, helps with recruiting efforts and handles many duties for Lute Olson's summer basketball camps. Prior to his present post, Hansen served as video coordinator for the Wildcats from 1993-97.

Before the 2000-01 season, Hansen took on the role of scheduling games for the Wildcats. He now works as the main contact in scheduling home and away non-conference contests. Through his efforts, Arizona routinely plays a schedule ranked among the nation's most difficult. Since taking over the scheduling duties, Arizona has played 38 games against nationally-ranked opponents, and met a team during the regular season that has played in the NCAA title game in each of those seasons.

Additionally, he takes a seat next to Brian Jeffries at road games as the color commentator for the Arizona Radio Network.

An accomplished vocalist, Hansen has recorded several albums and toured the country as part of a singing group. He provided one of the truly memorable moments of UA's 2002 Tour of Australia when he came off the bench cold in an emergency to sing the national anthem prior to the game on June 1 in Sydney. He received a standing ovation from the standing-room-only crowd of 554 and then quietly returned to the UA bench.

Hansen graduated from Arizona with a B.S. in health-related professions in December of 1996 and earned his master's degree in educational psychology/physical education at the UA in May of 2001. Prior to enrolling at the UA, he attended Canyon Del Oro High School in Tucson and graduated in 1992.

Hansen, 29, was married in July 1999 to the former Anna Lee Collins.



Justin Kokoskie

Athletic Trainer
Fourth year at Arizona
Pittsburgh '00

Justin Kokoskie enters his second year as the head men's basketball athletic trainer. He handles the daily medical and health-related concerns of the players.

Kokoskie is involved in the prevention, treatment and constant care of the players' injuries. He also educates the student-athletes so that they can remain healthy and return to the basketball court.

In addition to his basketball duties, Kokoskie also serves as the head athletic trainer for Arizona's nationally ranked men's and women's golf teams. Prior to joining the men's basketball program in 2002-03, Kokoskie spent the previous two seasons at Arizona as the athletic trainer for women's soccer and football. He also serves as an adjunct instructor at the university where he teaches an undergraduate sports medicine class.

Kokoskie graduated from the University of Pittsburgh in May 2000 with a B.S. in sports medicine. He earned his master's degree in education from Arizona in 2002 and is currently completing work on his Ph.D.

Kokoskie was married in June 2002 to the former Laura (Katie) Fischer.



Jack Murphy

Video & Recruiting Coordinator,
Administrative Assistant
First year at Arizona
Arizona '03

Murphy will assist the program's video scouting and recruiting, while also filling the role capacity of administrative assistant. He will not have an on-court coaching presence with the team in practice or

game situations.

This position allows Murphy, who has been with the program for five years, the opportunity to continue working with the Wildcats for the 2003-04 season. He will oversee UA's video room and assist in film editing, as designated by the coaching staff. Murphy will also handle all recruiting mailings and assist the coaching staff with interoffice academic concerns.

This role within the basketball program will be a new one for Murphy. Since arriving in Tucson in 1998, Murphy has worked with the program as a student manager. His duties included practice set-up, team statistics, and acting as a general liaison between the players and staff.

In addition to his work with the basketball program, Murphy has worked with prestigious tournaments and camps, including The Big Time, Blazer Basketball Camp and the Vision Sports Summer Classic. A native of Las Vegas, Nev., Murphy served as the local tournament director for the 2003 Las Vegas Easter Classic. The Durango High School graduate was enshrined to the Blazer Basketball Wall of Fame in March 2003.

Murphy, 24, received his bachelor's degree in English, with an emphasis on American Literature, from Arizona in December 2002. He is currently working on his master's degree in educational psychology.

When not around the basketball court, Murphy is an avid sports fan and music enthusiast. His favorites include the Philadelphia Eagles, Seattle Mariners and Bob Dylan. Murphy has had the pleasure of seeing Dylan a whopping 25 times in person and is always looking toward future performances.



2003-04 Support Staff



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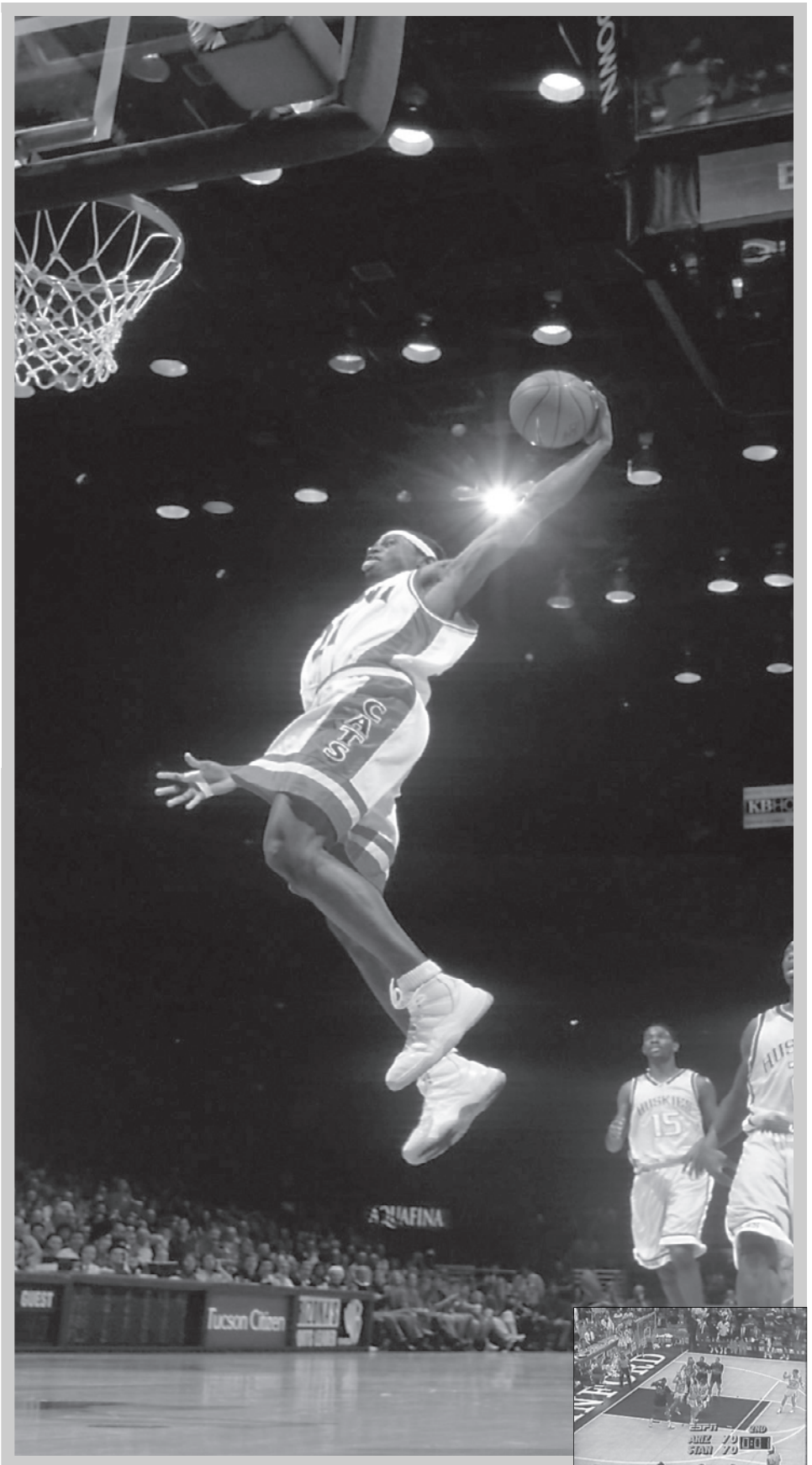


Joe Williams,
Sophomore Manager

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Arizona Wins 10th Pac-10 Championship, Advances to 19th Straight NCAA Tournament, and Achieves 16th Consecutive 20-Win Season

Expectations were high for the University of Arizona entering the 2002-03 season. Five starters and 10 letterwinners returned from a club that won 24 games, captured the Pac-10 Tournament championships and advanced to the NCAA Tournament's "Sweet Sixteen."

So Lute Olson led his charges into his 20th season in Tucson with the nation's No. 1 ranking for the second time in three seasons. Led by a trio of seniors, Rick Anderson, Jason Gardner and Luke Walton, the Cats seemingly had it all: depth, experience, athletic ability, and in Olson, a Hall of Fame coach. What followed for the Wildcats was a season that saw the team post a 28-4 record, capture the Pac-10 Conference championship and hold the top slot in the college basketball polls for 13 weeks.

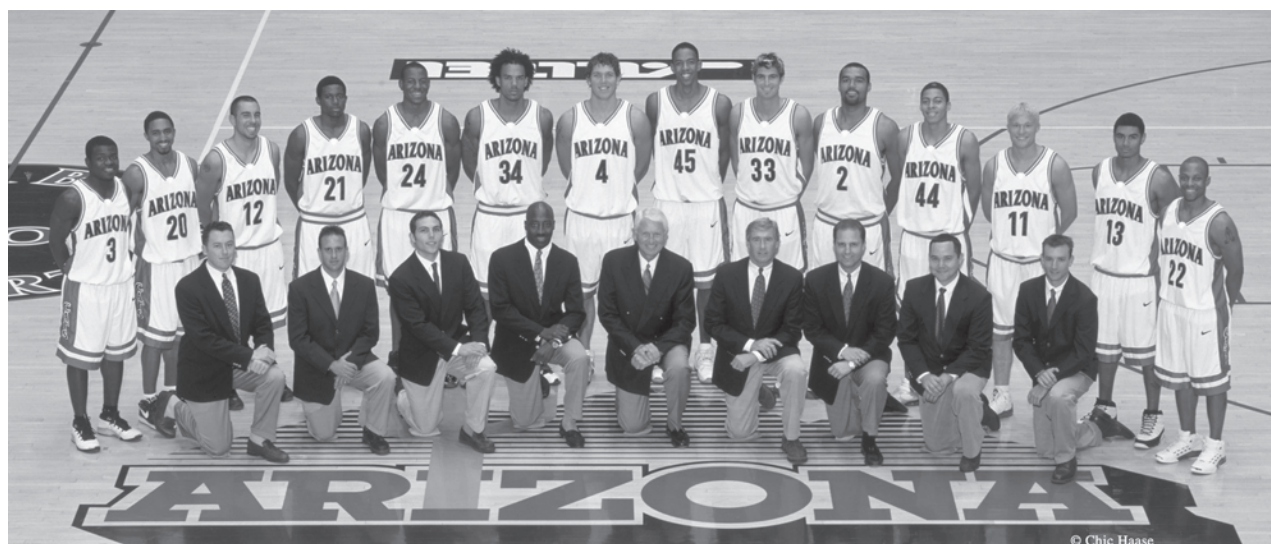
Arizona didn't reach these levels of success easily. UA posted an 8-1 record against nationally ranked opposition with five of those games coming at road or neutral sites. Additionally, Arizona played a team during the regular season that played in the eventual national championship game for the eighth time in nine seasons.

What this edition of the Arizona Wildcats will most be remembered for is a trio of seniors who finished their careers as some of the most accomplished players in school and college basketball history. Anderson, Gardner and Walton led the Cats to a 107-29 (.787) overall record during their stay in Tucson to go with an appearance in the national championship game, two Pac-10 titles and a Pac-10 Tournament championship.

ARIZONA IN THE NATIONAL RANKINGS: As a team, the Wildcats ranked among the top 30 nationally in several statistical categories: first in scoring offense (85.2 points per game), second in won-loss percentage (.875), third in scoring margin (+14.5 ppg), sixth in assists per game (17.8), and 11th in rebound margin (+6.4). Individually, Channing Frye ranked 29th nationally in field goal percentage (.569). Incidentally, Arizona led the Pac-10 in seven different statistical categories.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Senior guard Jason Gardner was named the winner of the 2003 male Frances Pomeroy Naismith Award, given by the Basketball Hall of Fame and the National Association of Basketball Coaches. Gardner won the award, which is presented annually to the nation's most outstanding senior six-foot and under. He joins Sean Elliott (1989) and Jason Terry (1999) as the only University of Arizona players to earn Player-of-the-Year accolades.

ALL-AMERICA HONORS: Jason Gardner was named to a total of six All-America teams following the 2002-03 season, which marked the seventh consecutive year in which the Cats have had at least one All-American. Gardner earned first-team kudos from the John R. Wooden Award, second-team accolades from the Associated Press, NABC, USBWA and the Senior CLASS Award; and third-team honors from foxsports.com. Teammate Luke Walton was an Honorable Mention selection by the Associated Press. Incidentally, Gardner earned All-America honors 12 times during his career.



2002-03 Arizona Wildcats. Front Row (l to r): Jack Murphy, senior manager; Justin Kokoskie, athletic trainer; Josh Pastner, assistant coach; Rodney Tention, assistant coach; Lute Olson, head coach; Jim Rosborough, associate head coach; Ryan Hansen, coordinator of basketball operations; Tim Pfennig, equipment manager; John Castles, video manager. Back Row: Will Bynum, Salim Stoudamire, Fil Torres, Hassan Adams, Andre Iguodala, Dennis Latimore, Luke Walton, Channing Frye, Rick Anderson, Isaiah Fox, Chris Dunn, Jason Ranne, Chris Rodgers, Jason Gardner.