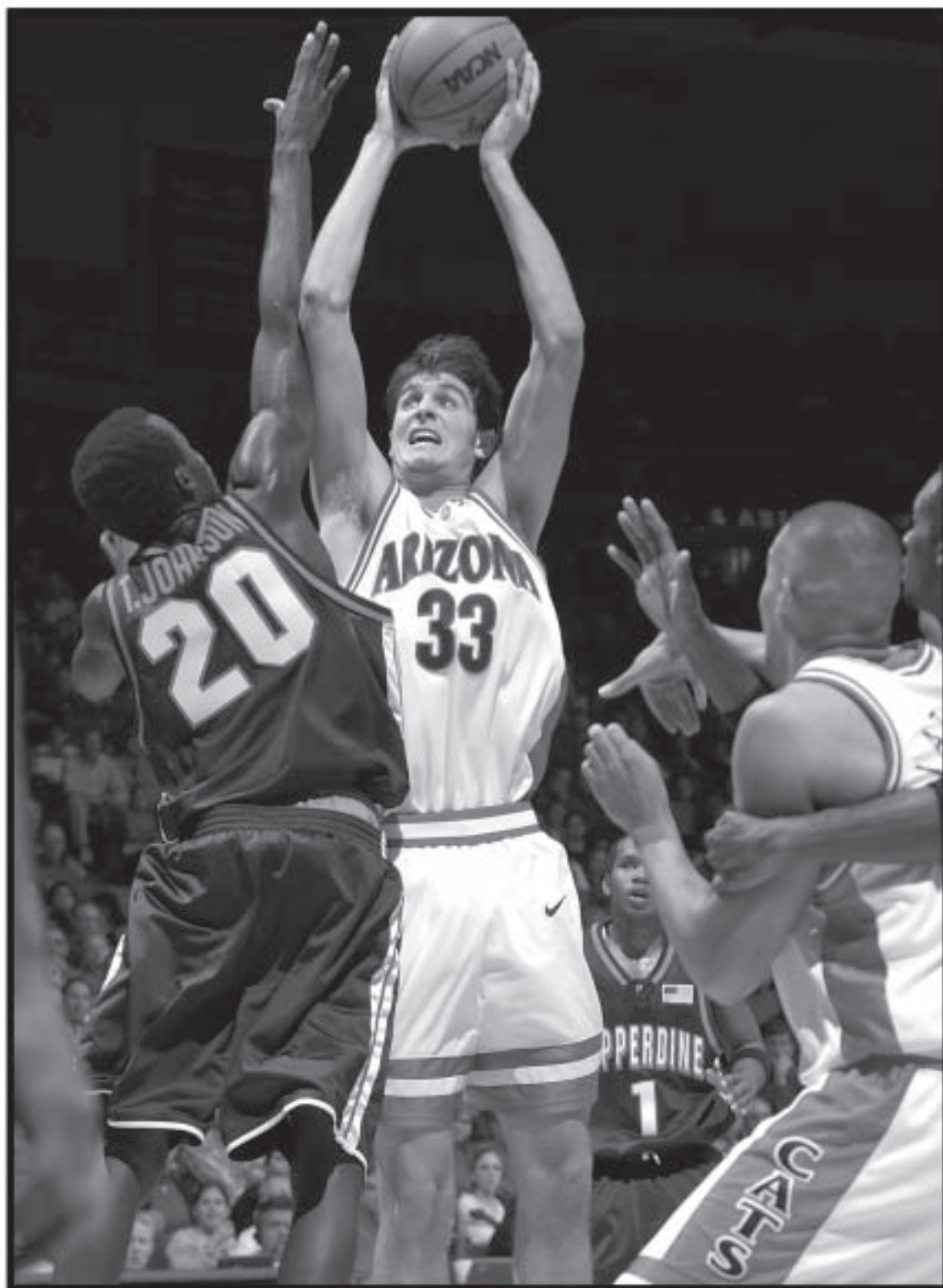


Coaches' Bios



ARIZONA BASKETBALL™



DID YOU KNOW?

- 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 18 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 23 tournament appearances are second-most among active coaches (Bob Knight is first with 25).
- Olson's 39 NCAA tournament wins are the third-most among active coaches (Mike Krzyzewski - 58; Bob Knight - 42).
- 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 nine NCAA Sweet 16 appearances in the last 15 years and a 19-6 record in the Cats' last 25 NCAA tournament games.



Head Coach Lute Olson

As Lute Olson enters his 20th 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, 18 consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances, nine Pacific-10 Conference titles, or the nation's best winning percentage over the past 15 seasons, winning basketball and the UA go hand-in-hand.

Olson also has a new title as he begins his fourth decade as a head coach – 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 30th season as a coach at the Division I level with time spent at Arizona, Iowa and Long Beach State, Olson is one of just 38 head coaches in NCAA history to win 600 or more games. He owns a career record 663-235, which adds up to a gaudy winning percentage of .738. He has recorded a mark of 471-143 (.767) in his 19 years at Arizona, while being named the Pac-10 Coach of the Year six times (1998, '94, '93, '89, '88, '86). Olson also has guided Arizona



Record at Arizona:
471-143 (19 years)
Career Record:
663-235 (29 years)



to 15 consecutive 20-win seasons, making him one of only five coaches in NCAA history to record 24 or more 20-win seasons.

Considered one of the top coaches in Pac-10 history, he has led Arizona to the aforementioned nine league titles, with the last coming in 2000. He has a career Pac-10 mark of 262-76 (.775), and the 262 Pac-10 wins makes him one of just four head coaches in league history to win more than 250 Pac-10 games — joining John Wooden, Slat Gill, and Hec Edmundson.

Olson is the No. 2 coach in Pac-10 history for career winning percentage for conference games with more than two years experience, trailing only the legendary Wooden (.810/304-74).

As for his Arizona career, in terms of winning percentage, he is the winningest coach in school history (.767), and his 471 wins trail only Fred Enke's 497 from 1925-1961 (36 years).

Olson, who was a finalist for Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame inductions in 2000 and 2001, had success long before his NCAA days as well. In 11 years as a high school coach (1956-69), he compiled a record of 180-76. After that, there were three years in the junior college ranks at Long Beach City College, where he was 104-20. Factor in those games, along with the contests as the head coach at Arizona, Iowa and Long Beach State, and he has won 947 games heading into 2002-03 and has a .741 winning percentage in 1,278 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 recruiting class was judged as one of the top five in the nation by some analysts. 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 20 UA players picked by NBA teams since 1990. In his collegiate career, he has produced 44 NBA Draft picks, including 25 at Arizona. Last year, there were 11 Arizona alums on NBA rosters, and two former Wildcats were members of the 1999 NBA champion San Antonio Spurs (Sean Elliott & Steve Kerr).

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 Tournament's "Sweet 16." 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 the hoops season rolls around, but believe it or not, this same attitude did not exist before Olson's arrival in the desert 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 67-year old Olson has created a basketball-rich tradition at the

University of Arizona and made the Cats 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, but 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

Lute Olson All-Time 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 Regional
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
Overall	29 years	663-235	.738			
Arizona	19 years	471-143	.767	262-76	.775	
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.

when Olson reached the pinnacle of his 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 were versus 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 Sweet 16 at Birmingham, Ala. Then, after going into overtime to beat Providence in the Southeast Regional Championship (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 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 not only a wild celebration at both the RCA Dome, but 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 head man and attained his 500th career victory as a head coach.

Following the initial season as the Wildcats' head man, the Arizona basketball program began its trek into not only the local and regional limelight, but the national spotlight as well. The excitement that Olson brought to McKale Center has been parlayed into sellout season ticket crowds for the past consecutive 15 years and well-earned respect for Olson among his peers in the coaching profession.

He continues to put his stamp on the NCAA and Pac-10 coaching record book with each season. He has coached in the NCAA tournament 23 times in the last 24 years, including the 18 straight seasons at Arizona, and overall he has a 39-23 NCAA record. In addition to the appearances with his Arizona clubs from 1985-2002, he led Iowa to five consecutive trips in his final five years in Iowa City, including the 1980 Final Four.

Olson's Arizona teams are 32-17 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 39 NCAA Tournament wins place him sixth on the NCAA all-time tournament victory list, and he is one of just eight coaches who have coached in five or more Final Fours. Further, his 23 all-

time trips to the NCAA Tournament puts him third on the all-time head coaching list.

Some teams rebuild, but Olson reloads the 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, 25 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 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 their first Pac-10 title and put together a 23-9 record. That was the first of eight 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 that 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 401-97 during that same period is the nation's best in terms of winning percentage (.805).

The numbers get even better when you look at what the Cats have done at home for Olson. In the last 19 years under Olson, Arizona has amassed a record of 280-29 in McKale Center, have lost only 11 non-conference games and have won 208 of its last 222 games. During that time, the Cats had an amazing run of 71 consecutive victories without a defeat, making it one of the NCAA's all-time top 10 longest home-court winning streaks.

The streaks haven't built around a light schedule either. Olson does not avoid tough games. Since his arrival, Arizona has played 43 non-conference, regular season games against teams that played in the Final Four later that same season. Further, they have matched wits with a team that played in the NCAA title game in seven of the past eight 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 and 1998) 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 College (Minn.) from 1953-56. 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, Jodi and Christi, and sons Greg and Steve – and 14 grandchildren.



Pac-10 Comparison (1984-2002)

	Arizona	ASU	Cal	Oregon	OSU	Stanford	UCLA	USC	Wash.	WSU
Pac-10 Championships	7			1		2	5			
Pac-10 Co-Championships	2				2	1		1	2	
Pac-10 Tournament Championships	4						1			
Overall Record	474-145	285-276	329-244	282-273	270-276	383-201	421-179	281-278	273-283	242-307
Road Record	213-117	87-173	118-164	107-178	112-185	168-139	166-130	105-184	103-189	93-207
Pac-10 Record	265-77	142-200	169-173	151-191	147-195	201-141	239-103	150-192	149-193	109-233
Pac-10 Road Record	112-59	53-118	65-106	51-120	55-116	82-89	98-73	54-117	52-119	32-139
Final AP Top-10 Rankings	10					4	3	1		
NCAA Tournament Appearances	18	2	7	3	5	10	15	6	5	1
NCAA Championships	1						1			
Final Four Appearances	4					1	1			
NCAA Tournament Record	32-17	3-2	6-7	3-3	0-5	14-10	25-14	4-6	4-5	0-1
Pac-10 MVPs	6	1	4	1	3		1	3	1	
All-Pac-10 Selections	34	15	14	13	13	24	35	14	16	9
Consensus All-Americans	9		3		1	4	2	1		
First Round NBA Draft Picks	10	1	5	3	6	7	9	2	2	
Second Round NBA Draft Picks	15	3	4	2	1	3	11	5	3	2

Lute Olson vs. All Opponents

Alabama	0-2	Indiana	7-11	Princeton	1-0
Alaska-Anchorage	1-0	Indiana State	1-0	Providence	2-2
Arizona (at Iowa)	1-0	IUPUI	1-0	Puget Sound	1-0
Arizona State	33-7	Iowa	2-1	Purdue	10-13
Arkansas	2-3	Iowa State	10-2	Rhode Island	2-0
Arkansas-Little Rock	1-0	Jackson State	1-0	Richmond	1-0
Assumption	1-0	James Madison	2-0	Robert Morris	2-0
Auburn	1-0	Kansas	1-4	Rutgers	2-0
Augustana	1-0	Kansas State	2-0	St. Bonaventure	1-0
Austin Peay	1-0	Kent State	3-0	St. Francis (Pa.)	1-0
Baylor	2-0	Kentucky	3-1	St. Joseph's	1-0
Boston College	4-0	LaSalle	1-0	Saint Mary's	1-0
Bradley	2-0	Long Beach State	3-0	San Diego State	4-1
Brigham Young	4-0	Long Island Univ.	1-0	San Francisco	1-0
Butler	2-0	Louisiana State	3-2	San Francisco State	1-0
California	32-9	Louisville	1-0	San Jose State	3-1
California-Irvine	2-0	Loyola-Chicago	1-0	Santa Clara	2-1
California-Santa Barbara	3-0	Loyola-Maryland	1-0	Seton Hall	2-1
Cal Poly Pomona	1-0	Loyola Marymount	2-0	South Alabama	1-0
Cal State-Los Angeles	2-0	Mankato State	1-0	South Carolina	1-0
Cal State-Northridge	1-0	Marquette	3-1	South Florida	1-0
Canisius	1-0	Maryland	2-0	Stanford	29-11
Chaminade	1-0	Miami (Fla.)	2-0	Syracuse	2-2
Cincinnati	3-0	Miami (Ohio)	0-1	Temple	2-0
Clemson	2-0	Michigan	11-12	Tennessee	2-1
Colorado	0-1	Michigan State	10-12	Texas	5-0
Colorado State	1-1	Minnesota	11-9	Texas A&M	1-0
College of Charleston	1-0	Mississippi	1-0	Texas-San Antonio	1-0
Connecticut	0-3	Mississippi State	1-1	Texas Tech	3-0
Coppin State	1-0	Missouri	2-1	Toledo	0-1
Cornell	1-0	Montana	1-0	Towson State	1-0
Dayton	3-0	Navy	1-0	Tulane	1-0
Delaware	1-0	Nebraska	3-0	Tulsa	1-1
Delaware State	1-0	Nebraska-Omaha	1-0	UCLA	22-18
Denver	2-0	Nevada-Las Vegas	1-5	U.S. International	1-0
Detroit	2-0	Nevada-Reno	1-0	USC	32-10
Drake	11-1	New Mexico	5-6	UTEP	2-2
Duke	3-3	New Mexico State	1-0	Utah	3-3
Duquesne	1-0	New Orleans	3-0	Utah State	1-0
East Tennessee State	1-1	Nicholls State	1-0	Valparaiso	1-0
Eastern Illinois	1-0	North Carolina	3-1	Villanova	2-1
Evansville	2-0	North Carolina-Asheville	1-0	Virginia	1-0
Florida	1-0	North Carolina-Wilmington	1-0	Virginia Commonwealth	2-0
Florida International	1-0	North Carolina State	1-0	Wake Forest	0-1
Florida State	1-1	Northeast Louisiana	2-0	Washington	28-11
Fordham	1-0	Northern Arizona	9-0	Washington State	36-2
Ft. Hays State	1-0	Northern Illinois	4-0	West Virginia	1-0
Fresno State	2-0	Northern Iowa	3-0	Western Illinois	1-0
Fullerton State	0-1	Northwestern	16-2	Wichita State	2-1
Georgetown	2-1	Notre Dame	3-0	Wisconsin	15-3
Georgia Tech	0-1	Ohio State	9-9	Wisconsin-Eau Claire	1-0
Gonzaga	1-0	Oklahoma	1-4	Wyoming	2-0
Hawaii	2-0	Oklahoma State	2-0		
Hawaii-Hilo	2-0	Oral Roberts	1-0		
Hawaii-Pacific	2-0	Oregon	28-10		
Holy Cross	2-0	Oregon State	34-6		
Houston	2-1	Pacific	2-0		
Houston Baptist	1-0	Pan American	1-1		
Idaho	0-1	Pennsylvania	2-0		
Illinois	17-7	Penn State	1-0		
Illinois State	1-0	Pepperdine	2-0		
Illinois-Wesleyan	1-0	Pittsburgh	3-1		

Lute Olson in NCAA Play

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L	72-74	Iowa-Toledo	1979 Mideast	W	81-55	Arizona-Loyola (Md.)	1994 West
W	86-72	Iowa-Virginia Commonwealth	1980 East	W	71-58	Arizona-Virginia	1994 West
W	77-64	Iowa-N.C. State	1980 East	W	82-70	Arizona-Louisville	1994 West
W	88-77	Iowa-Syracuse	1980 East	W	92-72	Arizona-Missouri	1994 West
W	81-80	Iowa-Georgetown	1980 East	L	82-91	Arizona-Arkansas	1994 Final Four
L	72-80	Iowa-Louisville	1980 Final Four	L	62-71	Arizona-Miami, Ohio	1995 Midwest
L	58-75	Iowa-Purdue	1980 Final Four	W	91-51	Arizona-Valparaiso	1996 West
L	56-60	Iowa-Wichita State	1981 Midwest	W	87-73	Arizona-Iowa	1996 West
W	70-63	Iowa-NE Louisiana	1982 West	L	80-83	Arizona-Kansas	1996 West
L	67-69 (ot)	Iowa-Idaho	1982 West	W	65-57	Arizona-South Alabama	1997 Southeast
W	64-59	Iowa-Utah State	1983 Midwest	W	73-69	Arizona Coll. of Charleston	1997 Southeast
W	77-63	Iowa-Missouri	1983 Midwest	W	85-82	Arizona-Kansas	1997 Southeast
L	54-55	Iowa-Villanova	1983 Midwest	W	96-92 (ot)	Arizona-Providence	1997 Southeast
L	41-50	Arizona-Alabama	1985 West	W	66-58	Arizona-North Carolina	1997 Final Four
L	63-73	Arizona-Auburn	1986 West	W	84-79 (ot)	Arizona-Kentucky	1997 Final Four
L	91-98 (ot)	Arizona-UTEP	1987 West	W	99-60	Arizona-Nicholls State	1998 West
W	90-50	Arizona-Cornell	1988 West	W	82-49	Arizona-Illinois State	1998 West
W	84-55	Arizona-Seton Hall	1988 West	W	87-79	Arizona-Maryland	1998 West
W	99-79	Arizona-Iowa	1988 West	L	51-76	Arizona-Utah	1998 West
W	70-52	Arizona-No. Carolina	1988 West	L	60-61	Arizona-Oklahoma	1999 Midwest
L	78-86	Arizona-Oklahoma	1988 Final Four	W	71-47	Arizona-Jackson State	2000 West
W	94-60	Arizona-Robert Morris	1989 West	L	59-66	Arizona-Wisconsin	2000 West
W	95-68	Arizona-Clemson	1989 West	W	101-76	Arizona-Eastern Illinois	2001 Midwest
L	67-68	Arizona-UNLV	1989 West	W	73-52	Arizona-Butler	2001 Midwest
W	79-67	Arizona-South Florida	1990 West	W	66-56	Arizona-Mississippi	2001 Midwest
L	55-77	Arizona-Alabama	1990 West	W	87-81	Arizona-Illinois	2001 Midwest
W	93-80	Arizona-St. Francis	1991 West	W	80-61	Arizona-Michigan State	2001 Final Four
W	76-61	Arizona-BYU	1991 West	L	72-82	Arizona-Duke	2001 Final Four
L	77-81	Arizona-Seton Hall	1991 West	W	86-81	Arizona-UC-Santa Barbara	2002 West
L	80-87	Arizona-East Tenn. St.	1992 Southeast	W	68-60	Arizona-Wyoming	2002 West
L	61-64	Arizona-Santa Clara	1993 West	L	67-88	Arizona-Oklahoma	2002 West

Most NCAA Tournament Wins

65	Dean Smith, North Carolina	1967-97
58	Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	1984-2002
47	John Wooden, UCLA	1950-75
42	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-2000
42	Bob Knight, Indiana/Texas Tech	1973-2002
39	Lute Olson, Iowa/Arizona	1978-2002
34	John Thompson, Georgetown	1975-96
32	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-01
31	Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach St./UNLV/Fresno St.	1970-2001
30	Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	1942-72
30	Eddie Sutton, Creighton, Arkansas/Kentucky/Okla. State	1974-2002

Most Consecutive NCAA Tourney Appearances

23	Dean Smith, North Carolina	1975-97
18	Lute Olson, Arizona	1985-2002
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

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	19	471	143	.767
NCAA D-I Totals	29	663	235	.738
Career Totals	43	947	331	.741

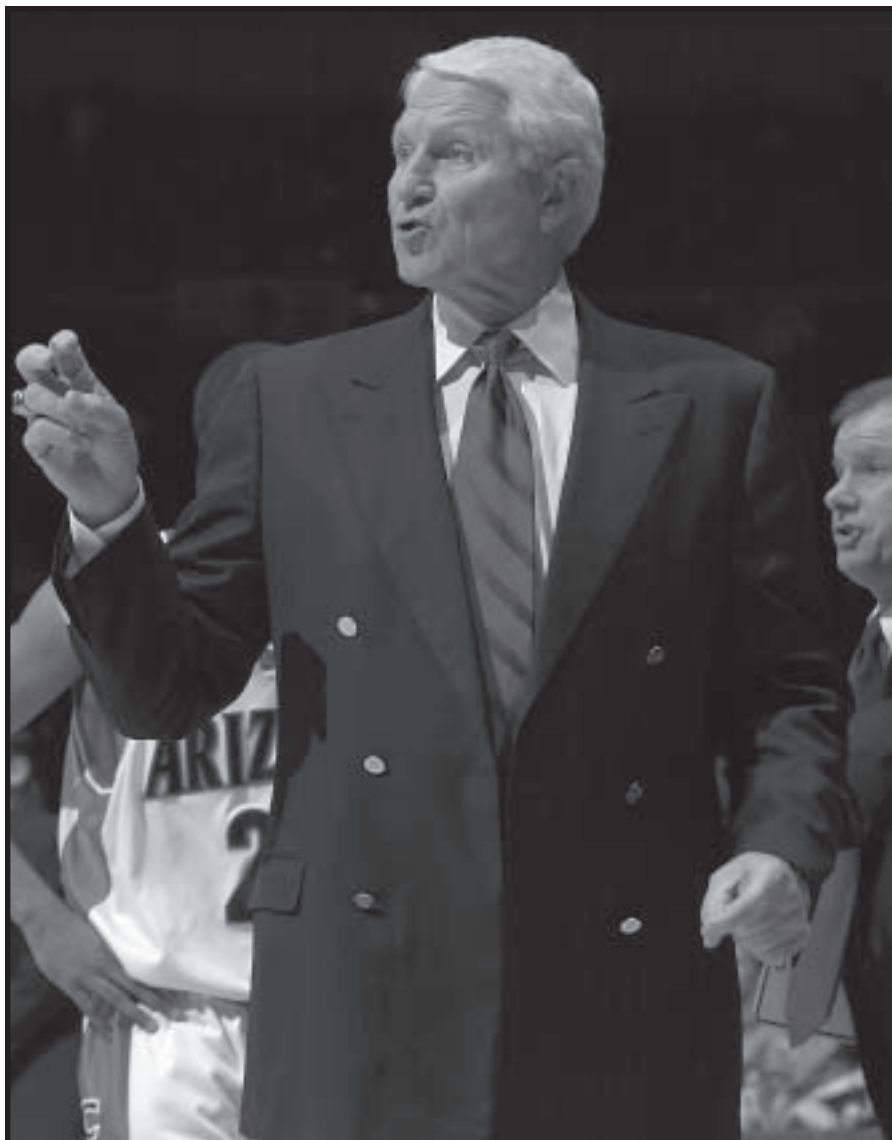
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All-American forward
1985-89, 1989 College
Basketball Player of the Year*



"Through the diligent preparation of detail, at the high school, junior college and collegiate levels, Lute Olson prepared himself for his eventual induction into the Naismth Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame, the highest honor a basketball coach can achieve.

"There is much truth in the words of the sportswriter who wrote - "Lute Olson's teams are as meticulously prepared as his personal appearance. Coach Olson's teams are always fundamentally sound, both offensively and defensively and not known for beating themselves. He is also well-known for stressing team play over individual play and as a result, his teams usually would have more assists than their opponents. For many years, Lute Olson's name would be among the first to come up when followers of the game would be attempting to evaluate the better coaches of the sport.

"Although I have tremendous respect for Lute as a teacher of the sport we both love, I have equal respect for him as a family man and the latter is more important. Any parent would be pleased to have their youngster under the supervision of a teacher like Lute Olson." – **John Wooden**, *legendary UCLA head coach*

"I think in the history of college basketball, Lute Olson will go down as one of the greatest coaches of all time, especially when it comes to building great programs at multiple schools.

"In terms of success at such different institutions, what sets Lute apart isn't just the number of wins, but the amount of class in those programs, the people within and his players. That class is far more important than the wins.

"Because of that, I believe he is a highly-respected individual by those of us in the media covering him on the outside and those who compete directly against him. He is a very special guy." – **Billy Packer**, *CBS College Basketball Analyst*



"Lute Olson is one of the true giants of the college game. His longevity, by itself, is remarkable, but his standard of

excellence set over those years has been truly astonishing. Coach Olson is a resilient competitor and prolific winner, and he has accomplished it all with a distinctive refinement and grace. Lute Olson is not only a great coach, he is a truly exceptional teacher and gentleman."

– Jay Bilas, *ESPN Basketball Analyst*

"I am really happy for Lute and I'm really proud of him. We have competed against each other for a number of years and I've always said that he is one of the most difficult coaches to prepare for. His teams are always extremely well coached. They are hard to beat and that is a tribute to his coaching ability. He has been around a long time and has done a lot of great things. His induction into the Hall of Fame is well deserved."

– Mike Montgomery, *Stanford head coach*

"I've known Lute a long, long time and he is the kind guy that we'll hate to see leave coaching because he has good principles and his players are such good people."

"His teams are always fundamentally sound and tough to beat. Few people realize that he may have done his best coaching job last season after his team was decimated by the NBA Draft. In college basketball, you don't always have that reservoir of talent to build on, but Lute was able to get his guys ready to play immediately and be very competitive. The championship seasons always get the accolades and press clippings, but the best coaching jobs often get overlooked. Last season was a remarkable achievement for Lute. He did it as well as anyone last year."

"Lute's got a good program that's built on fundamentals and teaching. He strives for perfection and anytime you use that approach, you are usually successful."

– Pete Newell, *legendary college basketball coach*

"I am so proud of Coach Olson and all that he has accomplished at the U of A. It's really amazing how everything he said has come true. When I came on my recruiting visit he was warning people to buy season tickets now because one day they wouldn't be available. He said we would help build an elite program. Both of those are true."

"The Hall of Fame induction is an honor long overdue. The man hasn't changed in 20 years. The aura of excellence is still there."

"It's been almost 20 years since I played for him, but I just take so much pride in having played for Coach Olson and the University of Arizona."

– Pete Williams, *UA center, 1983-85*

"Lute Olson's brilliant coaching record speaks for itself, and certainly makes him worthy of induction into the Basketball Hall of Fame. Beyond the record, his program at the University of Arizona has helped advance the Pacific-10 Conference into the elite group of conferences which have members contend for the National Championship each year. Arizona's strength has challenged the other programs in the Pac-10 to become better."

"Off the court, he always has been a constructive and creative force for the improvement of college basketball, nationally and within the Conference. He is adept at solving problems and conceiving better ways to coach and administer the game. He also is supportive of his community and many worthy causes, and extremely devoted to his family. His election adds luster to the Basketball Hall of Fame."

– Tom Hansen, *Pacific-10 Conference Commissioner*

"Of the elite college coaches, Lute Olson may be the only one whose teams lack a distinctive style or personality. I think that's a compliment. He has adapted as well as anyone to changes in personnel and the evolution of the game. No coach has recovered as quickly from

player departures, whether it was Damon Stoudamire and Sean Elliott leaving after four seasons or Mike Bibby and Gilbert Arenas leaving after two."

"Arizona always responded to those circumstances with seasons that surprised the critics and competition. The only thing that hasn't changed at Arizona through it all is Olson. He still looks great and coaches even better."

– Mike DeCourcy, *The Sporting News*

"The most defining part of Lute Olson's 20 years at the UA is that he changed the self-image of Tucson and the way we look at ourselves. He has made it possible for this isolated pocket of the country to look in the mirror and think: we are winners."

– Greg Hansen, *Arizona Daily Star*



2002 Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame inductees Lute Olson and Larry Brown (right) share a moment together in Los Angeles at the Class of 2002 announcement on June 5, 2002. (Associated Press photo)

"For those of us that have spent a lifetime in basketball, it is very rewarding to see someone like Lute inducted into the Hall of Fame. He is one of the really good guys in basketball. What he's done is remarkable in itself. He's won everywhere he's been, and more importantly, he won the right way. The Hall of Fame is the highest award a coach can receive and Lute's induction is well deserved. I am very happy for him."

– C.M. Newton, *longtime college basketball head coach and former Director of Athletics at the University of Kentucky*



"Arizona basketball is Lute Olson. They are one in the same. There's no question that the program would not be one of the elite in the country had Olson not decided to take the challenge in the Southwest. The Wildcats have to recruit nationally and Olson has done a masterful job in luring the top talent or those who fit in to his style to Tucson.

"But that's only half the job. Olson has been one of the most under appreciated tacticians and motivating coaches in the game. Each year the Wildcats aren't supposed to be a power, they still end up in the national title, or at the very least, Pac-10 title race.

"Playing Arizona has become an event for any team in the nation. That's because of Olson. If he were in a major media market then he would have received even more platitudes. Olson has worked under the radar screen to develop one of the best programs in the country, a program that will forever be held in high esteem because of what he did during one of the most illustrious tenures a coach has had at an institution.

"His legacy is simple: without him, Arizona would never have been a national power, a destination for anyone willing to compete for the national title." – **Andy Katz**, senior college basketball writer, *ESPN.com*

"Lute Olson is the finest technical basketball coach I ever have seen. His system is both disciplined and structured without being limiting. His players are virtually flawless fundamentally. They improve from one season to the next as much or more as any in college basketball. In his perfectly tailored coat and tie, he looks forbidding and intimidating. But one of the world's biggest hearts beats beneath the surface."

– **Ken Goe**, *The Oregonian*

"Lute Olson represents class in college basketball. His teams are well-coached, win consistently and show heart. Coach Olson conducts himself in a professional manner on and off the court, but at the same time speaks his mind on the issues. He is a credit to the game. I know of stories of how he has helped other coaches and how he develops players during their careers. He is unquestionably respected by his coaching peers and I believe by most media. He is truly deserving of this honor." – **Steve Richardson**, *Dallas Morning News*

"Lute Olson has transformed Arizona into the premier program on the West Coast since he arrived in Tucson in 1983, coaching the Wildcats to nine Pac-10 regular season titles, 18 straight NCAA Tournaments, four Final Fours and a national championship in 1997.

"But, over and above his success on the court and the stars he has produced, he is one of the class acts in college basketball, a principled, family man who gave us all a lesson in life with the way he handled the death of his beloved wife Bobbi.

"The Hall could not have selected a finer candidate. Those of us who know and respect him just wish Bobbi could have been there when he received word he was to receive one of the sport's greatest honors.

"Enjoy the moment, coach." – **Dick Weiss**, *New York Daily News*

"Lute Olson is one of the best basketball coaches in the history of the game. He has changed with the game and changed with the times. He never demanded athletes change to his system. He noted their skills and changed his game to find the best way to win. Lute won with a big men when he had guys like Sean Rooks and Ed Stokes. When he lost the big guys, he changed his style to fit the speed of guards like Khalid Reeves and Damon Stoudamire and continued to win conference championships.

"In watching his practices over the last ten years, he's both a professor and communicator. His attention to detail in breaking down an opponent is incredible, yet he still relates so well with 18 to 22 year-olds with humor and easy to understand lessons.

"I think the greatest compliment you can give a coach is that his players were better people when they left him. Lute Olson is that kind of coach."

– **Steve Physioc**, *Fox Sports Net College Basketball Commentator*

"When I think of Coach Olson, I think of class. He epitomizes class to me in the way he carries himself and the way he represents the program. The program is thought of highly around the country through his efforts. It's almost hard to remember the program before he arrived. He is now one of those coaches like Dean Smith of North Carolina, where when you think of that school, you think of him. There are only a handful of those guys around.

"I think he and Bobbi have done so much for the community and the basketball program. Tucson, in large part, has an identity because of Coach Olson and for what he's meant not only to the basketball program, but the university and the city. That is a direct reflection of what he's about as a person. He does things the right way and means so much to Tucson." – **Tom Tolbert**, *UA center 1986-88, KNBR-AM Radio Host & ABC/ESPN NBA Analyst*

“Coach Olson’s induction into the Hall of Fame is a great honor that’s long overdue. When you look at his accomplishments – five Final Fours, the best winning percentage for more than a decade and the number of NBA Draft picks – it’s easy to see why he is one of the best coaches in the history of college basketball.

“There were a lot of great players that came before me and a lot that have come after me. I just tried to continue that tradition, but Coach Olson is the one who molded those players into great teams. He is the one constant.” – **Miles Simon**, *UA All-American guard 1994-98, 1997 NCAA Tournament Most Outstanding Player*

“Obviously, Coach Olson’s induction is long overdue. My question has always been ‘How did he not go in on the first ballot? He will go down as one of the greatest coaches in college basketball history, so it’s good that he’s finally getting in.’” – **Steve Kerr**, *UA All-American guard 1983-88*

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– **Sean Elliott**, *UA All-American forward 1985-89, 1989 College Basketball Player of the Year*

“They don’t get any better than Lute Olson, and I’ve admired him for a long time. I got to know him when he was at Long Beach City College, and I followed his career at Iowa and Arizona. He’s a credit to the game, one of the greatest teachers we have in our sport, and somebody I’m honored to know.” – **Larry Brown**, *Philadelphia 76ers head coach and member of the Hall of Fame’s Class of 2002*

Select Company

On Sept. 27, 2002, Lute Olson joined a select group of 246 individuals and five teams enshrined in the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame. His election as an active coach also places him in elite company as he is one of just 23 coaches to be active when elected to the Hall of Fame.

Name (team when elected)Enshrined

Lou Carnesecca, St. John's	1992
Pete Carril, Princeton	1997
John Chaney, Temple	2001
Jody Conradt, Texas	1998
Denny Crum, Louisville	1994
Larry Brown, Philadelphia 76ers	2002
Chuck Daly, New Jersey Nets	1994
Antonio Diaz-Miguel,	
Spanish National Team	1997
Clarence Gaines, Winston-Salem State	1982
Don Haskins, Texas El Paso	1997
Henry Iba, Oklahoma State	1969
Bob Knight, Indiana	1991
Mike Krzyzewski, Duke	2001
Ray Meyer, DePaul	1979
Ralph Miller, Oregon State*	1988
Lute Olson, Arizona	2002
Adolph Rupp, Kentucky	1969
Dean Smith, North Carolina	1983
Patt Head Summit, Tennessee	2000
John Thompson, Georgetown*	1999
Lenny Wilkins, Atlanta Hawks	1998
Morgan Wooten, DeMatha H.S.	2001
Kay Yow, North Carolina State	2002

* active when elected, not when enshrined





Jim Rosborough

Associate Head Coach

Entering his 14th year at Arizona, Jim Rosborough (pronounced ROZZ-burr-oh) has proven himself to be one of the top game strategists around B a role he has developed in 23 seasons under 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.

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 A16" 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 19 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 three backcourt first-team

All-Americans in the past four 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. Those three, 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. All told, Rosborough has produced 35 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 2002-03 class which is ranked among the top 10 in the nation.

Rosborough, who will turn 58 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 Krafscis 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,



Associate Head Coach
14th year at Arizona
Iowa '88



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 29th 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.

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 (19), a UA basketball video manager, and Jon (18). 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

Whether developing yet another top-notch Arizona guard or drawing nationally-recognized talent to Tucson, sixth-year assistant coach Rodney Tention has quickly made an impact on the UA basketball program. 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 131 of 167 games (.784) 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 and Gilbert Arenas, the 2002-03 Arizona backcourt with All-American Jason Gardner and 2002 Pac-10 Freshman of the Year Salim Stoudamire has the talent and experience 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



Assistant Head Coach
Sixth year at UA
San Francisco '88



1985-88, where he was a two-year captain and the team's most valuable player. At USE, 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 (6) and Miles (3).





Josh Pastner

Assistant Coach



Assistant Coach
First year at UA
Arizona '98

Josh Pastner was promoted to full-time assistant coach on April 10, 2002, in a move that rewarded six years of hard work within the University of Arizona's men's basketball program.

Pastner, who had been with the program as a player and administrator since 1996, 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 will assume similar responsibilities, as Pastner will be a key cog in the Wildcats' recruiting efforts and work with the program's big men.

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.

Pastner, 24, 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 six years with the program, Arizona has a 156-46 (.772) 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, 22 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 Operations

Ryan Hansen is in his sixth 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. In addition, 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 (pictured right). 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 bachelor of science degree in health-related professions in May of 1997 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, 28, was married in July 1999 to the former Anna Lee Collins.



Coordinator of
Operations

Sixth year at UA

Arizona '97



Justin Kokoskie

Athletic Trainer

Justin Kokoskie enters his first 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.

Prior to the 2002-03 season, Kokoskie spent the previous two seasons at Arizona as the athletic trainer for women's soccer, men's and women's golf 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.



Athletic Trainer

Third year at UA

Pittsburgh '00

Support Staff



Monica Armenta,
Office Specialist, Sr.,
Asst. Coaches



Brad Arnett,
Strength & Conditioning Coach



Lydia Burch,
Office Specialist, Sr.,
for Coach Olson



John Castles,
Video Manager



Mike Hausler,
Video Services



Sean Hennick,
Manager



Joe Jensen,
Manager



Jack Murphy,
Senior Manager



Tim Pfennig,
Equipment Manager



Dr. Don Porter,
Team Physician



James Post,
Office Manager



Ben Reesing,
Freshman Manager



Greg Rosborough,
Asst. Video Manager



Nathan Weigl,
Junior Manager



Joe Williams,
Sophomore Manager



Anthony Wright
Academic Counselor