



The Coaches

HEAD COACH EMMETT DAVIS



On April 24, 1998 Emmett Davis became the nineteenth head basketball coach of the Colgate University basketball program. Today, he is the winningest basketball coach in the 108-year history of Colgate basketball with 138 wins. Davis moved ahead of legendary Colgate coach Howard Hartman on March 9, 2008 when the Raiders upended Bucknell in the Patriot League Tournament semifinals advancing to the 2008 Patriot League championship game.

During coach Davis' decade long tenure, the Colgate program has been a model of consistency. In eight of his 10 seasons, Davis has led the Raiders to either the upper division of the Patriot League standings or advanced the team to the semifinals or finals of the conference tournament. From 2001-2004 the Raiders finished with three consecutive regular season winning records (2001-02...17-10, 2002-03...14-13, and 2003-04...14-13) and in 2007-08 the Raiders tied the school record for wins in a season with 18.

The 2007-08 Colgate basketball team

enjoyed a record-setting campaign on many levels in addition to coach Davis' career achievement of becoming the winningest coach in school history. The Raiders registered 18 wins which tied the school record for wins in a season previously held by the 1992-93 team. The Raiders advanced to the Patriot League Tournament Championship game for the first time since 1996 and set a new school record by winning nine non-conference Division I games. The team's 4-0 start was the best early season record at Colgate since 1960-61 and included Colgate's first in-season tournament title since 1991-92, as the Raiders won the "100 Club Classic" tournament championship hosted by Kennesaw State. Kyle Roemer and Kendall Chones shared team MVP honors as both players became 1,000-point scorers (Roemer, 1,096 and Chones 1,086). Chones became the 12th player in school history to score 1,000 points and grab 500 rebounds in his career.

Davis reached another career milestone in November 2005, as Colgate defeated Matt Doherty's Florida Atlantic team 78-74 earning coach Davis his 100th career victory making him just the fifth coach in school history to win 100 games.

Year by Year Summary

In Davis' first campaign, **1998-99**, the Raiders finished fourth in the Patriot League with a 7-5 league mark while advancing to the semifinal round of the Patriot League Tournament. Colgate dropped a 73-71 decision to league champion Lafayette in the semifinals. The Raiders defeated Lafayette twice during the regular season that year giving the Leopards their only two setbacks in league play.

The **1999-00** season saw Colgate advance to the Patriot League tournament

semifinal round for a league record eighth straight time. The Raiders defeated Holy Cross 58-49 in the quarterfinals. Colgate was eliminated by the regular season league champion Navy in the semi-final round.

The **2000-01** year, Davis' team finished third in the Patriot League standings which was at that time, Colgate's best finish in conference play since Adonal Foyle (eighth overall draft selection by the Golden State Warriors 1996-97) donned the maroon and white in 1996.

The **2001-02** Raiders enjoyed their best season since 1994-95 by finishing with a 17-11 overall record. Among those 17 victories were two wins over Patriot League Tournament champion Holy Cross and a sweep of both Lafayette and Army as well as a 4-0 record vs the Ivy League (Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, and Yale). The Raiders became just the sixth team in the 100-plus year history of Colgate basketball to win 17 games.

The **2002-03** team finished the regular season with a flurry by posting five consecutive wins over the final two weeks of the season beating Army, Navy, American, Lehigh and Bucknell. In addition, Colgate finished with its best Patriot League record since the 1995-96 season. The Raiders finished 9-5 in the conference tied with American for second place behind Holy Cross, the regular season and tournament champion.

The **2003-04** team finished with a 15-14 record winning three of its final four games. In the middle of the season the team dealt with adversity when leading scorer and rebounder Howard Blue went down with a knee injury. Blue, a preseason first team all-league senior missed six Patriot League games, but returned to compete in the final two weeks of the season. The team finished strong after Blue's return, posting consecu-

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EDUCATION

St. Lawrence University.....M.Ed. Education, 1984
St. Lawrence University.....B.A. Government, 1981
Gloversville HS (Gloversville, N.Y.)1977

COACHING

1981	St. Lawrence University	--
1982	St. Lawrence University	--
1983	St. Lawrence University	--
1984	St. Lawrence University	--
1987	U.S. Naval Academy	--
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1998	U.S. Naval Academy	--
1999	Colgate University	14-14
2000	Colgate University	13-16
2001	Colgate University	13-15
2002	Colgate University	17-11
2003	Colgate University	14-14
2004	Colgate University	15-14
2005	Colgate University	14-14
2006	Colgate University	10-19
2007	Colgate University	10-19
2008	Colgate University	18-14

ATHLETIC

St. Lawrence University.....Basketball
Gloversville High SchoolBasketball, Football,
.....Cross Country, Track

Student Assistant, ICAC Title, NCAA's
Assistant Coach
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Assistant Coach, ICAC Title, NCAA's
Assistant Coach, CAA Title, NCAA's
Assistant Coach
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Assistant Coach
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Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach, Patriot League Title, NCAA's
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach
Assistant Coach, PL Title, NCAA's
Assistant Coach, PL Title, NCAA's
Head Coach, PL Semifinalist
Head Coach, PL Semifinalist
Head Coach, PL Third Place Tie
Head Coach, PL Third Place Tie
Head Coach, PL Second Place Tie
Head Coach, PL Semifinalist
Head Coach, PL Fourth Place Tie
Head Coach, PL Sixth Place
Head Coach, PL Fifth Place
Head Coach, PL Third Place Tie, PL Finalist

tive wins over league leaders Lehigh and Bucknell and a first round upset in the Patriot League Tournament over Lafayette. Colgate's 67-66 overtime victory over Lafayette enabled the Raiders to advance to the Patriot League semifinal round for the third time in six seasons.

Playing well in February has been a Colgate trademark under Davis with his teams winning nearly 65 percent of their Patriot League February games over the four-year span from 2001-2005. Once again the **2004-05** Raiders finished the regular season strong winning four of their final five contests heading into a season-ending game at Bucknell on Senior Day. The Raiders had victory snatched from their grasp when lone Bucknell senior Chris Niez hit a desperation three-point shot with :01 second left to turn a 59-57 Colgate lead into a heartbreaking 60-59 defeat. Despite the loss, the Raiders completed yet another top half finish in the Patriot League for the sixth time in seven seasons.

The **2005-06** season started with great promise but numerous injuries and a demanding schedule took its toll as the Raiders played three top 25 teams: Iowa, Georgetown, and Syracuse. The injury bug started on the first day of official practice when Alex Woodhouse, a sophomore forward who started 21 games as a freshman, was lost for the season suffering a torn ACL injury to his knee. In addition to Woodhouse, three starters: Kendall Chones, Kyle Roemer, and Alvin Reed, each missed multiple games due to injury. There were however, several highlights during the season including Alvin Reed reaching the 1,000-point career milestone, coach Davis earning his 100th career win, a sweep of Army and Navy, and a 62-39 victory over perennial Ivy League power Princeton.

The Raiders were very competitive throughout the **2006-07** season despite losing their leading scorer from the previous year Kyle Roemer. Roemer missed the entire 2006-07 season because of an ankle injury that required surgery. The Raiders were led by seniors Jon Simon, Marc Daniels, Todd Checovich and Dan Gentile. Simon led the team in scoring and became the 18th player in school history to score over 1,000 points in his career (1,172). Simon also earned second team all-league honors. The Raiders finished their league season with two overtime losses to American and Lehigh depriving them from a third place finish.

In August 2006 Davis took his Colgate team to Spain to play a five-game schedule against Spanish professional teams. The Raiders went 4-1 during the nine-day trip that took them to Madrid, Marbella and Barcelona. This was the second foreign tour that Davis has led during his nine seasons. In August 2001, the Raiders traveled to Germany, Switzerland and France. This inaugural trip marked the first time that any Colgate athletic team had competed in Europe. The Raiders went on to have a highly-successful 17-win season following the 2001 European tour.

Colgate's success on the court can be attributed to Davis and his staff's recruiting accomplishments. In Davis' 10 seasons, nine players have been named to the Patriot League all-Rookie teams and two players have been the conference's Rookie of the Year. Pat Campolieti and Mark Linebaugh were the Rookie of the Year winners in 1999



Davis family from left to right - Brendan, Coach Davis, Emmett, wife Gail and Shane

and 2001 respectively while Mike Venezia (2008), Kyle Roemer (2005), Kendall Chones (2004), Alvin Reed (2003), Keith Williams (2002), Howard Blue (2001) and Jordan Harris (1999) were each honored as all-Rookie team members.

Davis has experienced success mentoring assistant coaches as well. All three of his assistant coaches from his original staff have advanced within the coaching profession. Rod Balanis left Colgate in 2000 after four seasons in Hamilton to become the Director of Basketball Operations at Notre Dame under head coach Mike Brey. Rod is currently a full-time assistant coach with the Fighting Irish. While Dennis Csensits left Colgate in 2002 after four seasons to become the head coach at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, and in 2007, Kevin Curley was named the head coach at McDaniel College in Westminster, MD.

In addition, two other former assistant coaches under Davis have recently advanced in the profession taking positions at high major Division I programs. Coach Brian Regan is now at the University of Pittsburgh in the Big East Conference, under Jamie Dixon's tutelage as the Panthers Director of Basketball Operations, while Jeremy Ballard is at the University of Tulsa joining coach Davis' close friend and former colleague at Navy Doug Wojcik. Wojcik just completed his third season as the Golden Hurricanes head coach and led the Tulsa program to their second consecutive 20-win season.

Throughout Coach Davis' tenure at Colgate he has been very active in the fight against cancer. The Raiders have participated in the Coaches vs Cancer Three Point Attack and have raised in excess of \$35,000. Coach Davis and his wife Gail have attended several of Jim and Juli Boeheim's Coaches vs Cancer Basket Ball fundraising events and coach Davis annually participates in the Camp Good Days and Special Times Tournament of Love Celebrity Golf Scramble in Rochester which benefits children with cancer. In 2007, Coach Davis was the recipient of the Wayne Sevier Memorial Award which is given to a person in the sports community who is an inspiration to the children, families and volunteers of Camp Good Days. Coach Davis joins a list of previous recipients of the Sevier Award that includes Mark Rypien, Jim

Boeheim, John Calipari, Steve Christie and Bruiser Flint.

Before taking over the Colgate helm, Davis served as an assistant coach for 12 years at the Naval Academy, where he was involved with all aspects of the program. He was responsible for working with the guards during his early years at Navy and worked with the post players over his final four seasons. He also served as the recruiting coordinator during his time at Navy and is credited with recruiting Navy standouts Michael Heary, Sitapha Savane and Chris Williams.

Davis came to Navy in 1986 and was part of a staff that guided Navy to a 26-win season, a Colonial Athletic Association Championship and an NCAA tournament appearance. It was Navy's third consecutive trip to the NCAA's. During that season, Davis had an opportunity to coach consensus Player of the Year David Robinson. Robinson later went on to have a great NBA career with the San Antonio Spurs, winning Rookie of the Year, MVP honors, and two NBA championships during his professional playing career.

When former Navy head coach Don DeVoe was hired in 1992, Davis was retained on the staff and helped lead the team to the NCAA Tournament three of his last five seasons in Annapolis - 1994, 1997, 1998. Navy's record during those five years was a former league best 91-54.

A native of Gloversville, NY, Davis played under former Navy and Pittsburgh head coach Paul Evans while at St. Lawrence University.

Davis is married to the former Gail Beatty, a four-year letterwinner in women's basketball at LaSalle University and former assistant women's basketball coach at LaSalle, Navy and Georgetown University. Gail also served as the girl's varsity basketball coach at Hamilton Central School for two seasons 2001-03. She is currently serving as the Director of the Hamilton Youth Basketball League and is an elected member of the Hamilton Central School's Board of Education. Emmett and Gail are the proud parents of three sons, Emmett William (11 years old), Shane Colbert (9 years old), and Brendan Wright (6 years old). They reside in Hamilton.

ASSISTANT COACHES



NATHAN DAVIS

Nathan Davis was appointed assistant basketball coach in June after five seasons on the staff at Bucknell.

Davis, 34, has a wealth of successful experience in Division I and great familiarity with the Patriot League. His recruiting abilities helped land reigning Patriot League Player of the Year, Greg Sprink, at Navy and he was a major factor in Bucknell's recent unprecedented success under Pat Flannery which included back-to-back Patriot League Championships.

Davis comes to Colgate from Bucknell, where he was responsible in all aspects of the program under Flannery. He assisted with scouting and player development and was recruiting coordinator. On a number of occasions, he served as interim head coach when Flannery missed games because of illness.

During his tenure, the Bison won 99 games including two Patriot League regular-season championships, two Patriot League Tournament championships and made two NCAA Tournament appearances. During both of Bucknell's NCAA appearances, the Bison pulled first round upsets over Kansas in 2005 and Arkansas in 2006. In 2006 Bucknell finished 24th in the nation in the Coaches Poll.

Davis came to Lewisburg prior to the 2003-04 season having served as an assistant coach at Navy for the previous five years. While in Annapolis he served as head coach Don DeVoe's chief western recruiter, landing numerous top prospects from that region. Davis helped guide the Midshipmen to Patriot League championship game appearances in 2000 and 2001, and he served as director of the Navy Basketball Camps.

A native of Bethesda, Md., Davis graduated in 1997 from Randolph-Macon College with majors in history and sociology. He earned four varsity letters in basketball and served as team co-captain in both his junior and senior years. A two-time all-conference selection, Davis scored 983 career points and was one of only five players in school history to have more than 500 career rebounds, 300 career assists and 100 career steals. He helped the Yellow Jackets to the 1996 NCAA Division III Tournament.

After serving as a student assistant coach while completing his degree at Randolph-Macon in 1996-97, Davis spent one year as an assistant coach at Emory and Henry College before moving on to the U.S. Naval Academy.

He and wife Miki are the parents of a son, Kieran (3) and daughter, Hayden (6 months).



Davis family from left to right - Coach Davis, Kieran, wife Miki and Hayden



AARON MARSHALL

After his first season with the Raiders, Aaron Marshall steps into the second assistant position for the 2008-09 season. Last year, he served as the team's academic coordinator, scouting opponents and working with the post players. This year he will take on more of the same roles but will be more involved in compliance, recruiting and player development.

He came to Colgate from SUNY Potsdam where he had served as an assistant coach for one season after graduating from St. Lawrence University in 2005. During his undergraduate career, Marshall was a four-year letterwinner for the Saints and served as captain his final two seasons. In his senior season, he was first team all-Liberty League for the second time, and was a first team NABC Division III East all-District selection. In addition, he received St. Lawrence's Senior Male Athlete Award in 2005. During his collegiate career, he scored 1,442 points and grabbed 611 rebounds and in 2003 was the NCAA field goal percentage leader making 67.9 percent of his shots.

A native of Buffalo, Marshall attended Buffalo Traditional High School where he was all-Western New York in both basketball and football.



GREG SNYDER

Greg Snyder elevated into the third assistant position in September after serving as volunteer director of men's basketball operations in 2007-08. He will heavily involved in recruiting, scouting, and player development with the guards.

Last season he was in charge of film exchange, video editing, team travel and organization of the recruiting data base.

Snyder joined the Colgate staff from Hamilton College, where he was an assistant coach in 2006-07. He helped guide the Continentals to the 2007 Liberty League regular season championship and a 19-7 record. Prior to his stint at Hamilton, Snyder was an assistant coach at Jamesville-DeWitt High School and a volunteer assistant coach at SUNY Potsdam from 2003 to 2005.

He is a 2005 graduate of SUNY Potsdam, Snyder played three seasons where he served as team captain for the 2002-03 season. The Bears won the SUNYAC regular season title, and Snyder led the league in three-point field goal percentage.

After completing his eligibility, Snyder joined the coaching staff at Potsdam and helped lead the Bears to two SUNYAC league tournament titles, and two NCAA Division III tournament appearances, making it to the Sweet 16 and Elite 8.



RYAN CAHAK

Ryan Cahak was appointed volunteer Director of Basketball Operations in October. He comes to Colgate from a highly successful Division I program at Syracuse University, where he was a member of the Orange program for three years. In his new position, Cahak will be in charge of coordinating the Raiders' team travel and meals, opponent scouting and film exchange, and other administrative duties.

A 2002 graduate of Fayetteville-Manlius High School, Cahak attended Dominican College in Orangeburg, N.Y., before transferring to Syracuse.

His coaching experience includes two years at the Jim Boeheim Syracuse University Summer Camp, Leo Rautins Adirondack Summer Camp, Fayetteville-Manlius Girls Recreation League, Tennessee, Duke and North Carolina camps.