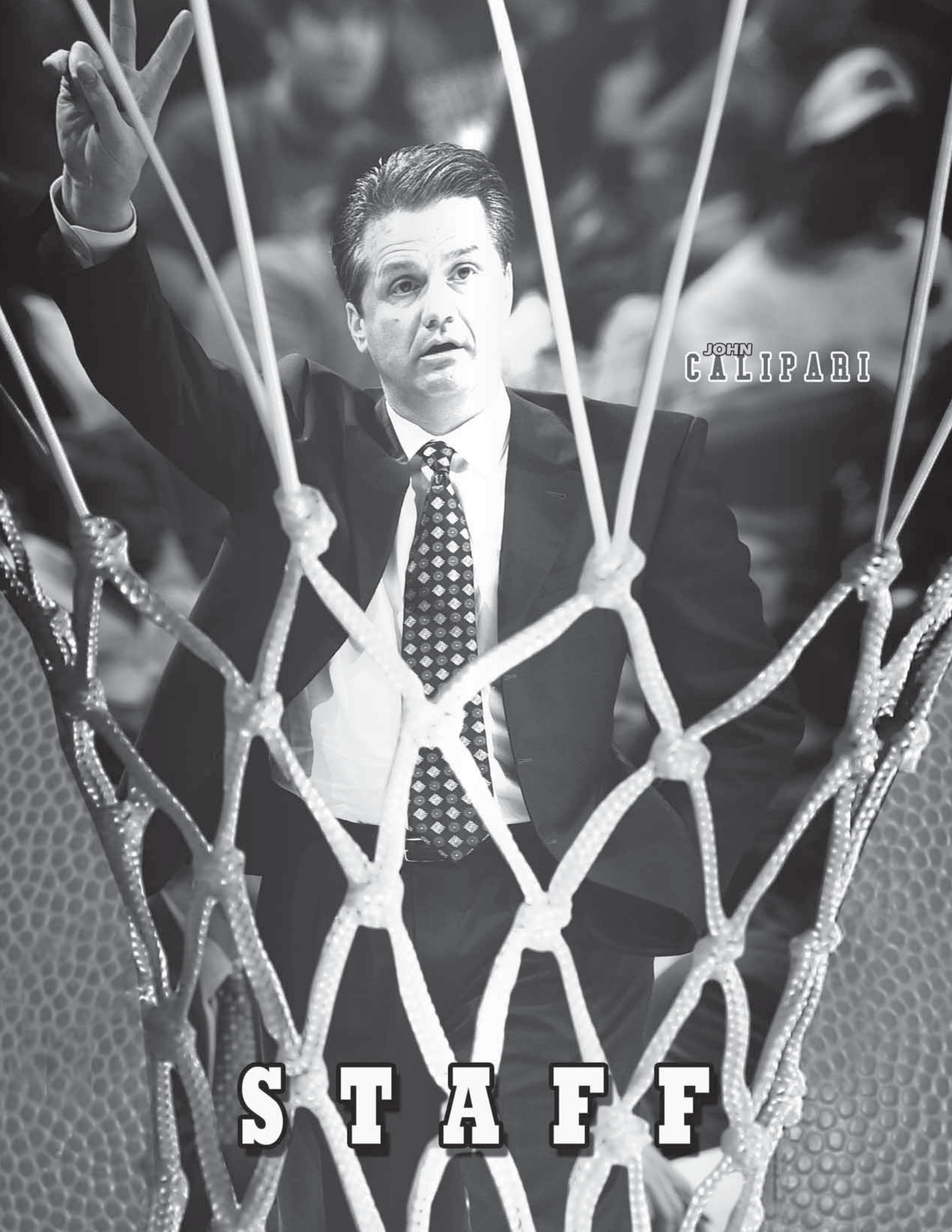




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Head Coach

Eighth Season

At Memphis: 181 - 63 (.742) / 7 yrs.

Overall: 374 - 134 (.736) / 15 yrs.

Clarion State, 1982

“If there is anyone capable of turning around the program, it is John,” says Temple University coach John Chaney. “He relates very well to young players: that is what makes his teams so good. Memphis will be back in the hunt very, very soon.”

— from the article “Cal’s Zone” in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000

You can call John Chaney an old Atlantic 10 Conference coaching rival. Calipari calls him a friend. Well, add prophet to that list.

In seven years, John Calipari has got the University of Memphis basketball program back to where it once was — among the nation’s elite programs. After a few up-and-down years in the mid-to-late 1990s, Calipari was brought to the Bluff City to restore the Tigers’ rich tradition. And Memphis basketball has a long and storied one.

Fans talk fondly of the Tigers’ first taste of success with the 1957 squad that advanced to the NIT finals. They can talk days of the 1973 NCAA Tournament championship game team that faced

off against national powerhouse UCLA. And, of course, they recall the program’s last run to the NCAA Final Four in 1985.

“This is not going to be easy,” Calipari admits. “It is not like we are going to waltz to the Final Four. But we have the opportunity to take this program to the next level.”

— from the article “Cal’s Zone” in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000

Granted, it hasn’t been easy, including a couple of stumbles along the way. But, after consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight in 2006 and 2007, Calipari has the Tiger program poised to take the next step in the “Big Dance.”

The next step, though, is a huge one. But, to get to this point, Calipari had to do some major building in his first seven seasons. When he arrived in Memphis in the spring of 2000, even the most loyal of Tiger fans were realistic and knew the program wasn’t where it once was.

Memphis suffered through back-to-back below .500 seasons. But, the concerns went deeper than just the won-loss record. The gradu-

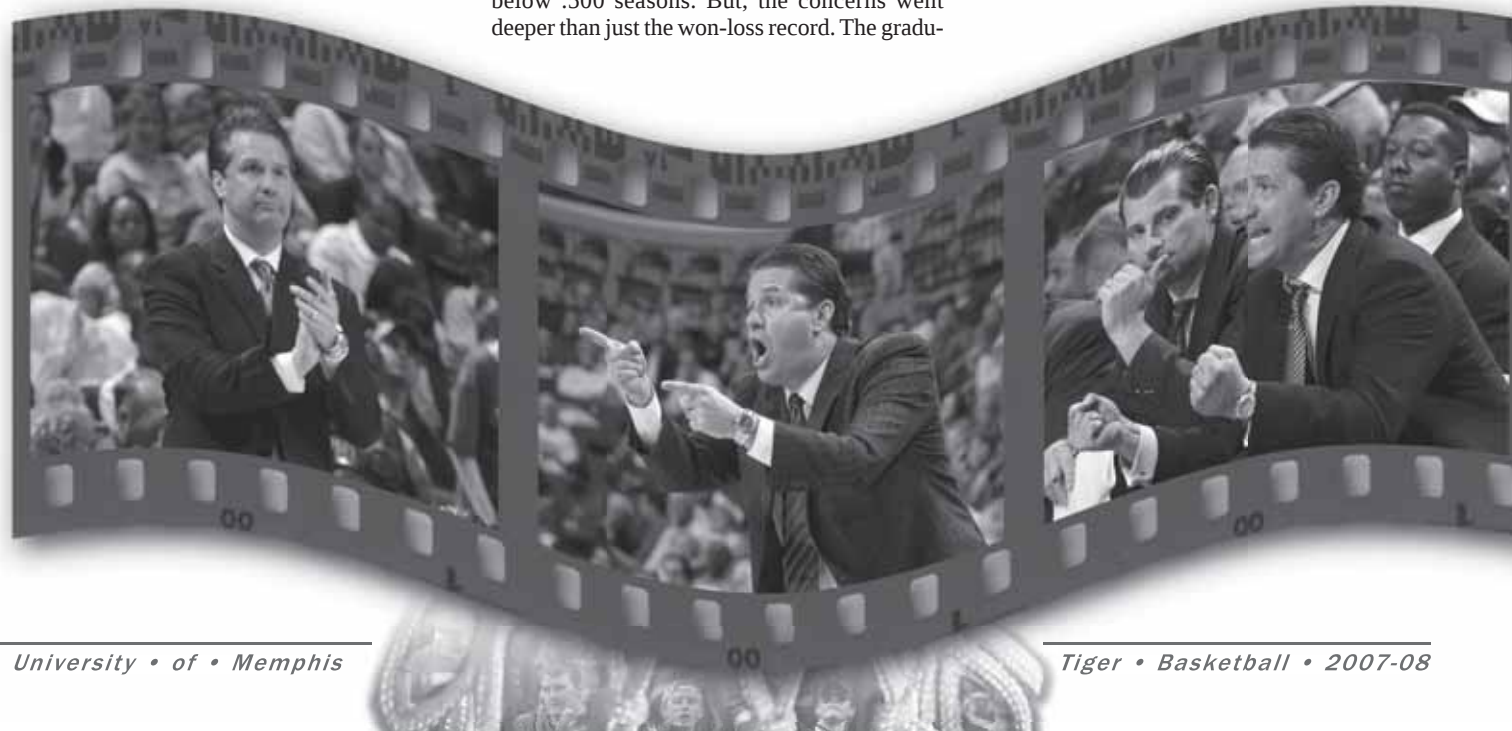
ation rate was zero. The Larry O. Finch Center had just opened but lacked many necessities for a national program. But, more importantly, the fan base had lost interest — and some may even say faith — in the Tiger program.

“I tell players they can reach their goals and dreams right here in Memphis,” Calipari explains. “We can sell the whole package by saying, ‘Hey, it’s a great place to go to school; you will enjoy yourself as a student and you’ll be challenged as a basketball player.’”

— from the article “Cal’s Zone” in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000

Calipari’s been making that sales pitch to players since 2000 and it’s paid dividends on and off the court. And the numbers prove it.

At Memphis, Calipari has won over 74 percent of his games and has averaged nearly 26 victories per season (25.9 to be exact). He has led the Tigers to seven-straight 20-win seasons and seven-consecutive postseason tournaments.



His 2005-06 and 2006-07 teams posted back-to-back 33-4 seasons, and the 33 victories both years were a school record. Both teams swept the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight. His 2006-07 team went down in C-USA history as the only squad to go undefeated in regular season play and then win the league's postseason tournament.

In the seven years (1993-2000) prior to Calipari's arrival, the Tigers won only 56.6 percent of their games and averaged 17.1 wins per season. Those Memphis teams made the postseason four of the seven years.

The "on-the-court" numbers during the Calipari era could go on, but he takes more pride in what his program has done in the classroom. In the area of graduation, his numbers are even better.

Fifteen of 19 seniors that have come through the program have earned their degrees. In case you're wondering, that's over 79 percent. And when another of his 2007 seniors graduates in December, that percentage will rise to over 84 percent. Those 15 graduates have their cap-and-gown photographs hanging in the men's basketball office.

Furthermore, Calipari — with the help of the university administration — is reaching out to former Tigers to come back to campus and finish their degrees. Antonio Burks, who suited up for Memphis from 2001-04, is closing in on his degree, while Andre Turner, affectionately known to Tiger Nation as "The Little General," is back home to complete classes toward his degree.

When Calipari came to Memphis, the Finch Center had just opened and gave the Tigers their own on-campus practice facility. However, the Finch Center was lacking in several areas, with

the first focus on the weight room. In less than a couple of months on campus, Calipari had an a weight room filled with equipment in which his Tigers train. Since then, Calipari and his staff have remodeled the Finch Center, making it one of the nation's top practice facilities.

In the fall of 2004, the Tigers moved into their new home, FedExForum. Memphis shares the arena with the NBA's Grizzlies, and has its own state-of-the-art locker room. As the Finch Center, the Tigers' locker room at FedExForum is second to none among college basketball's elite.

"His enthusiasm has absolutely run rampant throughout the city," says UofM athletic director R.C. Johnson. "He has created a buzz and a warm feeling more so than I ever hoped."
— from the article "Cal's Zone" in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000

Calipari created a buzz with his arrival in 2000, and that has continued to this day. One of Calipari's priorities when he came to Memphis was to re-connect the city to its basketball program. In seven short years, Calipari has not only revitalized the Memphis program itself, but also re-energized a city's love affair with Tiger basketball — a relationship that is the very fabric of the Memphis community.

The Tigers have captured their fans with intense and competitive play under Calipari's tutelage. Furthermore, Calipari and his teams have reached out to the communities through clinics, camps and visits to kids and youth groups throughout the city.

And the city has responded like Calipari had hoped when he first got to Memphis in 2000.



In his collegiate coaching career, John Calipari has not only produced winning teams but also helped players improve their games within the team system. Willie Kemp, seen here with Calipari, started all but one game in 2006-07. Calipari has coached a C-USA Freshman of the Year honoree in four of his seven years at Memphis.

Noting Calipari

FULL NAME: John Vincent Calipari

BORN: Feb. 10, 1959, in Strickly, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL: Moon Area High School, Pa., 1978

FAMILY: Wife, Ellen. Daughters, Erin (20) and Megan (18). Son, Bradley (11).

COLLEGE: Attended and played basketball at North Carolina Wilmington (1978-80) ... Graduated from Clarion State (now Clarion University located in Clarion, Pa.) in 1982 with a degree in Marketing following two-year playing career as the starting point guard for the Eagles, which were ranked in the Division II Top 20 both years and participated in the 1981 NCAA Division II Tournament.

COACHING EXPERIENCE: Assistant under Ted Owens and Larry Brown at Kansas (61-34), 1982-85 ... Assistant under Paul Evans at Pittsburgh (64-29), 1985-88 ... Head Coach at Massachusetts (193-71), 1988-96 ... Head Coach for New Jersey Nets (72-112), 1996-99 ... Assistant Coach under Larry Brown for Philadelphia 76ers, 1999-2000 ... Head Coach at Memphis (181-63), 2000-Present.

COACHING HONORS: 2007 Jim Phelan National Coach of the Year Finalist ... 2007 USBWA District 4 Coach of the Year ... 2007 *Basketball Times* South Region Coach of the Year ... 2006 C-USA Coach of the Year ... 2004 NABC District 7 Coach of the Year ... 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year ... 1996 *The Sporting News* National Coach of the Year ... 1996 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year ... 1995 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist ... 1994 Naismith National Coach of the Year Finalist ... 1994 Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year ... 1993 USBWA District I Coach of the Year ... 1993 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year ... 1992 *Eastern Basketball* Coach of the Year.

Cal's Coaching Record

Overall Record: 374-134 (.736)

Record at Home: 214-32 (.870)

Road Record: 107-70 (.605)

Neutral Court Record: 53-31 (.631)

March Record: 75-27 (.735)

NCAA Record: 18-9 (.667)

NIT Record: 15-5 (.750)

Record in Conference Games:
176-66 (.727)

Record in Conference Tournament:
28-8 (.778)

- ◆ *3rd For Most Wins In NCAA History Through 15 Seasons*
- ◆ *14 Postseason Tournaments*
- ◆ *9 NCAA Tournaments • 1 Final Four*
- ◆ *5 NIT • 4 Final Fours*
- ◆ *2002 NIT Title*
- ◆ *8 League Championships*

"People thought I was crazy when I made this statement at UMass, and I am going to make it here: 'If you don't get your season tickets, you're not going to be coming to our games.'"

— from the article "Cal's Zone" in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000

Well, Calipari's statement may come true in 2007-08 as the Tigers are close to selling out the 18,400 FedExForum. With the fervor from Memphis' last two seasons combined with one of the nation's top schedules, fans are expected to make FedExForum an even tougher venue for Tiger foes.

THE MEMPHIS BEGINNING

In an instant, Calipari had the city of Memphis talking about Tiger basketball.

Local television and radio stations went live at the press conference to introduce Calipari as the University of Memphis' 16th head basketball coach on Mar. 11, 2000. He was introduced to an overflow audience of fans in The Pyramid's Tiger Club Room later in the day.

In a matter of a few hours, the University of Memphis had seized March Madness. With his down-to-earth demeanor, his knowledge of Memphis basketball history and his expectations for the future of the program, folks left The Pyramid that March afternoon knowing Tiger basketball was in good hands.

In his first year, Memphis exceeded expectations. The U of M won 20-plus games for the first time in five seasons, posting a 21-15 record. The Tigers advanced to the Conference USA Tournament semifinals for the first time since 1996 and capped the year with a third-place finish at the TiVo NIT.

For the first time since becoming a charter member of Conference USA, Memphis swept four, two-game series against National Division opponents.

How Calipari had his first Tiger team playing at season's end was a far cry from its 4-8 start. Memphis played three NCAA Sweet 16 teams, and faced five other opponents that advanced to postseason play during the first weeks of the season.

Memphis rolled off eight-consecutive wins to begin the new year and were in contention all season for a league championship. The U of M finished the season just a game out of first place, marking the squad's highest finish since capturing a share of the inaugural conference title in 1996.

In Calipari's first season, Memphis also broke both the season total (290,864) and season average (17,110) records for paid attendance.

THE MEMPHIS YEARS

But, Calipari's success story didn't end with his first season.

On the court, each year under Calipari has been a step in the right direction. The first year

saw Memphis make the NIT final four. In the second season, the Tigers took care of a little unfinished business, taking home the NIT national championship. Year No. 3 had Memphis make a trip to the NCAA Tournament, the program's first in seven seasons. Calipari's fourth year at the helm in 2003-04 saw the Tigers not only earn an NCAA Tournament bid, but also win their first NCAA Tournament game since 1995. The Tigers took a small step back in 2004-05, Calipari's fifth year, but still managed a 20-win season and an NIT final four berth despite several setbacks.

The 2005-06 campaign, though, brought the Memphis program back to the national forefront, giving Tiger Nation a reason to cheer all the way into late March. In his sixth year, Calipari, the 2005-06 Conference USA Coach of the Year, took Memphis fans on a ride they won't soon forget.

The Tigers won a school-record 33 games and tied NCAA champ Florida for the most wins of any team in the nation in 2005-06. Memphis swept the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and earned the program's first-ever NCAA Tournament No. 1 seed. The Tigers advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight, where they fell to UCLA. The Elite Eight appearance was the program's first since 1992, and although fans were hoping for a Final Four trip, they felt confident that Calipari had the Tiger program on solid footing.

And Calipari kept the program moving forward in 2006-07. The Tigers tied the school record for most wins in a season with 33 victories (33-4 record), made a second-straight NCAA Tournament Elite Eight appearance and captured their second-consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. The consecutive Elite Eight appearances (2006, 2007) were a first in school history. The back-to-back outright regular season crowns were a first for the Memphis program, and the consecutive tournament championships were the Tigers' first since they won two-straight Metro Conference Tournaments in 1984 and 1985.

The 2006-07 Tigers also pulled a first in Conference USA history. Memphis posted a perfect 16-0 regular season mark and also captured the league's postseason tournament. The Tigers were the second squad in C-USA history to go 16-0 in the regular season as Cincinnati did so in 1999-2000. That Bearcat team, though, did not win the Conference USA Tournament title. The Tigers received a No. 2 seed in the NCAA Tournament and finished No. 5 in the final regular season national polls.

Since Calipari took over in 2000-01, the Tigers have ranked among the nation's top 20 in attendance six of his first seven years. The 2001 squad averaged 17,110 to rank sixth nationally, while the 2002 team averaged 16,225 to rank 10th. In 2002-03, Memphis ranked seventh with an average of 16,643 per contest, while the following season (2004-04), the Tigers ranked 10th (15,432 per game). In 2005-06, Memphis was 13th in the nation in attendance, averaging 14,866 per contest. The 2006-07 season saw the

Tigers ranked 16th in the nation in attendance.

In Calipari's tenure, Memphis has drawn over 1.9 million in total paid attendance.

The large attendance figures have given Memphis a true homecourt advantage. The Tigers are 54-8 (.871 winning percentage) in their three seasons at FedExForum, including a perfect 19-0 home mark in 2006-07. Memphis closed the 2006-07 campaign with a 32-game homecourt win streak, which is the longest in the nation. The Tigers will carry that homecourt win streak into the 2007-08 campaign.

Just prior to the move to FedExForum, Memphis closed out its tenure in The Pyramid with a 24-game homecourt win streak that spanned over three seasons. The Tigers posted a perfect 15-0 record at The Pyramid in 2003-04.

In 15 seasons as a collegiate head coach, Calipari's record stands at 374-134 (.736). But what matters even more in the college game is what coaches and teams do in the month of March, and Calipari excels there as well. His record in March is 75-27 (.735) when it counts the most.

By wins, Calipari is tied for the third-best career start in NCAA history through 15 years with 370 career wins. Through 15 collegiate seasons, only North Carolina coach Roy Williams and former Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson (Calipari is tied for third with Louisville Hall of Fame coach Denny Crum) have won more games than Calipari.

Calipari had the fifth-best career start in NCAA history through nine and 10 seasons, sixth-best through 11 seasons, seventh-best start through 12 and 13 seasons and sixth-best through 14 seasons.

OFF THE COURT

Calipari's endeavors in the community and on the University of Memphis campus have rivaled the strides the Tigers have made on the

court during the coach's seven seasons in the Mid-South.

Early in his tenure at the U of M, Calipari began developing a relationship with Memphis-based FedEx. The overnight courier has employed Memphis student-athletes in its internship program during the summers. It is a program where the Tigers gain valuable experience in an area related to their field of study.

Calipari has also founded a program called NetWorks. The program brings together business leaders from throughout the community to network, find employment opportunities and place former Memphis players following their playing careers.

Calipari has made several financial contributions to the University and has been honored by the Friends of the Ned McWherter Library on the U of M campus. In April of 2004, Calipari and his family made a \$100,000 contribution to help endow athletic scholarships at the University. He also presented the university a check for \$40,000 which resulted from a partnership between Calipari and Pace Cooper, president and CEO of Cooper Companies, the owner of Cal's Championship Steakhouse in the Doubletree East Memphis.

At the conclusion of his first season at Memphis, Calipari joined several area business leaders to form the Y.E.S. Foundation, an organization designed to educate middle school students about the importance of academics and athletics. Y.E.S., an acronym for Youth Education Through Sports, held its first camp on the U of M campus in August of 2001. Over 25 schools are currently taking part in the program which is in its seventh year.

Calipari has also been responsible for raising money and making donations for improvements at the U of M's tennis complex, air conditioning in the Elma Roane Fieldhouse and having courts resurfaced for use by Memphis students for outdoor basketball.

JOHN CALIPARI CAREER RECORD

Season	Team	Overall		Conference		Accomplishments
		W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	
1988-89	UMass	10-18	.357	5-13	.278	
1989-90	UMass	17-14	.548	10-8	.558	NIT
1990-91	UMass	20-13	.606	10-8	.558	NIT Final Four
1991-92	UMass	30-5	.857	13-3	.824	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Sweet 16
1992-93	UMass	24-7	.774	11-3	.786	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA 2nd Rd.
1993-94	UMass	28-7	.800	14-2	.875	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA 2nd Rd.
1994-95	UMass	29-5	.853	13-3	.813	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
1995-96	UMass	35-2	.946	15-1	.938	A-10 Champ (R/T); NCAA Final Four
1996-97	NJ Nets	26-56	.317			
1997-98	NJ Nets	43-39	.524			NBA Playoffs
1998-99	NJ Nets	3-17	.150			
2000-01	Memphis	21-15	.583	10-6	.625	NIT Final Four
2001-02	Memphis	27-9	.750	12-4	.750	C-USA Nat'l Div. Champ; NIT Champ
2002-03	Memphis	23-7	.767	13-3	.813	C-USA Nat'l Div. Champ; NCAA
2003-04	Memphis	22-8	.733	12-4	.750	C-USA Champ (R); NCAA 2nd Rd.
2004-05	Memphis	22-16	.579	9-7	.563	NIT Final Four
2005-06	Memphis	33-4	.892	13-1	.929	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
2006-07	Memphis	33-4	.892	16-0	1.000	C-USA Champ (R/T); NCAA Elite 8
NCAA Totals		374-134	.736	176-66	.727	9 NCAAs, 5 NITs
Memphis Totals		181-63	.742	85-25	.773	4 NCAAs, 3 NITs
NBA Totals		72-112	.391			

R — denotes conf. regular season title; T — denotes conf. tournament title

Top Coaching Starts By Victories

16 Seasons

No.	Coach, School	Years	W-L
1.	Roy Williams, Kansas, North Carolina	1989-2004	437-112
2.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-92	391-124
t.	Nolan Richardson, Tulsa, Arkansas	1981-96	391-132
4.	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-87	388-128
5.	Tubby Smith, Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky	1992-2007	387-145
6.	Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach St., UNLV	1969-84	375-89
7.	Rick Pitino, Boston U., Providence, Kentucky, Louisville	1979-83 1986-87 1990-97 2002	371-137
8.	John Thompson, G'town	1973-88	370-130
t.	John Calipari*** UMass, Memphis	1989-96 2001-08	370-133
10.	Billy Tubbs, Texas St., Lamar, Oklahoma	1972-73 1977-90	363-153

*** Calipari begins his 16th season as a collegiate head coach in 2007-08

15 Seasons

No.	Coach, School	Years	W-L
1.	Roy Williams, Kansas	1989-2003	418-101
2.	Nolan Richardson, Tulsa, Arkansas	1981-95	371-119
3.	John Calipari UMass, Memphis	1989-96 2001-07	370-133
t.	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-86	370-114
5.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-91	369-114
6.	Tubby Smith, Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky	1992-2006	365-133
7.	Rick Pitino, Boston U., Providence, Kentucky	1979-83 1986-87 1990-97	352-124
8.	John Thompson, G'town	1973-87	350-120
9.	Everett Case, North Carolina St.	1947-61	347-105
10.	Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach St., UNLV	1969-83	346-83

14 Seasons

No.	Coach, School	Years	W-L
1.	Roy Williams, Kansas	1989-2002	388-93
2.	Jim Boeheim, Syracuse	1977-90	343-108
t.	Tubby Smith, Tulsa, Georgia, Kentucky	1992-2005	343-120
4.	Nolan Richardson, Tulsa, Arkansas	1981-94	339-112
5.	Denny Crum, Louisville	1972-85	338-107
6.	John Calipari UMass, Memphis	1989-96 2001-06	337-129
7.	Everett Case, North Carolina St.	1947-60	331-96
8.	John Thompson, G'town	1973-86	321-115
9.	Jerry Tarkanian, Long Beach St., UNLV	1969-82	318-80
10.	Rick Pitino, Boston U., Providence, Kentucky	1979-83 1986-87 1990-96	317-119
10.	Rick Majerus, Marquette, Ball St., Utah	1984-86 1988-98	309-111



The Calipari Family
Bradley, John, Megan, Erin and Ellen

Not only did Calipari secure a shoe and apparel contract for the basketball program, he also has helped with similar arrangements for several Olympic sports programs at the University.

In his early time in Memphis, Calipari teamed up with NBA All-Star guard Allen Iverson to renovate basketball courts in the community. The courts were dedicated in the Orange Mound community of Memphis as well as a four-plex of courts adjacent to Halle Stadium in southeast Memphis. The first courts built during the continuing project were at two housing projects located near downtown Foote Homes and Dixie Homes.

When he arrived, the University of Memphis had just opened a new practice facility. In the past seven years, Calipari has directed improvements which makes the Larry O. Finch Recreation Facility one of the best of its kind and on a scale with some of the top practice facilities in the NBA. Calipari's latest vision for the Finch Center is to turn the entrance area into a memorabilia center that will chronicle Tiger basketball history. Also, with the Tigers' move to its new home, FedExForum, Calipari designed the team's locker room at the facility. The locker room is one of the nation's best and includes a players' lounge, meeting room and training room along with other amenities.

He received the Lombardi Award from UNICO National in the summer of 2003. UNICO was founded in 1922 to provide scholarships to worthy students and to give strength and force in fighting discrimination against Italian-Americans. UNICO's Lombardi Award recognized an outstanding individual of Italian-American

heritage who is involved in athletics.

In 2004, Calipari was inducted to the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame and UMass Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also recognized by the West Tennessee Arthritis Foundation and Tennessee Health Care Association for his work and contributions to both organizations.

Away from the University, Calipari is a sought after speaker. He has made countless appearances on programs such as Fox Sports Net's Best Damn Sports Show Period, ESPN's Outside the Lines and Jim Rome Is Burning and ESPN2's Quite Frankly With Stephen A. Smith, as well as countless interviews on national radio programs.

PRIOR TO MEMPHIS

Calipari returned to college basketball in 2000 after working the previous season as an assistant coach with the Philadelphia 76ers and two-plus seasons as the head coach of the New Jersey Nets.

Prior to moving to the NBA, Calipari built a basketball program from the ground up at the University of Massachusetts (1988-96), which had one of the worst NCAA Division I basketball records in the 1980s prior to his arrival.

In one of college basketball's best reclamation projects, Calipari led the Minuteman program to numerous wins, conference titles and NCAA Tournament appearances. His passion to build a program helped accelerate the construction of the Mullins Center, UMass' basketball and hockey facility. Calipari's desire also reached out to eastern Massachusetts and Boston

and brought fans back to Amherst, located in the picturesque Berkshire Mountains, to watch a national powerhouse basketball team.

During an eight-year stint at UMass, he took the Minutemen to five-straight NCAA Tournaments (1992-96), advancing to the Final Four in his last season. UMass advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16 on three occasions and two Elite Eights. The school became just the second NCAA Division I program to win five-straight regular season and conference tournament championships.

Calipari compiled a 193-71 record (.731) during his career at Massachusetts, including a 108-44 mark (.684) in Atlantic 10 play.

In addition to five-straight NCAA Tournaments, UMass also made two appearances in the NIT, advancing to the NIT final four in 1991. The 1990-91 season was the first of six-straight seasons in which the Minutemen won at least 20 games.

Calipari's personal 20-win streak has reached the 13-season mark as all seven of his Memphis clubs have won 20-plus games.

In his final season at UMass, Calipari was named the 1996 Naismith National Coach of the Year and *The Sporting News* National Coach of the Year. He was also named the Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year for the third time in four years, as well as *Basketball Times* East Region Coach of the Year.

During the Minutemen's 35-2 season in 1995-96, UMass posted wins over Maryland, Wake Forest, Georgia Tech, Syracuse, Virginia Tech and Louisville. UMass ended the regular season ranked No. 1 in the nation in the final regular season poll after being the top-ranked team for nine weeks earlier in the year. The

Minutemen also won their first 26 games of the season, setting a school record for most consecutive wins.

In addition to his National Coach of the Year honors in 1996, Calipari was a Naismith Coach of the Year finalist in 1994 and 1995. He was the USBWA District I Coach of the Year in 1993.

Calipari's accomplishments are made even more impressive when you consider what he started with at UMass. Prior to his arrival, UMass had suffered through 10-straight losing seasons.

At 29, when he was named head coach, Calipari began to build a program from the ground up, going 10-18 his first season before posting a 17-14 record his second year and receiving a bid to the NIT. UMass made a late season run in 1991, advancing to the NIT's final four.

The Minutemen won their first A-10 championship in 1992 with a 30-5 record, including a 13-3 mark in league play. With a 77-71 overtime win over Syracuse in an East Regional second-round game, UMass made its first Sweet 16 appearance.

Off the court, UMass' graduation rate for its basketball players was close to 80 percent.

Calipari left UMass in June of 1996 to become Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations and Head Coach of the New Jersey Nets. He led the Nets to a second-place finish in the NBA's Atlantic Division and the playoffs in 1998, ending a five-year postseason drought for the franchise. The Nets' 17-game turnaround from the previous year was the best that season in the NBA.

He joined the Philadelphia 76ers coaching staff in 1999, rejoining Philadelphia coach Larry Brown, who Calipari was an assistant for at Kansas.

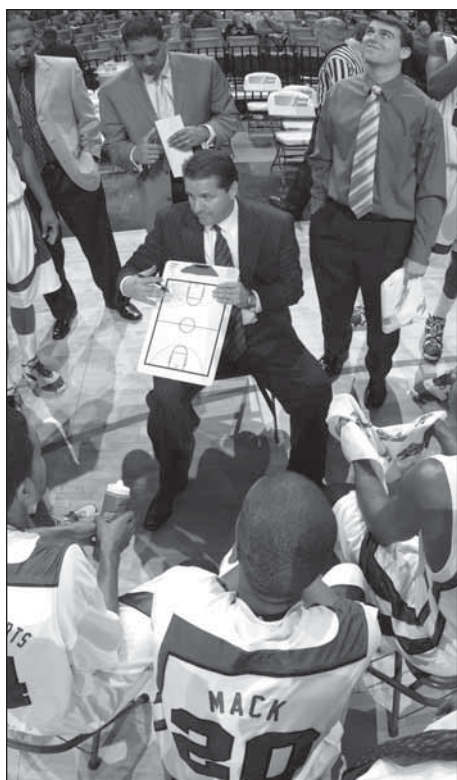
Calipari began his coaching career at Kansas as a volunteer assistant under Ted Owens. In 1983, he was hired as the recruiting coordinator at the University of Vermont, but was swayed back to the nation's heartland when Brown was hired as head coach at KU. He spent three seasons at Kansas (1982-85) before another three-year stint as an assistant coach to Paul Evans at Pittsburgh (1985-88).

The 48-year-old lettered two years at North Carolina-Wilmington before transferring to Clarion State. He played point guard at Clarion during the 1981 and 1982 seasons, leading the team in assists and free throw percentage. The Eagles were ranked in the Division II Top 20 both years and participated in the 1981 NCAA Division II Tournament.

Calipari and his wife, Ellen, have two daughters, Erin Sue and Megan Rae, and a son, Bradley Vincent. Erin is in her third year of college at UMass.



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"John Calipari is going to take you to the end of the rainbow," promises (former) Tiger strength coach Ray Oliver. "That little place Dorothy was looking for: that is where he is going to take you."

— from the article "Cal's Zone" in Memphis Alumni Magazine Summer 2000



D E R E K KELLOGG

Assistant Coach

Eighth Season
Massachusetts, 1994

In basketball, they say the point guard is an extension of the head coach or the “coach on the floor.”

Derek Kellogg, who enters his eighth year on the University of Memphis staff in 2007-08, was just that during his collegiate playing days at UMass under head coach John Calipari. So, when Calipari came to Memphis, he brought his “coach on the floor” at UMass to the sidelines, and it has paid huge dividends for the Tiger program.

In Kellogg’s seven seasons in Memphis, he has helped lead the Tigers to seven-straight 20-win seasons and seven-consecutive postseason berths (2003, 2004, 2006, 2007 NCAA; 2001, 2002, 2005 NIT). Prior to this recent run, the last time Memphis had seven-straight 20-win seasons was from 1987-93. This current stretch of seven-consecutive seasons is a first for the Tiger basketball program, breaking the previous mark of six-straight postseason tournaments from 1988-93.

Last year, Kellogg helped lead Memphis to

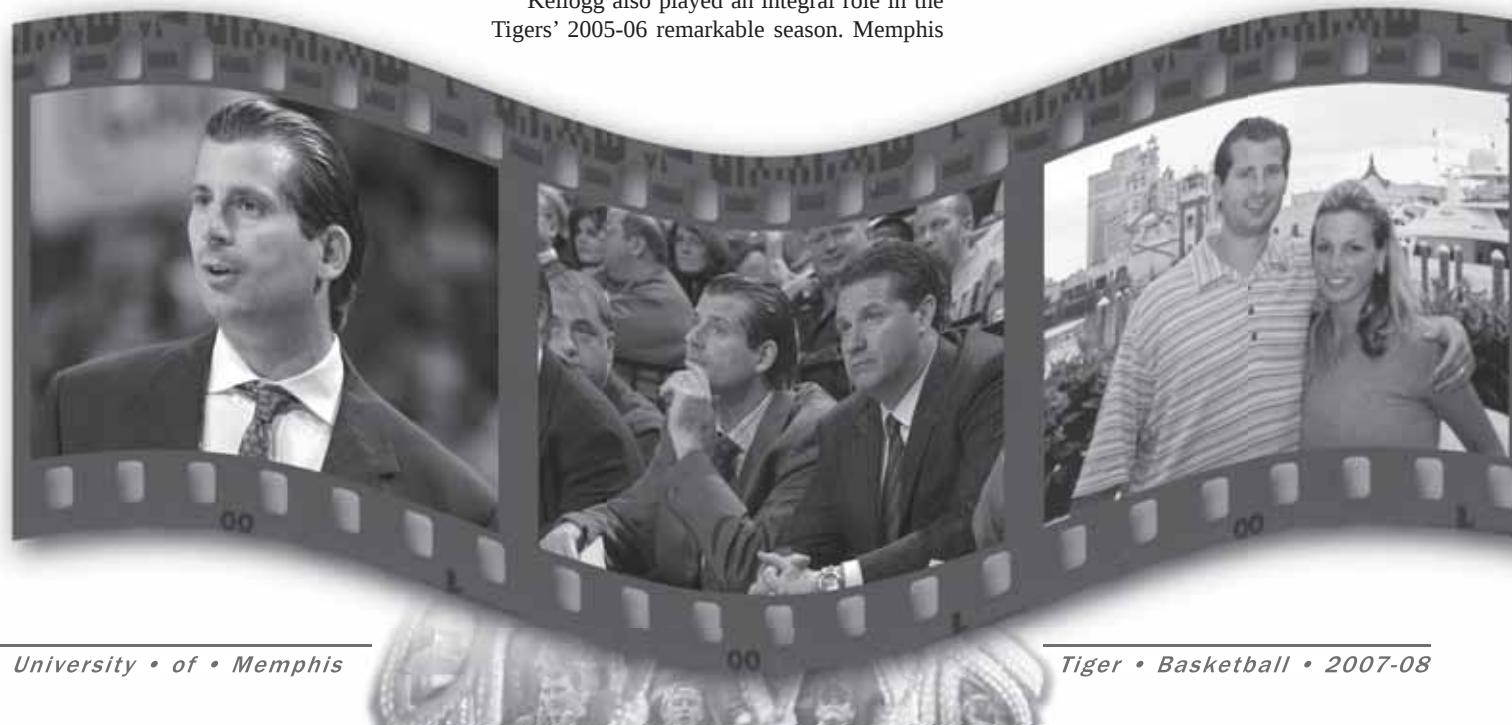
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Since Kellogg joined the Memphis staff in 2000-01, the Tigers have also won the 2002 National Invitation Tournament championship, claimed a share of the 2004 Conference USA regular season crown and took home the 2002 and 2003 C-USA National Division titles. The Tigers have posted 181 overall victories (25.9 wins per year) and 85 conference wins (12.1 league victories per year) the last seven seasons. The seven years prior to this recent span, the Tigers had 120 total wins and 59 conference victories.



In addition to the 2006 final national rankings, the Tigers also finished the 2003 (No. 19) and 2004 (No. 24) seasons ranked in the final Associated Press poll. Prior to the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons, the last time Memphis was ranked in the final polls in consecutive years was the 1984-85 and 1985-86 campaigns.

Kellogg is an off-campus recruiter for the Tigers, and also assists in scouting opponents. His hard work — especially on the recruiting trail — has gained him national recognition. In the summer of 2007, Rivals.com listed Kellogg (No. 7 spot) as one of the nation's 10 assistants "ready to move up." A year earlier in 2006, the same web site named Kellogg as one of the nation's top 25 recruiters, and *HoopScoop* magazine tabbed him as one of the nation's top assistant coaches.

Prior to joining Calipari's staff, Kellogg spent one season at Youngstown State.

In his lone year at Youngstown State, Kellogg was a member of a coaching staff that re-energized a community about Penguin basketball. Youngstown State finished fourth in the Mid-Continent Conference regular season standings, but were in first place in the league before losing their top scorer, Elmer Brown, with seven games left in the regular season.

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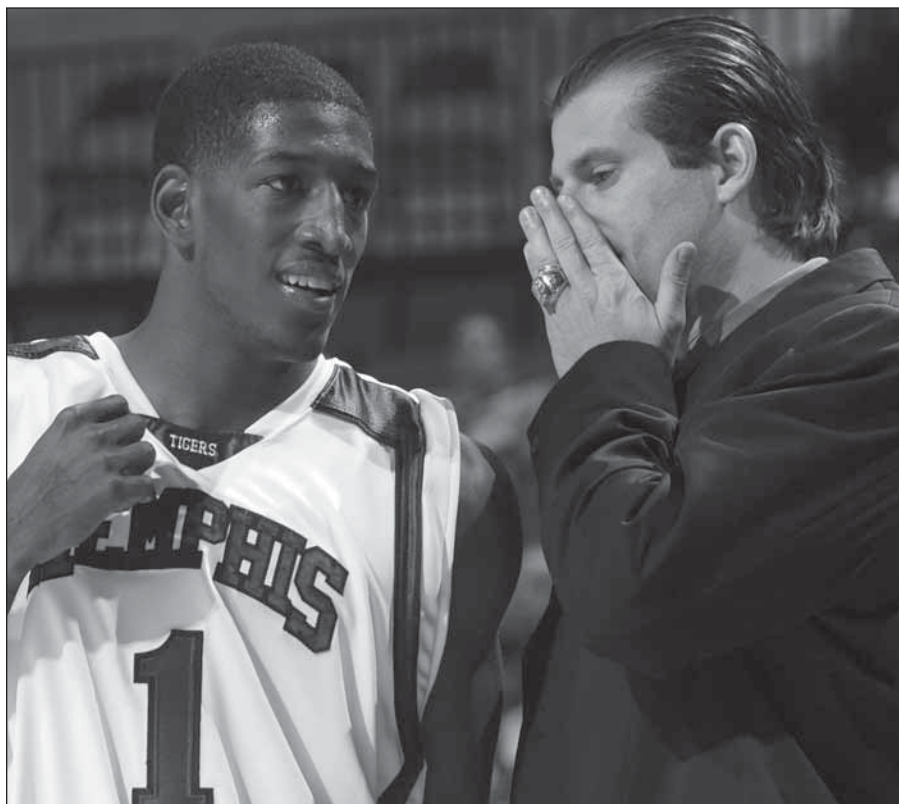
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Kellogg began his coaching career at his alma mater, Massachusetts. He was a graduate assistant at UMass for the 1996-97 season.

As a player at Massachusetts, Kellogg played on four Atlantic 10 Conference regular season and tournament championship teams. The Minutemen were just the second team in NCAA history to win four-straight outright season and tournament championships. During his four-year career at UMass under Calipari, the Minutemen were 111-24, including 51-11 in the Atlantic 10, and advanced to the NCAA Tournament each year, including the Elite Eight in 1995.

Kellogg was named the team's captain as both a junior and senior. He finished his career ranked fourth at UMass in all-time three-pointers (183) and assists (453), as well as fifth in three-point percentage (38.1) and ninth in steals (134).

Kellogg, 34 (born June 20, 1973), is a 1995 graduate of Massachusetts with a degree in Real Estate/Finance. He married the former Nicole Flory in May of 2005.



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JOHN ROBIC

Assistant Coach

Third Season
Denison, 1986

John Calipari calls his coaching staff a "family," and he welcomed back a member of his family to Memphis when John Robic joined the staff in the summer of 2005. Robic, whose first association with Calipari came when their paths briefly crossed at Kansas in the mid-1980s, joined the Memphis staff after serving as head coach at Youngstown State.

And it seems as if the Calipari-Robic duo is a proven combination for thrilling basketball seasons. Similar to those magical years he assisted in at UMass in the 1990s, Robic, in two seasons at Memphis (2005-06, 2006-07), has helped lead the Tigers to two of the program's most storied campaigns in history.

Last year, Robic helped guide Memphis to another record-setting campaign. The Tigers won a school-record tying 33 games for a second-straight season (33-4 record) and captured their second-consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. The back-to-back outright regular season crowns were a first for the Memphis program, and the consecutive

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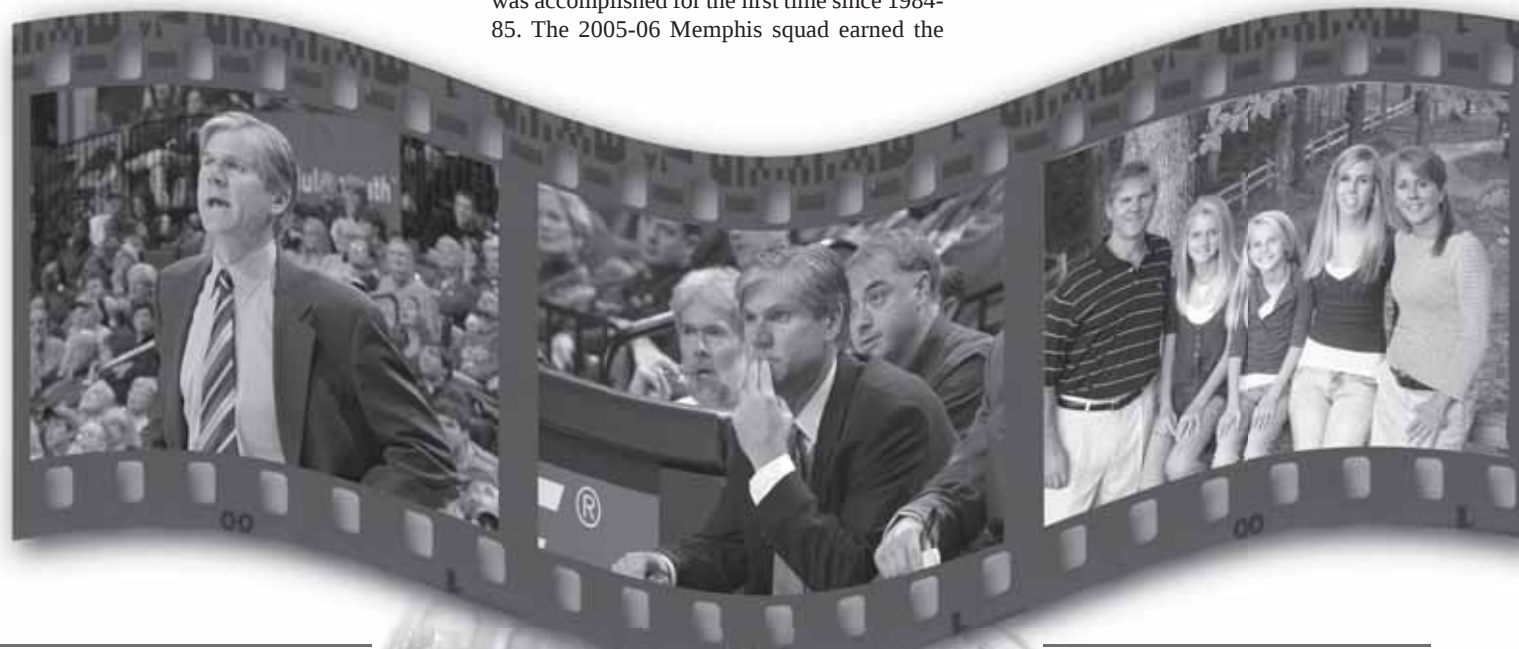
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Prior to 2005-06, Robic directed the Youngstown State program from 1999-2005, and during his time there, he and his staff faced a huge challenge as the Penguins moved from the Mid-Continent Conference (Mid-Con) to the Horizon League, one of the nation's premier basketball conferences that includes Butler (2003, 2007 NCAA Sweet 16) and Wisconsin-Milwaukee (2005 NCAA Sweet 16).

Robic's Penguins best finish in the Horizon League was a sixth-place showing in the 2002-03 campaign, the program's second year in its new conference.

Prior to its move to the Horizon League, Youngstown State put together a tremendous year in the Mid-Con in 2000-01, Robic's second



year at the helm. The Penguins posted a 19-11 overall mark and an 11-5 Mid-Con record. The 19 overall wins were the second-most in 16 seasons, and the 11 league victories tied the school record for most conference wins.

Before taking over at Youngstown State, Robic served as an assistant for 11 years at UMass for both Calipari and Bruiser Flint, helping the Minutemen rise from one of the country's worst programs to one of the nation's elite. His last three seasons (all under Flint) at UMass, Robic was the program's associate head coach. He served as an assistant coach on Calipari's staff.

Robic played an integral role in building the Minutemen into a national power. After a 10-18 mark his first season on staff, Robic helped lead the Minutemen to nine-consecutive winning campaigns.

From 1990-96, the Minutemen averaged 26 wins per year, and had six-straight 20-win seasons, including two 30-victory campaigns. In that seven-year span, UMass won five-straight Atlantic 10 Conference regular season and tournament titles. The Minutemen earned five-straight NCAA Tournament bids and advanced past the first round all five years. UMass made the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 in 1992, Elite Eight in 1995 and Final Four in 1996. It was UMass' first-ever appearance on college basketball's largest stage. Prior to the NCAA Tournament run, the Minutemen played in consecutive NITs in 1990 and 1991, advancing to the final four in Madison Square Garden in 1991.

After Calipari moved on to the NBA, Robic remained at UMass and was elevated to the associate head coach post under Flint from 1997-99. UMass went 54-41 in those three seasons, and made postseason appearances in 1997 (NCAA) and 1998 (NIT).

During his tenure at UMass, the Minutemen posted a 247-111 overall record (.690

winning percentage) and earned nine postseason tournament bids (seven NCAA, two NIT). While at UMass, Robic coached UTEP head coach Tony Barbee and Memphis assistant Derek Kellogg.

Prior to joining Calipari at UMass, Robic served as a graduate assistant on Larry Brown's staff at Kansas for two years (1986-87, 1987-88). While in Lawrence, he was a member of the coaching staff that led the Jayhawks to a 52-22 two-year mark and consecutive NCAA Tournaments. The 1986-87 squad advanced to the NCAA Sweet 16, and the 1987-88 team, dubbed "Danny Manning and The Miracles," won the NCAA championship behind the spectacular performance of the Jayhawk All-American.

A graduate of North Hills High School in Pittsburgh, Pa., Robic attended Walsh College in Canton, Ohio, before transferring to Denison University in Granville, Ohio, where he earned his B.A. in Speech Communication and Physical Education in 1986.

At Denison, Robic garnered Division III All-America accolades as a senior and was a two-time all-conference performer. He was one of 10 former players to be named to the 10th Anniversary All-Decade Team in the league in 1994. Despite playing just two seasons at Denison, Robic is the 15th-leading scorer in school history. In the fall of 2006, he was inducted into the Denison Athletic Hall of Fame. In October of 2004, he was inducted into the North Hills High School Hall of Fame.

Robic and his wife, Heidi, have three daughters, Hayley, Alli and Sophie.



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CHUCK MARTIN

Assistant Coach

Second Season
Monmouth, 1993

When the name Jose “Chuck” Martin came up for the opening on the University of Memphis basketball staff in August of 2006, qualities like tireless, hard-working and class were mentioned. That was enough to convince John Calipari to ask Martin to join the Tiger family.

The 2007-08 campaign is Martin’s second year at Memphis and his ninth overall in the collegiate coaching ranks.

Last year, Martin was a part of an incredible, record-setting Memphis campaign. The Tigers won a school-record tying 33 games for a second-straight season (33-4 record) and captured their second-consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. The back-to-back outright regular season crowns were a first for the Memphis program, and the consecutive tournament championships were the Tigers first since they won two-straight Metro Conference Tournaments in 1984 and 1985. Memphis advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight for a second-straight year (2006, 2007), marking the first time in school history

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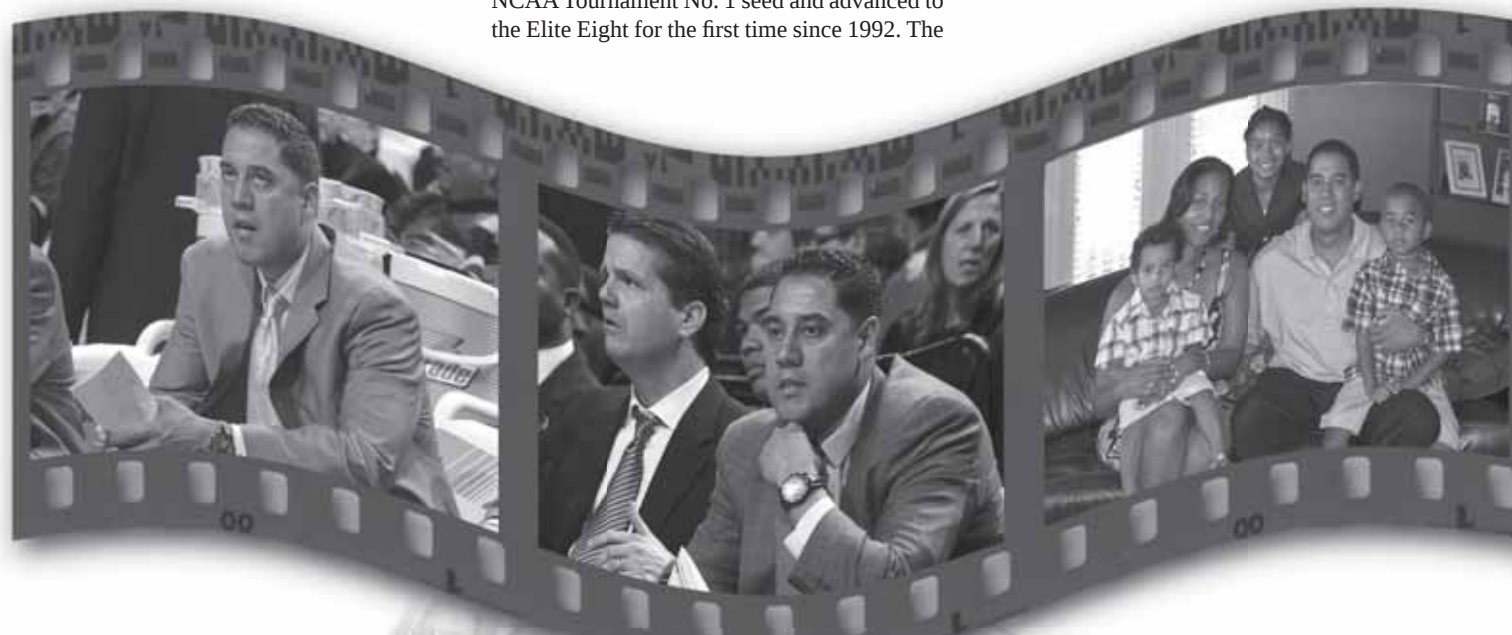
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With his background of being able to bring in some of the nation’s top recruits, Martin continues to help the Tigers stay among the country’s elite basketball programs.

The two seasons prior to coming to Memphis, Martin served on Norm Roberts’ staff at St. John’s and played a major role in helping the Red Storm bring in fresh talent. Some dividends of Martin’s work at St. John’s were seen in two signature victories for the Red Storm in 2005-06. In mid-January, St. John’s upset No. 9/9 and then-undefeated Pittsburgh 55-50 and followed with a 68-56 win over No. 17/15 Louisville. As a result of the two upset victories, the Red Storm were honored as college basketball’s Team of the Week by several national media outlets.

Prior to St. John’s, Martin was an assistant coach at Drexel for head coach Bruiser Flint, who served as an assistant for Calipari at UMass





in the 1990s. During his time with the Dragons, Martin was involved in all aspects of the basketball program, including national recruiting, working with the team's guards on skill development, scouting and game preparation.

In his three years at Drexel, the Dragons reached the conference championship game once and made two postseason appearances. Martin played a major role in the development of point guard Eric Schmieder, an All-Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) performer, and also helped recruit and develop Bashire Mason, who was named the league's Defensive Player of the Year. It was the first time a freshman had won the award in the CAA.

Before Drexel, Martin worked with Flint at UMass during the 2000-01 season, when the Minutemen advanced to the Atlantic 10 conference championship game.

Martin began his collegiate coaching career as an assistant at Manhattan College during the 1999-2000 season under head coach Bobby Gonzalez. Martin's strong roots in New York City helped land All-Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference (MAAC) players Mussy Green, Jared Johnson and 2004 NBA second round draft pick Luis Flores. Those three players helped earn the Jaspers a reputation as one of the top mid-major programs in the country over the last several years.

Before he started his career in college coaching, Martin established strong relationships on the East Coast with several of the top

high schools, prep schools and AAU coaches as the camp director for the Eastern Invitational Basketball Camp.

The Bronx native has close ties to the New York City basketball community, working as an assistant coach at national-powers St. Raymond's and LaSalle Academy. Martin was an assistant at LaSalle from 1993-95, when he worked with former St. John's standout Ron Artest, as well as future NBA player Shamgod Wells. While coaching at St. Raymond's, Martin tutored former NBA center Ernest Brown and All-America and Virginia standout Majestic Mapp.

Martin, who played at St. Raymond's for three years, was inducted into the school's Hall of Fame in 1998.

Martin attended Champlain (Vt.) Junior College, where he captained a pair of NJCAA tournament teams, before completing his career at Monmouth University. At Monmouth, Martin played the point guard position and averaged 7.1 points and 2.0 assists for his career. Martin is a 1993 graduate of Monmouth with a bachelor's degree in Communications.

Martin and his wife, Lee, have three children — a daughter, Ashley-Monet (10), and two sons, Jordan (5) and Justin (2).





TYRONE WEEKS

Coordinator of Basketball Operations

First Season
Massachusetts, 1997

University of Memphis head coach John Calipari started his family tree during his first coaching stint in Amherst, Mass., and has always been there for his coaches, staff and players at both UMass and Memphis. So, when Tyrone Weeks, a former UMass standout, got the itch to get back into the college game, he turned to his former coach.

Weeks, who spent the last two years in private business, joined the Tiger basketball staff as the program's Coordinator of Basketball Operations in August of 2007. In this role, the Philadelphia, Pa., native oversees the operations side of the program, including coordinating recruits' on-campus visits, monitoring student-athletes' academic progress, updating the recruiting database and assisting with travel plans.

There is a little irony that Weeks comes to Memphis the season the Tigers have been ranked No. 1 in the summer/preseason polls and are one of the favorites to contend for the 2008 NCAA title. As a player for the Minutemen from 1994-98, Weeks was a player on the 1995-96 UMass squad that was ranked No. 1 most of the season and earned a spot in the 1996 NCAA Tournament Final Four in New Jersey.

Prior to his time in private business, Weeks had two collegiate coaching stints at Rhode Island from 2001-05 and St. Bonaventure from 1999-2001. During his time in Kingston, R.I., Weeks worked under head coach Jim Baron, and his primary responsibilities were working with the squad's big men, overseeing the strength and conditioning program and

assisting with recruiting.

Weeks helped the Rams to back-to-back 20-win campaigns and postseason berths in 2002-03 and 2003-04. Rhode Island went 20-11 and advanced to the NIT second round in 2002-03. The 20-win season and postseason bid was the program's first since 1998-99.

The Rams followed up their successful 2002-03 campaign with a 20-14 mark and another NIT berth in 2003-04. Rhode Island advanced to the NIT second round. The consecutive 20-win seasons and postseason berths were a first for the Ram program since 1997-98 and 1998-99.

Before following him to Rhode Island, Weeks served under Baron at St. Bonaventure from 1999-2001. While in Olean, N.Y., Weeks worked with the Bonnies' big men, assisted with game preparation, coordinated preseason and postseason workouts, supervised study hall and conducted on- and off-campus recruiting.

In his rookie season as a collegiate coach in 1999-2000, Weeks helped guide the Bonnies to a 21-10 record and the program's first NCAA Tournament bid since 1978. St. Bonaventure made the most of its 2000 NCAA appearance, taking the heavily-favored Kentucky Wildcats to the limit before falling 95-90 in a thrilling double-overtime, first-round game. The following year in 2000-01, the Bonnies posted an 18-12 mark and earned an NIT berth.

The Tigers' new addition's success story began as a player during his collegiate days at UMass. A standout high school player at Philadelphia's Franklin Learning Center, Weeks played at UMass from 1994-98. The 6-foot-7 power forward helped lead the Minutemen to a combined record

of 104-32 (29-5 as a freshman, 35-2 as a sophomore, 19-14 as a junior and 21-11 as a senior) and four-straight NCAA Tournaments. UMass advanced to the Elite Eight in 1995 and the Final Four in 1996.

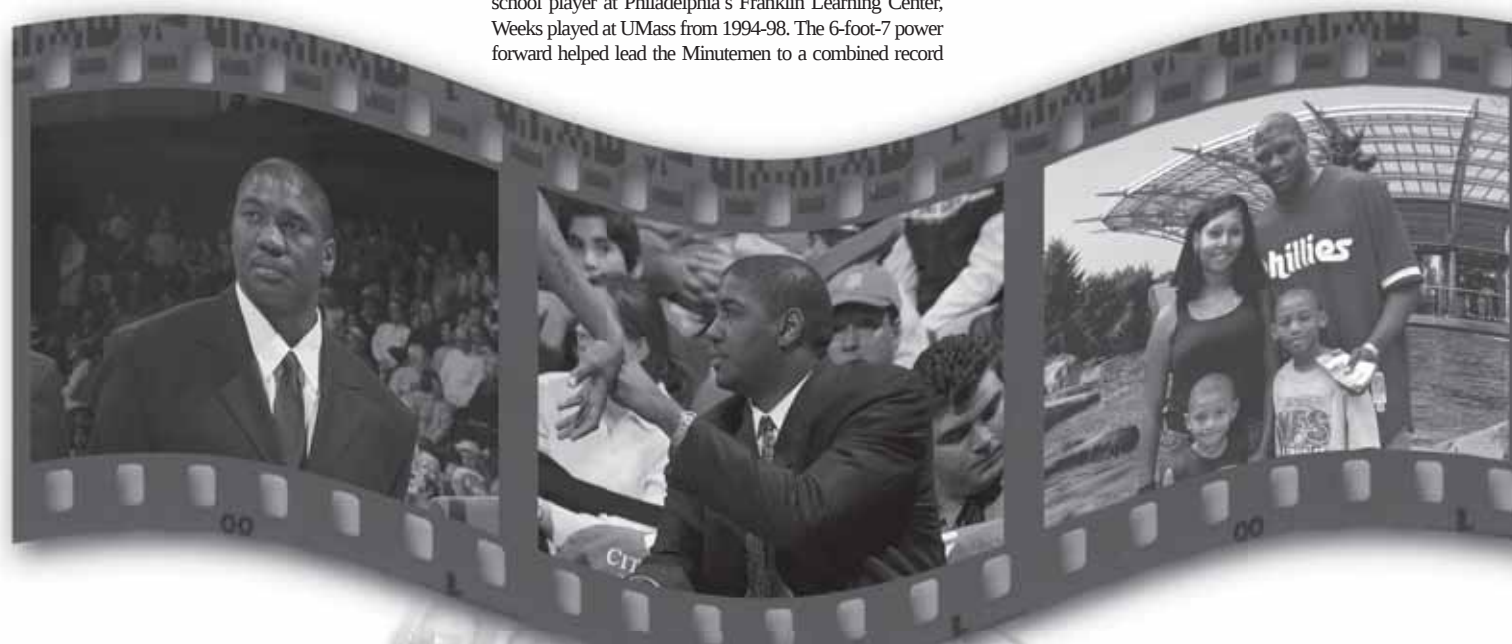
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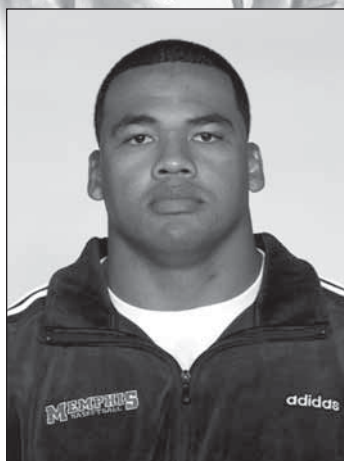
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Weeks, who served as team captain his junior and senior seasons, lettered all four years for the Minutemen. He earned his bachelor's degree in Education from UMass in 1997.

Following his college career, Weeks played professionally in the United States Basketball League (USBL) with the Camden (N.J.) Power and then in Argentina, before heading into the collegiate coaching ranks. He also coached at the Rasheed Wallace Foundation summer camp in Philadelphia for four years.

Weeks and his wife, Kimberly, have two sons, T.J. (7) and Tyriek (4).





R I C H A R D HOGANS

Director of Performance Enhancement

Fourth Season
Memphis, 1999
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This past summer, Antonio Anderson was called "a beast" by a national college basketball writer — and that was a compliment. Head coach John Calipari has marveled on several occasions this off-season about Willie Kemp's body transformation.

All of it is the work the Memphis players put in the strength and conditioning program under the direction of Richard Hogans, who is in his fourth year as the Tigers' Director of Performance Enhancement. In his first three years with the program, Hogans' desire, intensity and passion for strength and conditioning has been infectious, winning over the coaches and players.

And the work has paid off for the Tigers. The last two seasons (2005-06, 2006-07) have seen Memphis take their fans on magical rides from early November through the month of March Madness.

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In 2004-05, the Tigers played into late March, advancing to the NIT semifinals. Memphis posted a 22-16 record and was the Conference USA Tournament runner-up.

Hogans joined the Memphis staff in September of 2004, coming to the school from his position as a personal trainer and fitness director. Hogans was owner of NEXGEN Personal Training Services Inc., and served as Fitness Director/Director of Sports Specific Training at the DeSoto Athletic Club in Southaven, Miss.

Prior to his career in personal training, Hogans served on the Memphis Xplorers staff in the 2002 season as the offensive and defensive line coach and strength and conditioning coach.

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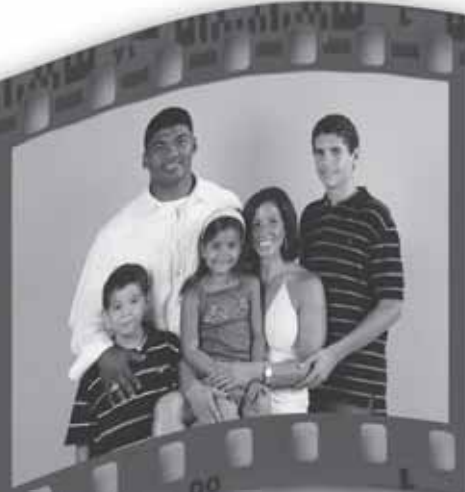
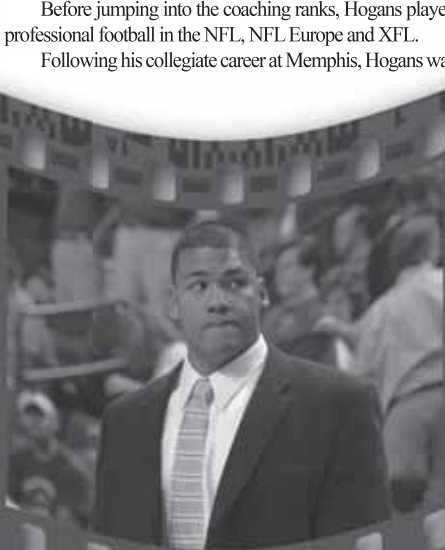
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Hogans played with the XFL's Memphis Maniax in 2000-01 and served as the team's captain. In March of 2001, Hogans was acquired by the NFL's Jacksonville Jaguars, but shortly after, had to retire from professional football with an eye injury.

The Columbus, Ga., native was a four-year letterman for the Tiger football squad from 1993-96. A 1993 *Sporting News* Freshman All-America second team pick, Hogans finished his career with 307 total tackles, 24 TFLs and eight quarterback sacks. The 6-foot-2 linebacker was a 1996 All-Conference USA first team pick, after being named to the league's second team in 1995. The 1996 Butkus Award candidate served as a team captain that season and led the squad with 128 total hits. For his performance in 1996, Hogans was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year.

Hogans graduated from Memphis' Fogelman College of Business with a degree in Management Information Systems. He is certified by the National Strength Coaches Association (NSCA) and International Sports Sciences of America.

Hogans and his wife, Wendy, have three children — two sons, Dylan (16) and R.J. (10), and a daughter, Olivia (6).





ANDY ALLISON

Assistant to the Coordinator of Operations

Sixth Season

Youngstown State, 2000

Loyalty. It's a quality that is special to head coach John Calipari. When former players or staff members call for his assistance, Calipari is always there to help because of their loyalty to him and his program. And when a position opens up on his staff, he first looks to those in his "family" to offer those opportunities.

That's what happened when Calipari promoted Andy Allison to a full-time staff member in the summer of 2006. This year, Allison moves to the role of Assistant to the Coordinator of Operations. Although he is in only his second season on the Tiger hoops operations staff, he is in his sixth overall season with the program.

In his position, Allison is in charge of the John Calipari Basketball School — the coach's summer camps — and clinics, as well as updating Calipari's web site, www.coachcalipari.com. Allison is also involved in other areas of basketball operations.

The 2007-08 season was Allison's third year on the Tigers' operations staff. The Columbus, Ohio, native's first stint with Calipari and the Memphis program was from 2001-03 as a graduate assistant.

Allison has served on staff during some of the

Tigers' most successful seasons. In 2006-07, Allison was a part of another record-setting campaign. The Tigers won a school-record tying 33 games for a second-straight season (33-4 record) and captured their second-consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles. The back-to-back outright regular season crowns were a first for the Memphis program, and the consecutive tournament championships were the Tigers first since they won two-straight Metro Conference Tournaments in 1984 and 1985. Memphis advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight for a second-straight year (2006, 2007), marking the first time in school history that happened.

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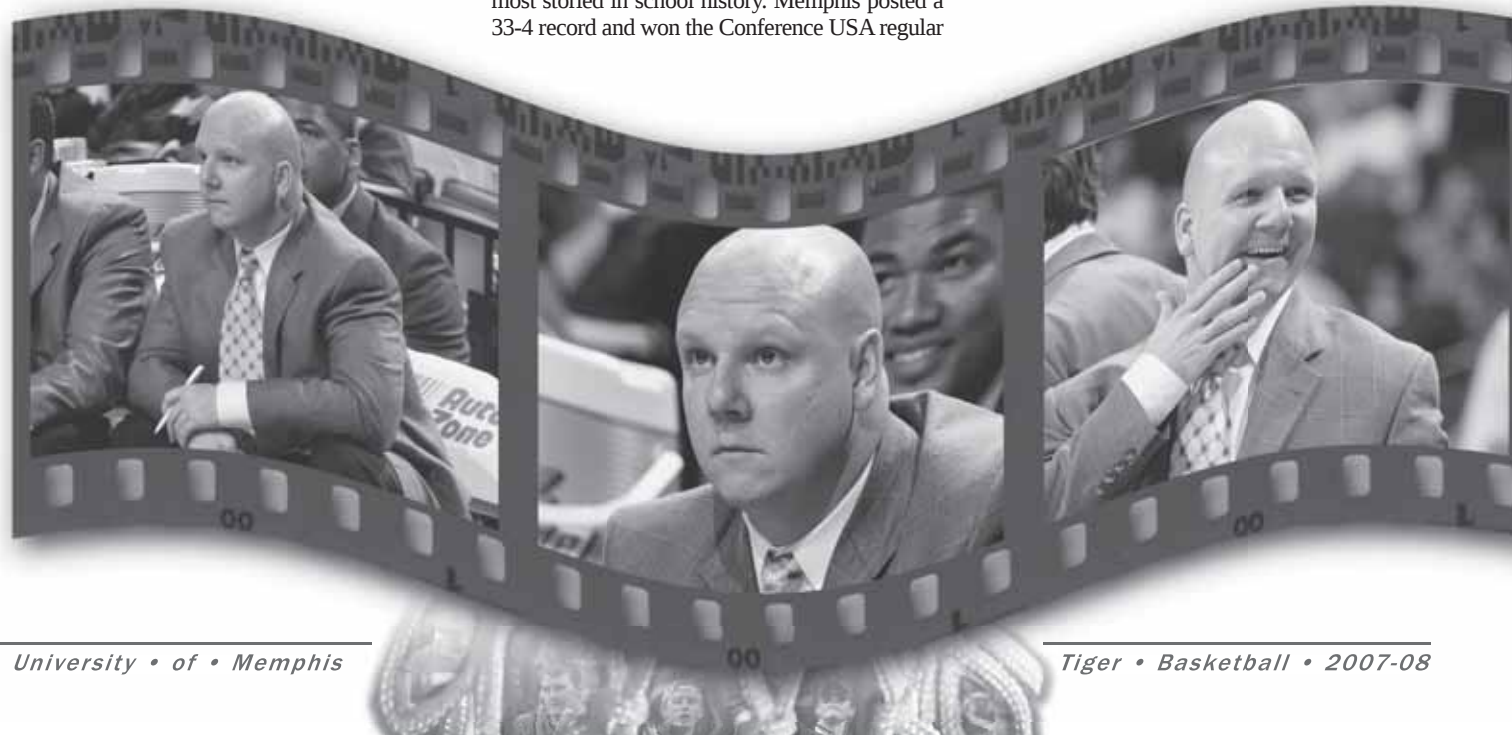
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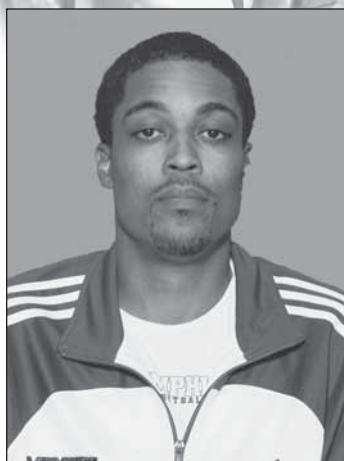
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In 2001-02, Memphis went 27-9 and won the National Invitation Tournament crown, and the following campaign (2002-03), the Tigers earned their first NCAA Tournament berth since 1996.

In between his Memphis stints, Allison was the Director of Basketball Operations at Western Kentucky in 2003-04. Prior to his first time at Memphis, Allison was an assistant coach at Mount Union College in Alliance, Ohio. He was also the head coach of the program's junior varsity squad.

Allison earned a bachelor's degree in Education from Youngstown State University in 2000. He is the son of Al and B.J. Allison, and has a sister, Beth.





R O D STRICKLAND

Director of Student-Athlete Development/Manager

Second Season
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Every coach will tell you it's hard to replace experience. So, when Milt Wagner took his years of college and professional basketball know-how to join Tony Barbee's staff at UTEP, John Calipari looked to add another person who would bring that same background to the Memphis program. Enter Rod Strickland, a 17-year NBA veteran and two-time All-America at DePaul.

Strickland joined the Memphis basketball as Director of Student-Athlete Development/Manager and assists with "behind-the-scenes" duties, including overseeing the team's student managers and monitoring the student-athletes' academic progress. As Wagner did during his time in Memphis, Strickland is taking classes toward completing his bachelor's degree.

One of the Tigers' new additions for 2006-07 made an immediate impact in only his first season. Strickland was a member of the Memphis staff that directed the Tigers to one of the program's most successful campaigns in 2006-07. Memphis won a school-record tying 33 games (33-4 record), swept the Conference USA regular season and

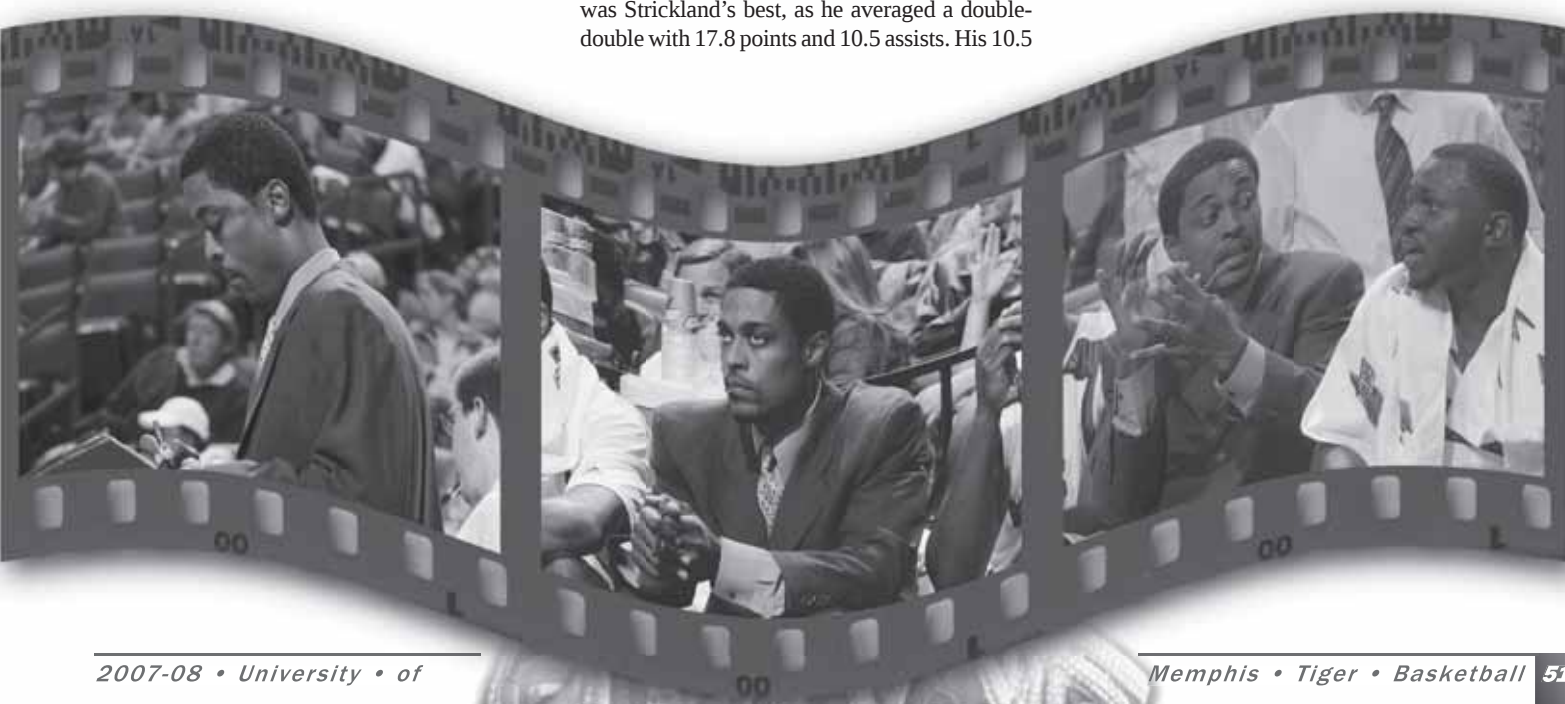
tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight.

The New York City native came to Memphis after a lengthy and successful career in the NBA. The 6-foot-3 guard was an NBA first round draft pick of the Knicks in 1988, and during his career, played for New York, San Antonio, Portland, Washington, Miami, Minnesota, Orlando, Toronto and Houston. Strickland played in 1,094 games and scored over 14,000 points (13.2 career average) and dished out nearly 8,000 assists (7.3 career average).

The 1997-98 NBA campaign with Washington was Strickland's best, as he averaged a double-double with 17.8 points and 10.5 assists. His 10.5

assist average led the NBA that year, and he was selected to the All-NBA second team. That year, Strickland also became only the 25th player in NBA history to record 10,000 points and 5,000 assists. He also ranked among the NBA's top 10 in assists in the 1991-92 (5th), 1993-94 (6th), 1994-95 (5th) and 1995-96 (4th) seasons.

Prior to his time in the NBA, Strickland enjoyed a stellar career at DePaul. A 1987 and 1988 All-America pick, Strickland helped lead the Blue Demons to four-straight NCAA Tournament appearances from 1985-88, including Sweet Sixteen showings in 1986 and 1987. The four-time Blue Demon letterwinner ranks among the program's career leaders in scoring average (8th; 16.6 ppg), assists (3rd; 557) and steals (2nd; 204).





SHYRONE CHATMAN

Assistant to the Recruiting Coordinator

Second Season

Memphis, 2002

Relentless. Competitor. Two words that head coach John Calipari loves to not only use, but also likes to see in his players and staff. That's one reason Calipari offered Shyrone Chatman a position on the Tigers' basketball staff in 2006-07.

Last season, Chatman served as the program's video coordinator and administrative assistant, but in 2007-08, moves to the role as assistant to the recruiting coordinator. Chatman assists with on-campus recruiting visits, handles recruiting mail-outs and updates the recruiting database. He is also involved in other areas of the program's operations.

Chatman was one of the additions to the staff in 2006-07, and he was a member of the Tiger staff that helped guide Memphis to one of the most memorable seasons in school history. Memphis won a school-record tying 33 games (33-4 record), swept the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight.

The 2002 University of Memphis graduate

joined the Tiger basketball program from his position with TennCare in the Tennessee Department of Human Services.

Although he played only one season for Calipari, the 6-foot-4 guard flourished in his final season as a Tiger in 2000-01. In Calipari's first year as Memphis' head coach, Chatman started 29 of 36 games and helped lead the Tigers to a 21-15 record and the National Invitation Tournament (NIT) final four. He averaged 9.2 points and 3.1 boards and dished out 165 assists. Chatman led Conference USA in assist-to-turnover ratio and was fifth in assists average. The Baton Rouge, La., native, who received the team's Playmaker Award that year, posted double-figure assists twice, including 10 dishes in a win over UTEP in the NIT. He also shot 40.6 percent from the arc in 2000-01, which is No. 6 on the Memphis single-season three-point percentage chart.

For his career, Chatman averaged 5.5 points and 2.1 rebounds and recorded 238 assists and 79 steals.

Chatman has a daughter, Hannah (4), and a son, Micah (2).





C H R I S SIMMONS

Athletic Trainer

Second Season
Memphis, 2002

Chris Simmons is in his second year as the athletic trainer for the University of Memphis men's basketball program. Last year, Simmons made a return to the university where he earned his bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sport Science in 2002.

In his role with the Tigers, Simmons is responsible for injury prevention and rehabilitation and serves as the liaison between team doctors and the coaching staff.

Simmons was a member of the staff that helped direct the Tigers to another record-setting year in 2006-07. Memphis posted a 33-4 overall record, won the Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight. In fact, Simmons' work on Chris Douglas-Roberts' sprained ankle in between the NCAA Tournament second round and the region semifinal got the Tiger guard ready for action with only a three-day turnaround.

Simmons, a McComb, Miss., native, came to the Memphis athletics department after working the 2005-06 year as the head trainer for the Arkansas RimRockers of the NBDL.

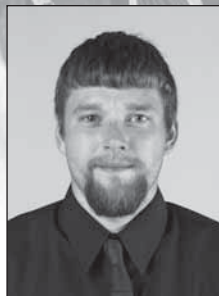
In that position, he was responsible for coordinating all athletic training, team equipment and medical billing and assisted the team with travel administration.

Prior to accepting the RimRockers' post in summer of 2005, Simmons was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at the University of Arkansas, where he earned a master's degree in Education with a concentration in Sports Management in December of 2004. While pursuing his master's, Simmons worked with the Razorback football team from 2002-04.

As an undergraduate at Memphis, he was a student athletic trainer for the Tigers' football, men's basketball and baseball teams.

Simmons also completed two internships while in school. He was an athletic training intern for the National Football League's Cleveland Browns at summer training camps in 2000 and 2001. He was an intern for the NBA's Houston Rockets in the summer of 2006.

Simmons is a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association and National Society of Black Athletic Trainers.



B R Y A N SETTLE

Video Coordinator

Fourth Season
Memphis, 2007

Bryan Settle is in his first year as the video coordinator for the University of Memphis basketball program. Settle, however, is no stranger to Tiger Nation, as for the previous three years, he has served as the team's head manager while he completed his undergraduate work at the university. He earned his bachelor's degree in Sport and Leisure Studies in May 2007.

In his new role, Settle is in charge of filming games, editing tapes and film exchange with opponents.

During the last three years as the Tigers' head manager, Settle was a part of the most successful run in Memphis basketball history. The Tigers won 88 games from 2004-05 through 2006-07, including a school-record 33 victories in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Memphis captured consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight the last two seasons. The 2004-05 squad played in the C-USA Tournament title game and advanced to the NIT final four.

Prior to coming to Memphis, Settle was a team manager for the Idaho Vandal basketball team in the 2003-04 campaign. From 2001-03, he attended Vincennes University in Vincennes, Ind., where he earned his associate degree in science.

Settle, a Danville, Ind., native graduated high school from Danville Community High School.

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SCOTT ROBINSON

Graduate Head Manager

Fourth Season
Memphis, 2007

Scott Robinson is in his fourth year with the University of Memphis basketball program in 2007-08. This year, he continues his managerial duties but as a graduate student at the university.

Robinson earned his bachelor's degree in Business Administration in May 2007. A Dean's List student, he graduated magna cum laude, and was a Golden Key Honor Society member and a Presidential Ambassador.

Robinson continues his duties as head manager this season, setting up daily practices, preparing the locker room and bench area for games, compiling statistics during practices and games and participating in staff meetings.

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phis basketball history. The Tigers won 88 games from 2004-05 through 2006-07, including a school-record 33 victories in 2005-06 and 2006-07. Memphis captured consecutive Conference USA regular season and tournament titles and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight the last two seasons. The 2004-05 squad played in the C-USA Tournament title game and advanced to the NIT final four.

This past summer, Robinson worked as a camp instructor at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Fla.

The Danville, Ind., native played and also served as a student assistant coach at Crichton College from 2001-04. During his time there, Crichton was the 2002-03 Mid-East Regional champion and placed sixth in the national tournament.



LUNETHA PRYOR ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Beginning her 11th season as the University of Memphis basketball program's office coordinator and 21st year in the Tiger athletic department is Lunetha Pryor.

Before joining the basketball office staff, Pryor worked for 11 years in the athletic business office and the department's ticket office.

Pryor enjoys watching basketball and football in her spare time. She has an 11-year-old daughter, Kia Symone.



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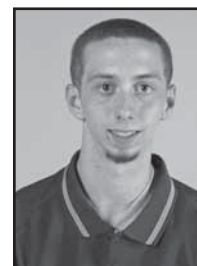
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