

Head Coach Teresa Weatherspoon

How many Division I basketball programs can boast of a head coach who has a resume anywhere close to that of Louisiana Tech's Teresa Weatherspoon?

The answer is ... well, not too many. A quick glance at some of Weatherspoon's career accomplishments as a player tell the story of one of the top players to ever play the game collegiately, internationally and professionally.

- 2-time Kodak All-American
- 1988 Wade Trophy Winner
- 1988 NCAA National Champion
- 2-time Olympian
- 4-time WNBA All-Star
- 2-time WNBA Defensive Player of the Year

If that isn't enough, take into account that Weatherspoon will be inducted into the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Knoxville next summer as part of the Class of 2010.

And now Weatherspoon is ready to add to that resume on the coaching side.

After being hired as the associate head coach in April of 2008, it didn't take long for her

to move up in the coaching ranks.

The legendary collegiate and WNBA guard was named only the fifth head coach in the storied history of the Lady Techster basketball program during a press conference held in the Charles Wylie Athletic Center April 2, 2009.

Weatherspoon earned the promotion after she took over the program as interim head coach on Feb. 9, 2009 and guided Louisiana Tech to a 9-2 mark down the stretch, the 2009 Western Athletic Conference regular season title and a postseason appearance.

"As a former Lady Techster and a future Hall of Famer, Teresa has a tremendous passion for the game of basketball and for Louisiana Tech," said Tech Athletic Director Derek Dooley. "After watching her lead the Lady Techsters during the latter part of this season, it was clear that she is as passionate and as gifted a coach as she was a player."

She won her first eight games after being named interim head coach, an accomplishment that even two of her Hall of Fame predecessors Leon Barmore and Sonja Hogg couldn't match in their first years.

The win streak propelled Tech from fifth place to first place in only a three week span as the Lady Techsters claimed a share of the 2009 WAC regular season title.

The eight-game winning streak was the longest by a LA Tech team since the 2005-06 season, when the Lady Techsters won 15 straight games before falling in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

And although the winning streak was eventually snapped by a 91-88 overtime loss to Nevada in the semifinals of the 2009 WAC Tournament, Tech still earned a postseason berth in the WNIT where it dismantled Conference USA champion SMU before falling to Illinois State in the second round.

The combination of Weatherspoon's success on the sideline, legendary status as a player in the Columbia blue uniform in the 1980s, and reputation as one of the WNBA's all-time greatest players, made the decision an easy one for Tech administrators.

"I am absolutely delighted that Teresa Weatherspoon has accepted this position," said Louisiana Tech President Dr. Dan Reneau. "She is a true Techster, a loyal alumna and a superb coach."

Weatherspoon announced her decision to return to LA Tech as the associate head coach during an emotional speech at the annual Lady Techster Basketball Appreciation Banquet April 11, 2008 in news



that energized the fan base.

One year later, the Pineland, Texas native takes over the reigns of the second winningest program in the history of the game.

"This is an unbelievable honor," Weatherspoon said. "Never in my wildest dreams did I think I would have the opportunity to play in such a historic place and then come back and be the head coach."

"I feel like I've come full circle; this is where my development as a player really started years ago and now I get the opportunity to share my experiences with these ladies. I'm extremely honored and grateful to the administration for having confidence in me to get the job done."

Weatherspoon was hired as the associate head coach at Louisiana Tech last April after spending eight seasons as a player in the WNBA -- seven with the New York Liberty and one with the Los Angeles Sparks.

During her time in the league, Weatherspoon started 220 straight games and led the Liberty to three WNBA championship appearances in 1997, 1999 and 2000. She was a four-time WNBA All-Star, a four-time all-WNBA second teamer and the two-time WNBA Defensive Player of the Year.

She still ranks No. 3 in career assists (1,338) and No. 8 in career steals (465) in the history of the WNBA.

Her professional playing experience started in 1988 when she went overseas to play. Weatherspoon spent six years in Italy -- where she was named a six-time all-star -- and two years in Russia.

And as impressive as her professional playing resume is, it doesn't hold a candle to the one she built as a player at Louisiana Tech.

During her Louisiana Tech playing career which spanned from 1984 through 1988, Weatherspoon was a two-time Kodak All-American (1987, 1988) and won the prestigious Wade Trophy as the top player in the country during her senior season.

In fact as a senior, Weatherspoon earned an incredible trifecta as she was named the state player of the year, the American South Conference Player of the Year and the national player of the year.





In that same year (1988), Weatherspoon won a national championship title -- LA Tech defeated Auburn 56-54 in the NCAA title game -- and an Olympic gold medal as part of the US National Team.

She said she owes it all to her days of playing for Barmore, the five-time Hall of Fame coach who retired as the winningest coach (percentage-wise) in the history of the game.

"Knowing I played here under the best - and I capitalize every letter on Coach Barmore's name - it's truly overwhelming to return," Weatherspoon said. "It's only right for me to give back to a place and a program that gave so much to me."

She led the Lady Techsters to a mark of 118-14 during her career and two national championship game appearances in 1987 and 1988, earning spots on the All-Final Four teams both years. She was instrumental in leading Tech to a remarkable second half comeback against Auburn to claim the 1988 National Championship Title.

Weatherspoon -- whose No. 11 jersey is retired at LA Tech -- was named to the NCAA Women's Basketball Team of the Decade for the 1980's. A member of the 1,000-point club (1,087) at LA Tech, she still ranks No. 1 in career assists (958) and career steals (411).

Weatherspoon also earned distinction in

USA Basketball circles, leading the US to the gold medal in the 1988 Olympics and the bronze medal in the 1992 Olympics. She also earned gold medals in the 1986 World Championships, the 1986 Goodwill Games and the 1987 World University Games.

Although this will be Weatherspoon's first collegiate head coaching position, she served as the head coach of the America Basketball Association's Westchester Phantoms in 2008.

Weatherspoon earned her bachelor's degree from Louisiana Tech.

Collegiate Playing Experience

- Lettered at Louisiana Tech (1984-88)
- Signed with the Lady Techsters out of West Sabine High School (Pineland, Texas)

- Started 131 of 132 games in her Lady Techster career

- Led LA Tech to a mark of 118-14 during her career

- Led LA Tech to four NCAA Tournaments and two Final Fours

- Led LA Tech to two national championship games (1987, 1988)

- Led LA Tech to the 1988 NCAA title with a 56-54 come-from-behind win over Auburn.

- 2-time Kodak All-American (1987, 1988)

- Wade Trophy winner (1988)

- All-Final Four Team (1987, 1988)

- All-Region Tournament Team (1987, 1988)

- Region Most Outstanding Player (1988)

- America South Conference Player of the Year (1988)

- Louisiana Sports Writers Association State POY (1988)

- Broderick Cup Winner (1988)

- Named to the NCAA Women's Basketball Team of the Decade (1980s)

- No. 11 jersey is retired

- Ranks No. 1 in Tech history in assists (958) and steals (411)

- Career highs of 22 points, 17 assists (vs. UL-Monroe, 1984-85) and 10 steals (vs. UCLA, 1985-86)

- Member of the 1,000-point Club (ranks 33rd with 1,087 points)

US National Team Playing Experience

- Led Team USA to the gold medal at the 1988 Olympic Games

- Led Team USA to the bronze medal at the 1992 Olympic Games

- Led Team USA to the gold medal at the 1986 World Championships

- Led Team USA to the gold medal at the 1986 Goodwill Games

- Led Team USA to the gold medal at the 1987 World University Games

International Playing Experience

- Played eight years overseas (1988-1996), including six years in Italy and two years in Russia.

- Played for Bustoarsizio for four years, Magenta for one year and Como for one year in Italy.

- Played for the CSKA (Central Sports Club of Army) for two years in Russia.

- Was a six-time all-star in Italian League.

- Led CSKA to the Russian title both years.

- Played in the European Cup for the last three years overseas.

WNBA Playing Experience

- Signed by the WNBA and assigned to the New York Liberty, January 22, 1997.

- Played for the New York Liberty in the WNBA for seven years and the Los Angeles Sparks one season.

- Started 220 straight games during her first seven years in the WNBA.

- Became the first player in WNBA history to record 1,000 assists versus Detroit on June 5, 2002 and was the first player with 1,000 points and 1,000 assists.

- 4-time WNBA All-Star (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002)

- 4-time All-WNBA second team (1997, 1998, 1999, 2000)

- 2-time WNBA Defensive Player of the Year (1997, 1998)

- Led the New York Liberty to the WNBA Championships in 1997, 1999 and 2000.

- Ranks No. 3 all-time in assists (1,338) and No. 8 in steals (465) in WNBA history

- Participated in the 1998 WNBA Brazil Tour
- Was a member of the 1997 WNBA Touring Team, which played exhibition games in Germany and Italy

Professional Coaching Experience

- Coached the Westchester Phantoms of the America Basketball Association (2008)

Collegiate Coaching Experience

- Named associate head coach at Louisiana Tech in April, 2008

- Named interim head coach at Louisiana Tech on February 9, 2009

- Led LA Tech to a 9-2 mark over the final 11 games of the season

- Led LA Tech to the 2009 Western Athletic Conference regular season title.

- Led LA Tech to an appearance in the WNIT, including a first round win over SMU (77-54).

Personal

- Was named a recipient of "The Best of New York Award" by New York magazine for making New York City "special"

- Was on the New York Daily News float during the 1997 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade

- Wears No. 11 in memory of her favorite uncle who passed away when she was 11 years old

- Has two brothers, Charles Jr. and Michael, who played football at Prairie View A&M, and three sisters, Diana, Carolyn, and Denise

- Father, Charles Sr., played minor league baseball for the Minnesota Twins

- Mother Rowena was an undefeated champion drum majorette in Roanoke, Va.,

- Worked two summers with Harlem Globetrotter Coach Hubert "Geese" Ausbie and his anti-drug crusade

- Loves to work with children and worked closely with the Women's Sports Foundation

Associate Head Coach Daron Park

Daron Park enters his first year at Louisiana Tech after being named the Associate Head Coach for the Lady Techster basketball program by head coach Teresa Weatherspoon in early June.

Park comes to LA Tech after spending the past two years as an assistant coach on Brenda Frese's staff at Maryland where he was an integral part of the Terrapins success the last two years, helping Maryland to a pair of Elite Eight appearances in the NCAA Tournament and an ACC regular season and tournament title.

"Teacher," Weatherspoon said. "Daron is a great teacher of this game. He knows so much about the game of basketball. He has been there and done that. He coached at Maryland and everyone knows about the success of that program during the last decade.

"What I really like about Daron is he wants to be here, and he wants to be a part of this program. He wants to help with the rebuilding process as we put the program back on its foundation."

During his first year at Maryland while head coach Brenda Frese was on leave for part of the season, Park served as Acting Head Coach and led the Terrapins to an 8-1 mark with the lone loss coming in double overtime to No. 3 North Carolina. Included in those eight victories was a road win against Duke at Cameron Indoor Stadium, completing the first sweep of the Blue Devils for the Terps in more than 15 years.

Park's responsibilities will include on-the-floor coaching of the Techster post players, serving as the recruiting coordinator, overseeing the operating budget for the program, as well as overseeing scouting reports and game preparations.

"I am so excited to be joining Coach Weatherspoon and the tradition-rich program at Louisiana Tech," Park said. "Her passion for the university was evident from the first moment I spoke with her, and it is easy to see the positive impact she has had since her return to Ruston.

"There is an amazing amount of pride and support for women's basketball in the local community, and I am anxious to get to work and help Coach Weatherspoon continue to build a program that will make past, present and future Lady Techsters proud."

Park was instrumental in helping Maryland earn a pair of Top 5 national

rankings, a preseason WNIT Championship, two #1 seeds in the NCAA Tournament, and 64 victories, including a 24-4 mark in ACC games.

Prior to his stint at Maryland, Park served as an assistant coach for legendary Utah coach Elaine Elliott from 2004 through 2007 as the Utes won two Mountain West Conference championships and earned two appearances in the NCAA Tournament, including an Elite Eight appearance in 2006. During his three years at Utah, the Utes won 72 games.

Park also has head coaching experience as he served as the head coach at NAIA Westminster College for four years (2000-04) during which time the program boasted 30 academic all-conference recipients and eight Academic All-Americans. Park began his college coaching career as an assistant at Westminster in 1999.

The Great Falls, Montana native earned his bachelor's degree in health enhancement from Montana State in 1994.

Park and his wife Laura have one daughter, Rylee (9), and one son, Dillon (4).



Assistant Coaches



Sara Carter

When Sara Carter joined the Louisiana Tech staff prior to the 2008-09 season, she was already quite familiar with the storied program from her playing days at South Alabama.

However, after serving an instrumental role as an assistant coach in the Lady Techsters regular season championship title last year, Carter is more than just familiar ... she is a key part of head coach Teresa Weatherspoon's staff.

"Fire," Weatherspoon said. "If I use one word to describe Sarah, it's fiery. She is a great instructor. She is in charge of developing our guards, and they have a great understanding of what we expect from them because of the job she does. Everything offensively and defensively starts with the guard position, and so it's vital that we have someone with Sara's ability working with them.

"Another thing I really like about Sara is that she feels there is no task that is too big for her. She also does a great job of scouting teams and presenting those scouting reports to our team so they have a good understanding of what they will face."

During her first season at Louisiana Tech, Carter worked closely with the Lady Techster guards, a group that saw the top four guards all record a positive assist-to-turnover ratio – the first time that had been accomplished by a LA Tech team in more than a decade.

In addition to Carter's responsibilities with the Tech guards, she also oversees the players academic progress, serves as the liaison to academic coordinator Lisa Merritt,

oversees scheduling, devises scouting reports and serves as the technology coordinator for the program, and assists in recruiting high school athletes in the southern region as well as all junior college recruiting.

Carter came to Tech after working three years on the women's basketball staff at Ole Miss. Carter was one of the key components to turning the South Alabama program into a contender during her playing days (2000-04). During her career, she was a two-time team captain and was named to the Sun Belt Conference preseason team prior to her senior season.

The Gulfport, Miss. Native was a four-time recipient of the Sun Belt Conference all-academic award and also won the Wilma Rudolph Award (2004) as the Outstanding Woman Athlete of the Year.

She earned her bachelor's in physical education from South Alabama in 2005 and her master's in health promotion from Ole Miss in 2007.

Ebony Felder

Ebony Felder begins her third season at Louisiana and her first full season as an assistant coach on Teresa Weatherspoon's staff.

Felder served as the graduate assistant for the Lady Techsters in 2007-08 before becoming the Director of Basketball Operations last year. In mid-February, Felder was promoted to assistant coach and was instrumental as the Lady Techsters won their final seven regular season games and captured a share of the Western Athletic Conference regular season title.

"Ebony is a young lady who fights for perfection," Weatherspoon said. "She is always wanting to learn more. She doesn't want anyone else to do a better job than her. She's a perfectionist. I like that. She's a go-getter.

"She might not be as experienced as some coaches in this game, but she understands the game of basketball and she knows where she wants to go. She's always on the same page as me and that's important."

Felder, who starred at the University of Georgia during her collegiate playing days, will be responsible for assisting head coach in specified administrative duties, directing summer basketball camps, coordinating freshmen and overall player affairs (housing), coordinating community service/relations projects for women's basketball program, coordinating recruiting as specified by head coach, assisting with post player development, and assisting with scouting and game preparation during season.

During her playing days at Georgia, Felder proved to be one of the toughest players in the program's history, overcoming numerous knee injuries to help lead Andy Landers and Co. to NCAA Tournament appearances in 2002, 2003 and 2004.

Felder, a second generation Parade All-American in women's

basketball - her mother Pam McDonald Felder was named to the first ever team in 1977 - , averaged 7.4 points and 5.2 rebounds during her career despite chronic knee problems.

The Jackson, Miss., native was named to the 2002 All-SEC Freshman team by league coaches after finishing as one of the league's top rebounders in her rookie season. Felder pulled down double digit rebounds in five consecutive games at one point during her freshman campaign, becoming the first Georgia player to accomplish the feat since Katrina McClain in 1987.

Felder was named first team All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) during her senior year at Murrah High School.

She earned her bachelor's degree in English from Georgia in 2006 and her master's degree in English from Louisiana Tech in 2009.



Nicholas Love, Director of Basketball Operations

Nicholas Love begins his first year as the Director of Basketball Operations for the Louisiana Tech Lady Techster basketball program as he joins Teresa Weatherspoon's staff.

Love's responsibilities will include creating, developing and implementing the Lady Techsters digital media content, coordinating film exchange, implementing Techster Turf, assisting as a recruiting coordinator, acting as a liaison with the SID and marketing departments, assisting with the teams travel and other day to day administrative duties.

The Michigan native comes to LA Tech after working in the television industry for the past few years. Love worked the past two years for ESPN serving as a writer producer, editor and talent for ESPN.com's Historically Black College and Universities (HBCU) football coverage as well as Mobile ESPN's coverage of Black History Month.



He also worked as a business development intern for NBC Universal for six months in 2006. Love served as a player coordinator for the American Century Championship, an annual celebrity golf event that attracts some of the biggest names in the sports industry. In addition he also executed multiple event summary presentations for various NBC Sports venture properties.

Love earned his bachelor's degree in mass communications from Grambling State in 2006 and is currently working on his master's in sports administration.

Malcolm Butler, Associate AD/Media Relations

Malcolm Butler begins his 11th year in the Louisiana Tech Athletic Department, his third as the associate athletics director in charge of media relations.

A 1994 graduate of the Louisiana Tech journalism department, Butler joined the athletic department in July of 1999 as the assistant athletic media relations director.

Butler was then promoted to the director's position four months later and served in that capacity until last year when he was promoted to associate athletic director.

The 39-year-old is in charge of media relations for football, women's basketball, and softball as well as overseeing the daily operations for the entire department.

He was also instrumental in the partnership between Louisiana Tech and CSTV in the fall of 2007 in the redesign and hosting of the athletic departments website, www.latechsports.com.

The Ruston native also serves as the main liaison between the athletic department and LaTechTV, the internet streaming entity that handles the web streaming of all home football, men's basketball, women's basketball, baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball games.

During the past three years, Butler has implemented a fundraising campaign for his department and has raised over \$25,000 which has been used to purchase additional equipment, software, and other essen-

tials.

Butler has served as the host media coordinator for three NCAA Women's Basketball First- and Second-Round sites hosted by Louisiana Tech (2000, 2001 and 2003) while also winning more than 20 awards at the annual Louisiana Sports Writers Association Convention.

During his time at Tech, Butler has been instrumental in promoting a number of high-profile athletes, including Tampa Bay Buccaneers quarterback Luke McCown, Houston Texans running back Ryan Moats, and Detroit Shock center Cheryl Ford.

In addition to his media relations responsibilities, Butler has served as the radio play-by-play announcer for the nationally-prominent Louisiana Tech Lady Techster basketball team for the past 10 years.

He has also worked as a play-by-play announcer and color analyst for selected football, softball and baseball games during his tenure.



Brenda Milton, Office Coordinator

Brenda Milton returns for her 11th year in the Louisiana Tech Athletic Department, her second year as the office coordinator for the Louisiana Tech Lady Techster basketball/soccer teams.

Prior to joining the women's basketball program, Milton spent the previous three years working as the ticket manager after serving the previous six years as men's basketball secretary.

Prior to joining the Louisiana Tech Athletics Department, Milton worked in the corporate banking industry before spending four years working within the Louisiana Tech Continuing Education Center.

Milton, who is also an accompanist at Cook Baptist Church, is married to Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance and Investment Specialist Bryan Milton. The couple has three sons, Brandon, Josh, and Jared, all are graduates of Louisiana Tech.



Robert Tassin
Manager



Melinda Humble
Manager



Khady Ndiaye
Manager

Dr. Billy Bundrick, Head Team Physician/Orthopedic Surgeon

When it comes to athletic injuries at Louisiana Tech, the Bulldogs and Lady Techsters look to one of their own as well as one of the best in the United States -- Dr. Billy Bundrick.

Dr. Bundrick, who runs the Bone and Joint Clinic in Shreveport, La., has been a familiar face to the Louisiana Tech athletic programs for many years.

"I enjoy working with the athletes at Louisiana Tech," Dr. Bundrick said. "It is a joy to work with athletes because they are people who want to get better and get back on the field."

It was in 1957 that Dr. Bundrick, a young standout football player, decided to transfer to Louisiana Tech from Texas A&M. He earned three letters in football at Tech, including co-captaining the 1959 team to a 9-1 record. He gave up football after that season, graduated from Tech and went to LSU Medical School in New Orleans.

Ever since those playing days as a Bulldog, Dr. Bundrick has loved Louisiana Tech University and its athletic programs.

In 1969, Dr. Bundrick joined the staff at the Bone and Joint Clinic in Shreveport, and he has remained one of the chief orthopedic doctors in the South ever since.

He regained his connection with Louisiana Tech in 1973 when former Bulldog coach Pat Collins saw him at a Captain Shreve High School football game and asked him if he could travel to Ruston to help with the medical treatment of the players dur-

ing practices. Dr. Bundrick agreed and has been going back and forth from Shreveport to Ruston for the past 30-plus years.

Dr. Bundrick's association with Tech has reached almost four decades and he says he still loves every minute of what he does. Most recently, he was honored by the American Academy of Sports Medicine with the Thomas Brady Award, which recognizes local excellence in sports medicine.

Funded by the generous support of Dr. Bundrick, the Tech Sports Medicine Department now has a state-of-the-art training and rehabilitation facility in the William S. Bundrick Sports Medicine Center located in the Charles Wyly Athletic Center.

The 3,800 square foot facility contains a Swimex therapeutic pool, cardiovascular equipment, private staff offices and a physician's examination room.

Dr. Bundrick is married to Linda C. Covington.



Dr. Shane Phillips, Team Physician

One of Louisiana Tech's own returned home six years ago as Dr. Shane Phillips opened his private medical practice and took over as the primary care physician for the Bulldogs and Lady Techster athletic programs.

Dr. Phillips attended Cedar Creek High School in Ruston before picking up his undergraduate degree at Louisiana Tech in 1993. He then moved on to medical school at Louisiana State University of Medicine in New Orleans where he graduated in 1999.

He completed his residency at the University of Alabama Family Practice Residency Program in

Tuscaloosa and wrapped up his fellowship at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham.

During his fellowship, he worked closely with Samford University and Birmingham Southern University, serving as those schools' team physician.

The 39-year-old also serves as team physician for Cedar Creek High School.

Dr. Phillips, who is the great grandson of Thomas Assembly Center namesake Sam Thomas, is a member of TeamMD, an area high school sports medicine outreach program that covers 22 local high schools in the north Louisiana area.

Dr. Phillips is married to Lauren DeCou and he has a 16-year-old stepson named Zach, a three-year-old son named Beau and a one-year-old daughter Emma.



Michele Dummett, Assistant Athletic Trainer

Michele Dummett begins her fourth year as an assistant athletic trainer at Louisiana Tech.

Dummett's main responsibilities include women's basketball, women's soccer and football.

The Sanborn, Iowa, native received her undergrad degree from Iowa State with a bachelor of science degree in Athletic Training with a minor in health studies. While at Iowa State, Dummett worked with football, women's swimming and diving along with women's cross country/track and field.

Dummett finished her master's in public health care administration at Drake University where she worked with women's volleyball, men's and women's tennis and football.

Before coming to Tech, Dummett worked for Willis-Knighton Health Systems as an outreach athletic trainer covering the Bossier City/Shreveport BattleWings and Byrd High School athletics while helping with Bulldog football.

Dummett is a member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and the Louisiana Athletic Trainers Association (LATA). She is licensed as an Athletic Trainer by the Louisiana State Board of Medical Examiners.

