

HOUSTON



TOM PENDERS

- 629 career wins
- 1,051 career games



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HEAD COACH

SIXTH SEASON AT HOUSTON • 36TH SEASON OVERALL
102-61 RECORD AT HOUSTON • 629-422 CAREER RECORD
CONNECTICUT 1967

Winning basketball has followed head coach Tom Penders everywhere he has worked, and the University of Houston is no exception.

Penders begins his sixth season as the head coach at the University of Houston in 2009-10 with eyes on the program's fifth postseason appearance during the last six years.

Taking over a program that had posted double-digit wins only twice in the seven seasons before he arrived in 2004, Penders has led the Cougars to four postseason tournaments and five straight winning seasons with at least 18 wins. He is the only coach in UH history to accomplish the latter feat.

With a 102-61 (.626) overall record at Houston, he has compiled more wins through his first five seasons than any coach in program history.

He also added his name to the national records book as well. With the Cougars' 84-81 win at Conference USA rival UCF on Feb. 2, 2008, Penders recorded the 600th win of his career. Earlier in the season, he competed in the 1,000th game of his collegiate career during a 77-72 win over C-USA rival UTEP on Jan. 19, 2008.

Penders became only the 34th coach in NCAA history to reach 600 victories and only the 24th to have taken part in at least 1,000 games.

He enters the 2009-10 campaign with a 629-422

(.598) record in 35 seasons. That overall total also includes 10 NCAA Tournament appearances, seven NIT berths and two College Basketball Invitational appearances.

Prior to arriving at Houston, Penders coached at six schools and compiled winning records at all but one stop before leaving. Although he departed Columbia with a 43-60 record following the 1977-78 season, he built a program that had won only five games the year before his arrival into one with back-to-back winning seasons during his final two seasons.

Throughout his coaching career, his teams not only won but captured a national audience with their record-setting styles of play. His teams at Texas and George Washington set school records for most points in a season, and renewed fan interest at each school.

With such an impressive body of work, Penders added another award to his trophy case in the summer of 2008. For his achievements on the court and his athletic accomplishments during his playing days, Penders was inducted into the Fairfield County (Conn.) Sports Hall of Fame.

This was the third such honor he received during his career. He was enshrined into the Connecticut Softball Hall of Fame in 1989 and was selected for the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October 2006.

Tom Penders has accomplished much during his storied career with bigger and even better things yet to come at the University of Houston.



THE PENDERS FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Thomas Vincent Penders
Hometown: Stratford, Conn.
Birthdate: May 23, 1945

EDUCATION

• University of Connecticut • B.S. in marketing • 1967
• Stratford High School • Stratford, Conn. • 1964

FAMILY

Wife: Susie
Children: Tommy, Jr., Karli and Wendy

HEAD COACHING CAREER

2004 –	Houston	102-61 (.626)
1998-01	George Washington	49-42 (.538)
1988-98	Texas	208-110 (.654)
1987-88	Rhode Island	48-17 (.739)
1978-86	Fordham	125-114 (.523)
1974-78	Columbia	43-60 (.417)
1971-74	Tufts University	54-18 (.750)
1969-71	Bridgeport (Conn.) High	43-3 (.935)
1968-69	Bullard Havens (Conn.) High	16-7 (.696)

Note: Tom Penders has never been an assistant coach

COACHING NOTES

629-422 (.598) career record in 35 seasons
10 NCAA Tournament appearances
Seven NIT appearances
Two College Basketball Invitational appearances

TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

1999 Atlantic 10 West Division	Rhode Island
1995, 94, 92 Southwest Conference	Texas
1995, 94 Southwest Conference Tournament	Texas
1983 Metro Atlantic Tournament	Fordham

COACHING HONORS

1986-87 Atlantic 10 Co-Coach of the Year

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Professional

1968 Selected in the ninth round of MLB draft by the Cleveland Indians
Competed at the Class AA level

College

1965-67 Connecticut
• 1966-67 Basketball team captain
• 1967 Baseball team captain
• Member of UConn basketball teams that competed in the NCAA Tournament in 1965 and 1967
• Led Huskies to College World Series in 1965

High School

1962-64 Stratford High School
• State leader in scoring
• Named to MBIAC All-Star Basketball Game
• Three-year letterman for the basketball and baseball teams



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MILESTONE WINS

#1	Tufts 108, Trinity College 100	1971-72
#50	Tufts 78, Brandeis 76	1973-74
#100	Fordham 71, Harvard 60	Dec. 30, 1978
#150	Fordham 74, Manhattan 62	Feb. 20, 1982
#200	Fordham 62, St. Peters 55	Jan. 15, 1985
#250	Rhode Island 76, BYU-Hawaii 66	Jan. 1, 1988
#300	Texas 98, VMI 74	Dec. 21, 1989
#350	Texas 86, Houston 75	Jan. 9, 1992
#400	Texas 78, Rice 70	March 2, 1994
#450	Texas 76, North Texas 75	Dec. 7, 1997
#500	George Washington 83, Xavier 74	March 8, 2001
#550	Houston 63, Saint Louis 43	Feb. 2, 2005
#600	Houston 84, UCF 81	Feb. 2, 2008

GO COOGS!

During each of his five seasons at UH, the Cougars have ranked among the top-four teams in Conference USA in turnover margin and broken both team and individual records for most 3-point field goals made in a game and season.

Guards Robert McKiver and Andre Owens established individual school records for most treys in a game, season and career.

In addition to the record-setting performances, Penders also has coached 10 All-Conference USA performers after Houston enjoyed only seven All-Conference USA performers from 1997 to 2004.

In 2008-09, Penders led the Cougars to a 21-12 record and the team's fourth postseason appearance during his first five seasons. His squad won at least 18 games for the fifth straight year, making him the only coach in program history to accomplish that feat.

Guards Aubrey Coleman and Kelvin Lewis were named to the All-Conference USA teams with Coleman being honored as the league's Newcomer of the Year and earning berths on the USBWA and NABC All-District teams.

In 2007-08, Penders guided the Cougars to one of their most successful seasons in recent history. With a 24-10 record, the Cougars finished third in an always competitive Conference USA and posted the program's most wins in nearly two decades.

UH earned a trip to the inaugural College Basketball Invitational for the team's third trip to the postseason in Penders' first four years. With wins over Nevada and Valparaiso, the Cougars advanced to the CBI semifinals before bowing out to eventual champion Tulsa.

The Cougars set school records in 3-pointers made and 3-point attempts and ranked among the league and national leaders in turnover margin and free throw shooting.

Individually, players shined under Penders' tutelage. McKiver was named to the All-Conference USA First Team for the second straight season and set a C-USA single-game record with 52 points against league rival Southern Miss at Hofheinz Pavilion.

With 801 points, McKiver's output was the fourth highest in UH single-season history, and the New Ha-

ven, Conn., native was rewarded by being named to the USBWA All-District VII Team and the NABC All-District 9 First Team.

McKiver left the program in 2008 as UH's single-game, single-season and career leader in 3-pointers made.

In 2006-07, Penders guided the Cougars to their best Conference USA regular season finish and first appearance in the C-USA Tournament's championship game.

The Cougars finished with an 18-15 record, marking the first time UH posted three-straight winning seasons in 14 years.

McKiver was named to the All-Conference USA First Team while Olliver Lafayette received Second-Team recognition for the second straight season. Both players also were named to the C-USA All-Tournament Team after helping lead the Cougars to the title game against host Memphis. In addition, Lanny Smith and Ramon Dyer were Second-Team selections.

The Cougars enjoyed tremendous success in 2005-06 during Penders' second season. With a 21-10 record, UH recorded its first 20-win season since the 1992-93 campaign and advanced to the second round of the NIT.

It marked the second straight year that the Cougars competed in a postseason tournament.

The Cougars opened the 2006 NIT with a 77-67 win against BYU, Penders' first career victory and his team's first home appearance in that postseason event. It also was the Cougars' first postseason win of any kind since 1988.

The Cougars recorded back-to-back wins over ranked teams at No. 25 LSU and against 13th-ranked Arizona in a nationally televised game on ESPN2. It was the first time that UH reeled off consecutive wins against ranked opponents since the 1984 NCAA Tournament Midwest Regional.

Following those two wins, Houston appeared at No. 25 in the Dec. 12, 2005, Associated Press Poll, marking the first time since 1992-93 that the Cougars had been ranked.

The Cougars led the nation in steals with a 12.4 average and finished second nationally in turnover margin at +7.5 per game in 2005-06.

During his first season at Houston, Penders guided the Cougars to the nation's fourth-best turnaround with an 18-14 overall record in 2004-05. On Jan. 5, 2005, the Cougars captivated a national television audience when ESPN aired the final minutes of their 70-66 upset of No. 16 and eventual NCAA Final Four participant Louisville. One month later, ESPN televised the Cougars' 66-53 victory against Memphis, a victory that handed UH its 1,000th win in school history.

By the end of the season, the Cougars led the nation in turnover margin.

Besides leading the Cougars to their success on the court, Penders has embraced Houston's storied tradition. As a high school coach, he met Houston's leg-

PENDERS' YEAR BY-YEAR RECORD

Year	School	Overall		Conference		Postseason
		Record	Pct.	Record	Pct.	
1971-72	Tufts	12-8	.600			
1972-73	Tufts	22-4	.846			
1973-74	Tufts	20-6	.769			
1974-75	Columbia	4-22	.154	2-12	.143	
1975-76	Columbia	8-17	.320	6-8	.429	
1976-77	Columbia	16-10	.615	8-6	.571	
1977-78	Columbia	15-11	.577	11-3	.786	
1978-79	Fordham	7-22	.318	---	---	
1979-80	Fordham	11-17	.393	---	---	
1980-81	Fordham	19-9	.679	---	---	NIT First Round
1981-82	Fordham	18-11	.621	8-2	.800	NIT First Round
1982-83	Fordham	19-11	.633	7-3	.700	NIT First Round
1983-84	Fordham	19-15	.559	7-7	.500	NIT First Round
1984-85	Fordham	19-12	.612	9-5	.643	NIT First Round
1985-86	Fordham	13-17	.433	7-7	.500	
1986-87	Rhode Island	20-10	.667	12-6	.667	NIT First Round
1987-88	Rhode Island	28-7	.800	14-4	.778	NCAA Sweet 16
1988-89	Texas	25-9	.735	12-4	.750	NCAA Second Round
1989-90	Texas	24-9	.727	12-4	.750	NCAA Elite Eight
1990-91	Texas	23-9	.719	13-3	.813	NCAA Second Round
1991-92	Texas	23-12	.657	11-3	.786	NCAA First Round
1992-93	Texas	11-17	.393	4-10	.286	
1993-94	Texas	26-8	.765	12-2	.857	NCAA Second Round
1994-95	Texas	23-7	.767	11-3	.786	NCAA Second Round
1995-96	Texas	21-10	.677	10-4	.714	NCAA Second Round
1996-97	Texas	18-12	.600	10-6	.625	NCAA Sweet 16
1997-98	Texas	14-17	.452	6-10	.375	
1998-99	George Washington	20-9	.689	13-3	.813	NCAA First Round
1999-00	George Washington	15-15	.500	9-7	.563	
2000-01	George Washington	14-18	.437	6-10	.375	
2004-05	Houston	18-14	.563	9-7	.563	NIT Opening Round
2005-06	Houston	21-10	.677	9-5	.643	NIT Second Round
2006-07	Houston	18-15	.545	10-6	.625	
2007-08	Houston	24-10	.706	11-5	.688	CBI Semifinals
2008-09	Houston	21-12	.636	10-6	.625	CBI First Round
Totals	35 years	629-422	.598	269-161	.626	
Houston	5 years	102-61	.626	49-29	.628	
George Washington	3 years	49-42	.538	28-20	.583	
Texas	10 years	208-110	.654	101-49	.673	
Rhode Island	2 years	48-17	.739	26-10	.722	
Fordham	8 years	125-114	.523	38-24	.613	
Columbia	4 years	43-60	.417	27-29	.482	
Tufts	3 years	54-18	.750	---	---	



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TURNAROUND TOM

During his coaching career, head coach Tom Penders has taken six struggling programs and turned them into winners, making him the only NCAA Division I coach who can make that claim.

Below is a brief look how success has followed Penders throughout his career. Records above the line indicate seasons without Penders. Records below the line indicate seasons with Penders as head coach.

Bullard Havens Technical High	
1967-68	4-14
1968-69	14-6

Bridgeport Central High	
1968-69	7-13
1969-70	23-2
1971-72	20-1

Tufts University	
1970-71	1-17
1971-72	12-8
1972-73	22-4
1973-74	20-6

Columbia	
1973-74	5-20
1974-75	4-22
1975-76	8-17
1976-77	16-10
1977-78	15-11

Fordham	
1977-78	8-18
1978-79	7-22
1979-80	11-17
1980-81	19-9 (NIT)
1981-82	18-11 (NIT)
1982-83	19-11 (NIT)
1983-84	19-15 (NIT)
1984-85	19-12 (NIT)
1985-86	13-17

Rhode Island	
1985-86	9-19
1986-87	20-10 (NIT)
1987-88	28-7 (NCAA)

Texas	
1987-88	16-13
1988-89	25-9 (NCAA)
1989-90	24-9 (NCAA)
1990-91	23-9 (NCAA)
1991-92	23-12 (NCAA)
1992-93	11-17
1993-94	26-8 (NCAA)
1994-95	23-7 (NCAA)
1995-96	21-10 (NCAA)
1996-97	18-12 (NCAA)
1997-98	14-17

George Washington	
1997-98	24-9 (NCAA)
1998-99	20-9 (NCAA)
1999-00	15-15
2000-01	14-18

Houston	
2002-03	8-20
2003-04	9-18
2004-05	18-14 (NIT)
2005-06	21-10 (NIT)
2006-07	18-15
2007-08	24-10 (CBI)
2008-09	21-12 (CBI)

endary coach Guy V. Lewis when he took his high school team to watch the Cougars play Long Island in Madison Square Garden on Feb. 4, 1971.

As the years passed, he watched Lewis turn the Cougars into a perennial national power and patterned his teams' style of play after the style the Cougars played under Lewis. Following Houston's 1,000th victory, Penders presented the game ball to Lewis.

TELEVISION & RADIO ANALYST

Before taking over Houston's program on March 3, 2004, Penders spent three years as an analyst for ESPN and Westwood One Radio after spending the previous three seasons as head coach at George Washington (1998-2001).

GEORGE WASHINGTON

At George Washington, Penders compiled a 49-42 record and led the Colonials to the 1999 NCAA Tournament. He also guided the Colonials to an Atlantic 10 West Division championship his first year.

In his second year, George Washington finished second in the A-10 standings, and the Colonials set a school record for points scored in a season. His third team at GW advanced to the A-10 Tournament semifinals before losing to eventual champion Temple.

TEXAS

Penders spent 10 seasons as the head coach at Texas and set a school record with 208 victories while leading the Longhorns to three Southwest Conference championships and eight NCAA Tournament appearances. In the postseason, Penders led the Longhorns to the Elite Eight in 1990 and to the Sweet 16 in 1997.

While averaging 20.8 wins per season at Texas, his Longhorn teams scored nearly 90 points per game and forced more than 19 turnovers per contest. Penders ended his tenure at Texas with a 208-110 record.

The feat is made more remarkable when considering he took a program that had not won 20 games in nine seasons and averaged just 4,028 fans in a 16,231-seat arena the year before he arrived.

Penders immediately put his brand on the program. He called his team the "Runnin' Horns" and spoke to every alumni and booster group in the state. His first



Penders served as a radio analyst for three years before being named Houston's head coach in 2004.

team finished second in the Southwest Conference and earned a bid to the NCAA Tournament.

The Longhorns also set 22 school and SWC records while more than doubling the attendance average to 10,011 per game, the largest increase in NCAA Division I.

In 1990, Texas surprised most college basketball fans across the nation by advancing to the Elite Eight as the No. 10 seed in the NCAA Midwest Regional and fell three points shy of advancing to the Final Four, losing to the fourth-seeded and SWC rival, Arkansas.

The 1990-91 season saw Texas finish second in the SWC, advance to the second round of the NCAA and finish 23rd in the AP rankings. Penders led the Longhorns to SWC championships in 1992, 1994 and 1995. The Runnin' Horns also reached the NCAA Sweet 16 in 1997.

RHODE ISLAND

Penders went to Texas after leading Rhode Island to the 1988 NCAA Sweet 16 by beating Missouri and Syracuse in the first two rounds. Rhode Island's run in the NCAA Tournament ended with a 73-72 loss against Duke in the Sweet 16 game.

He took over Rhode Island's program on Oct. 4, 1986. Despite having only two weeks before preseason practice began, he led the Rams to a 20-10 record and a berth into the NIT during his first season. That feat earned him Atlantic 10 Co-Coach of the Year.

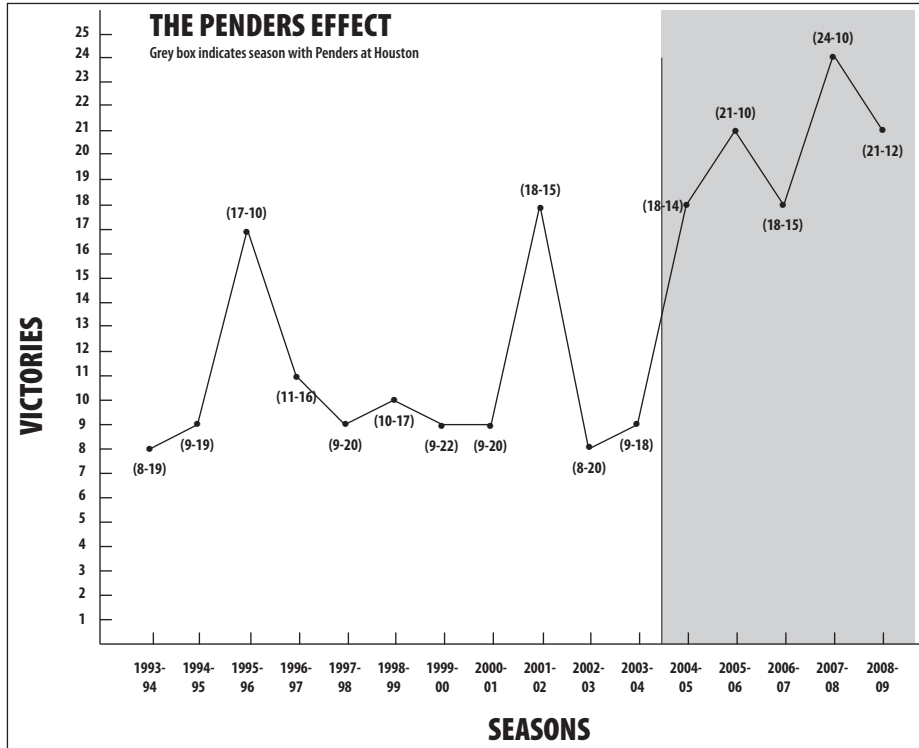
FORDHAM

Penders went to Rhode Island after heading the basketball program at Fordham for eight years and compiling a 125-114 record. There, he took over a program that was 8-18,

SINCE 2004-05

Since head coach Tom Penders joined the Cougar program in 2004-05, he has established the Cougars among the best in Conference USA. Although he inherited a program that had won only 44 games, including 24 C-USA games, with no postseason appearances, in the four years before his arrival, Penders has put the Cougars among the league's best in those categories and more.

Team	Overall Record	Winning Pct.	C-USA Wins	Postseason Appearances	Tournament First-Round Byes
Memphis	159-30	.841	70	5	4
UAB	110-57	.659	52	4	4
Houston	102-61	.626	49	4	3
UTEP	77-55	.583	35	3	2
UCF	69-53	.566	34	0	2
Tulsa	81-63	.563	35	2	1
Tulane	70-62	.530	32	0	1
Southern Miss	75-80	.484	27	0	0
Marshall	56-66	.459	27	0	0
SMU	46-74	.383	14	0	0
Rice	41-81	.336	18	0	0
East Carolina	47-99	.322	17	0	0



and within three years, guided it to the first of a school-record five straight NIT appearances. In his eight seasons, he led the Rams to 19 wins four times and 18 victories once.

In the process, 51 of his 53 players earned degrees (the other two transferred and eventually graduated). In 1981, Penders was named the New York Metropolitan Area Coach of the Year after leading Fordham to a 19-9 record.

Before his stint at Fordham, Penders coached at Columbia for four seasons. The Lions were 5-20 the year before his arrival, and his first recruiting class couldn't play for a year because the Ivy League did not allow freshmen to play.

COLUMBIA

After his first two years at Columbia, Penders led the school to back-to-back winning seasons. Columbia finished the 1976-77 campaign with a 16-10 record. The following year, the Lions were 15-11 and finished second in the Ivy League standings. At the time, it was Columbia's best Ivy League finish in school history.

TUFTS

Penders began his collegiate coaching career at Tufts in 1971, taking over a 1-17 team and turning it around with 12-8, 22-4 and 20-6 records in the next three seasons. One of his players, Willie Young, also set a school record for most points in a season and ranked second among the school's all-time scoring leaders. In the fall of 2004, Tufts awarded Penders the school's Outstanding Achievement Award.

HIGH SCHOOL

Penders went to Tufts after a highly successful high school coaching career in Connecticut at Bullard Havens Tech and Bridgeport Central High School. He posted a 59-10 record in his three seasons as a high school coach.

In his first year as a head coach, Penders took a Bullard Havens Tech team that had only one player over six feet tall and a record of 4-14 the year before and guided the team to a 14-6 record. The next year, he inherited a 7-13 team at Bridgeport and led the team to a 23-2 record and a No. 2 ranking in the state. The following year, he was named the *New York Daily News* Coach of the Year after leading Bridgeport to a 20-1 mark and No. 1 ranking.

STAR ATHLETE AT CONNECTICUT

A native of Stratford, Conn., Penders established himself as one of his high school's greatest athletes. At Stratford High School, he led the state in scoring and the All-MBIAC All-Star team after averaging nearly 15 points per game as a junior and serving as a valuable sixth man as a sophomore.

In baseball, Penders started for three years as a pitcher, shortstop and center fielder. He also was the Student Council President as a senior after serving as Vice President during his junior year and was president of his sophomore class in 1960-61.

Penders went on to the University of Connecticut, where he starred as a center fielder for the baseball team and a point guard for the basketball team. He served as team captain for both teams as a senior and quarterbacked the Husky basketball team to a combined 59-16 record during his career.

Penders is one of a select group of student-athletes who participated in both the NCAA Tournament (1965 and 1967) and the College World Series (1965). In 1965, Penders played on the baseball team with his older brother, Jim, who served as the team captain for the Huskies.

Later, he was considered for the school's All-Century team in 2001 after leading the Husky basketball team to two Yankee Conference championships. In 2001, he received the highest honor given by the Connecticut Department of Athletics, when the school presented him the Red O'Neill Award for Lifetime Achievement. The *Hartford Courant* also named Penders as one of the three greatest athletes in the 21st Century from the town of Stratford.

PRO BASEBALL CAREER

Upon graduation, the Cleveland Indians drafted Penders in the ninth round of the 1968 Major League Draft. In his one season as a professional baseball player, he played for the Indians' Class A team at Rock Hill and was selected a Western Carolina League All-Star third baseman after hitting .343. Following the All-Star game, he finished the year hitting .302 at Rock Hill before being promoted to Cleveland's Class AA affiliate at Waterbury.

After that one season, Penders retired from baseball and began his career as a basketball coach in 1969. He also played fast-pitch softball during his early years as a coach and was a member of five ASA National Championship teams in 1969, 1970, 1972, 1976 and 1983. He was also named First-Team All-American as a center fielder in 1975 and 1976.

Penders also played for the USA Team that finished in a three-way tie for first place at the 1983 World University Games



Penders and his brother, Jim, were members of the 1965 Connecticut team that advanced to the College World Series.



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before being inducted into the Connecticut Softball Hall of Fame in 1989. He was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame in October 2006.

A COACHING FAMILY

Penders and his wife, Susie, have two children — Karli and Tommy, Jr. who played for his father at Texas, and is the head basketball coach at Clear Lake High School in Houston. He also has another daughter, Wendy.

Penders also comes from quite a coaching family. His father, Jim, coached at Stratford High School in Connecticut from 1931-68, won four state championships and ran the town's recreation programs. He also coached all three of his sons, Jim, Tom and Bill, who went on to play at Bates College. Penders also has one sister, Kathy.

After serving as the team captain for Connecticut's 1965 baseball team, his older brother, Jim, became the head coach at East Catholic High School in Manchester, Conn. in 1969. Just like his father, he went on to win four state championships. He was named the national high school Coach of the Year in 1996.

Jim also coached his two sons, Jim III, and Rob, who are collegiate baseball coaches at Connecticut and St. Edwards University in Austin, respectively.



Head coach Tom Penders with his wife Susie

PENDERS VS. OPPONENTS

Opponent	W	L	Opponent	W	L	Opponent	W	L
Alaska-Anchorage	2	0	Kentucky	1	2	San Diego State	2	0
Alcorn State	1	0	Kings Point	3	0	San Francisco State	0	1
Amherst	3	0	Lafayette	1	4	San Jose State	1	0
American	3	0	Lamar	4	0	Santa Clara	1	2
Arizona	1	6	LaSalle	7	5	Seton Hall	6	4
Arizona State	0	2	Lehigh	1	0	Siena	3	2
Arkansas	1	9	Liberty	1	0	South Alabama	0	3
Arkansas-Pine Bluff	1	0	Long Beach State	2	1	Southeastern Louisiana	1	0
Army	11	3	Long Island	6	1	Southern	1	0
Assumption	1	0	LSU	4	5	Southern Connecticut	0	1
Bates	2	0	Louisiana Tech	0	0	SMU	25	2
Baylor	17	5	Louisville	1	3	Southern Miss	5	2
Boston	1	0	Lowell Tech	3	0	Southern Utah State	1	0
Boston College	0	3	Loyola	1	0	Springfield	0	3
Bowdoin	2	1	Manhattan	16	3	Stanford	1	1
Bradley	1	1	Manhattanville	1	0	Stephen F. Austin	3	0
Brandeis	7	1	Marimack	1	0	Stetson	4	1
Bridgeport	2	1	Marist	3	0	Stonehill	1	0
BYU	1	2	Marquette	0	1	Suffolk	2	0
BYU-Hawaii	1	0	Marshall	3	2	Syracuse	2	1
Brown	5	7	Maryland	1	2	TCU	15	5
Bryant	1	0	Massachusetts	7	5	Temple	2	11
Centenary	2	0	McNeese State	2	0	Tennessee	0	4
Charlotte	1	4	Memphis	1	10	Tennessee Tech	1	0
Chattanooga	1	0	Miami	1	0	Texas-Pan American	2	0
Cincinnati	0	1	Michigan	2	1	Texas A&M	21	4
Citadel	2	0	Middle Tennessee	2	0	Texas A&M-Corpus Christi	3	0
City College	0	1	Middlebury	3	0	Texas Southern	1	0
Clark	2	1	MIT	4	1	Texas State	1	0
Clemson	2	0	Mississippi	0	1	Texas Tech	17	7
Coast Guard	3	0	Mississippi State	0	1	Toledo	2	0
Coastal Carolina	1	0	Mississippi Valley State	1	0	Trinity	2	1
Colby	3	2	Missouri	3	4	Troy	0	0
College of Charleston	1	0	Missouri State	0	1	Tufts	1	0
Colgate	1	1	Monmouth	2	0	Tulane	4	1
Colorado	0	2	Morehead State	1	0	Tulsa	3	2
Columbia	8	0	Murray State	2	1	UAB	2	3
CCNY	3	0	Navy	0	1	Union	0	1
Connecticut	1	6	Nebraska	4	3	UC Santa Barbara	2	1
Coppin State	1	0	Nevada	1	0	UCF	7	3
Cornell	8	2	New Hampshire	2	0	UCLA	0	1
Creighton	0	1	New Mexico	0	1	UNLV	0	2
Dartmouth	6	3	New Orleans	1	0	USC	1	0
Dayton	4	4	Nicholls State	0	0	USF	3	4
DePaul	4	2	North Carolina	1	5	US International	1	0
Detroit-Mercy	1	1	Northeastern	2	2	UT Arlington	1	0
Duquesne	8	5	North Texas	6	0	Utah	1	3
East Carolina	4	1	Northwestern State	1	0	UTEP	5	6
Eastern Kentucky	1	0	Norwich	3	0	UTSA	3	0
Fairfield	12	4	Notre Dame	3	6	Valparaiso	1	1
Florida	4	2	Ohio	1	1	Vanderbilt	0	1
Florida State	0	1	Ohio State	0	1	Vermont	3	1
Florida Tech	1	0	Oklahoma	2	12	Virginia	1	0
Fordham	5	4	Oklahoma State	5	1	VCU	1	4
Fresno State	1	1	Old Dominion	2	2	VMI	1	0
Furman	1	0	Oral Roberts	4	1	Virginia Tech	2	3
George Mason	1	0	Oregon	1	0	Wagner	4	2
George Washington	3	1	Oregon State	2	1	Wake Forest	0	1
Georgetown	0	1	Pacific	0	1	Washington	1	1
Georgia	3	4	Pennsylvania	1	7	Washington State	1	0
Georgia Southern	0	1	Penn State	5	0	Weber State	1	1
Georgia Tech	1	2	Pepperdine	1	1	Wesleyan	2	1
Grambling State	3	2	Pittsburgh	0	1	Western Kentucky	2	0
Hamilton	1	0	Prairie View A&M	1	0	Westfield State	1	0
Hartford	2	0	Presbyterian	1	0	West Virginia	5	1
Harvard	6	5	Princeton	5	11	Wichita State	0	1
Hawaii	0	2	Providence	2	3	William & Mary	0	1
Hawaii-Pacific	0	1	Purdue	1	0	Wisconsin	1	0
Hofstra	3	1	Rhode Island	8	2	Williams	2	1
Holy Cross	6	5	Rice	22	7	WPI	2	0
Houston	9	12	Richmond	0	2	Worcester Tech	1	0
Howard	1	0	Rutgers	7	5	Xavier	4	4
Illinois	2	2	Sacred Heart	2	1	Yale	11	2
Indiana	0	2	St. Bonaventure	7	2	Total	629	422
Indiana State	1	0	St. Francis	2	0			
Iona	3	17	St. John's	1	11			
Iowa	0	1	St. Joseph's	4	4			
Iowa State	1	2	Saint Louis	2	2			
Jacksonville	1	0	Saint Peter's	10	8			
Kansas	0	2	Sam Houston State	3	0			
Kansas State	1	1	San Diego	0	0			

2009-10 opponents and possible opponents listed in **bold**



MELVIN HARALSON

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH/RECRUITING COORDINATOR
10TH SEASON AT HOUSTON • 21ST SEASON OVERALL
AUBURN 1989

Melvin Haralson enters his 10th season at the University of Houston in 2009-10 and his sixth as the associate head coach and recruiting coordinator.

During the past five seasons, Haralson helped guide the Cougars to more than 100 wins and four postseason tournaments. Three of his

last five recruiting classes have been nationally ranked among the nation's Top 35 schools. The Cougars were ranked No. 35 in the spring of 2004, No. 15 in 2004-05 and No. 24 in 2005-06.

In 2008-09, Haralson helped lead the Cougars – who were picked seventh in the Conference USA Coaches Preseason Poll – to a fourth-place finish and the team's fourth postseason appearance in the last five seasons. The Cougars also won at least 18 games for the fifth straight season, the first time in UH history that feat was accomplished.

UH finished second in the league in scoring margin, and Haralson's defense limited opponents to only 41.4 percent shooting from the field, third best in the league. The Cougars finished with a 21-12 overall record to mark the fifth straight season that the program won at least 18 games, a first in school history.

In 2007-08, the Cougars finished with a 24-10 record and advanced to the semifinals of the inaugural College Basketball Invitational. It was the most wins for the Cougars since 1992 and the first time the program enjoyed multiple postseason victories since 1984.

In 2005-06, the Cougars won back-to-back games over nationally ranked teams for the first time since 1984 and won 21 games for the first time since 1992-93 as well. Three years ago, he helped the Cougars win 18 games and play in a postseason tournament for the first time in three years.

Haralson came to Houston as an administrative assistant in 2000, a position he held for one year, and was named the director of men's basketball operations in 2001 before being promoted to assistant coach the following season.

Haralson served two seasons as an assistant coach on Houston's staff before Penders was named head coach, after which he was promoted to his current position.

Haralson was a successful recruiter at each of his last two stops before arriving at Houston in 2000. He helped North Texas sign one of the nation's Top-21 classes and the Southwest Region's best recruiting class in 1998.

Haralson was the head assistant coach on Tom Penders' staff at Texas from 1990-

95 when the Longhorns signed a pair of Top 10 recruiting classes. While there, the Longhorns won three Southwest Conference championships and earned four berths to the NCAA Tournament.

The two Top 10 recruiting classes at Texas included three of the best players to play for the Longhorns – Terrance Rencher, Reggie Freeman and McDonald's All-America honoree Kris Clack. Rencher is the Longhorns' all-time scoring leader, while Freeman ranks third on the school's career scoring list.

Before he joined Houston's staff, Haralson was an assistant coach at North Texas for five seasons prior to his tenure at Texas.

Haralson began his coaching career as a student coach at Auburn, his alma mater, in 1988 and helped lead the Tigers to the NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 only one year later.

He began his collegiate career at Lon Morris Junior College in Texas, where he earned All-America honors in 1984-85. After transferring to Auburn in 1985-86, he was a member of the Tiger team that advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight and defeated UNLV in Houston's Compaq Center.

Before he began his coaching career, Haralson was an All-America Honorable-Mention high school player at perennial powerhouse Murrah High in Jackson, Miss.

He earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1989 and was invited to the Los Angeles Clippers' training camp before beginning his coaching career.

He and his wife, Tonia, have a son, Isaiah. The family lives in Pearland.

THE HARALSON FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Melvin Carl Haralson
Hometown: Jackson, Miss.
Birthdate: Feb. 8, 1964, in Jackson, Miss.

EDUCATION

• Auburn University • B.S. in Education • 1989
• Murrah High School • Jackson, Miss. • 1982

FAMILY

Wife: Tonia
Children: Son Isaiah

COACHING CAREER

2004 –	Houston	Associate Head Coach/ Recruiting Coordinator
2002-04	Houston	Assistant Coach
2001-02	Houston	Director of Operations
2000-01	Houston	Administrative Assistant
1995-00	North Texas	Assistant Coach
1990-95	Texas	Assistant Coach
1988-90	Auburn	Student Assistant Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

College	
1985-87	Auburn
1983-85	Lon Morris Junior College

PLAYING HONORS

- Member of 1989 Auburn team that advanced to the Elite Eight
- 1985 Junior College All-America selection



Assistant coach Melvin Haralson with his wife Tonia and son Isaiah



KEVIN LEWIS

SENIOR ASSOCIATE COACH
FOURTH SEASON AT HOUSTON • 12TH SEASON OVERALL
SMU 1986

Kevin Lewis begins his fourth season as the senior associate coach at the University of Houston. During his tenure, the Cougars have won 84 games and competed in the postseason in all but one season.

In 2008-09, the Cougars posted a 21-12 record and competed in a postseason tournament for the third time in the last four seasons. The Cougars also won at least 18 games for the fifth straight season, the first time in UH history that feat was accomplished.

In 2007-08, the Cougars enjoyed one of their finest campaigns in recent history. UH posted a 24-10 record, finishing third in Conference USA. Earning an invitation to the inaugural College Basketball Invitational, the Cougars advanced to the semifinals before falling to eventual champion Tulsa.

In 2006-07, Lewis helped lead Houston to 18 wins and its third straight winning season for the first time since 1992-93. The Cougars also enjoyed their highest Conference USA finish in both the regular season and conference tournament.

Lewis came to Houston after serving four years as an assistant coach at TCU. During that stint, he helped guide the Horned Frogs to a 21-14 record and the quarterfinals of the 2004 NIT.

It was TCU's first 20-win season and postseason tournament appearance since 1999.

Lewis worked as an assistant coach at Baylor from 1999 to 2002 and helped lead the Bears to the 2001 NIT.

Prior to his stint at Baylor, Lewis served one season as an assistant coach at New Mexico during the 1998-99 campaign.

Before joining the collegiate coaching ranks, Lewis spent eight years as a high school coach in Houston. He served as the head coach at Episcopal High School from 1990 to 1996 and led the team to back-to-back Southwest Preparatory Conference championships in 1995 and 1996.

In addition several of his players went on to compete at the NCAA Division I level, including Ben Echols, who Lewis coached at Baylor in 1999-2000.

From 1996 to 1998, Lewis served as the head coach at the Homeschool Christian Youth Association (HCYA), a program for students who are educated at home.

Following his collegiate playing days, Lewis was drafted by the San Antonio Spurs in the sixth

round of the 1986 NBA Draft. He played professionally with Hobart and Melbourne in Australia during the 1986-87 season. After returning from Australia, Lewis spent time with the Dallas Mavericks before a five-month stint with the Harlem Magicians.

Before beginning his coaching career, Lewis was an award-winning player at SMU. A four-year letterman, he helped lead the Mustangs to a combined 85-40 record and three postseason tournament appearances, including consecutive appearances in the NCAA Tournament in 1984 and 1985.

As a senior, Lewis earned All-Southwest Conference First-Team honors and was named SMU's Most Valuable Player after averaging 18.6 points per game. The Mustangs also competed in the 1986 NIT, the program's third straight postseason appearance.

Lewis ended his collegiate career with 1,026 points and 413 rebounds in 111 games, including 67 starts.

A native of Highland Falls, N.Y., Lewis graduated from SMU in 1986 with a degree in psychology.

Better known by his nickname "Ice", Lewis acquired the moniker in eighth grade and early in his prep career at James O'Neill High for hitting multiple game-winning shots.

He and his wife, Veronica, have three children: Kelvin, who is a senior guard at Houston, Calvin and Kaillyn. The family lives in Sugar Land.

THE LEWIS FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Kevin Nathaniel Lewis
Hometown: Highland Falls, N.Y.
Birthdate: Nov. 6, 1964, in Cornwall, N.Y.

EDUCATION

• SMU • B.S. in Psychology • 1986
• James O'Neill High School • 1982

FAMILY

Wife: Veronica
Children: Sons Kelvin and Calvin; daughter Kaillyn

COACHING CAREER

2006 –	Houston	Senior Associate Coach
2002-06	TCU	Assistant Coach
1999-02	Baylor	Assistant Coach
1998-99	New Mexico	Assistant Coach
1996-98	Homeschool Christian Youth Association (Houston)	Head Coach
1990-96	Episcopal High (Houston)	Head Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Professional
1986-87 Hobart and Melbourne, Australia

College
1982-86 SMU

PLAYING HONORS

1986 All-Southwest Conference First Team
1986 NBA Draft sixth-round selection



Assistant coach Kevin Lewis with his son Calvin (left), daughter Kaillyn, son Kelvin and wife Veronica.



JERRY HOBBIE

ASSISTANT COACH

THIRD SEASON AT HOUSTON • 12TH SEASON OVERALL
FORDHAM 1985

Jerry Hobbie begins his third season as an assistant coach at Houston in 2009-10. In that role, he works closely with the offense and each player's shooting technique from the field and free throw line.

The team's shooting touch under his tutelage during each of the year two seasons has been remarkable. The Cougars' numbers from the field

during each of the last two years are the highest since 2001-02.

However, Hobbie's biggest influence has come at the free throw line where the Cougars have ranked among Conference USA's top-two team leaders during his tenure. In 2008-09, the Cougars led the league during the regular season and fell only .001 percentage points shy in the final Conference USA statistical rankings.

Center Nick Mosley, who hit only 4-of-21 free throw attempts during his first two seasons, drilled 29-off-33 attempts in 2008-09, and enters this season with 22 consecutive free throws made, only seven from the school record.

In 2007-08, the Cougars shot 77 percent from the charity stripe to lead Conference USA and rank sixth nationally.

In 2008-09, Hobbie was part of a coaching staff that helped lead the Cougars – picked seventh in the Conference USA Pre-season Poll – to a fourth-place standing and the semifinals of the C-USA Tournament.

The Cougars also finished second nationally in fewest turnovers per game, averaging 9.8 per contest. It was the second straight season that UH finished among the nation's top-10 team leaders.

In addition, the Cougars averaged more than 75.0 points per game to lead Conference USA, snapping perennial power Memphis' three-year streak in that category.

During his first season with the UH program in 2007-08, Hobbie helped lead the Cougars to a 24-10 record, the team's highest single-season win total in nearly two decades.

The Cougars also advanced to the semifinals of the inaugural College Basketball Invitational after enjoying wins at Nevada and against Valparaiso.

He arrived at Houston after serving as an assistant coach for Wilmington of the American Basketball League in 2006-07. That season, he helped lead the Sea Dawgs to a 22-9 record and the Central Division championship of the Blue Conference. The Sea Dawgs advanced to the semifinals of the ABA Championship before falling at Vermont, the eventual champion.

Prior to Wilmington, Hobbie served eight seasons on the basketball staff at Fairfield University. He served three seasons as an associate head coach and was an assistant coach for five seasons before his promotion in 2003-04.

The Stags posted back-to-back winning seasons for the first time since 1978 and went 78-66 in the MAAC after the school had gone 88-152 in league play in the previous 17 years. Fairfield's best season during his tenure came in 2002-03, when Fairfield finished with a 19-12 record and earned a NIT berth. The Stags featured four MAAC Defensive Players of the Year, while Darren Phillip was the national rebounding leader in 2000 and Deng Gai led the nation in blocked shots in 2005 before he played with the Philadelphia 76ers.

After his collegiate and professional playing days, Hobbie, began his coaching career as an assistant coach at Fordham in 1986-87.

From there, he headed to Wall Street, working as a U.S. government securities bond broker for 10 years in New York City.

During his last four seasons in private business, he also served as an assistant coach at St. Patrick's High in Elizabeth, N.J. In 1998, Hobbie helped the team to a top-five national ranking

by *USA Today* and the New Jersey state championship.

While there, he worked with current NBA players Al Harrington and Samuel Dalembert.

Hobbie played professionally with the USBL's West Chester Golden Apples in 1985 and spent two seasons in Europe with Nottingham of the English Basketball Association in 1985 and 1986. He was a member of Nottingham's 1986 EBL Division II Championship team.

Although this is his first stint at Houston, Hobbie is no stranger to head coach Tom Penders. Hobbie played for Penders at Fordham in the mid-1980s, where he set school records for single-season free throw percentage, single-game assists and single-game and single-season steals.

Hobbie continues to hold Ram records for single-season free throw percentage (87.7, 64-73 in 1981-82), single-game assists (15 against LaSalle on Dec. 28, 1984) and career steals (261), while his 180 career assists and 75 steals in 1984-85 season rank second among the school's all-time leaders.

During his collegiate career the Rams won the MAAC championship in 1983 and earned four NIT berths from 1982-85.

For his and his teams' impressive achievements on the court, Hobbie was inducted into Fordham's Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005-06.

Hobbie received his bachelor's degree in business administration from Fordham in 1985. His father Ernie Hobbie is a renowned shooting coach and the original "Shot Doctor", consulting many NBA and collegiate players for more than five decades.

A native of Elizabeth, N.J., he and his wife, Paula, have two daughters, Joanna and Lea. The family lives in Missouri City.

THE HOBBIE FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Jerold Joseph Hobbie
Hometown: Elizabeth, N.J.
Birthdate: Jan. 24, 1961, in Plainfield, N.J.

EDUCATION

• Fordham • B.S. in Business Administration • 1985
• St. Patrick High School • 1980

FAMILY

Wife: Paula
Children: Daughters Joanna and Lea

COACHING CAREER

2007 –	Houston	Assistant Coach
2006-07	Wilmington (ABA)	Assistant Coach
2003-06	Fairfield Univ.	Associate Head Coach
1998-03	Fairfield Univ.	Assistant Coach
1994-98	St. Patrick's High (Elizabeth, N.J.)	Assistant Coach
1986-87	Fordham	Assistant Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Professional
1985-86 Nottingham (England)
1985-86 West Chester, N.Y. (USBL)

College
1981-85 Fordham

PLAYING HONORS

- Fordham Athletics Hall of Fame (2006)
- School record holder in free-throw percentage, assists and steals



Assistant coach Jerry Hobbie with his wife Paula and daughters Joanna (left) and Lea



MICHAEL YOUNG

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS & PERFORMANCE ENHANCEMENT
12TH SEASON AT HOUSTON AND OVERALL
HOUSTON 2002

Former All-America player Michael Young returns for his 12th season at the University of Houston and his sixth as the director of basketball operations and performance enhancement.

In his current role, Young is responsible for the design and implementation of year-round programs for student-athletes. He also serves as an informational source of performance enhancement programs.

Young's work with the team's strength and conditioning program can be clearly seen during the 2008-09 season. The Cougars posted a 21-12 record and competed in a postseason tournament for the fourth time in the last five seasons. UH also won at least 18 games for the fifth straight season, the first time in school history that feat was accomplished.

In addition, the Cougars averaged more than 75.0 points per game to lead Conference USA, snapping perennial power Memphis' three-year streak in that category.

Young took over his current responsibilities after serving one season as an assistant coach and five years as Houston's strength and conditioning coach. He returned to his alma mater in 1998 after a 15-year professional career spent in the NBA and overseas.

A 1984 first-round selection by the Boston Celtics, Young played three years in the NBA with the Phoenix Suns, Philadelphia 76ers and Los Angeles Clippers. He also played two seasons with the Detroit Spirit of the CBA, where he was named the CBA's Player of the Year in 1986 after averaging 26 points per game.

In addition to playing in the NBA and CBA, Young enjoyed an illustrious 14-year playing career overseas in the Philippines, Spain, Italy, France and Israel. In France, he averaged 23 points per game while leading Limoges to the 1992 European Club Championship. It was the first time a French athletic club won a European title in any sport.

For his impressive achievements, Young was inducted into the French Sports Hall of Fame, and his number was retired in January 2003.

Before beginning his professional career, Young was a four-year starter at Houston and continues to hold school records for games and minutes played. By the time that his collegiate playing days

were finished, the Houston native and Yates High School standout joined All-America players Elvin Hayes and Otis Birdsong as the only players in school history to net more than 2,000 points.

Young also set a Southwest Conference record for most field goals made.

In addition, he has the distinction of being the only Cougar to start on four NCAA Tournament teams and remains the school's career leader with 16 NCAA Tournament games played.

As a freshman, he was a starting forward and helped lead the Cougars to the 1981 NCAA Tournament. A year later, the Cougars advanced to the NCAA Final Four for the first time in 14 years.

As a member of Phi Slama Jama – one of the most exciting teams in college basketball history – Young led the team with 17.3 points per game and helped the Cougars advance to the 1983 national championship game for the first time in school history.

Although the Cougars dropped a heartbreaking decision to NC State, that game remains one of the most exciting in the history of the NCAA Tournament.

Young returned for his senior season in 1984 and teamed with Hakeem Olajuwon to lead Houston to the NCAA title game against Georgetown.

As a senior, he was recognized by *The Sporting News* and *Basketball Weekly* as an All-America Second-Team honoree and as an All-America Third-Team performer by the Associated Press, UPI and NABC Kodak chose him Third-Team All-American.

He also was a consensus First-Team All-SWC selection after leading the league in scoring with 19.8 points per game.

Young ended his career as a three-time member of the SWC All-Tournament Team, making him the only player in school history to accomplish that feat.

For an outstanding career of excellence, Young was given two of the greatest honors the UH Athletics Department can bestow upon a former student-athlete.

In the fall of 2004, Young was inducted into the UH Hall of Honor, and on Dec. 18, 2007, his No. 42 jersey was retired at halftime of the UH-Kentucky game.

Young received his bachelor's degree in education from Houston in 2002.

He and his wife, Tina, have five children: Michael Jr., who is a freshman on the Cougar Football team. Joseph, Mayorca, Jacob and Milan Maria. The family lives in Houston.

THE YOUNG FILE

PERSONAL

Full Name: Michael Wayne Young
Hometown: Houston, Texas
Birthdate: Jan. 2, 1961, in Houston

EDUCATION

• Houston • B.S. in Education • 2002
• Yates High School • 1980

FAMILY

Wife: Tina
Children: Sons Michael Jr., Joseph and Jacob;
Daughters Mayorca and Milan Maria

COACHING CAREER

2004 –	Houston	Director of Operations & Performance Enhancement
2003-04	Houston	Assistant Coach
1998-08	Houston	Strength & Conditioning Coach

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

Professional

1986-98	Europe
1989-90	Los Angeles Clippers (NBA)
1985-86	Philadelphia 76ers (NBA)
1984-85	Phoenix Suns (NBA)
1984-86	Detroit Spirit (CBA)

College

1980-84	Houston
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PLAYING HONORS

- 1984 All-America Second-Team selection (*Sporting News, Basketball Weekly*)
- 1984 All-America Third Team selection (AP, UPI, NABC/Kodak)
- 1984 consensus All-SWC First Team
- Three-time SWC All-Tournament Team
- 2004 Hall of Honor inductee



CHRIS HOWELL
VIDEO COORDINATOR/CAMPS DIRECTOR
SEVENTH SEASON AT HOUSTON
HOUSTON 2002

Chris Howell enters his seventh season on the basketball staff in 2009-10 and his fourth season as the video coordinator and director of summer camps.

In his current role, he coordinates film exchange and opponent scouting in addition to assisting with all aspects of the Cougar men's basketball program.

He implemented the team's XO's video editing system and was responsible for creating all pregame and postgame edits. Howell also is responsible for collecting all opponents' plays and tendencies and works closely with the associate head coach in game preparation and creating all scouting reports.

Howell assisted with the Cougars scheduling efforts during his first three years.

In 2008-09, he played a key role on a coaching staff that led the Cougars to a 21-12 overall and record, the program's third 21-win season in the last four years. In addition, the Cougars competed in the College Basketball Invitational for the second straight season and the fourth time in the last five years, a first since 1988-93.

Howell also has been part of Houston's last three NIT teams. Howell was a member of the coaching staff on Houston's two NIT teams in 2005 and 2006 after playing on Houston's 2001-02 squad that earned a NIT berth.

A Houston native, Howell returned to his alma mater in 2003 after serving as an assistant coach at Frank Phillips College in 2002-03. At FPC, he worked with the team's guards and led all individual workouts.

He also was involved in all recruiting efforts and assisted the head coach in budget preparations. During his tenure, the team boasted the conference's highest cumulative grade-point average and finished with the nation's third-highest GPA.

Born Aug. 11, 1978, Howell is a Houston resident who earned a bachelor of arts degree in journalism with a minor in business management at UH in 2002.

He is single and lives in Houston.



MELVINA BRANDLEY
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
10TH SEASON AT HOUSTON

In her 10th year at the University of Houston, Melvina Brandley handles all administrative duties within the men's basketball office. She works closely with the coaching staff, assisting them with their schedules, travel and recruiting

responsibilities.

Brandley came to UH after serving as an executive assistant to the director of the SHAPE Community Center.

In addition to her secretarial duties, Brandley has served as a pianist at her church and is a published editor of two fictional books — *I Laugh To Keep From Crying* and *Confession From The Jumpseat* — that were written by T. Wendy Williams. Brandley also has performed as an actress for the Literary Writers Guild.

She has two children, Bryant and Marlaina, and is "auntie-mom" of her niece, Maxine. The family lives in Houston.



JOHN HOUSTON
ASSOCIATE ATHLETICS TRAINER
13TH SEASON AT HOUSTON
TEXAS TECH 1991

John Houston enters his 13th season as the associate athletics trainer at the University of Houston, serving as the primary athletics trainer for men's basketball and

assisting with all teams.

Houston handles the day-to-day medical needs of the sports medicine program, including the evaluation of injuries, oversight of treatment and rehabilitation programs, coordination of physician care and scheduling of preseason physical exams. In addition, he serves as the men's basketball travel coordinator.

He returned to the state of Texas after serving three years as the assistant athletics trainer at Marshall. While there, Houston was the primary athletics trainer for the men's basketball team and assisted with other teams.

A native of Fritch, Texas, he graduated from Sandford-Fritch High School in 1986 and earned his undergraduate degree at Texas Tech in 1991. Houston received his master's degree in sports administration in 1994 from the University of Kentucky, where he served as a graduate assistant athletics trainer.

He went to Marshall after serving as the head athletics trainer at Georgetown College.

A certified athletics trainer, Houston is a member of the National Athletics Trainer Association, the Southwest Athletics Trainer Association and the College Athletics Trainers Association. He also is a licensed trainer in the state of Texas and a Certified Exercise Specialist with the National Academy of Sports Medicine.

He is married to the former Amie Winn, a four-year letterwinner in gymnastics at Kentucky and the 1990 Southeast Regional All-Around Individual champion. They have a son, Trey, and the family lives in Sugar Land.



Men's basketball athletics trainer John Houston with his wife Amie and son Trey



SUPPORT STAFF

COACHING STAFF



DARRELL HAWKINS

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
FOURTH SEASON AT HOUSTON
ARKANSAS 1992

Darrell Hawkins begins his fourth season as an administrative assistant after spending the previous four years at Prairie View A&M.

Hawkins served as the Panthers' interim head coach in 2005-06 after working for three years as an assistant coach. There, he played an integral part in Prairie View winning its first Southwestern Conference championship in 40 years in 2002-03. He also coached five All-SWAC players during his tenure.

After his playing career, Hawkins joined the coaching ranks at Prairie View A&M under former Houston assistant coach Jerome Francis.

Hawkins played professionally in the Continental Basketball Association, the United States Basketball League and in China and Europe.

Born in Houston and raised in Prairie View, Hawkins was a four-year letterman at the University of Arkansas and helped lead the team to two Southwest Conference championships and a pair of Southeastern Conference titles. He helped lead the Razorbacks to the 1990 NCAA Final Four and three Sweet 16 appearances during his career.

As a senior, Hawkins led Arkansas in rebounding and was an All-SEC Second Team selection. He also tied a NCAA Tournament record with eight steals in a game.

Hawkins graduated from Arkansas in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in marketing and is the father of a son, Hunter.



MICHAEL RICHARDSON

ACADEMICS COUNSELOR
FOURTH SEASON AT HOUSTON
UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX 2002

Michael Richardson enters his fourth season as the academic counselor for the men's basketball team at the University of Houston.

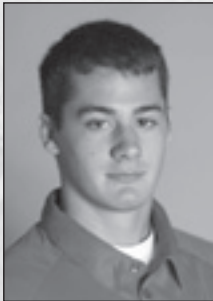
He assists in athletics academic counseling and working with the student-athletes and staff on day-to-day academic concerns, like tutoring, mentoring and monitoring academic progress.

Richardson played professionally in Sweden, where he was named to the All-Decade team, and also played in France, Lebanon, Israel and the Continental Basketball Association. Richardson went to the professional ranks after playing for Tom Penders at the University of Texas, where he led the Southwest Conference in scoring in 1992-93.

He received his bachelor's degree in business management in 2002 and a master's degree in organization management in 2004 at the University of Phoenix.

Richardson and his wife, Pamela, have three children: Tyler, Shyia and Ashley. The family lives in League City.

STUDENT MANAGERS



MATT RILEY
First Season
Galveston, Texas



DAVID ROBERTSON
First Season
Houston, Texas



MATT RUIZ
First Season
Houston, Texas



PHILIP WHITCOMB
Second Season
Houston, Texas