

UNCW Coaches Through The Years

UNCW's Coaching Records

<u>HEAD COACH</u>	<u>BEGAN</u>	<u>ENDED</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>PCT.</u>
Bill Brooks	1951-52	1971-72	21	256	228	.529
Mel Gibson	1972-73	1985-86	14	194	180	.519
Robert McPherson	1986-87	1989-90	4	57	60	.487
Kevin Eastman	1990-91	1993-94	4	59	53	.527
Jerry Wainwright	1994-95	2001-02	8	136	103	.569
Brad Brownell	2002-03	2005-06	4	83	40	.675
Benny Moss	2006-07	2009-10	4	41	74	.356
Brooks Lee*	2009-10	2009-10	-	2	8	.200
Buzz Peterson	2010-11	2013-14	4	42	82	.339
Kevin Keatts	2014-15	2016-17	3	72	28	.672
C.B. McGrath	2017-18	2019-20	3	26	58	.309
Rob Burke#	2019-20	2019-20	-	5	8	.385
Takayo Siddle	2020-21	Active	2	34	19	.642
TOTALS			71	1007	941	.517

*Interim head coach final 10 games

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<u>Season</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
1951-52	Junior College	Bill Brooks	12	4	.750
1952-53	Junior College	Bill Brooks	9	5	.643
1953-54	Junior College	Bill Brooks	14	9	.609
1954-55	Junior College	Bill Brooks	11	8	.579
1955-56	Junior College	Bill Brooks	5	12	.294
1956-57	Junior College	Bill Brooks	7	12	.368
1957-58	Junior College	Bill Brooks	12	9	.571
1958-59	Junior College	Bill Brooks	24	5	.828
1959-60	Junior College	Bill Brooks	20	6	.769
1960-61	Junior College	Bill Brooks	24	6	.800
1961-62	Junior College	Bill Brooks	21	6	.778
1962-63	Junior College	Bill Brooks	17	10	.629
12 Years	Junior College		176	92	.657
1963-64	NAIA	Bill Brooks	9	8	.529
1964-65	NAIA	Bill Brooks	11	10	.524
1965-66	NAIA	Bill Brooks	13	11	.542
1966-67	NAIA	Bill Brooks	9	18	.333
1967-68	NAIA	Bill Brooks	9	16	.360
1968-69	NAIA	Bill Brooks	6	23	.207
1969-70	NAIA	Bill Brooks	8	16	.333
1970-71	NAIA	Bill Brooks	8	18	.308
1971-72	NAIA	Bill Brooks	7	16	.304
1972-73	NAIA	Mel Gibson	10	14	.412
1973-74	NAIA	Mel Gibson	14	10	.583
1974-75	NAIA	Mel Gibson	8	17	.320
1975-76	NAIA	Mel Gibson	13	15	.464
13 Years	NAIA		125	192	.394
1976-77	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	16	10	.615
1977-78	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	19	7	.730
1978-79	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	19	8	.704
1979-80	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	19	10	.655
1980-81	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	13	13	.500
1981-82	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	13	14	.481
1982-83	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	11	16	.407
1983-84	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	11	17	.393
1984-85	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	12	16	.429
1985-86	NCAA-I	Mel Gibson	16	13	.552
1986-87	NCAA-I	R. McPherson	18	12	.600
1987-88	NCAA-I	R. McPherson	15	14	.517
1988-89	NCAA-I	R. McPherson	16	14	.533
1989-90	NCAA-I	R. McPherson	8	20	.286
1990-91	NCAA-I	Kevin Eastman	11	17	.393
1991-92	NCAA-I	Kevin Eastman	13	15	.464
1992-93	NCAA-I	Kevin Eastman	17	11	.607
1993-94	NCAA-I	Kevin Eastman	18	10	.643
1994-95	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	16	11	.593
1995-96	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	13	16	.448
1996-97	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	16	14	.533
1997-98	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	20	11	.645
1998-99	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	11	17	.393
1999-00	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	18	13	.580
2000-01	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	19	11	.633
2001-02	NCAA-I	J. Wainwright	23	10	.697
2002-03	NCAA-I	Brad Brownell	24	7	.778
2003-04	NCAA-I	Brad Brownell	15	15	.500
2004-05	NCAA-I	Brad Brownell	19	10	.655
2005-06	NCAA-I	Brad Brownell	25	8	.757
2006-07	NCAA-I	Benny Moss	7	22	.241
2007-08	NCAA-I	Benny Moss	20	13	.606
2008-09	NCAA-I	Benny Moss	7	25	.219
2009-10	NCAA-1	Benny Moss	7	14	.333
		Brooks Lee	2	8	.200
2010-11	NCAA-1	Buzz Peterson	13	18	.419
2011-12	NCAA-1	Buzz Peterson	10	21	.322
2012-13	NCAA-1	Buzz Peterson	10	20	.333
2013-14	NCAA-I	Buzz Peterson	9	23	.281
2014-15	NCAA-1	Kevin Keatts	18	14	.563
2015-16	NCAA-1	Kevin Keatts	25	8	.758
2016-17	NCAA-1	Kevin Keatts	29	6	.828
2017-18	NCAA-1	C.B. McGrath	11	21	.344
2018-19	NCAA-1	C.B. McGrath	10	23	.304
2019-20	NCAA-1	C.B. McGrath	5	14	.263
		Rob Burke	5	8	.385
2020-21	NCAA-1	Takayo Siddle	7	10	.412
2021-22	NCAA-1	Takayo Siddle	24	9	.727
46 Years	NCAA-I		703	657	.517

Coaching Capsules

Bill Brooks
21 Seasons/1952-72
Record: 256-228 (.529)

Brooks originated the UNC Wilmington basketball program in 1951-52 at Wilmington College. He directed UNCW to a 12-4 record in their first campaign in 1951-52, and enjoyed four straight 20-win seasons in the late 50's and early 60's. Brooks took the Seahawks to sixth straight conference championships and two appearances in the National Junior College Basketball Tournament.

Mel Gibson
14 Seasons/1973-1986
Record: 194-180 (.519)

Gibson, a former player for the NBA's Los Angeles Lakers, carried the Seahawks into the NCAA Division I era. Gibson's first four Division I teams compiled a record of 73-35, including three consecutive 19-win seasons from 1978-80. He recruited all-time leading scorer and rebounder Brian Rowsom for the Seahawk program in 1985-86.

Robert McPherson
4 Seasons/1987-90
Record: 57-60 (.487)

UNCW's third cage mentor came from Sam Houston State University and piloted the Seahawks to a pair of championship games in the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament in four seasons. McPherson's first team lost to Navy and David Robinson, 53-50, in the title clash and his third club in 1988-89 dropped a 78-72 overtime count to George Mason in the championship game.

Kevin Eastman
4 Seasons/1991-94
Record: 59-53 (.527)

A former college basketball standout, Eastman took over the program in 1990-91 and immediately steered it in the right direction. His first team was picked to finish last and Eastman promptly directed the Seahawks to a fifth place finish last season.

In 1991-92, he performed the feat again, piloting UNCW to a fifth place finish after being selected to finish at the bottom of the pack in the Colonial. In 1992-93, the Seahawks scaled to 17-11, registering their highest regular season win total in 13 seasons.

In his last season, the Seahawks finished third in the CAA and won two tournament championships with an 18-10 record in 1993-94. Eastman resigned on May 8, 1994, to accept the head coaching position at Pac-10 Conference member Washington State.

Jerry Wainwright
8 Seasons/1995-2002
Record: 136-103 (.569)

In eight seasons with the program, Jerry Wainwright compiled a legacy of success that included four post-season berths, a pair of CAA titles and the program's first NCAA Tournament victory.

A native of Chicago and former assistant at Xavier and Wake Forest, Wainwright piloted UNCW to NCAA berths in 2000 and 2002 and NIT appearances in 1998 and 2001. He was named CAA Coach-of-the-Year in both 1998 and 2001.

The Seahawks began their successful run under Wainwright in 1997-98 when they notched their first-ever post-season berth (NIT) with a share of the CAA regular season title and a 20-11 scorecard. In 1999-2000, Wainwright took the Seahawks to the mountain top, collecting the school's initial NCAA Tournament bid with a storybook season. Rookie sharpshooter Brett Blizzard swept a bevy of honors as UNCW captured the CAA Championship and finished 18-13.

In 2001-01, the Seahawks reached the CAA title game again and earned a second trip to the NIT, finishing with a 19-11 overall record. Wainwright was also named CAA Coach-of-the-Year.

In Wainwright's final year with the program in 2001-02, the Seahawks captured their second CAA crown, upset fourth-seeded Southern Cal in the NCAA Tournament and collected a then-school record 23 victories.

Brad Brownell
4 Seasons/2003-06
Record: 83-40 (.675)

UNCW's basketball program continued its high level of success under Indiana native Brad Brownell. In four seasons, the Seahawks averaged 20.8 wins, won a pair of CAA Championships and advanced to the NCAA Tournament twice.

Brownell took over the helm of the program from his mentor, Jerry Wainwright, and enjoyed instant success in 2002-03. After losing a tight game to longtime mentor Bob Knight in his coaching debut, Brownell directed the Seahawks to 24 victories, their second consecutive NCAA Tournament appearance and a near-upset of defending national champion Maryland in the NCAA Tournament. He was named CAA Coach-of-the-Year for his efforts as the Seahawks became the first team in 12 years to win back-to-back titles.

After directing the Seahawks to a 15-15 record in his second season, Brownell turned in one of the best coaching efforts in the country in 2004-05. Picked to finish sixth in pre-season polls, UNCW tied for second place in the conference and finished at 19-10, earning Brownell runner-up honors for CAA Coach-of-the-Year.

Brownell then saved his best for last, piloting the Seahawks to another CAA crown in 2005-06, closing with a 25-8 record and another trip to the NCAA Tournament. He was voted CAA Coach-of-the-Year for the second time after leading the team to a share of the CAA regular season title.

Benny Moss
4 Seasons/2008-2010
Record: 41-74 (.356)

After a 7-22 campaign in his first season in 2006-07, Benny Moss engineered one of the biggest turnarounds in the NCAA Division I ranks when the Seahawks went 20-13 in his second year at the helm.

UNCW then dipped to 7-25 in 2008-09 and stood 7-14 overall when the fourth-year coach was reassigned on Jan. 29, 2010.

Brooks Lee
Final 10 games/2009-10
Record: 2-8 (.200)

Assistant coach Brooks Lee was named to take over the helm of the program with the reassignment of Benny Moss on Jan. 29, 2010. Lee piloted the Seahawks to a 2-8 record the remainder of the season, including road victories at Towson (80-72 on Feb. 11, 2010) and Drexel (75-69 on Feb. 24, 2010).

Buzz Peterson
4 Seasons/2011-14
Record: 42-82 (.339)

Buzz Peterson took over UNCW's struggling program in the summer of 2010 and averaged 10.5 wins over his four seasons with the Seahawks. His first team in 2010-11 went 13-18 overall, but the Seahawks managed just 10, 10 and 9 victories the next three seasons before his contract was not renewed in March of 2014.

Kevin Keatts
3 Seasons/2014-17
Record: 72-28 (.672)

Kevin Keatts arrived from Louisville in the summer of 2014 and immediately restored UNCW as a basketball power in the CAA.

The Seahawks, picked to finish last in the CAA in 2014-15, tied for first place in the regular season and then shared the top spot again in 2015-16. One year later, Keatts piloted the club to the outright CAA title in 2016-17 in one of the most successful seasons in UNCW history.

UNCW won its first CAA crown in 10 years with a 25-8 campaign in 2016-17 and the Seahawks went back-to-back in 2016-17 en route to a 29-6 record.

In three years with the program, Keatts piloted the Seahawks to three CAA regular season championships, two CAA Tournament titles and three postseason appearances. He went 48-14 (.774) in conference games over two seasons, the second best ever winning percentage for a CAA coach.

Coaching Capsules

C.B. McGrath
3 Seasons/2018-20
Record: 26-58 (.309)

C.B. McGrath joined the Seahawks in 2017-18 following a long stint along-side Roy Williams at North Carolina. He could not get the Seahawks going, however, and averaged 19.3 losses over his three seasons.

UNCW went 11-21 in 2017-18 and 10-23 in 2018-219 before the Seahawks parted ways with McGrath after 19 games (5-14) on Jan. 13, 2020, with assistant coach Rob Burke taking over as interim head coach.

Rob Burke
Final 13 games/2019-20
Record: 5-8 (.385)

Assistant coach Rob Burke took over as interim head coach on Jan. 13, 2020, and directed the Seahawks to a 5-8 record over the last 13 games of the season. UNCW upset Northeastern, 76-74, in an overtime game on Jan. 18, 2020, for Burke's first victory and then stunned Charleston, 72-70, seven days later at TD Arena. Burke led the Seahawks to a sweep of the Cougars following a 68-55 decision on Feb. 22, 2020, at Trask Coliseum.