

# 2008-09 *Aggie Coaches*





# Raegan Pebley

## Head Coach

### Sixth Season

### Colorado '97

Utah State's Raegan Pebley (Pee-blee) enters her sixth season as head coach of the Aggie women's basketball program. Pebley was named the head coach at Utah State University on May 1, 2002, becoming the first women's basketball coach at USU in 16 years. She immediately went to work, spending the 2003 season recruiting and rebuilding Utah State's women's basketball program for its inaugural season in 2003-04. The Aggies reinstated women's basketball on March 5, 2002, after the program had been dropped following the 1987 season.

Despite being the third-youngest team in the nation in their inaugural season, Pebley's team soon saw the fruits of their labors as they went 5-13 in the Big West Conference and earned a spot in the Big West's postseason tournament.

Pebley helped the momentum carry over from USU's freshman campaign into its sophomore season as her team doubled its win total from the previous season with nine games remaining on the schedule.

Most coaches would have been satisfied doubling their win total, but Pebley didn't rest on her laurels, coaching the Aggies within one win of tripling their 2004 total (5-22) and guiding them to their second straight Big West Tournament appearance.

Pebley's 14 wins in 2004-05 tied her with Fern Gardner (1975) and Cindy Perkins (1979) for the second-highest single-season win total in school history. With 42 career wins, Pebley is third on the career coaching wins list.

While the Aggies struggled to a 3-24 overall and 2-14 conference mark in 2006, their first season in the Western Athletic Conference, year two in the WAC saw much improvement as Pebley once again came within one win of tripling their 2006 total, as the team went 11-18 in 2007 and 7-9 in the WAC to finish in seventh-place.

In 2008, the Aggies ended the season with a 9-20 overall record with a 5-11 WAC record to once again finish seventh in the league.

Under Pebley's direction six players have earned all-conference honors, including two honorable mention selections in 2004 and three honorable mention honorees in 2005, and consecutive all-freshman team picks in 2005 and 2006.

Student-athletes have also flourished off the court with Pebley at the helm. In 2008, eight players earned academic all-WAC honors, the most under Pebley's tenure. Six players earned academic all-conference honors in 2007, while seven earned the honor in 2006. Five players were awarded academic

all-conference accolades in 2005, with two earning the award in 2004.

Additionally, individual career and single-season records have fallen in Pebley's system. Taylor Richards broke the career assists record in 2007 and finished her career with 371. Brittany Hagen became the USU record holder for career three-pointers made in 2005-06 and finished her career with 109 treys. Brittany Phillips ended her career at USU with a 37.9 three-point percentage from 2003-2007 and holds the current career record. Jessica Freeman became the USU career shot block leader in 2004-05 and finished her career with 127, and Ali (Aird) Marchant shot 59.7 percent from the floor in 2003-04 to break the single-season field-goal percentage mark and left USU as the career field-goal percentage record holder, hitting 53.5 percent of her shots.

Pebley is the Women's Basketball Coaches Association conference captain, serving on the WBCA's Foresight Committee. As conference captain, she represents the WAC coaches on topics falling under the umbrella of Division I Women's Basketball such as NCAA legislation, game rules, initiative proposals, and improving the general communication between coaches and the WBCA.

As a member of the WBCA's Foresight Committee, she supports their goals to have 100% of the women's basketball specific proposals come through the WBCA legislative process so that they can be voted on by the entire WBCA Division I membership prior to reaching the NCAA legislative cycle. This process encourages

inclusion and gives "one voice" to legislative issues that directly affect the great sport of Women's Basketball.

A former player for the Utah Starzz of the WNBA, Pebley was an assistant coach for four years at George Mason (1997-99) and Colorado State (1999-2001) before coming to Utah State, as she helped guide CSU to a 48-17 record during her two-year stint with the Rams. She was a four-year letterwinner at Colorado before being a third-round draft pick by the Utah Starzz in 1997. She also spent one season with the Eastern Division Champion Cleveland Rockers in 1998.

Pebley, whose maiden name is Scott, grew up in Orem, Utah and graduated from Mountain View High School, where she was part of two 4A Utah State Championship teams from 1992-93. She earned All-American honors and was a two-time state Player of the Year at Mountain View.

Coaching has been in her family for sometime now as her father, Ray Scott, has coached women's basketball for more than 30 years. He got his start in the late 70's and early 80's with the Dallas Diamonds and New Orleans Pride of the old ABL. He has since coached at almost every level of women's basketball and is currently the head coach at Princeton High School in Princeton, Texas.

Pebley is married to Keith, who is a high school history teacher at Fast Forward Charter School and a defensive coordinator for the Logan High School football team. They have one son, Joseph, who was born July 9, 2003, and a daughter, Harper, who was



*Joe, Keith, Raegan and Harper Pebley*



## *Pebley File*

### Coaching Experience

<u>HEAD COACH</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
Utah State	2003-04	5-22
Utah State	2004-05	14-14
Utah State	2005-06	3-24
Utah State	2006-07	11-18
Utah State	2007-08	9-20
<b>Total</b>	<b>Five</b>	<b>42-98</b>

<u>ASSISTANT COACH</u>	<u>YRS</u>	<u>RECORD</u>
George Mason	1998	14-14
George Mason	1999	12-14
Colorado State	2000	23-10
Colorado State	2001	25-7
<b>Total</b>	<b>Four</b>	<b>74-45</b>

### Personal

Birthdate: August 12, 1975  
 Hometown: Orem, Utah  
 Family: Husband, Keith  
 Son, Joseph  
 Daughter, Harper

### Education

College: University of Colorado (1997)  
 B.S. Journalism  
 High School: Mountain View High School  
 Orem, Utah (1993)

### Playing Experience

High School: Mountain View was a combined 57-1 and won two Utah state championships during Pebley's junior and senior seasons.

College: Was a four-year letterwinner at Colorado (1994-97). Helped the Buffaloes to four-straight NCAA Tournament appearances, including three trips to the Sweet16 and one to the Elite Eight.

WNBA: Was a third-round draft pick by the Utah Starzz in 1997. Also spent one season with the Eastern Division Champion Cleveland Rockers in 1998.

### *In-Depth With Coach Pebley*

**Recent book you have read and give a thumbs up to:** The Go-Getter by Peter B. Kyne

**My favorite non-basketball activity:** Being with Keith and my kids

**One of the things I always pack on road trips is:** High heels

**Favorite Aggie Cheer:** The Scotsman

**Toughest Opposing Arena:** Louisiana Tech and Hawai'i



**George Brosky**  
Associate Coach  
Fifth Year

George Brosky begins his fifth season as an assistant coach for the Utah State women's basketball program and his first as an associate coach. Brosky had previously been promoted to second assistant in the summer of 2005 after serving as the third assistant in his inaugural season with the staff. Brosky originally joined the women's basketball staff as the director of basketball operations on Aug. 30, 2004, but stepped into the third spot on Oct. 12, 2004 as an opening presented itself.

A native of Allentown, Pa., Brosky spent the 2004 season as the assistant coach for the boys' varsity team at Centennial High School in Corona, Calif.

Prior to his stint at Centennial High School, Brosky was an assistant men's coach at Division-III University of Redlands (Calif.) for two years during the 2002 and 2003 seasons. While at University of Redlands, he earned his master's degree in education administration.

Brosky began his coaching career at Haverford (Pa.) College where he was an assistant for the Fords' men's basketball program from 1999-2001.

He earned a bachelor's degree in finance from West Chester (Pa.) University.



*In-Depth With Coach Brosky*

**Greatest invention of the 20th Century:** Satellite TV

**A recent movie I gave a "thumbs up" to was:** Burn After Reading

**My favorite non-basketball activity is:** Watching soccer



**Astou Ndiaye-Diatta**  
Assistant Coach  
First Year

Astou Ndiaye-Diatta (Pronounced: Ah-stew En-Jai De-etta) enters her first season as an assistant coach for Utah State. Ndiaye-Diatta brings eight years of professional playing experience with her to Utah State after spending the 2007 season playing with the Seattle Storm. She was drafted to the WNBA in 1999 by the Detroit Shock in the second round and was the 22nd pick overall. She spent five years with the Shock, before spending the 2004 season and a half with the Indiana Fever and the 2006 season with the Houston Comets.

Ndiaye-Diatta also played for the Senegal National Team at the 1998 FIBA World Championships in Germany and played professionally in the Italian League during the 2001-02 WNBA off-season. She played in the 2000 Sydney Olympics. Ndiaye-Diatta also played in four World Championships in Malaysia, Germany, China and Brazil.

She has played in four professional leagues since the fall of 1998 as she also played for the American Basketball League for the Seattle Reign from 1997-99 and the French League from 1999-2000.

A 1997 cum laude graduate of Southern Nazarene with a bachelor's degree in business, she currently ranks third all-time on the career scoring list, as she scored 2,126 points for the Crimson Storm from 1993-97. Ndiaye-Diatta was named a Kodak/Women's Basketball Coaches Association NAIA All-American as a senior and was a two-time NAIA first-team All-American. She also earned the Sooner Athletic Conference Player of the Year as a senior and was the league's Defensive Player of the Year during her sophomore, junior and senior seasons.

Ndiaye-Diatta was born on Nov. 5, 1973 in Dakar, Senegal. She and her husband, Ousmane, have triplets, Boubacar, Bineta and Ndiasse, all age five.

*In-Depth With Coach Ndiaye-Diatta*

**I'd like to switch places for a day with:** Oprah

**Person I most admire is:** My mother

**In 10 years I will be:** Minister of youth and sports in Senegal



**Erin Scholz**  
Assistant Coach  
Third Year



**Carly Bleadorn**  
Manager  
Fourth Year

Erin Scholz enters her third season as an assistant coach at USU working with Utah State's post players.

Scholz comes to Utah State after a playing career with the Colorado Chill of the National Women's Basketball League (NWBL), helping the Chill secure two NWBL ProCup Championships in 2005 and 2006.

Scholz was a college teammate of USU head coach Raegan Pebley at Colorado from 1993-97, where Scholz played in a school record 132 games, starting a school-record 127 contests. She is No. 2 on the Buffs' career rebounds list with 1,067, an average of 8.1 rebounds per game, which ranks No. 5 on CU's career rebounding average list. Scholz is also fourth in CU history in points scored, ranking 14th in career scoring average with 12.3 points per game.

Scholz was the founding player of CU's 500-200-50 single-season club with 544 points, 279 rebounds and 80 assists in 1995-96, ranking fifth in the single-season scoring list and eighth in rebounding.



She also is CU's school-record holder for single-game NCAA Tournament marks with 19 rebounds against Southwest Missouri State (March 17, 1995). She also is the single-game school-record holder with 12 free throws vs. Auburn (March 17, 1996), attempting 17 free throws which also tied a CU school-record.

Scholz received her bachelor's degree from Colorado in 1999.

**In-Depth With Scholz**

**What do you like most about the state of Utah:** It's similar to Colorado and close to Colorado

**My favorite non-basketball activity us:** Singing and trying to play the guitar.

**A recent movie I gave a "thumbs up: to was:** Believe In Me.

A native of New Berlin, Wis., Carly Bleadorn enters her fourth season as the manager for Utah State's women's basketball team.

Bleadorn is a junior at USU and is pursuing a degree in English teaching with a minor in teaching English as a second language (ESL). Her only sibling, Spencer, graduated from Utah State in May of 2006, and was a member of the scout team for the USU women's basketball team.

Bleadorn was a four-year letterwinner in basketball at Heritage Christian HS in West Allis, Wis., where she was selected all-conference her senior season and was a member of the National Honor Society.

Her hobbies include hiking, camping and skiing, as well as a member of USU FOCUS (Fellowship of Christian University Students).

