

PAT FLANNERY

*Bucknell University Head Men's Basketball Coach
1994-95 through 2007-08*

- **Career Record: 329-221 (.598)**
- **Bucknell Record: 234-178 (.568)**
- **Record in Patriot League Games: 125-59 (.679)**
- **Patriot League Tournament Titles: 2005, 2006**
- **NCAA Tournament Appearances: 2005, 2006**
- **Patriot League Regular-Season Titles: 1995, 2006, 2007**
- **Patriot League Coach of the Year: 1995, 1997, 2006**
- **2006 Hugh Durham Award Winner**
- **No. 2 on Bucknell all-time wins list**
- **No. 1 on Patriot League all-time wins list**



In 14 years as head coach at his alma mater, Pat Flannery took his Bucknell team to heights never before seen in the 113-year history of Bison Basketball, and he was committed to maintaining the program's status as one of the elite teams in the Patriot League, both on and off the floor.

A staple in the Lewisburg and surrounding communities, Flannery was the second-longest tenured head coach in program history, trailing only his own former coach, Charlie Woollum.

With 234 coaching wins at Bucknell, Flannery ranks second to the Hall of Famer Woollum (318) on the school's all-time list.

Equipped with a sparkling new arena and the advent of merit scholarships, Flannery successfully ushered in a new era of Bison Basketball, and the program quickly reaped the fruits of his labor.

Those exciting changes paid dividends in 2004-05, when Bucknell finished 24-9, captured the Patriot League championship and defeated third-seeded Kansas 64-63 in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament.

"The victory was almost surreal," said Flannery after taking the Bison to the first NCAA Tournament victory in program and league history. "It is proof that good things happen to those who work hard for it. The student-athletes in this program truly earned that victory, and it's a memory that they will carry forever."

The Bison surpassed even those lofty heights in 2005-06, winning a school-record 27 games against only five losses. Ranked in the top 25 for the first time in school history for

one week in February and again at the end of the season, Bucknell became the first team in Patriot League history to go unbeaten in league play at 14-0. The Bison repeated as league champs, earned a best-ever No. 9 seed in the NCAA Tournament, and knocked off Arkansas 59-55 to make it to the round of 32 for the second straight year.

In 2006-07, Bucknell finished 22-9 – marking the first time in school history the team won 20 games three years in a row – and grabbed a share of the Patriot League regular-season title with a 13-1 record. The Bison advanced to the league championship game for the third straight year, this time dropping a close one on Holy Cross' home floor.

During the three-year span from 2004-05 through 2006-07, Flannery led the Bison to a 73-22 overall record, including wins over national powers such as Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Kansas, Arkansas, DePaul and Xavier. The team went 38-4 in Patriot League play, the best three-year stretch in conference history, and 36-4 at home.

Just as impressive, the program had a 100 percent graduation rate during that span.

Flannery made a mark on the Bucknell men's basketball program long before returning to Lewisburg in 1994-95 as the team's head coach. As a player, he captained the 1979-80 Bison team that finished 20-7 and ushered in an era of unprecedented success at Bucknell.

Flannery remains the only player ever to lead the Bison in assists for four straight years, and he finished his career with a total of 505 assists, which was a school record at the time and still ranks third in Bucknell history.

He also tallied 779 career points and boasted a career free-throw percentage of .787. Bucknell posted a 38-16 record over Flannery's final two seasons, and he captained the team each of those years.

An emotional, competitive point guard out of Pottsville High School, Flannery was actually the first recruit signed by then-rookie Bucknell coach Charlie Woollum in 1976. It was indeed fitting, then, that when Woollum left in April 1994 to return to his alma mater, William and Mary, after a marvelous 19-year career, Flannery was selected as his successor.

After serving as an assistant coach at Bucknell, Drexel and William & Mary in the 1980s, Flannery had been the head coach at Lebanon Valley College for five years, leading that team to its first-ever national championship in 1994. The Dutchmen won the Division III title in thrilling fashion, with overtime victories in both the semifinals (93-83 over Wittenberg) and the championship game (66-59 over New York University). The title game win by the Dutchmen capped a 28-4 season in Flannery's fifth year as head coach at the Eastern Pennsylvania school, which recently celebrated the 10th anniversary of that national crown.

In his first year at Lebanon Valley, Flannery guided the Dutchmen to a 17-9 mark, the program's first winning season in 18 years, and proceeded to record five consecutive winning seasons. His 1992-93 team reached the second round of the NCAA Tournament, before his 1993-94 team won the title. In five years at Lebanon Valley, Flannery compiled an overall record of 95-44 (.683) and earned the 1994 Division III Coach-of-the-Year Award from the National Association of Basketball Coaches.

In October 2005 Flannery was inducted into the Lebanon Valley Athletics Hall of Fame, and coincidentally he went in alongside Mike Rhoades, the team captain of the national championship team and currently the head coach at Randolph-Macon College.

Flannery's appointment as Bucknell's 19th men's basketball head coach in 1994 capped a tumultuous two-month stretch. His wife, Patti, gave birth to the couple's first son, Ryan, in between the national championship and Flannery's hiring at Bucknell. The couple had their second child, Jesse, 10 years ago.

"At the time of my hiring, I was coming off two of the biggest things in my life," Flannery said. "If it wasn't my alma mater, and wasn't a school with this kind of philosophy, I wouldn't have moved. The philosophy of the Patriot League is the philosophy of my coaching. I always wanted a place that was academically oriented. I was very happy (at Lebanon Valley), but the people here got me excited.

In his 11 seasons as coach at his alma mater, Flannery and the Bison program have lived up to those high expectations. He has created an atmosphere in which his players have been successful and he is again giving back to the school that gave him an opportunity in 1976.

His final career record stands at 329-221 (.598) overall and 234-178 (.568) at Bucknell. He earned his 300th career victory at Xavier on Dec. 20, 2006.

Flannery's Bison squads won more than two-thirds of

their Patriot League contests (125-59, .679) over the last 14 seasons.

In addition to his outstanding teams, Flannery tutored many standout individuals. He coached a First Team All-Patriot League player in 13 of his 14 years at Bucknell, and he helped stars J.R. Holden, Bryan Bailey, Boakai Lalugba, Charles Lee, Chris McNaughton and Donald Brown land professional playing opportunities overseas.

Flannery is very well respected by both his players and his peers in the coaching profession. He was selected to speak at the National Association of Basketball Coaches annual convention in Seattle, Wash., in 1995, held in conjunction with the NCAA Division I Final Four festivities.

His teams have been actively involved in Coaches Versus Cancer, a program sponsored by the NABC and the American Cancer Society which raises money for cancer research, education, and patient services. The Bison, in fact, played in the CVC Classic for the first time in 2004 at Syracuse's Carrier Dome.

Under Flannery, the Bison have played a very active role in the community. The team has volunteered its time to Central Pennsylvania youth basketball organizations, the Donald Heiter Community Center in Lewisburg and the Janet Weis Children's Hospital at Geisinger Medical Center.

In January 2003, Flannery for the second time took his team to his hometown of Pottsville to play at historic Martz Hall. The Bison played Penn there in 1997, and in 2003 hosted Niagara on the floor where Flannery played his prep ball. Dubbed the Kids Classic, the game raised funds for youth basketball in the Pottsville area.

Flannery also took three Bucknell teams on summer overseas tours. In 2000 the team visited Italy and Croatia, in 1996 Bucknell went to Denmark and Sweden, and in 2005 the squad toured Ireland and England.



PAT FLANNERY'S RESUME

PERSONAL

Date of Birth: Sept. 23, 1957

Hometown: Pottsville, Pa.

Parents: Nancy and the late John Flannery

Wife: Married to the former Patti Struble (Bucknell '86)

Children: Ryan, 13, and Jesse, 11

EDUCATION

B.A. (Economics, Political Science), Bucknell, 1980

M.S. (College Administration), Bucknell, 1983

HEAD COACHING CAREER

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Notes</u>
1989-90	Lebanon Valley	17	9	.654	first winning season in 18 years
1990-91	Lebanon Valley	15	12	.556	ECAC invitation
1991-92	Lebanon Valley	17	8	.680	ECAC invitation
1992-93	Lebanon Valley	18	10	.643	NCAA Tournament
1993-94	Lebanon Valley	28	4	.875	NCAA Champions, NABC Coach of the Year
Lebanon Valley Totals		95	43	.688	
1994-95	Bucknell	13	14	.481	Tied for first in P.L.; P.L. Coach of the Year
1995-96	Bucknell	17	11	.607	Tied for third in P.L.
1996-97	Bucknell	18	11	.621	Second in P.L.; P.L. Co-Coach of the Year
1997-98	Bucknell	13	15	.464	Tied for third in the P.L.
1998-99	Bucknell	16	13	.552	Tied for second in the P.L.
1999-00	Bucknell	17	11	.607	Third in the P.L.
2000-01	Bucknell	14	15	.483	P.L. semifinalists
2001-02	Bucknell	13	16	.448	P.L. semifinalists
2002-03	Bucknell	14	15	.483	P.L. semifinalists
2003-04	Bucknell	14	15	.483	P.L. semifinalists
2004-05	Bucknell	24	9	.727	P.L. champions; NCAA second round
2005-06	Bucknell	27	5	.844	P.L. champions; NCAA second round; P.L. Coach of the Year; Hugh Durham Award
2006-07	Bucknell	22	9	.710	P.L. regular-season co-champions
2007-08	Bucknell	12	19	.387	P.L. semifinalists
Bucknell Totals		234	178	.568	
OVERALL TOTALS		329	221	.598	

ASSISTANT COACHING CAREER

1981-83 Graduate assistant coach, Bucknell

1983-86 Assistant coach, Drexel

1986-87 Assistant coach, William & Mary

1987-89 Assistant coach, Drexel