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# Shymansky Tabbed New Head Volleyball Coach At MU

Former ACC Coach Of The Year Joins Marquette From Georgia Tech

Milwaukee – Bond Shymansky (she-MAN-ski), who owns a wealth of postseason experience and recruiting success at the NCAA Division I level, has been named the new head volleyball coach at Marquette University, Director of Athletics Steve Cottingham announced Monday morning.

Shymansky arrives in Milwaukee after serving for each of the previous seven seasons as head coach at Georgia Tech University. Under his guidance, the Yellow Jackets made three NCAA Tournament appearances and garnered multiple team and individual accolades.

"I am thrilled that Bond has accepted the position as the head coach of the Marquette volleyball program," Cottingham said. "From my first conversation with Bond, I was impressed by his competitive fire. His record of success and commitment to athletic, academic and personal excellence embodies the mission of MU athletics. I look forward to him leading our program to new heights."

Georgia Tech posted an overall record of 172-64 (.729) during his tenure, including a 96-38 mark in the Atlantic Coast Conference. He concluded the 2008 campaign with the highest career winning percentage among active ACC coaches, a mark that ranked among the top-20 in the nation.

"It is such an honor to be the new head coach at Marquette," Shymansky said. "The academic and athletic reputation of the University is nationally respected and revered. Steve (Cottingham) has a great vision for the volleyball program and I share his passion and enthusiasm. We are going to build a volleyball powerhouse in the BIG EAST and it's going to start with the local volleyball community of Milwaukee."

In seven seasons, Shymansky led Georgia Tech to the NCAA Sweet 16 (2003), the NCAA Elite 8 (2004), ACC Tournament Championship (2002) and ACC Regular Season Championship (2003 and 2004). He was named the league's coach of the year in 2004 after guiding the program to a 27-7 overall record and a perfect 16-0 conference campaign. He was also the AVCA East Region Coach of the Year that season as well.

Individually, eight student-athletes have claimed All-America honors under his tutelage and 10 different players have earned a total of 21 All-ACC selections. A pair of Yellow Jackets were tabbed the ACC Player of the Year during his tenure and four players earned spots on the ACC All-Freshman Team.

Shymansky also helped collect several nationally ranked recruiting classes at Georgia Tech. Four of his seven classes have been ranked among the nation's top-25, led by the 2005 group, which was rated No. 4 by Volleyball Magazine and eighth by Prepvolleyball.com. While at Georgia Tech, he played a key role in signing multiple newcomers selected to the "Fab 50" by Volleyball Magazine.

The Yellow Jackets posted an overall record of 20-10 in 2008, including a 12-8 slate in ACC play. Two players were tabbed to both the all-conference and all-region squads.

Shymansky, who initially joined the Georgia Tech coaching staff as an assistant coach under Shelton Collier in February, 2000, served as the team's defensive and blocking coordinator in his first two seasons. He was also responsible for scouting opponents, team travel and summer camps and assisted in the training of Maja Pachale, the 2001 ACC Player of the Year, Lauren Sauer, the 2001 ACC Rookie of the Year, and Kele Eveland, the 2003 ACC Player of the Year and 2000 ACC Rookie of the Year.

Following his arrival, the Yellow Jackets experienced two of their finest seasons in history, as the 2000 team finished 25-8 while earning the ACC regular season championship before advancing to their first NCAA Tournament appearance in four years, and the 2001 squad posted a 19-8 record with another NCAA Tournament bid.

Prior to his arrival at Georgia Tech, Shymansky spent two seasons on the coaching staff at Iowa State, including a four-month stint as the interim head coach in 1999.

In addition to his collegiate coaching experience, Shymansky has coached in both the high school and club ranks. He served as the head coach at Iowa City High School from 1996-97, guiding his squad to the state semifinals in his second season.

A native of Iowa City, Iowa, Shymansky began his volleyball career at the University of Iowa, where he was a member of the men's volleyball club as a setter and outside hitter from 1991-93. He earned his degree in communications in 1995 from Iowa before completing his master's degree in secondary English education in 1998.

Shymansky, 36, is married to the former Catherine Cruikshank of Iowa City, Iowa. The couple has a 13-year old daughter, Corrina, and two sons, Nicholas, 10, and Bond, 2.

## Shymansky File

**Birth Date:** April 3, 1972  
**Hometown:** Iowa City, Iowa  
**Family:** Catherine (wife), and children Corrina (12), Nicholas (9) and Bond (1).  
**Education:** University of Iowa, 1998 (Masters in English and Education)  
 University of Iowa, 1995 (Bachelor's in Communication)

## Coaching Career

Year	Position	School	Record	Accomplishments
2008	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	20-10, 12-8 ACC	
2007	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	22-10, 16-6 ACC	
2006	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	20-12, 12-10 ACC	
2005	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	16-15, 12-10 ACC	
2004	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	27-7, 16-0 ACC	ACC Regular Season Champions NCAA Tournament (Sweet 16) AVCA East Region Coach of the Year ACC Coach of the Year
2003	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	34-4, 15-1 ACC	ACC Regular Season Champions NCAA Tournament (Elite Eight)
2002	Head Coach	Georgia Tech	33-6, 13-3 ACC	ACC Tournament Champions NCAA Tournament
2001	Assistant Coach	Georgia Tech	19-8, 12-4 ACC	NCAA Tournament
2000	Assistant Coach	Georgia Tech	25-8, 13-3 ACC	NCAA Tournament
1999	Assistant Coach Interim Head Coach (Four Months)	Iowa State		
1998	Assistant Coach	Iowa State		

## What They're Saying

"I think Bond is a great hire for Marquette. He is one of the top young coaches who has a great track record of recruiting and player development. "

**Russ Rose**

**Head Coach, Penn State University (currently ranked No. 1 in the nation)**

"I've known Bond for at least 15 years. I got to know him when he was at Iowa. I've watched him work in camp situations, in a number of situations where I have seen his rapport with the athletes. I think he is a very good coach and builds good relationships with people. He knows the game very well and of course I coached against him when he was at Georgia Tech and I have a lot of respect for what he accomplished there. He has a lot of recruiting contacts up here (Midwest) and he is going to be good for Marquette."

**Mike Hebert**

**Head coach, University of Minnesota**

"Bond has several qualities that make him very successful. He is suited for volleyball, he understands the game, he can coach it, and he is a very good fundamentalist. He is like a professor on the court, that's his classroom. He is just a very, very good teacher. He cares about the kids and that is very important to me - their life, their education, their social life, all aspects. When you get Bond, you get a family, because his wife is very much involved in the program and his kids are involved in the program. He will do very, very well. When he recruits, he recruits the whole family and it won't be long before (Marquette) has a very good volleyball program."

**Dave Braine**

**Former Georgia Tech Athletic Director**