



2003-04 MIAMI BASKETBALL

MEET THE STAFF



HEAD COACH MARIA FANTANAROSA

A fiery competitor as both a player and a coach for the Red and White, Maria Fantanarosa enters her sixth year as Miami University's head women's basketball coach.

Since accepting the reins of the program prior to the 1998-99 campaign, Fantanarosa has been instrumental in a dramatic turnaround, improving the program's win total in each of her first four seasons and guiding the RedHawks to three consecutive Mid-American Conference Semifinal appearances—the longest active string in the league.

Hired too late to recruit a freshman class for her inaugural season at Miami, Fantanarosa guided her first Miami team, which relied heavily on walk-ons, to a surprising 11-15 record and laid the groundwork for what was yet to come.

Miami returned to its winning ways during Fantanarosa's second season, as a talented freshman class brought new life to the program. The Red and White finished second in the MAC's East Division that season, compiling a 16-12 overall record and earning passage into the MAC Quarterfinals.

With another strong recruiting class in place, Fantanarosa guided the 2000-01 RedHawks to an 18-11 record, including a 10-6 mark in the conference. Miami put

FANTANAROSA YEAR-BY-YEAR

Year	Team	Overall	MAC	MAC Finish
1997-98	Western Carolina	7-20 (.259)	n/a	n/a
1998-99	Miami	11-15 (.423)	7-9 (.438)	5th-East
1999-00	Miami	16-12 (.571)	9-7 (.563)	2nd-East
2000-01	Miami	18-11 (.621)	10-6 (.625)	2nd-East
2001-02	Miami	19-11 (.633)	11-5 (.688)	2nd-East
2002-03	Miami	17-12 (.586)	11-5 (.688)	1st-East
Total		88-81 (.521)	48-32 (.600)	

an exclamation point on the season with a thrilling upset of Ball State in the MAC Quarterfinals and made its first MAC Semifinal appearance since 1996.

The last two seasons have marked a culmination of Fantanarosa's efforts, as Miami has posted a combined 36 wins, two MAC semifinal appearances and the program's first MAC East Division Championship a year ago. Fantanarosa also played an important role in Miami's all-time leading scorer, Heather Cusick, garnering first-team all-MAC plaudits as a junior and senior and capturing MAC Player of the Year honors in 2001-02.

In her five seasons, Fantanarosa's Miami squads have battled to an 81-61 (.570) overall record and four consecutive trips to Cleveland for the MAC Tournament. Fantanarosa, whose contract was extended through 2006-07 at the

conclusion of the 2001-02 campaign, has produced 20 MAC Players of the Week and five MAC Scholar Athletes of the Week, while guiding six all-MAC honorees.

"The strong commitment to a competitive athletics program by President James Garland and the athletic administration makes it an exciting time to be at Miami," Fantanarosa says.

"I chose Miami as a student-athlete because of its academic reputation, beautiful campus, great facilities and strong basketball tradition, and I consider it a great privilege to be a part of it again as a coach."

A two-time all-MAC selection while a player at Miami, Fantanarosa finished her career in fourth place and

currently ranks ninth on Miami's all-time scoring list with 1,086 points. As team captain her senior year, she recorded 125 assists to move into third place in the Miami record book with 323 career assists.

Fantanarosa, 37, became the seventh head coach at Miami after serving as head coach at Western Carolina in 1997-98. She led the Catamounts to a 7-20 record, earning more wins than either of her two predecessors were able to achieve in their first year. Under Fantanarosa's tutelage, guard April Fleck became the second Catamount to be named league freshman of the year.

Prior to Western Carolina, Fantanarosa was the top assistant at South Carolina for three seasons. Before her work with the Gamecocks, she was the number one assistant at Xavier, where the Musketeers won the Midwestern Collegiate Conference regular season title in 1991-92 and the conference tournament title in 1992-93. Xavier posted a 74-41 record during her tenure.

A native of Kulpmont, Pa., Fantanarosa earned her bachelor's degree in speech communication with a minor in coaching science from Miami in 1990 and a master's degree in sport administration from Xavier in 1993. She is married to Tim Morrow, also a Miami graduate, and has one daughter, Lauren Taylor, who was born in August of 2002.

During a prolific prep career at Mt. Carmel Area High School, Fantanarosa set Pennsylvania state records for most points in a career by a male or female (3,823), most points in a single season (1,318) and most points in a freshman varsity season (886).

Nationally, Fantanarosa's career point total ranks her among the Top 10 highest scorers in the history of high school girls basketball.



HEAD COACH MARIA FANTANAROSA



Lauren and Tim Morrow.

BREAKDOWN OF FANTANAROSA'S RECORD:

Overall	88-81 (.521)
At Miami	81-61 (.570)
Home	43-25 (.632)
Away	35-50 (.412)
Neutral	10-6 (.625)
MAC (1998-present)	48-32 (.600)
MAC Tournament	6-4 (.600)
Non-conference	36-37 (.493)

THE GAMEPLAN:

Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa discusses the style of play that has helped her RedHawks finish among the league leaders in scoring over the past several seasons. Under Fantanarosa, the RedHawks have pieced together four consecutive winning seasons for the first time since 1992-97 and advanced as far as the semifinal round of the Mid-American Conference Tournament in each of the past three seasons.

On the Offense:

"Offensively, we play an up-tempo style. We run a controlled fast break into continuity offenses. In the half-court, we run several quick-hit plays, balancing the 3-point shot and a power inside game. We focus on a lot of two-man game fundamentals."

On the Defense:

"Defensively, we like to switch things up by being the aggressors and forcing the offense to question what's next. In the half-court, we play primarily man-to-man defense, but we like to change things up with full-court man and trapping zones."

Tying It All Together:

"We want to play hard and smart every possession. Our primary focus is on controlling the controllables. Intangibles such as our attitude and work ethic, along with tangibles like defense, rebounding and free throw shooting will almost always be the difference in the game."



ASSISTANT COACH JESSICA SMITH



Following three highly-successful years as head girls basketball coach at Bishop Hartley High School, Jessica Smith joined Miami University's women's basketball program as an assistant coach prior to the 2001-02 campaign.

A 1995 graduate of Rhode Island, Smith served as a student-assistant coach with the Rams from 1992-95 and was hired as a full-time assistant for the 1995-96 season. During that season, Rhode Island made its first NCAA Tournament appearance while capturing a share of the Atlantic 10 Conference Championship. Smith spent the next two seasons as an assistant coach and recruiting coordinator at Fordham before accepting the reins at Bishop Hartley High School in Columbus, Ohio, in 1998.

During a prolific tenure at Bishop Hartley, Smith led the Hawks to a remarkable three-year tally of 66-12 that included three Central Catholic League (CCL) titles, three district championships, two regional crowns, two Ohio Final Four appearances and a state championship in 2000. Following the team's state championship in 2000, Smith was honored as the Ohio Coach of the Year by the Ohio Coaches Association, *Associated Press* and the *Columbus Dispatch*.

Smith, who earned her master's degree in educational administration from The Ohio State University in 2000, serves as Miami's recruiting coordinator, while also working with the post players, team conditioning and scouting.



THE SMITHS: From left - Emmy, Jamie, Jessica and Jim.

THE SMITH FILE

Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Rhode Island '95
Master's Degree: Ohio State '00

Coaching Experience:

Head Coach at Bishop Hartley H.S., 1998-01
Assistant Coach at Fordham, 1996-98
Assistant Coach at Rhode Island, 1995-96
Student Assistant at Rhode Island, 1992-95

Coaching Responsibilities:

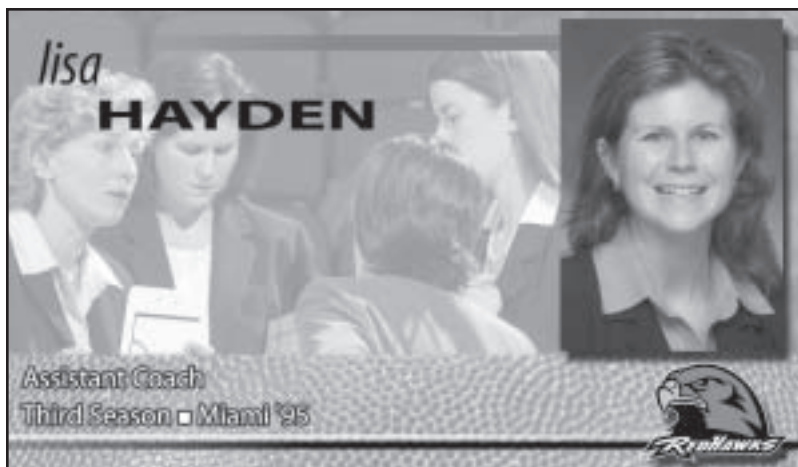
Recruiting Coordinator
Post Players

"Jessica brings Division I coaching experience as well as head coaching experience at the high school level. Her organizational skills, work ethic and enthusiasm for teaching the game make her a vital part of our program."

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa



ASSISTANT COACH LISA HAYDEN



THE HAYDEN FILE

Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Miami '95

Coaching Experience:

Head Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1999-2001

Asst. Coach at Mt. Notre Dame H.S., 1997-99

Asst. Coach at Badin High School, 1995-97

Coaching Responsibilities:

Travel Coordinator

Guards

Recruiting

Lisa Hayden, a standout for the Red and White from 1991-95, returned to her alma mater prior to the 2001-02 season after serving as head girls basketball coach and assistant athletic director at Mt. Notre Dame High School in Cincinnati.

As assistant athletic director at Mt. Notre Dame, Hayden assisted with the coordination of an athletic program that consisted of 12 sports, 25 teams and more than 350 athletes.

Hayden also spent four seasons as an assistant and head coach with Mt. Notre Dame's girl's basketball team, helping the team to a Sweet 16 appearance in her first season as head coach (1999-2000). Prior to joining the staff at Mt. Notre Dame, Hayden served from 1995-97 as the assistant girls basketball coach at Badin High School.

One of the most prolific 3-point shooters in Miami history, Hayden scorched the nets for 205 treys during her collegiate career, including a program record 68 3-pointers during her senior season. Hayden also finished her career as one of just a handful of Miami women to clear 1,000 career points, amassing 1,047 points.

A native of Henderson, Ky., and recent inductee into the Henderson County High School Hall of Fame, Hayden earned a bachelor of science degree in Education and Allied Professions from Miami in 1995.

"We are very excited to have Lisa at Miami. She has proven herself to be a great college player and coach, and she has and will continue to contribute to the future success of this program through her hard work and dedication."

—Head Coach Maria Fantanarosa



THE HAYDENS: From left - Kirk, Debby, Stephen, Steve, Nathan and Lisa.



ASSISTANT COACH HEATHER OESTERLE/SUPPORT STAFF



THE OESTERLE FILE

Education:

Bachelor's Degree: Michigan '02

Playing Experience:

Four-year letterwinner at Michigan, 1998-02
Served as Wolverines' Team Captain, 2001-02

Playing Experience:

Volunteer Assistant Coach at Stanford, 2002-03

Coaching Responsibilities:

Administrative Duties

The newest addition to Maria Fantanarosa's staff, Heather Oesterle joined the RedHawks this past summer and brings a good combination of playing and coaching experience to the program.

Oesterle comes to Miami after serving one season as a volunteer assistant coach for a Stanford University program that finished the season 27-5 and ranked among the Top 15 in the nation. Prior to her stint with the Cardinal, Oesterle was a four-year contributor for the University of Michigan women's basketball team. Oesterle served as the team captain in 2001-02 and was honored with the program's Leadership Award.

A native of Mason, Mich., where she was a *Detroit Free Press* Class A All-State selection as a high school senior, Oesterle set the Mason High School career scoring record with 1,451 points during her prep career. At Michigan, Oesterle, a 6-foot forward, helped the Wolverines to a four-year record of 76-45 (.628) that included two appearances each in the NCAA and the WNIT postseason tournaments.



THE OESTERLES: From left - Jennifer, Brian, Heather, Janet and Sandi.

MIAMI WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



Carol Flee
Basketball Secretary



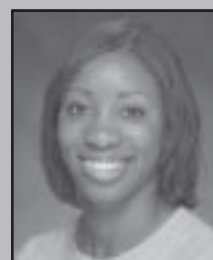
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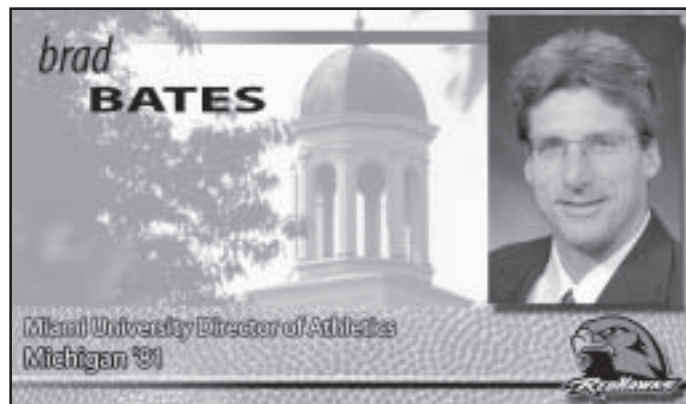
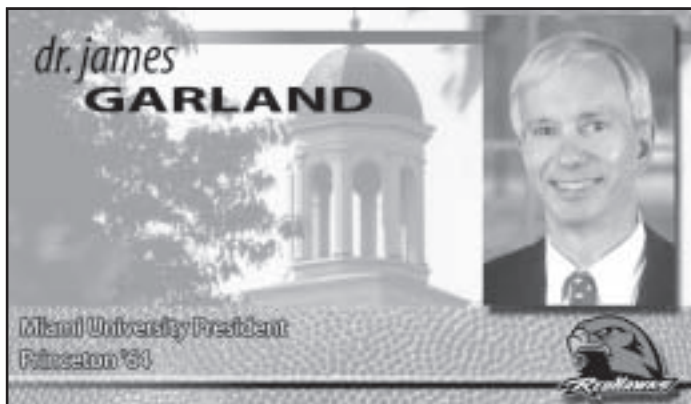


Mary O'Leary
Equipment Manager



Karen Womack
Sr. Women's Admin.

MIAMI ADMINISTRATION



Under Dr. James C. Garland, Miami University is poised to assume a new level of leadership in higher education. Garland has established a strategic plan calling for Miami to be, by its 200th birthday in 2009, "the leader in the nation among public universities having a primary emphasis on undergraduate education and also having significant graduate and research programs."

The University has taken significant steps toward that goal during Garland's six-year tenure. Freshman applications reached an all-time high this year.

Miami has consistently been placed in the top 30 in the *US News and World Report* ranking of public universities and been recognized by *Kiplinger's*, *Barron's* and *The Fiske Guide to Colleges* as one of the nation's best public universities and as a "best value" in high-quality education.

Garland has continually worked to increase Miami's intellectual climate, combat the perils of alcohol and substance abuse, and increase diversity and raise awareness of diversity issues. Over his tenure, minority enrollment has risen 27 percent and the graduation rate of African-American students has exceeded that of any other Ohio public university.

Prior to Miami, Garland enjoyed a 26-year career as a teacher, scholar, researcher and administrator at the Ohio State University, capped by service as executive dean of the Colleges of the Arts and Sciences and dean of the College of Mathematical and Physical Sciences.

Garland, whose research background is in condensed matter physics, has published more than 100 research papers in professional journals and has received approximately \$5 million in federal research grants. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and serves on the University of Illinois Physics Advisory Board.

He has chaired the Mid-American Conference Council of Presidents and the Inter-University Council of Ohio. Recently he was appointed to Ohio's Higher Education Funding Commission by Governor Taft. Garland has been an active member of Ohio Parents for Drug-Free Youth and serves on the Think TV/Public Television Board of Directors and on the Board of Directors of First Financial Bancorp and First National Bank of Southwestern Ohio.

The 1964 graduate of Princeton University earned his doctorate from Cornell University in 1969 and then studied at the University of Cambridge in England as a National Science Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow.

Garland and his wife, Carole, reside in Oxford. Garland has two grown children, Elizabeth and James.

Miami University President James C. Garland announced on Nov. 5, 2002 the hiring of Brad Bates as the University's new director of athletics. Bates, 43, comes to Miami from Vanderbilt University, where he has served as the senior associate director of athletics since 1998.

"From everything we have been able to learn about Brad, he is one of the up-and-coming shining lights of athletic administration," says Garland. "He is dynamic, articulate, knowledgeable and well-liked and respected by everybody he has worked with. The pool of candidates we had to select from was extremely strong, and choosing among such highly-qualified men and women was a significant challenge. Nevertheless, I am confident that Brad is an excellent fit for Miami and is the right person to lead us forward."

Along with overseeing the administration of all 15 sports at Vanderbilt, Bates was highly involved in the department's decision-making processes relating to budgeting, marketing, development, licensing, Title IX compliance and other various day-to-day operations. Bates also assisted in the department's negotiations with the Tennessee Titans for the hosting rights of Vanderbilt Stadium during the 1998 season.

In his 17 years at Vanderbilt, Bates has worked his way up, serving in several different capacities within the department. The positions included associate director of athletics for revenue sports and internal operations (1996-98), associate director of athletics for internal operations (1995-96), assistant athletic director for student life (1989-95) and interim assistant athletic director for compliance and student life (1994).

Over that time, Bates handled a wide variety of tasks, ranging from supervising the school's CHAMPS/Lifeskills program to overseeing many of the student-athlete support staffs.

A 1981 graduate of the University of Michigan with a bachelor's degree in education, Bates was a walk-on defensive back for the Wolverines from 1977-81. He played for then-Michigan head football coach Bo Schembechler, a 1951 Miami alumnus and member of Miami's legendary Cradle of Coaches. In his four years as a player, the Wolverines won three Big Ten Championships and posted a record of 37-11-0.

While serving as Michigan's graduate assistant for football in 1982, Bates earned his master's degree in education. He later went on to attain a doctorate of education in 1998 from Vanderbilt University.

Bates and his wife, Michele, reside in Oxford.

ATHLETIC ADMINISTRATION

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Mike Harris
Assistant A.D.



Troy Hartmann
Assistant A.D.



Susan Lipnickey
Faculty Rep.

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Baseball — Tracy Smith 529-6631
 Basketball — Charlie Coles 529-1650
 Cross Country — Warren Mandrell 529-3105
 Football — Terry Hoepfner 529-3319
 Golf — John Wiler 529-2119
 Hockey — Enrico Blasi 529-3343
 Swimming & Diving — Pete Lindsay 529-8150
 Track & Field — Warren Mandrell 529-3105



Chris Otto
Assistant A.D.



Ken Peters
Assistant A.D.



Mike Watson
Associate A.D.

WOMEN'S HEAD COACHES

Basketball — Maria Fantanarosa 529-3300
 Cross Country — Rich Ceronie 529-3106
 Field Hockey — Lil Fesperman 529-7290
 Synchronized Skating — Vicki Korn 529-3343
 Soccer — Bobby Kramig 529-6241
 Softball — Angie Jacobs 529-3999
 Swimming & Diving — Dave Jennings 529-8153
 Tennis — Ray Reppert 529-7088
 Track & Field — Rich Ceronie 529-3106
 Volleyball — Carolyn Condit 529-6922



Karen Womack
Ex. Associate A.D.



Judy Worley
Ticket Manager

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