

By Mike Douchant

Conference tournaments occasionally get lost in the shuffle, but most coaches aren't around for long if they have prolonged problems in league tournament competition. Among the prominent mentors who've been able to maneuver around that mine field with other successes that offset losing records in postseason conference tourney play are Rhode Island's Jim Baron (9-12, .429), Louisiana State's John Brady (5-9, .357), Evansville's Jim Crews (10-14, .417), Florida's Billy Donovan (5-7, .417), Jacksonville's Hugh Durham (18-22, .450), Auburn's Cliff Ellis (14-25, .359), Stanford's Mike Montgomery (10-12, .455), Duquesne's Danny Nee (12-18, .400), Ohio State's Jim O'Brien (15-18, .455), South Carolina's Dave Odom (9-10, .474), Dayton's Oliver Purnell (11-12, .478), Boston College's Al Skinner (10-12, .455) and Maryland's Gary Williams (16-19, .457).

Connecticut's Jim Calhoun is the only active coach to win at least two-thirds of his games in the NCAA Tournament, NIT and conference postseason tourneys. Here is a look at how many of the nation's Division I coaches have fared at all levels of postseason play:

Coach	---NCAA---		---NIT---		---League---		--Overall--	
	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.	W-L	Pct.
Rick Pitino	26-7	.788	2-2	.500	22-4	.846	50-13	.794
Tom Izzo	16-3	.842	2-2	.500	6-2	.750	24-7	.774
Buzz Peterson	0-1	.000	5-0	1.000	10-4	.714	15-5	.750
Mike Krzyzewski	56-14	.800	2-2	.500	28-14	.667	86-30	.741
Steve Fisher	20-6	.769	5-1	.833	0-2	.000	25-9	.735
Tubby Smith	18-7	.720	....	....	18-6	.750	36-13	.735
Bobby Lutz	2-2	.500	0-1	.000	9-1	.900	11-4	.733
John Calipari	11-5	.688	7-4	.636	15-4	.789	33-13	.717
Jerry Tarkanian	38-18	.679	9-8	.529	31-7	.816	78-33	.703
Jim Calhoun	26-13	.667	12-4	.750	32-13	.711	70-30	.700
Homer Drew	2-5	.286	....	....	20-5	.800	22-10	.688
Roy Williams	25-12	.676	....	....	21-9	.700	46-21	.687
Rick Majerus	17-9	.654	8-4	.667	19-8	.704	44-21	.677
Nolan Richardson	26-15	.634	9-4	.692	35-15	.700	70-34	.673
Matt Doherty	1-1	.500	4-1	.800	3-2	.600	8-4	.667
Lute Olson	37-22	.627	....	....	9-1	.900	46-23	.667
John Chaney	23-17	.575	0-1	.000	38-13	.745	61-31	.663
Bob Huggins	17-11	.607	2-4	.333	24-7	.774	43-22	.662
Bob Knight*	42-21	.667	15-8	.652	1-3	.250	61-32	.656
Bill Herrion	1-3	.250	0-1	.000	18-6	.750	19-10	.655
Perry Watson	2-2	.500	3-2	.600	14-6	.700	19-10	.655
Ben Braun	5-5	.500	7-2	.778	13-7	.650	25-14	.641
Steve Alford	3-2	.600	0-1	.000	11-5	.688	14-8	.636
Jerry Dunn	2-2	.500	8-2	.800	4-4	.500	14-8	.636
Phil Martelli	3-2	.600	4-1	.800	7-5	.583	14-8	.636
Davey Whitney	3-5	.375	1-2	.333	38-17	.691	42-24	.636
Cy Alexander	0-4	.000	....	....	24-10	.710	24-14	.632
Kirk Speraw	0-2	.000	....	....	12-5	.706	12-7	.632
Charlie Coles	2-3	.400	....	....	18-9	.667	20-12	.625
Dan Monson	3-1	.750	2-2	.500	5-3	.625	10-6	.625
Gary Waters	1-2	.333	2-1	.667	7-3	.700	10-6	.625
Mike Deane	2-4	.333	12-5	.706	19-11	.633	33-20	.623
John Kresse	1-4	.200	1-2	.333	11-2	.846	13-8	.619

Jim Boeheim	32-21	.604	5-3	.625	33-19	.635	70-43	.619
Eddie Sutton	32-22	.593	1-1	.500	33-19	.635	66-42	.611
John Beilein	1-2	.333	4-4	.500	13-6	.684	18-12	.600
Paul Hewitt	0-2	.000	1-1	.500	8-3	.727	9-6	.600
Bill Self	7-3	.700	0-1	.000	5-4	.556	12-8	.600
Mark Gottfried	0-2	.000	4-3	.571	9-4	.692	13-9	.591
Rollie Massimino	20-10	.667	5-5	.500	27-21	.563	52-36	.591
Billy Tubbs	18-12	.600	11-6	.647	23-18	.561	52-36	.591
Pete Gillen	8-9	.471	4-4	.500	22-11	.667	34-24	.586
Mack McCarthy	2-5	.286	0-2	.000	22-10	.688	24-17	.585
Lefty Driesell	16-14	.533	6-6	.500	51-32	.614	73-52	.584
Fang Mitchell	1-3	.250	1-2	.333	19-10	.655	21-15	.583
Gene Keady	18-17	.514	12-4	.750	6-5	.545	36-26	.581
Rod Barnes	3-2	.600	2-1	.667	3-3	.500	8-6	.571
Billy Donovan	8-3	.727	....	....	5-7	.417	13-10	.565
Dave Odom	10-8	.556	7-2	.778	9-10	.474	26-20	.565
Ronnie Arrow	1-2	.333	....	....	8-5	.615	9-7	.563
Andy Stoglin	0-2	.000	1-1	.500	17-11	.607	18-14	.563
Dennis Wolff	0-1	.000	....	....	9-6	.600	9-7	.563
Don DeVoe	5-10	.333	10-3	.769	22-16	.579	37-29	.561
Kevin Stallings	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	10-6	.625	14-11	.560
Mike Brey	1-3	.250	0-1	.000	9-4	.692	10-8	.556
Mike Jarvis	7-8	.467	0-4	.000	24-13	.649	31-25	.554
Larry Eustachy	3-3	.500	0-1	.000	13-9	.591	16-13	.552
Charlie Spoonhour	3-8	.273	3-3	.500	22-12	.647	28-23	.549
Jim Harrick	17-14	.548	0-2	.000	10-7	.588	27-23	.540
Lou Henson	19-20	.487	5-4	.556	5-1	.833	29-25	.537
Dave Bliss	8-11	.421	7-6	.538	29-21	.580	44-38	.537
Steve Lappas	2-4	.333	8-3	.727	12-12	.500	22-19	.537
Skip Prosser	1-5	.167	5-2	.714	9-6	.600	15-13	.536
Gary Williams	17-11	.607	8-6	.571	16-19	.457	41-36	.532
Pat Kennedy	6-8	.429	7-5	.583	20-16	.556	33-29	.532
Barry Collier	0-3	.000	2-3	.400	15-9	.600	17-15	.531
Herb Sendek	1-1	.500	6-7	.462	11-8	.579	18-16	.529
Jay Wright	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	9-5	.643	9-8	.529
Mike Montgomery	13-9	.591	6-5	.545	10-12	.455	29-26	.527
Robert Moreland	0-3	.000	....	....	29-23	.558	29-26	.527
Jerry Wainwright	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	10-6	.625	10-9	.526
Riley Wallace	0-2	.000	5-4	.556	15-12	.556	20-18	.526
Jim Phelan	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	11-7	.611	11-10	.524
Mike Vining	0-7	.000	0-1	.000	22-12	.647	22-20	.524
Jim O'Brien	10-6	.625	6-5	.545	15-18	.455	31-29	.517
Bob Bender	2-3	.400	0-2	.000	6-3	.667	8-8	.500
Ron Bradley	0-1	.000	....	....	10-9	.526	10-10	.500
Craig Esherick	2-1	.667	1-2	.333	3-3	.500	6-6	.500
Dick Davey	2-3	.400	....	....	9-8	.529	11-11	.500
Fran Fraschilla	1-3	.250	3-4	.429	10-7	.588	14-14	.500
Tom Green	0-3	.000	0-1	.000	19-15	.559	19-19	.500
Ray McCallum	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	9-6	.600	9-9	.500
Steve Robinson	2-3	.400	....	....	6-5	.545	8-8	.500
Lorenzo Romar	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	6-4	.600	6-6	.500
Jan van Breda Kolff	1-2	.333	8-4	.667	5-8	.385	14-14	.500
Jim Wooldridge	0-1	.000	....	....	7-6	.538	7-7	.500
Jim Molinari	0-2	.000	4-5	.444	12-10	.545	16-17	.485
Al Skinner	2-3	.400	4-2	.667	10-12	.455	16-17	.485
Rick Samuels	0-2	.000	....	....	15-14	.517	15-16	.484
Bob McKillop	0-1	.000	0-2	.000	12-10	.545	12-13	.480

Dave Loos	0-1	.000	....	....	10-10	.500	10-11	.476
Bob Weltlich	0-3	.000	3-4	.429	16-14	.533	19-21	.475
Danny Nee	1-7	.125	14-5	.737	12-18	.400	27-30	.474
Hugh Durham	8-8	.500	6-6	.500	18-22	.450	32-36	.471
Oliver Purnell	0-2	.000	5-4	.556	11-12	.478	16-18	.471
Kelvin Sampson	3-8	.273	1-1	.500	12-9	.571	16-18	.471
Bruiser Flint	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	7-5	.583	7-8	.467
Ralph Willard	2-3	.400	1-2	.333	10-10	.500	13-15	.464
Nick Macarchuk	0-1	.000	2-4	.333	17-17	.500	19-22	.463
Tic Price	0-1	.000	1-2	.333	5-4	.556	6-7	.462
Bob Thomason	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	12-12	.500	12-14	.462
Melvin Watkins	2-2	.500	....	....	4-5	.444	6-7	.462
Rick Barnes	3-9	.250	5-3	.625	13-13	.500	21-25	.457
Phil Mathews	0-1	.000	....	....	5-5	.500	5-6	.455
Dana Altman	1-4	.200	4-4	.500	9-9	.500	14-17	.452
Stew Morrill	1-3	.250	0-2	.000	13-12	.520	14-17	.452
Seth Greenberg	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	9-8	.529	9-11	.450
Rick Stansbury	....	....	2-2	.500	2-3	.400	4-5	.444
Mike Dement	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	7-7	.500	7-9	.438
Ernie Kent	0-2	.000	3-2	.600	4-5	.444	7-9	.438
Murry Bartow	0-1	.000	1-2	.333	5-5	.500	6-8	.429
Tommy Amaker	2-1	.667	0-3	.000	4-4	.500	6-8	.429
Rickey Broussard	0-2	.000	....	....	6-6	.500	6-8	.429
Mick Durham	0-1	.000	....	....	6-7	.462	6-8	.429
Quin Snyder	1-2	.333	....	....	2-2	.500	3-4	.429
John Brady	2-1	.667	....	....	5-9	.357	7-10	.412
Cliff Ellis	6-7	.462	10-11	.476	14-25	.359	30-43	.411
Frankie Allen	0-2	.000	....	....	9-11	.450	9-13	.409
Billy Lee	0-1	.000	....	....	10-14	.417	10-15	.400
Lafayette Stribling	0-3	.000	....	....	11-14	.440	11-17	.393
Blaine Taylor	0-2	.000	0-1	.000	5-5	.500	5-8	.385
Willis Wilson	....	....	1-1	.500	4-7	.364	5-8	.385
Jim Larranaga	0-2	.000	0-3	.000	11-13	.458	11-18	.379
Bill Carmody	1-2	.333	2-2	.500	0-1	.000	3-5	.375
Jim Crews	1-4	.200	1-2	.333	10-14	.417	12-20	.375
Jim Baron	0-2	.000	1-3	.250	9-12	.429	10-17	.370
Perry Clark	3-3	.500	5-5	.500	3-12	.200	11-20	.355
Gary Garner	0-1	.000	0-1	.000	6-9	.400	6-11	.353
Ricardo Patton	1-1	.500	1-2	.333	2-6	.250	4-9	.308
James Green	....	....	0-2	.000	3-5	.375	3-7	.300
Rob Evans	0-2	.000	1-1	.500	2-5	.286	3-8	.273
Tim Welsh	0-2	.000	0-3	.000	4-6	.400	4-11	.267

\*In the mid-1970s, the NCAA introduced a short-lived, eight-team tournament ostensibly to showcase league runners-up but principally to erode the NIT's influence. The tourney was called the Collegiate Commissioners Association Tournament in 1974, when Indiana won the title at St. Louis, and then changed to the National Commissioners Invitational Tournament in 1975, when Drake won the title at Louisville. Knight compiled a 3-0 record with IU in the event in 1974.