

# THE STAFF





# Tim O'Shea

**Head Coach  
Sixth Season**

**Boston College '84**

Tim O'Shea came to Athens on March 29, 2001 and vowed to take the Ohio men's basketball program to the next level. After the 2004-05 season marked one of the most memorable runs in school history - including a **Mid-American Conference Tournament crown** and a scare of Southeastern Conference champ Florida in the NCAA Tournament in 2005 - Bobcat fans found out exactly what that next level is all about.

In just five years, O'Shea has become the architect of an Ohio program that has made an impact within the MAC and on a national level. The last two seasons alone, O'Shea's Bobcats have compiled 40 wins, captured a MAC title and been named **college basketball's "It" team** by ESPN.Com.

O'Shea's first season on the sidelines at Ohio was highlighted by victories over DePaul and powerhouse **North Carolina** in Chapel Hill on national television. Then, in his second season at the helm, O'Shea led the Bobcats to a regular-season victory over Virginia and a spot in the MAC Tournament semifinals after the team posted a 12-6 conference record.

## The O'Shea File

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-pr. Head Coach, Ohio

1997-01 Associate Head Coach,  
Boston College

1988-97 Assistant Coach,  
Rhode Island

1986-88 Assistant Coach, Yale

1985-86 Graduate Assistant,  
Boston College

1984-85 Graduate Assistant,  
Rhode Island

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1980-84 Boston College

### EDUCATION

1984 Bachelor's of Science  
Communications,  
English minor  
Boston College

1986 Master's of Science  
Counseling/Psychology  
Boston College

Following the 2002-03 season, standout forward Brandon Hunter became the first Bobcat selected in the NBA draft since 1995 when the Boston Celtics nabbed the Ohio big man in the second round. A year later, O'Shea faced the daunting task of replacing Hunter, leading sixth-man Sonny Johnson and three-point sharpshooter Steve Esterkamp. The 2003-04 Bobcats slipped to a 10-20 record, but bounced back the in 2004-05 for their memorable run to the NCAA Tournament.

The 2004-05 Bobcats captured significant non-conference victories against San Francisco, Butler and Detroit, then won 11 of their last 15 contests down the stretch. O'Shea kept the troops on task as they carried that momentum over to a **four-game sweep of the competition in the MAC Tournament**. The run ended in the first round of the NCAA Tournament against Florida, but the 'Cats didn't go down without a fight, as they nearly overcame a 20-point second-half deficit.

Ohio opened 2005-06 as with the moniker of collegiate hoops' "It" team and compiled 19 victories before falling to eventual league champion Kent State in the MAC Tournament semifinals. The Bobcats registered impressive victories at Marist, Rhode Island and Toledo, against Akron and Samford at home, and took 18th-ranked Kentucky to the wire in Cincinnati.

The players O'Shea has coached at Ohio have proven to become winners in the classroom, as well. **Seventeen of the 18 student-athletes** who have completed their eligibility under O'Shea during their senior seasons have graduated.

His commitment to excellence, on and off the floor, is a product of the lessons he learned at several other Division I institutions. O'Shea's head coaching career began after extensive experience as an assistant in the Ivy League, Atlantic 10 and Big East.

O'Shea began his work on the bench as a graduate assistant at the University of Rhode Island and Boston College. His first full-time appointment came later that year at Yale, where he spent the next two seasons.

The next stop for O'Shea was a spot on Al Skinner's staff at Rhode Island. He spent nine seasons at URI, playing a key role in the Rams' earning **two NIT and two NCAA Tournament berths**. A notable O'Shea recruit during this stint was current NBA star Cuttino Mobely.





In the spring of 1997, O'Shea returned to his alma mater. In four seasons at Boston College, O'Shea helped build the Eagles into the Big East regular-season and tournament champions in 2000-01. BC posted a 27-5 record and earned a No. 3 seed for the NCAA East Regional and finished with a No. 9 ranking in the Ratings Percentage Index (RPI) just two years after being ranked 246.

O'Shea was no stranger to success in the BC locker room. After earning All-America accolades at Wayland (Mass.) High School, O'Shea played for some of the most successful squads in Boston College history. The Eagles won two Big East regular-season titles and earned four postseason tournament berths during his career. In his four years, BC advanced twice to the NCAA Tournament's "Sweet 16" and once to the "Elite Eight".

O'Shea earned a bachelor's degree in communications with a minor in English from Boston College in 1984, then added a master's degree in counseling/psychology from BC two years later.

He and his wife, Elizabeth, have an eight-year-old daughter, Madeleine.

## Pro Players Coached

### AT OHIO

Steve Esterkamp, Germany  
Patrick Flomo, Germany  
Terren Harbut, Germany  
Jaivon Harris, Germany  
Brandon Hunter, NBA/Italy  
Alex Liatsos, Greece

### AT BOSTON COLLEGE

Dana Barros, NBA  
Troy Bell, NBA  
Antonio Granger, Italy  
Uka Agbai, Germany

### AT RHODE ISLAND

Michael Anderson, Greece  
Abdul Fox, Spain  
Tom Garrick, NBA  
Kenny Greer, Italy  
Cuttino Mobely, NBA  
Antonio Reynolds-Dean, Spain  
Tyson Wheeler, Italy

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## Noteable Wins Under O'Shea

### Buffalo

Ohio 80, Buffalo 79 OT  
2005 MAC Tournament Championship -  
Cleveland, Ohio

### Virginia

Ohio 78, Virginia 72  
2002-03 Season - Athens, Ohio

### North Carolina

Ohio 86, North Carolina 78  
2001-02 Season - Chapel Hill, N.C.

### DePaul

Ohio 77, DePaul 75  
2001-02 Season - Rosemont, Ill.



## What Others Say About Tim O'Shea

**ANDY KATZ - ESPN BASKETBALL ANALYST**

"Tim just needed time. He found some hidden gems in Leon Williams and Jeremy Fears. He weathered the growing pains and he got the Bobcats to find their focus late in the season. Once he did, the Bobcats were in a groove that took them to the NCAAs. Ohio should continue being a MAC and NCAA contender. There's no reason why the Bobcats can't compete at the highest level of their conference for the foreseeable future."

**BRANDON HUNTER - FORMER O'SHEA AND NBA PLAYER**

"Coach O'Shea is a real player's coach. He lets guys play and doesn't put limitations on you. He helped me understand what it takes to play professionally. He does a great job of teaching the skills of the game."

**JAY BILAS - ESPN BASKETBALL ANALYST**

"He is a good teacher and has a wonderful eye for talent. Under Al Skinner, O'Shea was instrumental in building the Rhode Island program by finding diamonds in the rough and polishing what others had overlooked. Skinner and O'Shea did the same thing at Boston College, turning a forgotten program around in the same manner."

### Coaching Mentors

**AT BOSTON COLLEGE**

Gary Williams, current Maryland head coach  
 Al Skinner, current Boston College head coach  
 Tom Davis, current Drake head coach

**AT RHODE ISLAND**

Brendan Malonne, current Cavaliers assistant

**AT YALE**

Dick Kuchen, former head coach



### O'Shea's All-MAC Selections

**2005-06**

Mychal Green, Honorable Mention  
 Jerome Tillman, All-Freshman Team  
 Sonny Troutman, Honorable Mention

**2004-05**

Jeremy Fears, All-Freshman Team  
 Mychal Green, Honorable Mention  
 Sonny Troutman, Honorable Mention  
 Leon Williams, Honorable Mention/  
 MAC Freshman of the Year

**2003-04**

Jaivon Harris, Honorable Mention  
 Sonny Troutman, All-Freshman Team

**2002-03, 2001-02**

Brandon Hunter, First Team



# John Rhodes

**Associate Head Coach  
Eighth Season**

**Ohio '88**



John Rhodes is no stranger to Ohio basketball with a combined **12 years of experience in the program** as a player and coach. The 2006-07 season will be the third in which Rhodes carries the title of associate head coach.

Rhodes is in his eighth year on the Ohio staff and sixth in the Tim O'Shea era. In fact, one of the first decisions made by O'Shea was to retain the services of Rhodes to maintain continuity with players, administrators and fans.

His primary responsibilities include **recruiting, scheduling, game preparation and on-court teaching**. He will work specifically with post players and coordinate special projects.

The former Bobcat center played for both Danny Nee and Billy Hahn from 1984 to 1988. In his senior year, he served as **team captain** and was a **second-team All-MAC selection**. In the Ohio career record books, he ranks third in field goal percentage (.567), fourth in blocked shots (121), and tenth in rebounds (744).

After graduating from Ohio in 1988, Rhodes played **professional basketball** in Germany for one year before playing two seasons in France.



Rhodes then spent the next five seasons in Iceland. In 1992, he was named the **Icelandic Basketball League's Most Valuable Player** and in 1993 he earned the Athlete-of-the-Year Award from the city of Hafnarfjordur, Iceland. Rhodes also coached youth basketball clubs in Iceland and was the head coach of the I.R. Club Team in Reykjavik, Iceland, from 1994-96.

Rhodes returned to Ohio after spending two seasons as an assistant coach for Jim Baron at St. Bonaventure in New York. Before working at SBU, Rhodes served one season as an assistant coach at the University of North Florida.

The Milwaukee, Wis., native graduated from Ohio in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in journalism/public relations. He and his wife Jackie (Ohio '88) have a 10-year-old daughter, Alexis, and a seven-year-old son, Kristopher.

## The Rhodes File

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2004-pr. Associate Head Coach, Ohio
- 1999-04 Assistant Coach, Ohio
- 1997-99 Assistant Coach, St. Bonaventure
- 1996-97 Assistant Coach, North Florida

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- 1991-96 Iceland pro league
- 1989-91 France pro league
- 1988-89 German pro league
- 1984-88 Ohio

### EDUCATION

- 1988 Bachelor's of Science, Journalism/Public Relations, Ohio





# Kevin Kuwik

**Assistant Coach  
Sixth Season**

**Notre Dame '96**

Kevin Kuwik is set for his sixth season on the Ohio sidelines after coming to Athens with O'Shea in 2001.

As a Bobcat assistant basketball coach, Kuwik's duties include **working with the Bobcats perimeter players, game preparation and scouting reports.** Kuwik also heads up the Bobcats' academic monitoring efforts which have resulted in the **graduation of 17 out of 18 seniors** who have completed their eligibility during Tim O'Shea's tenure in Athens. Additionally all six current Bobcat seniors are on track to complete requirements for graduation by July, 2007.

Kuwik has coordinated Bobcat recruiting efforts in prior years which resulted in the signing of **four MAC All-Freshmen Team selections** in the past three years, including 2004-05 MAC Freshman of the Year Leon Williams. He also helped the Bobcats successfully recruit the junior college ranks, which produced former starters Mychal Green and Terren Harbut.

After spending three seasons on Ohio's coaching staff, Kuwik missed the entire 2004-05 regular season when he went on a leave of absence to fulfill an **18-month mission as an Army engineer captain.** Kuwik was activated from the Army's Individual Ready Reserve in October of 2004. After two months of train-up, Kuwik deployed to Mosul, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom with the 113th Engineer Battalion of the Indiana Army National Guard. He spent just under one year in Iraq serving as the **Battle Captain for the 113th**, during which time the unit helped Iraq conduct the first two democratic elections in their history. Kuwik received honorable discharge in April 2006 and was **awarded a Bronze Star** for meritorious service in Iraq, the highest award for merit given by the Army. His discharge marked the end of ten years of military service, including two years as an engineer platoon leader at Fort Lewis, Washington, two years with the Arkansas Army National Guard, and two years with the Ohio Army Reserve.

During his active military service, Kuwik used his leave to rejoin the team on the sidelines for the Bobcats' 2005 MAC Tournament victory and NCAA Tournament appearance.

Kuwik, 32, joined the Bobcats after one season working for Tim O'Shea's brother, Tom, at Saint Michael's College in Vermont. He helped the Purple Knights to a 27-4 record, the **best in school history**, and the conference regular season and tournament titles. They finished third in the final national rankings for Division II, advancing to the NCAA Northeast Regional Final.

## The Kuwik File

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

2001-pr. Assistant Coach, Ohio

2000-01 Assistant Coach,  
Saint Michael's

1998-2000 Assistant Coach,  
Christian Brothers Univ.

1993-96 Student Assistant,  
Notre Dame

### EDUCATION

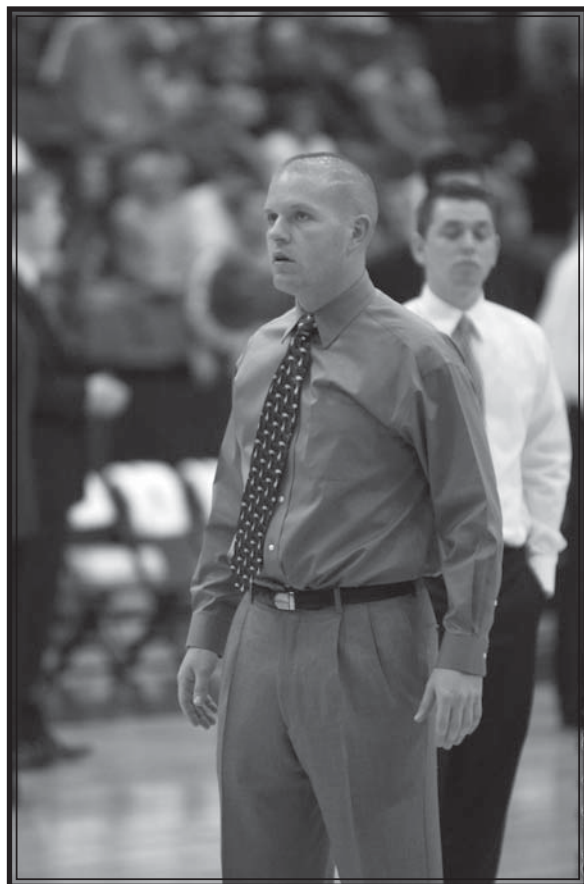
1996 Bachelor's of Science,  
Mechanical Engineering,  
Notre Dame

Kuwik began his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. During his stay, the Buccaneers improved from 3-22 his first season to 12-14 the next (only their fourth season in Division II). The eight-and-a-half game improvement rated as one of the ten best turnarounds in the NCAA that year.

Originally from Lackawanna, N.Y., Kuwik served three seasons as a student assistant at Notre Dame **under former NBA coach John MacLeod.**

Kuwik also boasts extensive experience on the summer camp circuit, having worked camps at Duke, Notre Dame, Illinois and Xavier.

Kuwik graduated summa cum laude with a mechanical engineering degree, was a **Distinguished Military Graduate** in Notre Dame's Army ROTC program, and served as senior class president.



# Brian Townsend

**Assistant Coach  
Fourth Season**

**Michigan '91**

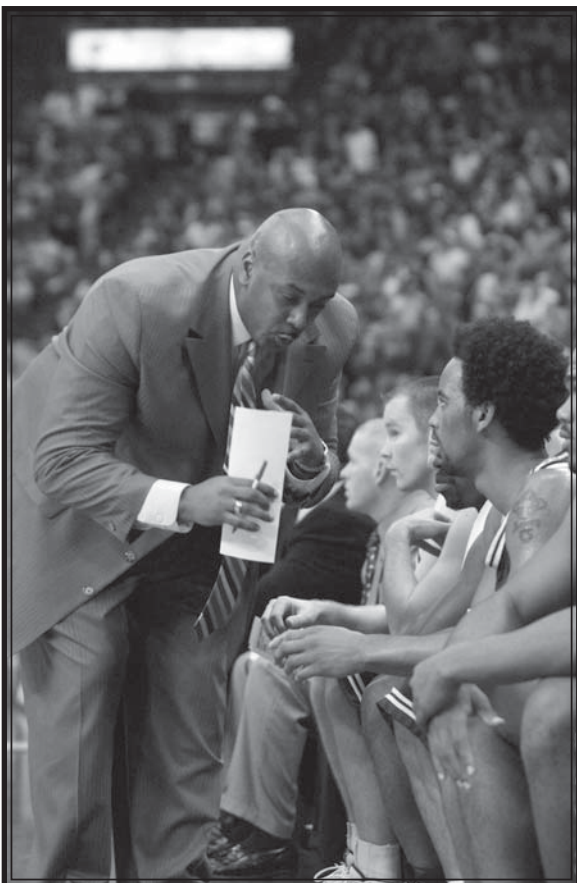


Brian Townsend, a former University of Michigan and NFL linebacker, begins his fourth season on the Bobcat sideline after joining the Ohio men's basketball staff as an assistant coach on May 21, 2003.

Townsend's roles in the Bobcat program include **overseeing the defense, player development and offseason conditioning**. In addition to his responsibilities in recruiting, he brings enthusiasm, mental toughness and a winning attitude to the team. That attitude has allowed him to earn **six championship rings**, including four Big Ten championships as a player and state high school and MAC Tournament titles as a coach.

Prior to his appointment in Athens, Townsend stepped down as the head boys basketball coach at Pioneer High School in Ann Arbor, Mich., to pursue a job on a college staff. In 1999, he led the Pioneers to their **first state championship** and was named the **Ann Arbor News Coach of the Year** both that season and the next. After leading his team to its third 20-win season in four years, Townsend earned the **Region 6 Coach-of-the-Year** distinction in 2002 from the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan.

Townsend recorded 11 sacks and 115 tackles during his four-year college career, during which the Wolverines made three **Rose Bowl** appearances



by winning the Big Ten championship and one **Gator Bowl** appearance after sharing the 1990 conference title. In 2000, Wolverine Magazine named him to the **Michigan Football All-Decade Team**.

Picked in the 11th round of the 1992 **NFL Draft** by the Los Angeles Rams, Townsend played for both the Rams and Cincinnati Bengals over two seasons. He then began his coaching career as a varsity assistant at his former school, Northwest High School, in Cincinnati.

Townsend earned two bachelor's degrees from Michigan, one in sports management and communication in 1991 and another in physical education and social science in 1996.

Townsend was married this past offseason to the former Whitney Winberg.

## The Townsend File

### COACHING EXPERIENCE

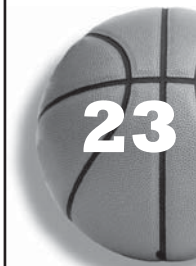
- 2003-pr. Assistant Coach, Ohio
- 1997-02 Head Coach, Pioneer (Mich.) HS
- 1993-94 Assistant Coach, Northwest (Ohio) HS

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

- 1992, 93 Los Angeles Rams
- 1992 Cincinnati Bengals
- 1987-91 Michigan

### EDUCATION

- 1996 Bachelor's of Science, Physical Education Michigan
- 1991 Bachelor's of Science Sport Mgmt./Comm. Michigan





# Doug Dewey

**Graduate Assistant  
First Season**

**Ohio '06**

After aiding the program for past three three years as a team manager, Doug Dewey has joined the Ohio staff for the 2006-07 season as a graduate assistant.

Dewey, a 2006 graduate of Ohio University with a degree in sport administration, handles many of the day-to-day activities surrounding the basketball program. Dewey is in charge of team travel, coordinates video operations and film breakdown, oversees the managerial staff and will be the director of Ohio's summer camps.

Dewey has worked basketball camps at Notre Dame, Cincinnati, Xavier, Dayton and Northern Kentucky in addition to his involvement with past Ohio camps. Outside of the basketball world, Dewey has also served as a paralegal intern with Lerner, Sampson & Rothfuss, LPA, based in Cincinnati.

Dewey is currently pursuing a master's degree in higher education and anticipates graduating in 2007.



## Men's Basketball Support Staff



**Kyle Barnes**

Team Manager



**Jason Cunningham**

Assistant Director  
Media Relations



**Jason Farmer**

Director of Facilities  
Convocation Center



**Lori Friel**

Director of  
Academic Services



**Ryan Gould**

Team Manager



**Pete Kahler**

Assistant Video  
Coordinator



**Ryan McFann**

Assistant Director  
Equipment



**Sonny Sano**

Director of  
Strength Training



**Brenda White**

Administrative Assistant  
Alden Basketball Suite

