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The Ohio coaching staff led the 2004-05 Bobcats to one of the biggest turnarounds in the nation as the team improved the previous year's win total by 11 games.



Tim O'SHEA

Head Coach

Fifth 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 - Bobcat fans found out exactly what that next level is all about.

In just four years, O'Shea has become the architect of an Ohio program that has **made an impact within the MAC and on a national level**. O'Shea's 2004-05 Bobcats were picked to finish last in the East Division, with a young squad mired in question marks. Those questions were answered - and with good measure, a testament to O'Shea's ability to find young talent and cultivate it through the grind of a collegiate season.

Junior college transfer Mychal Green burst onto the MAC scene and picked up conference honorable mention honors. Sophomore Sonny Troutman and freshman Leon Williams joined Green on the honorable mention list, while Jeremy Fears and Williams held a place on the MAC All-Freshman team and cemented their place in the conference's next generation of impact players. Williams capped off a stellar rookie campaign by being named MAC Freshman of the Year and the MVP of the MAC Tournament.

O'Shea led his squad to non-conference wins over San Francisco, Duquesne, Detroit, and Butler before winning 11 of its last 15 games in the regular season to earn the No. 4 seed in the MAC Tournament. Ohio clawed its way through the conference postseason, **winning the championship game in overtime** before 12,000 fans and a national television audience on ESPN with a last-second tip-in to earn the program's first berth in the **NCAA Tournament** since 1994.

In the Big Dance, the thirteenth-seeded Bobcats overcame a 20-point deficit to tie the score with two minutes left in the contest, but Florida pulled away in the closing seconds to advance to the second round, 67-62.

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 and a 12-6 conference record. 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.

O'Shea has tossed aside the business of replacing and has instead taken up the task of reloading. His 2004-05 freshman class was considered **the best in the conference and among the best in the nation**. His next batch of recruits for the 2005-06 season includes highly-regarded prospects as well as the much-anticipated debut of Boston College transfer Johnnie Jackson.

The players O'Shea has coached at Ohio have proven to become winners in the classroom, as well. **Twelve of the 14 student-athletes who have completed their eligibility under O'Shea during their senior seasons have graduated.** That includes all four members of last year's MAC Tournament champion squad.

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**.

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

- 1986 Bachelor's of Science,
Communications,
English minor
Boston College
- 1986 Master's of Science
Counseling/Psychology
Boston College



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 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 2000-01 Big East regular-season and tournament champions. 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-American** 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 a seven-year-old daughter, Madeleine.

Pro Players Coached

AT OHIO

- Steve Esterkamp, Germany
- Terren Harbut, Germany
- Jaivon Harris, Germany
- Brandon Hunter, NBA
- 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

Noteable Ohio Wins Under O'Shea

Buffalo

- Ohio 80, Buffalo 79 OT
- 2005 MAC 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 PLAYER AND CURRENT MEMBER OF MILWAUKEE BUCKS

"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 Yale head coach

O'Shea's All-MAC Selections

2004-05

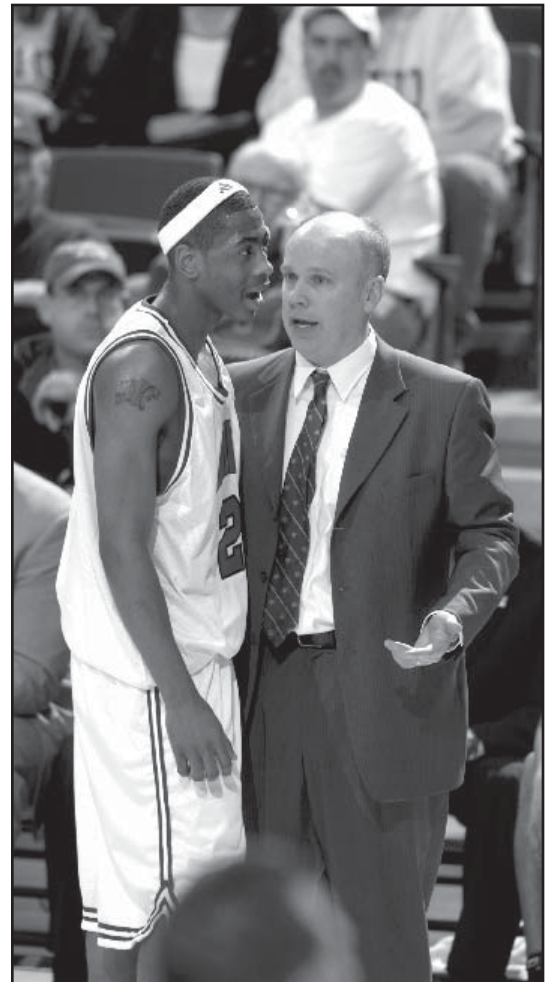
Jeremy Fears, All-Freshman Team
Mychal Green, Honorable Mention
Sonny Troutman, Honorable Mention
Leon Williams, Honorable Mention/
MAC Freshman of the Year

2003-04

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

2002-03, 2001-02

Brandon Hunter, First Team





John RHODES

Associate Head Coach

Seventh Season

Ohio '88

John Rhodes is no stranger to Ohio basketball, with a combined **11 years of experience in the program** as a player and coach. The 2005-06 season will be the second in which Rhodes carries the title of associate head coach.

Rhodes is in his seventh year on the Ohio staff and fifth 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 an 9-year-old daughter, Alexis, and a 6-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





Brian TOWNSEND

Assistant Coach

Third Season

Michigan '91

Brian Townsend, a former University of Michigan and NFL linebacker, begins his third 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.

Perhaps one of Townsend's greatest traits is his winning attitude, which 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**.

Drafted 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.

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





Adam DeMONG

Assistant Coach Second Season Boston College '03

Adam DeMong was hired in the staff reorganization caused by Kevin Kuwik's recall by the Army to active duty status in the fall of 2004. He will serve as the third assistant coach until Kuwik's return, at which point he will go back to graduate assistant status.

DeMong originally filled the graduate assistant position and was responsible for **film exchange, team travel and on-campus recruiting**. He also supervised the managerial staff and assisted with scouting.

DeMong earned a walk-on spot at Boston College during his sophomore year and later was placed on scholarship. Tim O'Shea served as an assistant coach for the Eagles during DeMong's initial campaign with the Eagles before leaving for Ohio.

During DeMong's tenure at BC, the Eagles posted an overall record of **66-19**. They went 27-5 during his sophomore campaign, **winning both the Big East East Division regular-season title as well as the conference tournament**. Seeded third in the NCAA Tournament, BC was upset in the second round by USC. DeMong was also a member of the 2001-02 team that received an NCAA Tournament bid and the 2002-03 squad that made an NIT appearance.

DeMong, 24, is pursuing an MSA at Ohio. He earned a business degree with concentrations in marketing and finance from Boston College in 2003 and an MBA from Ohio in 2005.



Kevin KUWIK

Assistant Coach Military Leave Notre Dame '96

After spending three seasons on Ohio's coaching staff, Kevin Kuwik will begin the season on a leave of absence to fulfill an **18-month mission as an Army engineer captain**. He reported for active military duty on Oct. 23, 2004 and is expected to rejoin the program before season's end.

As a Bobcat assistant basketball coach, Kuwik concentrated on **recruiting, film breakdown, game preparation and academic monitoring**. On the floor, he worked with the guards.

Kuwik, 30, 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.

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Kuwik began his coaching career in 1998 as an assistant at Christian Brothers University in Memphis, Tenn. He was responsible for game preparation, scouting, and recruiting, as well as travel and film exchange. During his stay, the Buccaneers improved from 3-22 his first season to 12-14 the next (only their fourth season in Division II), including three victories over NCAA Tournament teams. 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**. During this period, the Fighting Irish became a member of the Big East (1995-96), defeated #2 UCLA (2/5/94), and produced future NBA players Monty Williams and Pat Garrity. 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. Upon graduation, Kuwik was commissioned a lieutenant in the Army and served for two years as an engineer platoon leader stationed at Fort Lewis, Wash.

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



Adam GRIGGS

Graduate Assistant
First Season
Ohio '05



A 2005 graduate of Ohio University as a sport industry major, Griggs is currently serving as the program's graduate assistant.

Griggs is no stranger to Ohio basketball, however. He spent the last three years with the program as one of the team's managers.

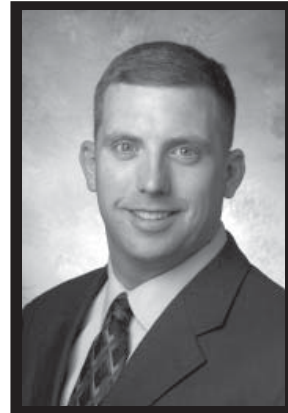
Grigg's duties as the team's graduate assistant include managing the student staff, planning all travel and coordinating

the film exchange program.

The Cincinnati native is currently enrolled in the MBA program at Ohio. Upon the return of Kevin Kuwik to the coaching staff, Adam will take on the status of a volunteer student assistant.

Shannon GORDON

Athletic Trainer
Indiana State '92



Shannon Gordon begins his seventh season as an assistant athletic trainer at Ohio, holding the primary duty of athletic trainer for the men's basketball team. He also works closely with the soccer and softball teams.

Gordon moved to Ohio in 1999 after three seasons with the Nashville Kats Arena Football team, including the last as head athletic trainer.

A native of Centrailla, Mo., Gordon began his career in 1994 with the Lipscomb Sports Therapy Clinic in Nashville, Tenn., covering high school football for various schools in the area. A year later, he moved to Columbia Sports Medicine, serving as an Outreach Coordinator. In the position, he supervised 12 certified athletic trainers and worked with 32 high schools in the mid-state area.

Gordon graduated from Indiana State in 1992 before adding a master's degree in kinesiology from Indiana in 1994.

He served as chairperson of the public relations committee of the Tennessee Athletic Trainers Association and was a member of the Southeastern Athletic Trainers Association PR committee.

Gordon is married to the former Kara Durham.



Doug DEWEY
Manager



Jason JOHNSON
Manager



Ryan McFANN
Equipment



Brenda WHITE
Secretary

Derek DETERT
Manager