



# PAT SANDLE

## ASSISTANT COACH

**San Francisco State '87 ■ Ninth Season at Pitt**

Known for scouting ability, work ethic, defense, intensity and successful guard play, Pat Sandle begins the ninth year of his second stint as an assistant coach at Pitt. Along with head coach Jamie Dixon, Sandle first arrived at the University of Pittsburgh in 1999. Sandle's primary responsibilities include overseeing post play and scouting opponents.

Sandle, who quietly portrays Pitt program trademarks of toughness and selflessness, has played a key role in helping lead Pitt Basketball to national prominence. Since Sandle arrived back at Pitt with Dixon in 2003, the Panthers have compiled a 216-60 record and .783 winning percentage, advanced to three NCAA Sweet Sixteens and the 2009 NCAA Elite Eight, earned the school's first-ever No. 1 national ranking and No. 1 seed upon entering the NCAA Tournament in 2009, claimed two Big East regular season titles (2003-04 and 2010-11), captured a Big East Tournament

title in 2008 and advanced to eight straight NCAA Tournaments. In addition, four former players including Chris Taft, Aaron Gray, Sam Young and DeJuan Blair moved on to NBA careers.

"We're fortunate to have Pat Sandle at the University of Pittsburgh," Head Coach Jamie Dixon said. "Pat and I have known each other for a number of years. He is the most honest and unselfish person I know. From the start, he was instrumental in building this program."

Sandle came back to Pitt from UCLA, where he served as an assistant basketball coach from 2001-03. At UCLA, Sandle helped guide the Bruins to an NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance and 20-plus win season under Steve Lavin in 2001-02. During his tenure, he assisted in the development of NBA players Dan Gadzuric, Matt Barnes and Jason Kapono.

During a five-year coaching tenure with Dixon on Ben Howland's

staffs at both Pitt and Northern Arizona (1996-99), Sandle was responsible for guard play, scouting, conditioning, player development, on-campus recruiting and academic progress. He also served as director of the school's summer basketball camps. During Sandle's 2000-01 season on Pitt's staff, the Panthers advanced to the National Invitation Tournament, their first postseason appearance in four years. While at Northern Arizona, the Lumberjacks enjoyed their most successful three-year period in school history (63-23, .733), won back-to-back Big Sky Conference titles and advanced to the 1997 NIT and 1998 NCAA Tournament.

Sandle owns 23 years of coaching experience, including 12 seasons at the NCAA Division I level. He has served NCAA Division I stints at Pitt (1999-2001 and 2003-current), UCLA (2001-03), Northern Arizona (1996-99), Fresno State (1991-92) and Saint Mary's College, Calif. (1990-91). Additionally, Sandle has coached at Sonoma State (1994-96), Santa Barbara City College (1989-90), Skyline (Calif.) Junior College (1987-88) and Cuesta College (1986-87). He also

coached two stints at San Rafael (Calif.) High School in 1988-89 and from 1992-94.

A standout at San Francisco State University from 1982-84, Sandle is a member of the school's athletic hall of fame. A two-time All-California North Conference selection, Sandle is the school's all-time career assist leader and ranks third in career steals (120). He also held the single-season assists record for seven years with 138 in 1983-84.

Sandle was a standout junior college performer at Cuesta College (1980-82), earning All-California and All-North Coast Conference honors. He played his final two seasons at San Francisco State (1982-84), where he earned his undergraduate degree in communications in 1987. Sandle began his basketball career at Los Angeles Crenshaw High School while playing for legendary prep coach Willie West. As a six-foot-one-inch senior guard, Sandle helped lead Crenshaw to back-to-back Los Angeles city championships.

Sandle resides in Pittsburgh with his family: Desiree, Derek, Kruz, Pierre and dog Haley.

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### THE PAT SANDLE FILE

- **Hometown:** Los Angeles, Calif.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts-Communications, San Francisco State, 1987; Los Angeles Crenshaw High School, 1980.
- **Coaching Career**  
Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2003-current; Assistant Coach, UCLA, 2001-03; Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 1999-01; Assistant Coach, Northern Arizona University, 1996-99; Assistant Coach, Sonoma State University, 1994-96; Assistant Coach, San Rafael High School, 1992-94; Assistant Coach, Fresno State University, 1991-92; Assistant Coach, St. Mary's College, 1989-90; Assistant Coach, Santa Barbara City College, 1989-90; Assistant Coach, San Rafael High School, 1988-89; Assistant Coach, Skyline Junior College, 1987-88; Assistant Coach, Cuesta Junior College, 1986-87.
- **Playing Career**  
San Francisco State, 1980-82  
Member of SFSU Athletic Hall of Fame.  
  
Cuesta College, 1980-82  
All-California Junior College and All-North Coast California honoree.