



# TOM HERRION

## ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH

Merrimack '89 ■ Second Season at Pitt

An East Coast native with over 18 years of collegiate coaching experience, Tom Herrion begins his second season at the University of Pittsburgh as its Associate Head Basketball Coach. Herrion's main responsibilities include recruiting student-athletes, game preparation and on-floor coaching.

Herrion arrived at Pitt in May, 2007 with an impressive resume, including four seasons as the head coach at the College of Charleston. From 2002-06, Herrion compiled an 80-38 four-year record, earned a national top-25 ranking, guided his team to the 2003 National Invitation Tournament and achieved the best winning percentage in the Southern Conference during that period. His first Cougar team in 2002-03 finished 25-8, captured the Great Alaska Shootout title and advanced to the NIT. His 25 victories marked the highest total of any first-year NCAA Division I head coach during the 2002-03 season. Herrion also guided the Cougars to a 20-9 finish in 2003-04, 18-10 performance in

2004-05 and 17-11 record in 2005-06.

Herrion spent the 2006-07 year working as a television commentator for both ESPN Regional and Comcast, providing analysis for Conference USA games. He also worked as a collegiate player development consultant at the Nike All-American Camp and Michael Jordan Flight School.

"Over the past year, Tom has proved to be an outstanding and valuable addition to our staff," Dixon said. "Tom is a well-rounded coach and has helped us in recruiting, scouting and player development. We are extremely fortunate to have a coach with his background. He also has the experience of coaching in several different environments and is familiar with the Big East region."

Herrion's widespread collegiate coaching experience includes assistant stints at the University of Virginia (1999-2002), Providence College (1994-98) and NCAA Division II Merrimack College (1989-

94). He spent eight seasons under Pete Gillen at both Virginia and Providence. In his four seasons at Virginia, Herrion helped Gillen orchestrate a 70-50 record and three postseason appearances. His main responsibilities included recruitment of student-athletes, scheduling and scouting of opponents and assisting with practice planning and game preparation. Additionally, the Cavaliers' recruiting classes were ranked among the nation's top-10 in three of his four seasons with the program. At Providence under Gillen, the Friars put together a 72-53 four-year record including a berth in the NCAA Tournament's Elite Eight and two NIT appearances.

Herrion also served as an assistant coach at his alma mater, Merrimack College, from 1989-94. During that time, he helped guide Merrimack to two NCAA Division II tournament appearances.

Herrion received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Merrimack in 1989. As an undergrad at Merrimack, he

competed in both basketball and baseball and worked as a student assistant coach in 1986-87. He also served two seasons as the junior varsity coach at Cambridge Ridge and Latin High School in Cambridge, Mass.

A native of Oxford, Mass., Herrion was a three-year letterwinner in both basketball and baseball at Oxford High School.

Herrion hails from a coaching family. His father, the late Jim Herrion, was a successful high school coach in the New York City Catholic League before becoming an assistant coach at Holy Cross and later the head coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. His older brother Bill is currently the head basketball coach at the University of New Hampshire (2005-present). Bill has also served head coaching stints at both East Carolina (1999-2005) and Drexel University (1991-99).

Herrion resides in Wexford with his wife, the former Leslie Tysinger of Hampton, Va. and their son, Robert James. Leslie is a former athletic administrator.



### THE TOM HERRION FILE

- **Birthdate:** November 13, 1967.
- **Hometown:** Oxford, Mass.
- **Education:** Bachelor of Arts—Psychology, Merrimack College, 1989; Oxford High School (Oxford, Mass.), 1985.
- **Family:** Wife Leslie and son Robert James. Brother Bill Herrion is the head basketball coach at New Hampshire (2005-present) and served as head coach at both East Carolina (1999-2005) and Drexel (1991-99). Father Jim Herrion coached in the New York City Catholic League, as an assistant at Holy Cross and as head coach at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.
- **Coaching Career**  
Associate Head Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2008-current; Assistant Coach, University of Pittsburgh, 2007-08; Head Coach, College of Charleston, 2002-06; Assistant Coach, University of Virginia, 1998-2002; Assistant Coach, Providence College, 1994-98; Assistant Coach, Merrimack College, 1989-94; Assistant Varsity Basketball Coach, Cambridge Ridge and Latin School, 1987-89.
- **Playing Career**  
Student Assistant Coach, Merrimack College, 1986-87; Merrimack College, 1985-86 (basketball and baseball); Oxford High School (basketball and baseball).