



Justin Hutson is in his second year as UNLV men's basketball's associate head coach. He was head coach Dave Rice's first hire at UNLV and was announced as such during Rice's introductory press conference in April 2011.

Hutson has been instrumental in upgrading the talent on UNLV's roster as its 2012 recruiting class was ranked the seventh-best in the nation by ESPN.

In his first season at UNLV, Hutson helped the Runnin' Rebels to 26 wins and a NCAA Tournament appearance. UNLV defeated three top-25 teams during the 2011-12 campaign, including a win over No. 1 North Carolina, which was the program's first victory over the nation's top-ranked team in 22 years and the first time a Mountain West school had ever defeated the country's No. 1 team in both polls.

UNLV was ranked for 13 straight weeks (14 overall) during the 2011-12 season, climbing as high as No. 11 in the nation.

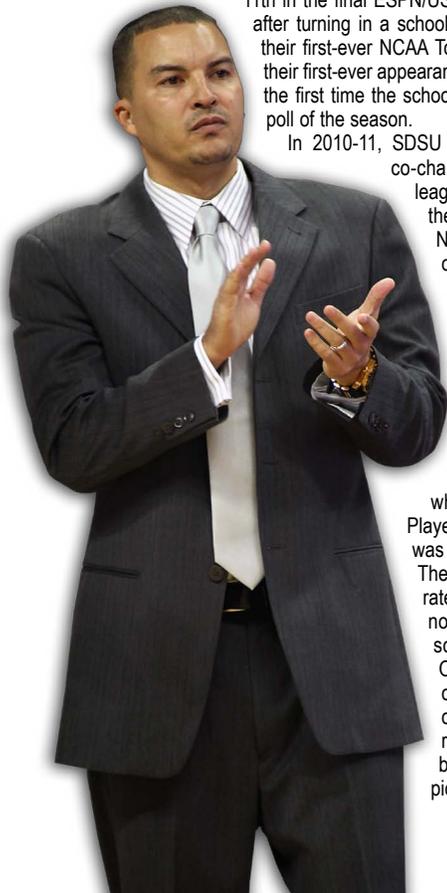
Hutson, 41, came to UNLV after spending five seasons as an assistant coach at fellow Mountain West member San Diego State.

During his time with the Aztecs, Hutson helped the team reach the postseason all five years that he was on the bench. He also served as the team's recruiting coordinator and was responsible for player instruction, skill development and assisting in all areas of the program, such as on-court coaching, opponent scouting and recruiting.

Each season Hutson was at SDSU, the squad won 20-plus games, and the last two years he was there, the Aztecs made NCAA Tournament appearances. At the conclusion of the 2010-11 season, the Aztecs were ranked 11th in the final ESPN/USA Today Coaches Top-25 Poll after turning in a school-record mark of 34-3, winning their first-ever NCAA Tournament games and making their first-ever appearance in the Sweet 16. It was also the first time the school had been ranked in the final poll of the season.

In 2010-11, SDSU won the MW regular-season co-championship as well as the league's tournament crown to enter the NCAA Tournament ranked No. 5 in the country by the coaches. The Aztecs started the season 20-0, climbing as high as No. 4 in the rankings.

On the recruiting side, Hutson led the efforts in the signing of San Diego State's nationally recognized 2007-08 incoming class, and the 2009-10's top-15 class. The 2009-10 incoming group, which featured the California Player of the Year in Kawhi Leonard, was ranked No. 15 in the nation by The Hoop Scoop Online and was rated as the No. 1 class among non-automatic qualifying BCS schools by The Hoop Scoop Online and Rivals.com. ESPN.com slotted the Aztec incoming class at No. 4 in its "mid-major recruiting." Leonard went on to become the 15th overall pick in the 2011 NBA Draft.



THE HUTSON FILE

Born: Oct. 16, 1971
Hometown: Bakersfield, Calif.
High School: Bakersfield H.S., 1989
Education: Cal State Bakersfield, M.A., 2010
 Cal State Bakersfield, T.C., 1995
 Cal State Bakersfield, B.S., 1994
Coaching Exp.: UNLV - Assoc. H.C., 2011-pres.
 San Diego St. - Asst. Coach, 2006-11
 Cal Poly - Asst. Coach, 2004-06
 Bakersfield H.S. - H.C., 2000-04
 Cal St. Bakersfield - A.C., 1998-00
 Bakersfield H.S. - Fr./JV, 1994-98
Playing Exp.: Cal State Bakersfield, 1992-94
 Ventura College, 1990-92
 Bakersfield College, 1989-90

On the floor, Hutson worked with the team's guards at SDSU. In 2007, he helped Richie Williams rank first in the MW in steals, second in assists and sixth in assist-to-turnover ratio. He was also instrumental in Brandon Heath ranking second in scoring, sixth in assists, third in steals and three-point field goals made per game, and seventh in assist-to-turnover ratio. In each of his last four seasons, he tutored D.J. Gay as he played in all 140 games (119 starts).

Also, in his last four seasons, Hutson served as the Aztecs' defensive coordinator and helped the team rank first in the MW in scoring defense and steals in 2008-09, in scoring defense and rebounding defense in 2009-10 and scoring defensive and field-goal percentage defense in 2010-11. On a national level, SDSU had one of the stingiest defenses in 2009-10, allowing just 61.8 points to rank 36th among all Division I schools, and then in 2010-11 the Aztecs ranked seventh in the country allowing just 59.2 ppg.

Prior to his time at San Diego State, Hutson served as an assistant coach at Cal Poly. The Mustangs went 10-19 in 2005-06, doubling their previous season's win total. He was responsible for recruiting the 2006 Big West Freshman of the Year and landing two players on the Big West all-freshmen team, along with bringing two first-team All-Big West selections and the defensive player of the year to San Luis Obispo in 2006-07.

Before arriving at Cal Poly, Hutson served as the head varsity coach at Bakersfield High School where he led it to a CIF Central Section Championship and four appearances in the playoffs in four seasons. His 2004 team was ranked as high as No. 22 in the nation and fourth in California and his 2003 squad finished the season with a 25-5 record and won the section title. Prior to entering the varsity high school ranks, he was an assistant coach at his alma mater, Cal State Bakersfield, for two seasons (1998-00). He also coached the freshmen and then junior varsity at Bakersfield HS from 1994-98.

As a collegiate player, Hutson enjoyed a storied college career, winning two NCAA Division II championships at Cal State Bakersfield. In the 1993 championship season, the Roadrunners were undefeated with a 33-0 record and followed that up with a 27-6 record during the 1994 season. He also played at Bakersfield College before transferring to Ventura College where he helped the Pirates to a 33-5 overall record and a Final Four appearance.

A native of Bakersfield, Hutson earned his bachelor's degree in physical education in 1994 and a teaching credential in 1995 from Cal State Bakersfield. He also earned his master's degree in education from Cal State Bakersfield in 2010.

Hutson has two children, Jada (10), and Janae (8), and is married to the former Ruth E. Patterson. They share a daughter, Destiny Satterfield (20), who is a sophomore at UNLV.

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