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Head Coach Joe Legerski

Hometown: Rock Springs, Wyoming
College: Wyoming, '79, B.S. Business Education
Coaching Experience: Western Wyoming College (Rock Springs), 1985-1986 - Head Coach
University of Wyoming, 1987-1991 Seasons - Assistant Coach
University of Utah, 1992-98 Seasons - Assistant Coach
University of Utah, 1999-2003 Seasons - Associate Head Coach
University of Wyoming, 2003-present - Head Basketball Coach
Record at Wyoming: 48-39 (.552) overall record, Three years;
23-21 (.523) conference record, Three years
Overall Record: Same
Family: Wife, Jamie; Children, Zane, Madison, Joseph III

Joe Legerski, who coached at Utah for 12 seasons, heads in to his fourth season as the head women's basketball coach at the University of Wyoming. He was named head coach on May 1, 2003 and became the sixth head coach in Cowgirl history.

He recorded his first career coaching victory on Dec. 13, 2003, as Wyoming defeated Montana State Billings, 62-51. His first conference win came on Jan. 17, 2004 against MWC rival BYU.

In his first season, he guided the Cowgirls to an 11-18 record overall and a 6-8 mark in the Mountain West Conference including their first ever Mountain West Conference Tournament victory in school history. Two Cowgirls also garnered All-Conference awards as he earned MWC Coach of the Year honors in his first year with the program.

In 2004-05, he helped the Cowgirls to a 16-12 overall mark, along with a 7-7 record and a fourth place finish in the MWC. It was the best finish for a Cowgirl team since the 2002-03 season, and the highest they'd finished in conference play since 1996-97. They swept BYU for the first time since 1994-95 and earned a 72-67 win over the Colorado Buffaloes which snapped a 13-game losing streak. Three Cowgirls earned All-MWC awards including Ashley Elliott who earned First Team All-MWC honors for the second year in a row.

During the 2005-06 season, the Cowgirls completed the year 21-9 overall, while finishing 10-6 overall in the Mountain West Conference. They made an appearance in the WNIT for only the third time in school history. The 21-wins were the most since the 1989-90 season when they went 24-8 and the ten conference victories tied an all-time school record which was set in 1978-79. Three Cowgirls garnered All-Conference honors, including Hanna Zavec who earned First Team All-MWC and Defensive Player of the Year honors along with Megan McGuffey who took home the Newcomer of the Year.

Legerski, 49, came to Wyoming following a highly-successful stint at the University of Utah. As an as-

sistant (1991-1998), and later associate head coach (1998-2003) for Elaine Elliott, he was part of the most successful women's program in the history of both the Western Athletic and Mountain West Conferences. The Utes compiled a 254-96 record while he was there, including seven league titles. They were 135-35 in conference play.

During the 2002-03 season, Utah won the MWC with a 12-2 conference mark. The Utes were 24-7 overall, and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament, before falling to Duke.



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Legerski earned a bachelor of science degree in business education from UW in 1979. He was an assistant with the Cowgirls from 1987 through 1991, before taking the Utah position. He was the head women's basketball coach at Western Wyoming College (Rock Springs) for one season, finishing second in the region. Prior to that he was the head women's basketball coach at Rock Springs High from 1984 to 1986.

"This University has always held a special place in my life, and to have an opportunity to come back is a chance most do not receive," Legerski said. "The commitment to this program is at the highest level. After visiting with several individuals, and seeing the facilities, I have a great sense of how much support there is for the program.

"Today is a new start for all of us, and I look forward to rolling up my sleeves and going to work."

During his second season at Utah, in 1992, Legerski coached the best post duo in the league in Mikki Kane-Barton and Susana Tauteoli. Kane-Barton was named the 1993 WAC Most Valuable Player, and MVP of the Western Athletic Conference tournament. He also helped develop Amber McEwen into a two-time First Team All-Conference selection, and the 1996 WAC Player of the Year.

Legerski, and his wife, Jamie, are parents of three children, stepson Zane, 20, daughter Madison, 11, and son Joseph III, 9.



Madison, Joe, Zane, Jamie and Joseph

Joe Legerski's Head-Coaching Record

Overall Record

<u>Season</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>
2003-04	Wyoming	11	18	.379
2004-05	Wyoming	16	12	.571
<u>2005-06</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>.700</u>
Totals	Three years	48	39	.552

Conference Record

<u>Season</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W</u>	<u>L</u>	<u>%</u>	<u>Finish</u>	<u>Postseason</u>
2003-04	Wyoming	6	8	.429	5th	MWC Tournament Second Round
2004-05	Wyoming	7	7	.500	4th	MWC Tournament First Round
<u>2005-06</u>	<u>Wyoming</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>.625</u>	<u>5th</u>	<u>Second Round WNIT</u>
Totals	Three years	23	21	.523		

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Cumulative Coaches' Records at Wyoming

	<u>Years</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Conf.</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Away</u>	<u>Neutral</u>
Bonnie Hulstrand	1 year	11-4	.733	-----	----	4-1	3-0	4-3
Margie McDonald	9 years	123-114	.519	38-55	.409	69-40	37-60	17-14
Dan Richards	3 years	23-60	.277	7-27	.206	15-22	6-30	2-8
Chad Lavin	12 years	175-162	.519	75-79	.487	114-50	50-87	11-25
Cindy Fisher	5 years	59-81	.421	22-48	.314	32-28	19-42	8-11
<u>Joe Legerski</u>	<u>3 years</u>	<u>48-39</u>	<u>.552</u>	<u>23-21</u>	<u>.523</u>	<u>29-14</u>	<u>15-22</u>	<u>4-3</u>
Six Head Coaches	33 years	439-460	.488	165-230	.418	263-155	130-241	46-64
						.629	.350	.418

Season-by-Season Coaches' Records at Wyoming

<u>Year</u>	<u>Coach</u>	<u>Overall</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Conference</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Place/# Teams</u>	<u>Home</u>	<u>Road</u>	<u>Neutral</u>
73-74	Bonnie Hulstrand	11-4	.733	6-1	.857	-----	4-1	3-0	4-3
74-75	Margie McDonald	8-7	.533	6-5	.545	-----	5-3	2-4	1-0
75-76	Margie McDonald	8-10	.444	4-9	.307	10th/14	3-5	4-5	1-0
76-77	Margie McDonald	9-18	.333	5-8	.385	10th/14	5-6	3-9	1-3
77-78	Margie McDonald	18-8	.692	7-6	.538	6th/14	12-3	6-5	0-0
78-79	Margie McDonald	25-7	.781	10-4	.714	6th/14	9-2	12-2	4-3
79-80	Margie McDonald	16-17	.485	4-6	.400	4th/6 (West Div.)	9-4	3-10	4-3
80-81	Margie McDonald	10-20	.333	1-9	.100	6th/6 (West. Div.)	7-7	1-10	2-3
81-82	Margie McDonald	17-12	.586	4-6	.400	5th/6 (West. Div.)	15-4	1-7	1-1
82-83	Margie McDonald	12-15	.444	3-7	.300	T4th/6 (West. Div.)	4-6	5-8	3-1
83-84	Dan Richards	8-20	.286	1-9	.100	5th/6 (West. Div.)	6-8	1-9	1-3
84-85	Dan Richards	6-22	.214	2-10	.167	7th/7	4-8	1-9	1-5
85-86	Dan Richards	9-18	.333	4-8	.333	5th/7	5-6	4-12	0-0
86-87	Chad Lavin	15-12	.556	6-6	.500	4th/7	9-2	5-9	1-1
87-88	Chad Lavin	9-18	.333	1-9	.100	6th/6	7-6	2-10	0-2
88-89	Chad Lavin	18-14	.563	5-5	.500	3rd/6	15-3	3-7	0-4
89-90	Chad Lavin	24-8	.750	9-1	.900	1st/6	14-1	7-3	3-4
90-91	Chad Lavin	15-13	.536	7-5	.583	3rd/7	8-5	6-6	1-2
91-92	Chad Lavin	14-14	.500	5-9	.357	5th/8	8-6	5-7	1-1
92-93	Chad Lavin	14-13	.519	6-8	.429	5th/8	8-5	6-7	0-1
93-94	Chad Lavin	13-14	.481	8-6	.571	4th/8	8-5	4-5	1-4
94-95	Chad Lavin	15-12	.556	7-7	.500	3rd/8	12-4	3-7	0-1
95-96	Chad Lavin	11-16	.407	7-7	.500	4th/8	9-3	2-11	0-2
96-97	Chad Lavin	17-11	.607	9-7	.563	4th/8 (Pacific Div.)	9-4	5-6	3-1
97-98	Chad Lavin	10-17	.370	5-9	.357	6th/8 (Mtn. Div.)	7-6	2-9	1-2
98-99	Cindy Fisher	7-19	.269	3-11	.214	7th/8 (Mtn. Div.)	4-7	1-10	2-2
99-00	Cindy Fisher	10-18	.357	4-10	.286	6th/8	3-7	5-8	2-3
00-01	Cindy Fisher	11-17	.392	3-11	.214	7th/8	7-6	2-10	2-1
01-02	Cindy Fisher	13-15	.481	5-9	.357	6th/8	9-4	3-8	1-3
02-03	Cindy Fisher	18-12	.600	7-7	.500	6th/8	9-4	8-6	1-2
03-04	Joe Legerski	11-18	.379	6-8	.429	5th/8	7-7	2-10	2-1
04-05	Joe Legerski	16-11	.593	7-7	.500	4th/8	10-3	5-8	1-1
<u>05-06</u>	<u>Joe Legerski</u>	<u>21-9</u>	<u>.700</u>	<u>10-6</u>	<u>.625</u>	<u>5th/9</u>	<u>12-4</u>	<u>8-4</u>	<u>1-1</u>
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Gerald Mattinson

Associate Head Coach
Weber State, 1981

Gerald Mattinson enters his fourth season on the Cowgirl coaching staff and his first as an associate head coach. Prior to that, he spent two years as the Principal at East Junior High School in Rock Springs, Wyo.

He began his college basketball career as a student-athlete at Casper College for head coach Oscar "Swede" Ericson. While there, he was a First Team All-American and All-Region selection in 1978. Mattinson then moved onto a three-year career at Weber State University in Ogden, Utah. He earned All-Conference honors twice during his career for head coach Neil McCarthy. A two-time Academic All-American selection, he graduated from Weber State with a bachelor's of science degree in business education in 1981. He completed a master's of sports science degree from the

United States Sports Academy in 1988 and earned his principal endorsement from the University of Wyoming.

Mattinson's professional coaching career began at Weber State as a graduate assistant coach with the men's basketball program during the 1981-82 season. From 1982-1987, he was the head boy's basketball coach at Rock Springs High School (Rock Springs, Wyo.). He earned Wyoming State Coach of the Year honors and was named Conference Coach of the Year twice. From 1987-90, Mattinson was an assistant men's coach at Western Wyoming Community College. He was elevated to an Assistant Athletics Director and the Head Men's Basketball Coach in 1991 and held the position until 1998. For the 1998-99 season, he became an assistant with the women's program for one year. Mattinson had been a business education teacher at Rock Springs High School since 1982 before taking his current position in June of 2001.

Mattinson, and his wife, Carey are the parents of three children, stepson Morgan Splichal (22), step-daughter Tiffany Splichal (20) and son Ashton (10).



Assistant Coaches



Kristin Becker

Assistant Head Coach,
Vanderbilt, 1990

Kristin Becker comes to Wyoming after spending the last two years as the project manager for the Fort Riley Housing Expansion Project in Manhattan, Kansas.

Prior to that, she was an assistant coach at Kansas State University for six seasons (1998-2004). She served as the recruiting coordinator for the Wildcats, helping to bring in some of the program's best players including WNBA draft pick Nicole Ohlde. During that time, KSU advanced to the NCAA Tournament three consecutive years, including a Sweet 16 appearance in 2002. The team also won their first ever Big 12 Title during the 2001-02 season while finishing with a mark of 26-8 overall and 11-5 in the league. The previous two seasons, she served as an assistant coach at Vanderbilt

under veteran coach Jim Foster. In each of her years with the program, the Commodores qualified for the NCAA Tournament, including a trip to the 1997 NCAA Sweet Sixteen, and finished with an overall record of 40-20. From 1994-95, she served as an assistant coach at Loyola University in Chicago before becoming the interim head coach for one season (1995-96). Her professional coaching career started as a graduate assistant at Southern Illinois University from 1992-94.

She began her college career as a student-athlete at Vanderbilt playing for the Commodores from 1987-90 and was a member of the program's first NCAA Sweet Sixteen appearance team in 1990. A three-time All-SEC Academic Honor Roll selection, she earned CoSIDA Academic All-District honors and was named Female Commodore of the Year her senior year.

After her collegiate career, Becker played professionally for two years in Spain for La Universidad Complutense de Madrid before moving on to Southern Illinois as a graduate assistant.

A native of New Berlin, Wis., she graduated magna cum laude from Vanderbilt in 1990 with a degree in secondary education. She went on to earn a master's degree in Spanish and linguistics from Southern Illinois in 1994.



Katie Kern

Assistant Head Coach,
New Mexico, 1999

Katie Kern joins the program after spending the last three seasons as the top assistant coach at the University of Alaska Anchorage. She was involved in the day to day operations of the program including academics, assisting with practices, recruiting and scouting.

She began her college basketball career as a student-athlete at the University of New Mexico for head coach Don Flanagan. A four-year letterwinner for the Lobos, she was a first team All-Western Athletic Conference selection in 1999, while being named to the WAC All-Tournament Team (1998) and the All-Newcomer Team (1996). Over those years, the team had a combined record of 82-39 overall and 36-22 in the WAC, which included a 24-7 record, a 12-2 conference mark and a first place finish in the league during the 1998-99 season. Kern still ranks among the top 15 in school history in scoring, rebounding and blocked shots. A three-time Academic All-WAC selection, she earned her bachelor's degree in communications in 1999 and her master's degree in physical education and sport administration in 2003 both from the University of New Mexico. Following her career, she played two seasons of professional basketball in Germany and Luxembourg.

Kern's professional coaching career began at the University of New Mexico as a graduate assistant coach from 2001-2003. During that time, she assisted in several aspects of the program including on campus recruiting, film exchange, game day operations and organizing all recruiting mail-outs. She then moved on to the University of Alaska Anchorage as an assistant coach, where she has been for the last three years.

Assistant Coaches-Support Staff



Mary Grothe

Director of Basketball Operations,
Lynchburg College, 2004

Mary Grothe is in her second season as director of basketball operations and with the University of Wyoming Cowgirl basketball program.

Grothe came to Wyoming after spending a year (2004-05) at Texas A&M-Commerce University (Commerce City, Texas) as a graduate assistant with the Lion basketball program. She assisted in several aspects of the program, including scheduling of games, assisting with practices and recruiting, along with directing the TAMU-C summer basketball camp.

A native of Ohio, Grothe earned her bachelor's degree in health movement science and recreation from Lynchburg College in 2004 and recently completed her master's degree in health and kinesiology from Texas A&M University-Commerce in

the summer of 2006.

She began her college basketball career as a student-athlete at Lynchburg College in Lynchburg, Virginia. A four-year letterwinner for the Hornets, she was a team captain while helping her team to a 30-22 overall record during her junior and senior seasons. An excellent student, she was on the Dean's List from 2002-04 and was very involved in many scholastic activities.



Kathy Crowe

Associate Head Strength and Conditioning Coach/Olympic Sports,
Angelo State, 2000

Kathy Crowe is in her third year at the University of Wyoming. She came to Wyoming from The Ohio State University where she had been an assistant strength and conditioning coach for Olympic Sports for two years. Her responsibilities included designing and implementing strength, speed and conditioning programs for women's soccer, softball, women's tennis, men's gymnastics, men's and women's swimming and diving, and various other sports.

Prior to that, she spent two years at UTEP first as a graduate assistant and then as the first assistant strength and conditioning coach. Crowe received her bachelor's degree in kinesiology, graduating Magna Cum Laude, from Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas, in 2000 and her master's degree in kinesiology from UTEP in 2001. At Angelo State, she was a three-time track (discus) All-American, 1998-2000, and was the Lone Star Conference Discus Champion in 2000. She also earned numerous academic awards, including GTE Academic All-America honors in 1999-2000 and the Presidential Academic Excellence Award in 2000. In addition to being a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS), Crowe is also certified at the United States Weightlifting Club Coach Level 1 (USAW). She is a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association, the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association, and the United States Weightlifting Association.

Cowgirl Support Staff



Gwen Cotterman

Academic Coordinator,
Pepperdine, 1996

Gwen Cotterman is in her second year in with the UW Office of Academic Support after joining them in the Fall of 2005. Prior to that, she worked as a Coordinator in the Academic Assistance program at Drake University from 2001-2005 before adding the CHAMPS/LifeSkills position in 2003. From 2000-01, Cotterman was an assistant coach with the women's cross country and track and field teams at Drake. She earned her bachelor of science degree in sport administration from Pepperdine (Malibu, Calif.) in 1996 where she was a four-year member of the varsity cross country team. Following that, she went on to earn her master's in education with an emphasis in sport administration from Bowling Green State University in 1999. During that time, she worked as a graduate assistant in the school of Human Movement, Sport and Leisure Studies (1997-99) and as a practicum student in the athletics department (1998-99), along with volunteering with the women's cross country team. A native of California, her responsibilities include academic assistance to student-athletes of various sports, connect students to academic resources on campus, monitor fifth year recipient responsibilities along with the

day to day operation of the Office of Academic Support.



Andrea Gasser

Assistant Athletic Trainer,
North Dakota, 2000

Andrea Gasser enters her third year as an athletic trainer at the University of Wyoming and with the Cowgirl Basketball Program. Prior to coming to Wyoming, Gasser spent one year (2003-04) at Hardin-Simmons University (Abilene, Texas) where she was mainly responsible for coverage of the men's and women's soccer and softball programs. She was also an Adjunct Instructor in the Physical Education Department while at Hardin Simmons.

In the summer of 2005, she earned her master's degree in sports management from Saint Cloud State University in Saint Cloud, Minn. From 2001-03, she was a graduate assistant athletic trainer at Saint John's University in Collegeville, Minn. where she provided primary coverage for several sports. A native of Wheatland, Wyo., she earned her bachelors of science degree in athletic training in 2000 from the University of North Dakota.

Gasser is a current member of the National Athletic Trainers Association and holds the Texas State Licensure in Athletic Training.



Edna Sena

Cowgirl Basketball
Office Manager

Edna Sena begins her second year as the Cowgirl Women's Basketball office manager. She also oversees all of the office duties for Cowgirl Volleyball as well. Sena began her career at the University of Wyoming in the College of Education as an administrative assistant from 1997-2004. Prior to that, she worked for

the Grand Canyon Association in Grand Canyon National Park, Ariz. (September 1982-September 1997) before moving back to Laramie. A native of Wyoming, she and her husband, Leroy have one daughter, Theresa, who lives in Tempe, Ariz.



Cowgirl Basketball Managers: Kris Ward, Katie Lancaster, Cortnee Carroll, Stephanie Foster