



KEVIN NICKELBERRY

HIGH-LEVEL BASKETBALL COACH & ELITE RECRUITER

HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 30 years of Division I coaching experience and over 15 years of head coaching experience, including an interim stint leading LSU into the NCAA Tournament in 2022
- Named one of the Top 20 assistant coaches in the country in 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 by ABIS (Advancement Blacks in Sports)
- Recruiting coordinator for an LSU program that had a trio of top 10 classes in as many seasons (2020 - 5th; 2021 - 6th; 2022 - 9th)
- Assembled the #2 ranked transfer class in 2022-23 at Georgetown

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EDUCATION

B.A | Communications | Virginia Wesleyan University | 1986

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Led LSU into the NCAA Tournament in 2021-22
- Guided Howard to its first postseason appearance in almost 30 years
- Been a part of seven programs that have appeared in postseason play
- Played a role in preparing players who have earned nearly 25 rookie/newcomer/player of the year honors as well as coaching more than 30 all-conference players

PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT COACH | FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY | 2023-Present

- Helped assemble a transfer class that has earned FSU a first-round bye in the ACC Tournament

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH | GEORGETOWN | 2022-23

- Upon arrival secured seven commitments, including Brandon Murray, Akok Akok, Qudus Wahab, Primo Spears and Jay Heath, for a recruiting class that was tabbed No. 2 on 247Sports.com's Transfer Portal rankings

ASSISTANT COACH | LSU | 2019-2022

- Part of a staff that averaged 20 wins over three seasons, and reached the round of 32 in the 2020-21 NCAA Tournament
- Also coached on a staff that had 3 players drafted (two first-round picks) and has 5 players that have seen playing time in the NBA in 2023-24
- Led the Tigers into the 2022 NCAA Tournament as Interim Head Coach
- Played in SEC Championship in the 2020-21 season for the first time since 1993
- Recruiting coordinator for a program that had a trio of top 10 classes in as many seasons (2020 - 5th; 2021 - 6th; 2022 - 9th)
- Lead recruiter for the 2021 class that saw LSU bring in a five-star center and a duo of four-star guards to go along with another pair of four stars and a three-star signee
- Involved in pre-game scouting and in-game coaching with a specific focus on game management, time outs, and late-game coordinator

HEAD COACH | HOWARD UNIVERSITY | 2010-2019

- 2nd in all-time wins in school history
- All but one four-year senior graduated during their tenure as Head Coach
- Led Howard to first postseason appearance (2018-19) in almost 30 years (1982)

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Graduated all but one, four-year senior as head coach at Howard
- Led the Libya National Team in 2009 and won more games at the FIBA Africa Championship than Libya had won prior to and since his tenure

OTHER INTERESTS

- Before coaching, founded an at-risk youth non-profit organization in the Washington, D.C., area and was also the president of two public relations firms
- Member of the National Association of Basketball Coaches
- Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc.

FAMILY

- Wife: Felicia
- Children: Carter, Kyan, Kelby

PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

- Recruited and coached three (3) players who made the Top 50 All-Time MEAC Team: James Daniels ROY/POY, Charles Williams ROY/Leading scorer in history, RJ Cole ROY/POY
- The team recorded a 2013 fall semester GPA of over 3.0 – the highest in school history at the time - after inheriting a program with severe APR issues.
- Howard has posted double-digit wins eight times in 29 years, six of which have come during tenure
- Led the youngest team in the MEAC to a 16-16 record in 2014-15, the most wins and first non-losing record since 2001-02; the eight-win improvement from the previous season was the greatest since 2001-02
- Howard earned a first-round bye in the 2015 MEAC Tournament for the first time since 2002
- Howard's opening-round win in the 2012 MEAC Tournament was its first tournament victory since 2002
- Raised over \$200,000 for the upgrading of basketball facilities

HEAD COACH, LIBYA NATIONAL TEAM | 2009

- Led team to the second round of the African Championship (defeated South Africa, Egypt, and Morocco - Libya was previously 0-6)
- Led team to the second round of the Arab Cup in Morocco (defeated Syria, Lebanon, and the United Emirates with only Libyans on the roster - no import players)
- 11-1 record against Turkey's senior, junior, and university national teams - defeated Kosovo twice by large margins
- Coordinated all duties of scouting and signing players for the 2009 Libya National Basketball Team
- Organized and directed training camps in preparation for the 2009 Mediterranean and Moroccan games as well as Africa Championships in Libya
- Certified FIBA Coach and Villa 7 Consortium participant

HEAD COACH | HAMPTON UNIVERSITY | 2006-2009

- Rated No. 15 among the Top 25 "Up-and-Coming" college basketball coaches by Sporting News and HoopScoopOnline.com in 2008
- After taking over a program with APR sanctions, raised the team's APR and GPA to their highest level in 10 years
- Averaged 10 conference wins a season for three years
- 20 non-conference wins over three years, including George Mason & Portland State (2008-09), VCU & Tulsa (2007-08)
- Recruited 13 freshmen in first three years (most in the MEAC), while collecting 49 Division I wins (second-most among MEAC schools)
- Had two recruiting classes rated in the Top 60 nationally
- Consistently placed among the MEAC Top 3 of every defensive category and among the NCAA Top 25 in at least two categories
- Hampton went from 168th in Division I in scoring defense to 12th by the end of his third season
- Developed the Kevin Nickelberry Basketball Camp which attracted over 800 children
- Began a radio show that had seven sponsors, including Chrysler and McDonald's and helped fundraise over \$100,000 for locker room upgrades, and arena improvements

REPRESENTATION

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PROFESSIONAL COACHING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT COACH | CLEMSON UNIVERSITY | 2006-2009

- Recruited nine players on the Tigers' 2008, 2009, and 2010 NCAA Tournament teams, including K.C. Rivers, James Mays, and Trevor Booker
- Clemson went from 10 wins in the first year to 19 wins after the third year, which set up a streak of four consecutive 20+-win seasons
- Named one of the top assistant coaches in the nation by Basketball Times, Rivals.com, and Hoop Scoop
- Recruiting coordinator for two consecutive Top 40 recruiting classes (25th in 2004-05 and 36th in 2005-06).

ASSISTANT COACH | UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHARLOTTE | 2001-2003

- Recruited and coached Eddie Basden, the second player in Conference USA history to win "Player of the Year" and "Defensive Player of the Year" in the same season
- As Recruiting Coordinator, signed the No. 1-rated center prospect in the country, four Top 100 prospects, as well as two Top 20 recruiting classes
- Finished 18-12 overall in 2001-02 (11-5 in C-USA), earning an at-large bid to the NCAA Tournament

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH | HOLY CROSS COLLEGE | 1999-2001

- Joined a program that had three straight seasons of single-digit wins and turned it into a 22-win team by the end of the second season
- Advanced to the 2001 NCAA Tournament with a 22-7 record to win Patriot League regular season and tournament titles
- Coached two Patriot League "Players of the Year" (Tim Szatko & Patrick Whearty)
- Recruited two Patriot League "Rookies of the Year" (Tim Szatko & Nate Lufkin)

ASSISTANT COACH | MONMOUTH UNIVERSITY | 1988-1999

- Was Recruiting Coordinator for the highest-ranked recruiting class in school history
- Signed 2001 NEC "Player of the Year" Rahsaan Johnson and 1998 "Rookie of the Year" Alpha Bangura

ASSISTANT COACH | HOWARD UNIVERSITY | 1994-1998

- Part of the staff that recruited and coached ALL MEAC players Jabari Outtz and Xavier Singletary

WOMEN'S HEAD COACH | COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE | 1991-1994

- Recorded most wins in school history (43)
- Set the school record for wins at the time (17 in 1992-93) and made NAIA playoffs three straight seasons

MEN'S ASSISTANT COACH | COLUMBIA UNION COLLEGE | 1991-1992

- Team made NAIA National Tournament for the first time in school history