

**COACHES**



# KEVIN STALLINGS



## THE STALLINGS FILE

### **Born**

October 1, 1960

### **High School**

Collinsville (Ill.) '78

### **College**

#### **Bachelor's Degree:**

Business Management and  
Marketing, Purdue, '82

#### **Master's Degree:**

Purdue, '85

### **Family**

Wife, Lisa, three children,  
Jacob, Alexa, Jordyn

### **Coaching Career**

Purdue, Assistant Coach  
(1983-1988)

Kansas, Assistant Coach  
(1989-1993)

Illinois State, Head Coach  
(1994-1999)

Vanderbilt, Head Coach  
(2000-Present)

Vanderbilt head coach Kevin Stallings has taken the Commodore basketball program to unparalleled heights in his 10 years at the helm, with success coming on the floor and in the classroom during his tenure. His teams have advanced to two Sweet 16 appearances in six years, and off the floor, every Vanderbilt senior basketball player has received a degree. His teams have also made Memorial Gym, already one of the most unique arenas in America, a hostile and very challenging place for opposing teams.

This kind of success comes as no surprise to the players who put on the Vanderbilt jersey when adjectives like competitive, personable, passionate, intense, honest, hard working, knowledgeable, and prepared describe their coach and the program they represent.

Ten seasons into his stay in Nashville, Stallings has Vanderbilt in the upper echelon of college basketball circles with seven postseason appearances, two NCAA Tournament Sweet 16 appearances in 2004 and 2007, three NCAA Tournament berths, and four 20-win seasons. Stallings became the first coach to take two Vanderbilt teams to a Sweet 16 of the NCAA Tournament since the 64-65 team format, and the Commodore mentor has had a SEC Player of the Year on his squad in three out of his 10 years in Nashville.

The list of accomplishments for the current Vanderbilt coach continues to grow:

- Stallings became the second Vanderbilt coach in school history to have three 20-win seasons (Roy Skinner) after the 2006-07 season. He now has four 20-win seasons. Skinner is the all-time leader with six 20-win campaigns.
- He was named SEC Coach of the Year by SEC Coaches in 2007, the first for a Vanderbilt coach since Eddie Fogler won the award in 1993. He is only the third coach ever to accomplish the feat at Vanderbilt.
- Currently stands at 312 career wins and 189 wins in his 10-year tenure as Vanderbilt's head coach.
- He has coached three SEC Players of the Year (coaches) - Dan Langhi in 1999-2000, Derrick Byars in 2006-07, and Shan Foster in 2007-08 (AP and Coaches).
- Now in 25th place amongst winningest coaches in the SEC (at SEC institutions) with 189 Vanderbilt wins.
- He coached three SEC Academic Honor Roll members in 2008-09 in Elliott Cole, Joe Duffy, and Andre Walker. It pushed his total number of SEC Academic Honor Roll selections to 29 during his 10-year tenure.
- He now has 312 career victories as a head coach, which makes him the fourth current SEC coach with 300 or more wins, and his 189 Vanderbilt wins ranks him third all-time in the Commodore record books behind Roy Skinner (278; 1959, 1962-76) and Bob Polk (197; 1948-58, 1960-61).

In fact, in his 30 years as a player or coach, success has followed Stallings throughout his basketball career as a player at Purdue, an assistant at both Purdue and Kansas and his previous head coaching position at Illinois State. During the time span, Stallings has been a part of 20 seasons with 20-or-more victories and a basketball season has concluded during postseason play 24 times.

Stallings has guided the Commodores to postseason play in five out of the last six



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Coach Stallings with assistant coaches  
Tom Richardson and King Rice

seasons and in seven out of his 10 years at Vanderbilt. Included in those appearances are two Sweet 16 berths and back-to-back NCAA appearances in 2007 and 2008.

The 2007-08 addition of the Commodores was one of the most successful teams of the Stallings era. Vanderbilt tied for the most wins in regular season history (25), advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the second consecutive year, the first time since 1988-89 that has occurred, won 10 games in the SEC for the second consecutive season, and saw one of his four-year seniors, Shan Foster, capture SEC Player of the Year honors, the Lowe's Senior CLASS Award, and become the school's all-time leading scorer.

The 2003-04 campaign saw the Commodores advance to their first NCAA Tournament since 1993, reaching the Phoenix Regional Semifinals before bowing out to Connecticut, the eventual national champion, and in 2006-07, the Commodores knocked off George Washington and Washington State before dropping a 66-65 decision to Georgetown in the East Regional Semifinals.

In 2003-04, Vanderbilt set a then-school record with a 12-0 start, knocked off five nationally ranked opponents and advanced to the semifinals of the SEC Tournament. All of this before reaching the "Big Dance" and concluding its run with a 23-10 overall mark. In 2006-07, Vanderbilt had the SEC Player of the Year in Derrick Byars and knocked off seven ranked opponents during the year. In 2007-08, the Commodores tallied 25 regular season wins, which tied the 1992-93 team for the most in school history, and knocked off the number one team in the nation for the second consecutive season.

## STALLINGS' RECORD THROUGH THE YEARS

Year	School	Position	W-L	Conf.	Postseason
2009	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	19-12	8-8	—
2008	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	26-8	10-6	NCAA First Round
2007	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	22-12	10-6	NCAA Regional Semifinals
2006	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	17-13	7-9	NIT First Round
2005	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	20-14	8-8	NIT Quarterfinals
2004	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	23-10	8-8	NCAA Regional Semifinals
2003	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	11-18	3-13	—
2002	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	17-15	6-10	NIT First Round <sup>^</sup>
2001	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	15-15	4-12	—
2000	Vanderbilt	Head Coach	19-11	8-8	NIT First Round
1999	Illinois State	Head Coach	16-15	7-11	—
1998	Illinois State	Head Coach	25-6	16-2 <sup>#</sup>	NCAA Second Round
1997	Illinois State	Head Coach	24-6	14-4 <sup>#</sup>	NCAA First Round
1996	Illinois State	Head Coach	22-12	13-5	NIT Quarterfinals
1995	Illinois State	Head Coach	20-13	13-5	NIT Second Round
1994	Illinois State	Head Coach	16-11	12-6	—
1993	Kansas	Assistant	29-7	11-3 <sup>*</sup>	NCAA Final Four
1992	Kansas	Assistant	27-5	11-3 <sup>#</sup>	NCAA Second Round
1991	Kansas	Assistant	27-8	10-4 <sup>*</sup>	NCAA Final Four <sup>*</sup>
1990	Kansas	Assistant	30-5	11-3	NCAA Second Round
1989	Kansas	Assistant	19-12	6-8	—
1988	Purdue	Assistant	29-4	16-2 <sup>*</sup>	NCAA Sweet 16
1987	Purdue	Assistant	25-5	15-3 <sup>*</sup>	NCAA Second Round
1986	Purdue	Assistant	22-10	11-7	NCAA First Round
1985	Purdue	Assistant	20-9	12-6	NCAA First Round
1984	Purdue	Assistant	22-7	15-3 <sup>*</sup>	NCAA First Round
1983	Purdue	Assistant	21-9	11-7	NCAA Second Round
1982	Purdue	Player	18-14	11-7	NIT Final Four
1981	Purdue	Player	21-11	10-8	NIT Final Four
1980	Purdue	Player	27-8	11-7 <sup>#</sup>	NCAA Final Four
1979	Belleville J.C.	Player	28-9	—	NJCAA Tournament
<b>Totals at Vanderbilt</b>			<b>189-128</b>	<b>62-82</b>	
<b>Totals at Illinois State</b>			<b>123-63</b>	<b>75-33</b>	
<b>Head Coach Totals</b>			<b>312-191</b>	<b>147-123</b>	
<b>Totals at Kansas</b>			<b>132-37</b>	<b>49-21</b>	
<b>Totals at Purdue (coaching)</b>			<b>139-44</b>		
<b>Totals at Purdue (playing) 66-33</b>					

• - Regular season conference champions

# - Conference tournament champions

\* - Lost in National Championship game

<sup>^</sup> - Included an Opening Round play-in game that Vanderbilt won over Houston

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Coach Stallings and A.J. Ogilvy with  
Bill Raftery of CBS Sports

## STALLINGS' CAREER AT A GLANCE

- 5** NCAA appearances as a head coach
- 2** Sweet 16 appearances
- 3** Number of SEC Players of the Year in his 10-year tenure at Vanderbilt
- 8** 20-win seasons in 16 years as a head coach, four in his 10 years at Vanderbilt
- 312** Total victories as a head coach
- 189** Victories as Vanderbilt head coach, third-most in program history
- 29** Number of SEC All-Academic team members he has coached at Vanderbilt.
- All** 26 of his seniors either have earned or are currently working toward their college degree

In all, Stallings has coached in seven postseason tournaments, three NCAA tournaments and four NIT's. The Commodores reached the NIT in 2000, 2002, 2005, and 2006, and in 2005, the Commodores made the quarterfinals of the NIT, winning at Indiana and outlasting Wichita State at the buzzer before falling at Memphis, one step short of reaching the semifinal round in New York City.

### Qualities of a Caring Coach

Throughout his tenure at Vanderbilt, Stallings has proven himself as a coach whose intensity from the bench and drive to compete matches his reputation as a talented tactician and his genuine concern for players. Since coming to Nashville, Stallings has embraced the Commodore basketball tradition while building a program based on quality players and dedicated students.

He has molded Commodore players into some of the finest in the SEC. Former Commodores Dan Langhi and Matt Freije blossomed under the direction of Stallings. Langhi earned the 2000 SEC Player of the Year award while Freije became Vanderbilt's all-time leading scorer. Derrick Byars became Stallings' second player of the year in 2007, and wing Shan Foster became his third in 2008. Both Byars and Foster were second-round selections in the 2007 and 2008 NBA Draft, respectively.

At the same time, Stallings makes sure his players perform in the classroom. At Vanderbilt, all 26 of his seniors either have earned or are currently working toward their college degree. While at Illinois State, five Redbirds achieved Academic All-America status and all but two seniors earned their degree.

Since Stallings became head coach, a Vanderbilt player has been named:

- All-SEC either by the Associated Press or the league's coaches 17 times.
- SEC Player of the Week 16 times.
- Academic All-SEC 29 times.

### Track Record for Success

Prior to coming to Vanderbilt, Stallings coached six seasons at Illinois State (1994-99) in his first head coaching opportunity. Following the most successful coach in school history, Stallings raised the program to higher standards, taking four teams to postseason tournaments, including two trips to the NCAA Tournament. He became the first men's basketball coach in the history of the Missouri Valley Conference to win back-to-back regular season and conference tournament titles in 1997 and 1998. As the Redbirds head coach, Stallings averaged 21 wins a season, compiling a 123-63 record.

As an assistant coach, Stallings worked with two of the nation's most well-known and respected mentors in the nation – Gene Keady, his college coach at Purdue, and Roy Williams at Kansas.

After helping lead the Boilermakers as a player (1980-82) to three postseason tournament appearances, including a NCAA Final Four appearance in 1980, Stallings served as an assistant coach under Keady from 1983-88. On Keady's staff, Stallings helped direct Purdue to six NCAA Tournament appearances and three Big Ten championships while tallying a 140-





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44 overall record.

"More than anything, I think what Gene Keady taught me was that good teams have good players and great teams have great teammates," Stallings said. "I think his greatest strength was his ability to get a team to achieve as close to its potential as possible on a very consistent basis. That's because of his ability to motivate people to be a willing part of what he called 'being a company man.' I believe in that and I believe in him. It's obvious that he was brilliant in that way."

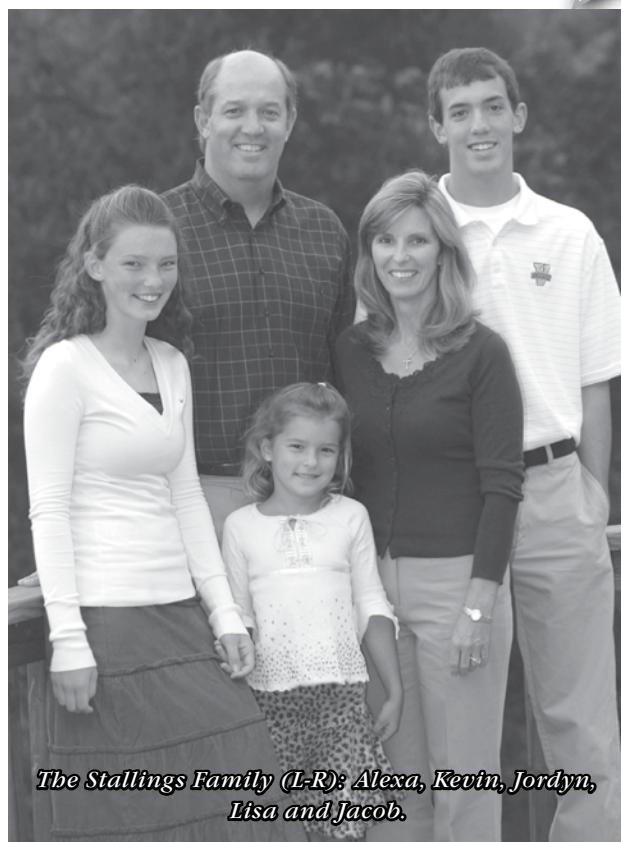
Stallings left Purdue to join Williams' coaching staff at Kansas in 1989. Over the next five seasons, the Jayhawks made four NCAA Tournament appearances, enjoyed two trips to the Final Four, finished as the 1991 national runner-up and accumulated a 132-38 mark during Stallings' stay.

"The thorough nature in which Roy Williams approaches his job was the biggest aspect I took from my time at Kansas. Roy is very detailed, very organized, and very meticulous. Not only is he a great coach and great recruiter, but he runs his program with precision and with great organization."

A 1978 graduate of Collinsville High School outside of St. Louis, Stallings played under the legendary Vergil Fletcher, who was inducted into the National High School Athletic Coaches Association Hall of Fame during the 2004 summer.

Stallings earned his undergraduate degree in business management and marketing at Purdue in 1982 before receiving a Master's degree from Purdue in 1985.

Stallings and his wife Lisa have three children: Jacob (19), Alexa (15) and Jordyn (9).



*The Stallings Family (L-R): Alexa, Kevin, Jordyn, Lisa and Jacob.*

## STALLINGS' OVERALL RECORD VS. OPPONENTS

Akron .....1-0	Eastern Kentucky .....1-0	Louisiana Tech .....0-1	South Florida .....1-0	<b>Overall .....312-198</b>
Alabama .....7-6	East Tennessee State .....5-0	Massachusetts .....2-0	Southern Illinois .....7-8	At Home .....202-54
Alabama A&M .....4-0	Elon .....1-0	Memphis .....0-1	Southern Mississippi .....1-0	On the Road .....73-111
Alcorn State .....1-0	Evansville .....10-1	Michigan .....1-1	St. Joseph's .....1-0	At Neutral Sites .....37-26
American .....1-0	Fairleigh Dickinson .....1-0	Mississippi .....7-4	St. Mary's (Calif.) .....1-0	In the NCAA Tournament...5-5
American-Puerto Rico .....1-0	Florida .....5-16	Mississippi State .....5-7	SE Missouri State .....1-0	In the NIT .....6-6
Appalachian State .....2-1	Florida State .....1-1	Missouri-Kansas City .....1-0	SW Missouri State .....9-5	In Overtime Games .....12-9
Arizona .....0-1	Furman .....2-1	Monmouth .....0-1	Southeastern Louisiana .....1-0	
Arizona State .....0-1	George Washington .....1-0	Morehead State .....2-0	Louisiana-Lafayette .....1-0	
Arkansas .....3-9	Georgetown .....1-2	Mount St. Mary's .....1-0	Stetson .....1-0	
Auburn .....8-5	Georgia .....11-9	MTSU .....1-0	Tennessee .....9-12	
Austin Peay .....2-0	Georgia Southern .....1-0	New Orleans .....1-0	Tennessee-Chattanooga .....1-0	
Belmont .....3-0	Georgia Tech .....2-2	Nicholls State .....1-0	Tennessee-Martin .....3-0	
Birmingham Southern .....1-0	Hampton .....1-0	Notre Dame .....1-3	Tennessee State .....3-0	
Boston College .....1-1	Hawaii .....0-1	North Carolina State .....1-0	Tennessee Tech .....3-0	
Bradley .....7-6	Hawaii-Hilo .....1-0	UNC Greensboro .....1-0	TCU .....2-0	
Bucknell .....1-0	High Point .....1-0	UNC Wilmington .....1-1	Texas-Pan American .....1-0	
Butler .....0-1	Hofstra .....1-0	Northeast Louisiana .....1-0	Toledo .....3-0	
Cal Poly SLO .....1-0	Houston .....1-0	Northern Iowa .....8-7	Tulane .....1-2	
Cal State Northridge .....1-0	Illinois .....0-1	Northwestern .....2-1	Tulsa .....4-2	
Centenary .....1-0	Illinois-Chicago .....2-2	Oakland .....1-1	Utah State .....2-0	
Central Arkansas .....1-0	Indiana .....2-1	Ohio .....2-0	Valparaiso .....1-0	
Central Michigan .....1-0	Indiana State .....10-3	Oregon .....1-1	Vanderbilt .....0-1	
Cincinnati .....0-3	IUPUI .....2-0	Pacific .....1-0	Virginia Commonwealth .....2-1	
College of Charleston .....1-0	Iona .....2-0	Pittsburgh .....2-0	Wake Forest .....1-2	
Colorado .....1-0	Iowa State .....0-2	Puerto Rico-Mayaguez .....1-0	Washington State .....1-1	
Connecticut .....0-3	Jacksonville State .....1-0	Purdue .....0-1	Western Carolina .....1-0	
Creighton .....10-2	James Madison .....1-1	Rice .....2-0	Western Kentucky .....3-0	
Dayton .....3-0	Kentucky .....8-13	Saint Francis .....1-0	Western Michigan .....1-0	
DePaul .....2-2	LaSalle .....1-0	Santa Clara .....0-2	Wichita State .....12-2	
Drake .....12-2	Lehigh .....1-0	Siena .....0-1	William & Mary .....1-0	
Duquesne .....0-2	Liberty .....1-0	South Alabama .....1-0	Wisconsin .....1-2	
East Carolina .....1-1	Lipscomb .....2-0	South Carolina .....9-11	Wisconsin-Green Bay .....3-1	
Eastern Illinois .....1-0	Louisiana State .....7-6	South Carolina State .....1-0	Wofford .....3-0	

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# BRAD FREDERICK



## THE FREDERICK FILE

### **Born**

November 19, 1976

### **High School**

Lawrence H.S. (Kansas)

### **College**

#### **Bachelor's Degree:**

History & Political Science,  
North Carolina, '99

#### **Master's Degree:**

Education,  
Illinois, '05

### **Family**

Wife, Jocelyn;  
Son, Benjamin Robert

### **Prior Basketball Career**

North Carolina, Player  
(1997-99)

Vanderbilt, Staff  
(2000-Present)



**B**rad Frederick is in his 11th campaign at Vanderbilt after joining Kevin Stallings' first Commodore coaching staff in 2000.

The son of former Kansas University Athletics Director Bob Frederick, Brad grew up in Lawrence, Kan., and sat in on numerous Jayhawk practices at Allen Field House under former head coaches Larry Brown and Roy Williams.

Frederick played three seasons as a reserve forward at North Carolina, including the final season of legendary coach Dean Smith's career and the two-year coaching tenure of Bill Guthridge.

"That's one reason I went to North Carolina," Frederick said. "I wanted to learn from Coach Smith. Besides teaching me numerous things on the basketball court, he also showed me how to run a program."

As a Tar Heel, Frederick was part of two Final Four teams and two ACC Championship teams. He was the recipient of the team's Rick Sharp Award, which goes to the player who contributes the most behind the scenes. As a senior at UNC, Frederick also served as an assistant coach for the North Carolina junior varsity program under former Tar Heel great Phil Ford.

Frederick won the Athletic Director's Scholar-Athlete award twice during his junior and senior year and graduated with honors in political science and history.

Stallings met Frederick when the current Commodore head coach was an assistant at Kansas from 1989-1993.

Frederick, 33, is married to Jocelyn Isenburg of Longmeadow, Mass. They are the proud parents of Benjamin Robert Frederick, who was born February 20, 2008.

### **FREDERICK ON COACHING AT VANDERBILT**

"It has been a tremendous experience working at Vanderbilt. I feel fortunate to be around so many quality kids and coaches."

# DAN MULLER



## THE MULLER FILE

### **Born**

February 21, 1976

### **High School**

Central Catholic (Ind.)

### **College**

#### **Bachelor's Degree:**

Business Management  
Illinois State '98

#### **Master's Degree:**

Business Administration  
Florida '03

### **Family**

Wife, Melissa; step-son, Sib

### **Basketball Career**

Illinois State, Player  
(1995-98)

Vancouver Grizzlies, Player  
(1999)

Siemens Ghent (Belgium), Player  
(2000)

Vanderbilt, Staff  
(2001-Present)



**D**an Muller is in his 10th season as a member of the Vanderbilt basketball program. Muller's responsibilities with the Commodores include recruiting, player academics, and scouting.

Prior to joining the Vanderbilt staff, Muller spent two years playing professionally in Argentina, Vancouver and Belgium.

Muller is no stranger to head coach Kevin Stallings after playing for him at Illinois State (1995-98). Muller helped the Redbirds to two regular season and Missouri Valley Conference Tournament championships and four postseason appearances, including trips to the NCAA Tournament in his final two seasons.

Ranked eighth in career scoring, Muller posted career marks in four categories, while helping ISU to a 91-36 record during his stay. He also was a three-time member of the MVC All-Defense Team and was named the MVP of the MVC Tournament as a senior.

Off the court, Muller was just as successful. He was a two-time GTE Academic All-American and was a recipient of the NCAA's Post-Graduate Scholarship. He also was named a Bone Scholar, the highest academic honor at ISU.

In 2003, Muller earned his MBA from the University of Florida.

He and his wife, Melissa, have one step-son, Sib.

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## **MULLER ON COACHING AT VANDERBILT**

"In my time at Vanderbilt, I have had the fortunate opportunity to work with the best coaches in the business, coach the most admirable student-athletes in the country and be a part of a truly special university."





# KING RICE



## THE RICE FILE

### Born

December 14, 1968

### High School

Binghamton High School

### College

**Bachelor's Degree:**  
Radio-TV-Motion Pictures,  
North Carolina, '92

### Family

Wife, Summer; son, Alexander;  
niece Dominique

### Prior Basketball Career

North Carolina, Player  
(1988-91)  
Oregon, Staff  
(1992-93)  
Illinois State, Staff  
(1993-98)  
Providence, Staff  
(1999-2000)  
Vanderbilt, Staff  
(2006-present)



**K**ing Rice is in his fourth season at Vanderbilt. The former point guard at North Carolina and assistant coach at Oregon, Illinois State and Providence, was named to the Vanderbilt staff in June 2006.

Rice, 40, served as an assistant to Stallings for five seasons at Illinois State from 1994-98, helping the Redbirds advance to postseason play four times, including two appearances in the NCAA Tournament. Rice helped spearhead recruiting efforts and was noted for his solid relationships with players.

Prior to his stint in Normal, Ill., Rice began his coaching career as an assistant on Jerry Green's Oregon staff during the 1993 campaign. Following his five seasons with Stallings at Illinois State, Rice was an assistant for two years (1999-2000) at Providence under current head coach Tim Welsh.

As a point guard at North Carolina from 1988-91, Rice played under legendary coach Dean Smith helping the Tar Heels to a 29-6 overall mark and appearance at the NCAA Final Four in 1991. He finished his career ranked third on the Tar Heels all-time assist list with 629. His assist numbers rank 11th all-time in the Atlantic Coast Conference, averaging 6.2 assists in 140 career games. Rice was voted most outstanding senior by his teammates in 1991 after receiving recognition as the squad's top defensive player during his junior season.

A native of Binghamton, N.Y., Rice earned his bachelor's degree in communications from North Carolina in 1992.

Rice served as head coach of the Bahamian National team for three seasons from 2002-2004.

Along with North Carolina teammate Rick Fox, Rice formed CarolinaPros, Inc., in 1998. The service organization currently sponsors a variety of community-based events and provides assistance through mentoring programs, scholarships, skill development and donor education.

Rice worked as a professional trainer to Fox for five years. Fox logged 13 seasons in the NBA with the Boston Celtics and Los Angeles Lakers from 1992-2004.

Rice's family includes his wife, Summer, son, Alexander and niece, Dominique.



**Coach Rice with his wife Summer and son Alexander**

## RICE ON COACHING AT VANDERBILT

"Kevin Stallings is one of the top minds in college basketball. At the same time, Vanderbilt offers a great setting to gain a quality education while competing in one of the strong conferences in the nation."





# TOM RICHARDSON



## THE RICHARDSON FILE

### **Born**

August 3, 1954

### **High School**

Marist (Ill.)

### **College**

#### **Bachelor's Degree:**

Social Sciences,  
St. Xavier (Ill.) '77

#### **Master's Degree:**

Physical Education,  
Chicago State '86

### **Family**

Wife, Nancy; three children,  
Mary Beth, Katie, Matthew

### **Prior Basketball Career**

St. Xavier (Ill.), Player  
(1974-77)

Marist HS (Ill.), Staff  
(1977-79)

Nazareth HS (Ill.), Head Coach  
(1980-93)

Illinois State, Staff  
(1993-99)

Illinois State, Head Coach  
(1999-2002)

Vanderbilt, Staff  
(2003-Present)



**T**om Richardson enters his seventh season at Vanderbilt after joining the men's basketball program prior to the 2003-04 season.

A trusted friend and talented instructor, Richardson came to Vanderbilt after serving four years as head coach at Illinois State.

He succeeded Stallings as the Redbird head coach after the two had combined to lead Illinois State to a 123-63 record in six years.

During that tenure, regarded by many as the most successful in school history, the Redbirds won two Missouri Conference championships, made two trips to the NCAA Tournament and had two berths in the NIT. He also had the opportunity to coach Dan Muller, who is currently on the Vanderbilt staff.

In his four years as head coach, Richardson directed Illinois State to a 56-64 record with two second-place finishes in the Missouri Valley and one trip to the NIT.

Richardson gained a reputation as an excellent shooting instructor and the Illinois State field goal and free throw percentages during his tenure are proof of that ability. He was responsible for three of the top four free throw percentage seasons and three of the top five field goal percentage seasons in Illinois State history. His 2002-03 squad led the nation, shooting 44 percent from behind the 3-point line.

Prior to going to Illinois State, Richardson compiled a 193-146 record at Nazareth Academy High School in LaGrange, Ill., a Chicago suburb. He began the boys basketball program there and in his last 10 years had a 182-84 mark with three conference championships.

Richardson graduated from St. Xavier (Ill.) in 1977 and was a two-time basketball team captain. He was inducted into the school's athletics hall of fame in 1991. He received his master's from Chicago State in 1986.

He and his wife, Nancy, have three children; Mary Beth, Katie, and Matthew.

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**Mark Davis**  
Strength & Conditioning Coach



**Shannon Gordon**  
Athletic Trainer



**Meredith Schakel**  
Administrative Assistant

## STUDENT MANAGERS



**Standing (left to right):** Sophomore Will Hulings, junior Justin Murphy, and senior Sam Ferry  
**Sitting (left to right):** Junior Doug Browne and junior Trey Cherry

### Mark Davis - Strength & Conditioning Coach

Mark Davis is in his ninth season as the strength coach for the men's basketball program. He also works with the women's track and field, women's cross country and swimming and diving teams.

Davis majored in psychology at Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio, where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1988. In 1994, he earned his master's degree in exercise science and physical education from Arizona State. Prior to Vanderbilt, Davis worked as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach at Tennessee State from 1997-1999. He also served as the strength and conditioning coach at Nebraska from 1995-1997.

Mark and his wife, Cindy, have a son, Noah.

### Shannon Gordon - Athletic Trainer

Shannon Gordon is in his third season as the athletic trainer for Commodore men's basketball, and his second season at Vanderbilt. He worked with the nationally ranked VU baseball team in 2006-07.

Gordon came to Nashville after working as an athletic trainer at Ohio University. He worked closely with the men's basketball team as well as the football and women's soccer squads.

This is his second stint in Nashville as he served as outreach coordinator for high school athletic training programs through Columbia Sports Medicine from 1994-99. He also worked with the Nashville Kats from 1997-99.

Gordon has a bachelor's degree in physical education with an emphasis on athletic training from Indiana State in 1992. He earned his master's degree in kinesiology/athletic training from Indiana and is currently pursuing his PhD.

He is married to the former Kara Durham.

### Meredith Schakel - Administrative Assistant

Meredith Schakel is in her fifth season as the administrative assistant for the men's basketball team. She maintains Coach Stallings' appointment schedule and handles all correspondence for the staff. Schakel organizes the Commodores' postseason banquet, works with Vanderbilt's basketball alumni group — the Rebounders — and performs the bookkeeping duties associated with the summer basketball camps.

Prior to her current position, Schakel worked as a marketing assistant in the Vanderbilt athletics department, working with nine Commodore teams. Schakel graduated from the University of North Carolina in 2003 with a degree in Business Administration. While at North Carolina, she worked in the Tar Heel athletics marketing department, assisting with football, men's and women's basketball, field hockey and lacrosse.

## GAMEDAY TABLE CREW



**Matt Rigbsy**  
Crew Chief



**Milton Francis**  
Game Clock Operator



**Brady Gardner**  
Official Scorer (secondary)



**Chip Hoback**  
Public Address Announcer



**Warren Phillips**  
Official Scorer (primary)



**Pat Woosley**  
Shot Clock Operator (primary)