



john PELPHREY

ASSISTANT COACH

THE PELPHREY FILES

Coaching Experience:

- 1992-93 Assistant Coach, Oklahoma State University
- 1994-96 Assistant Coach, Marshall University
- 1996-Present Assistant Coach, University of Florida

Playing Experience:

- 1988-92 University of Kentucky
- 1992 France
- 1993 Spain

Playing Honors:

- Honorable Mention All-America, 1991
- First Team All-SEC, UPI & Coaches, 1991
- Second Team All-SEC, Associated Press, 1991
- Kentucky Retired Jersey (34), 1992
- Team Captain, 1990-92
- Team MVP, 1991
- Academic All-SEC, 1990
- Best Playmaker and Mr. Deflection Award, 1990
- Mr. Basketball (Kentucky), 1987

Education:

- Paintsville High School, 1987
- University of Kentucky, 1992

Date of Birth: July 18, 1968

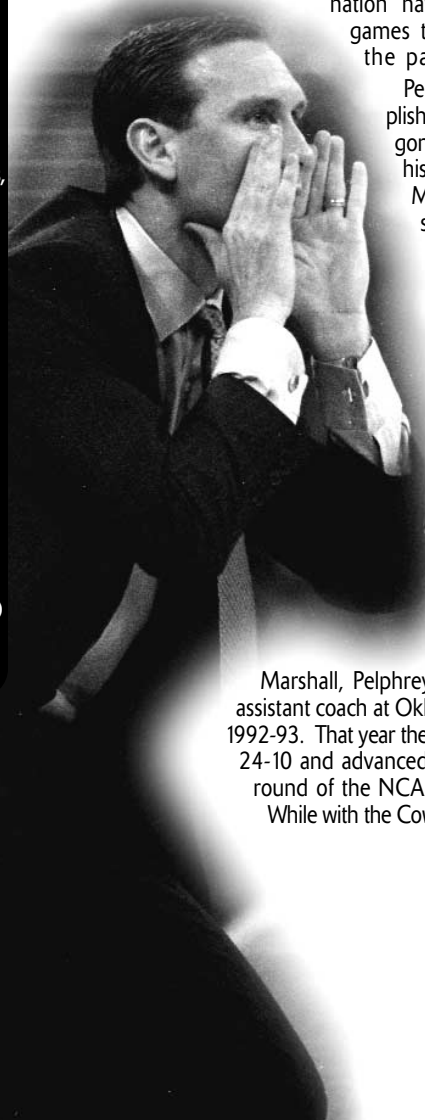
Family:

- Wife -Tracy
- Jaxson Hamilton (born January 7, 1997)
- Ann-Marie Grace Donovan (born December 9, 1999)

John Pelphrey, 33, brings a first-hand knowledge of the style of play head coach Billy Donovan preaches and expects.

Pelphrey played for then-assistant coach Donovan from 1989-92 while at Kentucky and served on his staff at Marshall for two years. At Marshall, Pelphrey played a major role in the resurgence of the Thundering Herd program that went 35-20 in his two-year stay.

At Florida, Pelphrey has played a key role in UF's recruiting and player development that has led to a school-record tying three consecutive NCAA appearances and back-to-back Southeastern Conference Championships. The 1999 and 2000 teams made the first back-to-back Sweet 16 appearances in school history and the 2000 squad made the first-ever appearance in the National Championship game. The Gators are 102-56 (.645) during Pelphrey's five-year stint in Gainesville and only six teams in the nation have won more games than Florida in the past two years.



Pelphrey's accomplishments have not gone unnoticed by his peers. In a March of 2001 survey of assistant coaches around the nation, he was named the most ready assistant to become a head coach, leading a pack more than 20 assistants. Prior to his stint at Marshall, Pelphrey served as an assistant coach at Oklahoma State in 1992-93. That year the Cowboys went 24-10 and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. While with the Cowboys, Pelphrey

assisted head coach Eddie Sutton, whom he played for as a freshman at Kentucky, in all facets of the basketball program.

Like Donovan, Pelphrey's basketball career took a turn for the better when Rick Pitino entered his life. After averaging just 1.7 points and 1.0 rebound a game as a redshirt freshman at Kentucky in 1988-89, Pelphrey embraced the Pitino work ethic and style of play and his average climbed to 13.0 points a game as a sophomore in Pitino's first campaign with the Wildcats in 1989-90. A natural leader, Pelphrey was named team captain as a junior and continued to improve, scoring 14.4 points in 1990-91. For his efforts, he earned Associated Press Honorable Mention All-America honors after being named first-team All-SEC by the league coaches and UPI (AP named him second team).

"I wouldn't trade John Pelphrey for any player in America," said Pitino as his 6-7 forward entered his senior year. Again elected team captain, he typified the heart and soul of the Wildcat squad that scratched and clawed its way to an SEC Tournament Championship and came within two seconds of the Final Four. Pelphrey and his three senior classmates from the 1991-92 season had the ultimate honor bestowed on them, as they became one of 29 players in UK history to have their jerseys retired in an April 7, 1992 ceremony.

The son of two teachers, Pelphrey was just as successful in the classroom at Kentucky. He served on the Student-Athlete Advisory committee from 1990-92, while being named UK's Student-Athlete of the Year and to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 1989-90.

Before turning to the coaching profession, Pelphrey played professionally in France and Spain in 1992 and 1993.

Kentucky's "Mr. Basketball" in 1986-87 at Paintsville High School, Pelphrey finished his prep career with 2,477 points and 1,316 rebounds. He led Paintsville High to the semifinals of the state tournament as a senior and three times took his teams to regional titles. He was also a pitcher and shortstop on the baseball team.

An avid golfer, Pelphrey has also served as a speaker and instructor at several camps, including his own, the John Pelphrey Basketball Camp, which he ran in his hometown, Paintsville, Ky., during the summers of 1992 through 1995. He also worked as a motivational speaker and instructor at camps throughout Kentucky while a collegian.

Pelphrey is married to the former Tracy Lyon of Paintsville, Ky., they have one son, Jaxson Hamilton born January 7, 1997 and a daughter, Ann-Marie Grace Donovan born December 9, 1999.