

Scott Edgar becomes Mountaineer basketball coach

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A veteran coach whose teams have advanced to postseason play 16 times in his 27-year collegiate coaching career, Scott Edgar is entering his first season as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

Respected for his recruiting abilities and his on-court coaching, Edgar has recruited or coached 17 NBA players. Edgar came to Eastern after spending three years as the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Southeast Missouri State University. He spent one year as an assistant coach at Tennessee where he helped direct the Titans to a 22-8 record and the conference championship. He also spent three years at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, where he helped direct the Blazers to a 65-34 record. In his three years in Birmingham, UAB won the 2004 Conference USA championship, made two NCAA Tournament appearances,

including a trip to the 2004 Sweet 16, and advanced to the quarterfinals of the 2003 National Invitation Tournament.

A familiar face in the southeast, Edgar served as an assistant coach at Arkansas for six seasons (1985-91). In 1990 the Razorbacks posted a 30-5 overall record in winning the Southwest Conference regular season and tournament championships and advanced to the Final Four in Denver, Colo.

Edgar broke into the coaching ranks as an assistant coach at the New Mexico Military Institute in 1978. Three years later he made the jump to NCAA Division I coaching when he joined Nolan Richardson's coaching staff at the University of Tulsa. During the five-year span (1980-85) that Edgar and Richardson were at Tulsa, the Golden Hurricane made three NCAA Tournament appearances and won the 1981 National Invitation Tournament championship.

After following Richardson to Arkansas, Edgar got his first head coaching opportunity in 1991 when he was named the head coach at Murray State University. In his four seasons (1991-95) in Murray, Ky., he led the Racers to a 79-40 record that included two NCAA Tournament appearances and an NIT bid.

A native of Penn Hills, Pa., Edgar returned to the Pittsburgh, Pa., area when he was named head coach at Duquesne. In three seasons he was able to return the Dukes to competitiveness.

In 1999 Edgar joined Billy Tubbs' staff at TCU where he was head of basketball operations for two seasons.

Edgar earned a Bachelor's of Science degree in sociology in from Pittsburgh-Johnstown 1978. A standout on both the basketball court and baseball diamond while in college, his accomplishments earned him induction into the Penn Hills High School Athletic Hall of Fame.

Edgar and his wife, Elaine, have one son, Scott William.

Personal Data

Hometown: Penn Hills, Pa.

Family: Wife - Elaine, Son - Scott William

College: B.S. - Pittsburgh-Johnstown 1978

High School: Penn Hills High School

As A Player: Pittsburgh-Johnstown 1974-78