

2006 USA BASKETBALL WOMEN'S U18 NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS MEDIA GUIDE

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USA U18 National Team Trials Schedule

Friday, June 16

5:30 p.m.Session I USOTC Sports Center II

Saturday, June 17

8:30 a.m.Session II USOTC Sports Center II

4:30 p.m.Session III USOTC Sports Center II

Sunday, June 18

8:30 a.m.Session IV USOTC Sports Center II

5:00 p.m.Session V USOTC Sports Center II

Monday, June 19

8:00 a.m.Announcement Of Team

9:00 a.m.USA U18 Team Practice

Media Notes

- All times listed are local, Mountain Daylight Time. Trials sessions last approximately two hours and are subject to change.
- It is expected that the 12 members of the 2006 USA U18 National Team will be announced prior to the 9:00 a.m. USA U18 practice

Athlete/Coach Interviews

If you are planning to attend a practice or would like to arrange a telephone interview with an athlete or a member of the coaching staff following any of the practice sessions or games, please contact Caroline Williams at 719-330-3310 or another member of the USA Basketball Communications Department at 719-590-4800. All interviews normally will take place immediately following a practice session or game.



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Asst. Coach: Carol Owens, Northern Illinois University

Asst. Coach: Jennifer Rizzotti, University of Hartford (Conn.)

Court Coach: Tricia Betthausen, Adlai E. Stevenson High School (Ill.)

Court Coach: Dorena Bingham, East High School (Alaska)

Court Coach: Jerry Taylor, Roosevelt High School (Ill.)

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Nick Lave, Colorado Springs, Colo.

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12	Jayne Appel	F	6-4	190	05/14/88	2006	Carondelet H.S./ [*] Stanford	Pleasant Hill, CA
10	Victoria Baugh	F	6-4	176	05/21/89	2007	Sacramento H.S.	Sacramento, C
28	Jessica Breland	F	6-3	164	02/23/88	2006	Bertie H.S./ [*] North Carolina	Kelford, NC
37	Kelley Cain	C	6-5	216	05/16/89	2007	St. Pius X H.S.	Atlanta, GA
13	Tina Charles	C	6-3	190	12/05/88	2006	Christ the King H.S./ [*] Connecticut	Jamaica, NY
14	Joy Cheek	F	6-1	175	06/25/88	2006	South Mecklenburg H.S./ [*] Duke	Charlotte, NC
32	Elena Delle Donne	G	6-4	185	09/05/89	2008	Ursuline Academy	Wilmington, DE
5	Nikitta Gartrell	G	5-10	150	07/19/88	2006	Benjamin E. Mays H.S./ [*] NC State	Atlanta, GA
6	Stefanie Gilbreath	G	6-1	150	02/14/89	2007	Cinco Ranch H.S.	Katy, TX
24	Allison Hightower	G/F	5-11	140	04/06/88	2006	Juan Seguin H.S./ [*] Lousiana State	Arlington, TX
30	Quanitra Hollingsworth	C	6-5	195	11/15/88	2009	Virginia Commonwealth	Chesapeake, VA
25	Alison Jackson	G	5-11	140	07/12/89	2007	Fenwick H.S.	Chicago, IL
38	Amy Jaeschke	F	6-5	215	04/26/89	2007	New Trier H.S.	Wilmette, IL
9	Brittany Johnson	G	5-11	125	04/08/89	2007	East Richland H.S.	Olney, IL
31	Jantel Lavender	C	6-4	210	11/11/88	2007	Cleveland Central Catholic H.S.	Cleveland, OH
33	Italee Lucas	G	5-8	150	01/12/89	2007	Centennial H.S.	Las Vegas, NV
34	Christy Marshall	F	6-0	165	07/20/88	2006	A.E. Beach H.S./ [*] Georgia	Savannah, GA
16	Andrea Mingo	F	6-2	187	07/14/89	2007	Marist School	Atlanta, GA
17	Maya Moore	F	6-0	162	06/11/89	2007	Collins Hill H.S./ [#] Connecticut	Lawrenceville, GA
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20	Brittney Thomas	G	5-10	156	02/13/89	2007	Bolingbrook H.S.	Bolingbrook, IL
21	Jasmine Thomas	G	5-9	135	09/30/89	2007	Oakton H.S.	Fairfax, VA
22	La'Teena Wickett	F	6-3	180	08/12/88	2006	Castlemont H.S./ [*] Pepperdine	Oakland, CA
23	Danielle Wilson	F/C	6-3	175	05/17/88	2006	St. John the Baptist H.S./ [*] Baylor	Bay Shore, NY
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USA U18 TRIALS NOTES

USA Basketball Tested

Among the 33 under consideration for a final roster spot, 12 collected USA Basketball experience when they participated in the 2005 Youth Development Festival.

Capturing gold as members of the 5-0 USA Blue Team were Christy Marshall and La'Teena Wickett, who ranked second among 2005 participants for free throw percentage after shooting 88.9 percent from the line and tied for second for defensive rebounds per game with 5.4.

Silver medalists and USA White Team members included: Jayne Appel, who ranked second among all-time Festival participants for blocked shots with 13; Nikitta Gartrell, who ranked fourth among 2005 participants for 3-point field goals made per game at 0.8; Allison Hightower; Jasmine Stone, who ranked first among 2005 participants for offensive rebounds per game with 5.2 and tied for second for rebounds per game with 8.8; Danielle Wilson; and Monica Wright, who established an all-time Festival record for steals with 23 and tied the all-time, single-game record for steals with eight.

Capturing bronze as members of the USA Red Team were: Tina Charles, who established five all-time Festival records and three all-time single-game Festival records; Joy Cheek; Porsha Phillips, who ranked third among 2005 participants for blocked shots with 1.4 bpg.; and Brittaine Raven, who tied the all-time Festival single-game record for steals with eight.

Just the Facts

The Trials hopefuls include one rising college sophomore and 32 high school athletes, 15 from the class of 2006, 16 who are members of the class of 2007 and one athlete from the class of 2008.

The 33 athletes hail from 13 states, with Georgia (six), California, New York and Illinois (four each) ringing in with the most representatives per state.

Born on Jan. 11, 1988, Epiphanny Prince lists as the oldest athlete, while Jasmine Thomas, born on Sept. 30, 1989, is the youngest. Danielle Robinson, a 5-7 guard, is the shortest in the group, while four athletes stand above the others at 6-5, including Kelley Cain, Quanitra Hollingsworth, and Amy Jaeschke.

All-Americans

Including 2006 consensus High School Player of the Year Tina Charles, who was named Player of the Year by *USA Today*, *Parade Magazine*, Gatorade, SI.com and State Farm/WBCA, a total of 22 Trials participants were honored as All-Americans.

USA Today All-USA

First Team USA Today All-USA: Charles, Maya Moore and Monica Wright. **Second Team:** Jayne Appel, Epiphanny Prince and Brittaine Raven. **Third Team:** Elena Delle Donne and Porsha Phillips

Parade Magazine All-Americans

First Team 2006 Parade Magazine All-Americans: Appel, Jessica Breland, Charles, Delle Donne, Moore, Prince and Raven. **Second Team:** Joy Cheek, Allison Hightower, Italee Lucas and Wright. **Third Team:** Jantel Lavender, Kayla Pedersen, Phillips and Jasmine Thomas. **Fourth Team:** Stefanie Gibreath, Christy Marshall, Khadijah Rushdan, Jasmine Stone and Danielle Wilson.

Street & Smith's All-Americans

First Team 2006 Street & Smith's All-Americans: Charles, Prince and Moore. **Second Team:** Appel and Raven. **Third Team:** Delle Donne, Phillips and Breland; **Fourth Team:** Stone, Wilson and Wright. **Fifth Team:** Cheek and Jasmine Thomas. **Sixth Team:** Hightower, Lucas and La'Teena Wickett.

WBCA All-Americans

2006 WBCA High School All-Americans: Appel, Breland, Charles, Hightower, Phillips, Prince, Raven and Wright. **Honorable Mention:** Cheek, Nikitta Gartrell, Marshall and Wickett.

McDonald's All-Americans

2006 McDonald's High School All-Americans: Appel, Breland, Charles, Cheek, Hightower, Phillips, Prince, Raven, Wilson and Wright.

Gatorade Circle of Champions

2006 Gatorade Circle of Champions State Players of the Year: Appel (California), Breland (North Carolina), Charles (New York), Delle Donne (Delaware), Moore (Georgia), Pedersen (Arizona), Raven (Texas) and Wright (Virginia).

USA U18 TRIALS NOTES

Something To Talk About

Many of the 2006 USA U18 National Team Trials participants caught the attention of various media outlets throughout the 2005-06 season for accomplishments on and off the court.

AAU Coach Mark Enger on Jayne Appel (Women's Basketball, April 2006)

"I coached the Paris twins (Courtney and Ashley now at Oklahoma) and Jayne is right in their league. They are two very different post players, but the two best post players I have ever seen are Courtney Paris and Jayne."

Director of the McDonald's All America Game Michon Ellis on Tina Charles (March 2006)

"Tina Charles is a perfect example of everything that is right in girls high school athletics. Not only does she light up the scoreboard, but she is a wonderful student who has earned several academic honors. She is a role model for young women and she represents what it means to be a McDonald's All American."

Quanitra Hollingsworth on Advanced Mathematics (from si.com, Jan. 10, 2006)

"I really like the advanced mathematics. Calculus really comes easy to me. The teacher can explain it one time and I can pick up on it."

Texas head coach Jody Conradt on Brittainey Raven (press release, Nov. 9, 2005)

"Individually, Brittainey Raven is one of the top players in the country who we have been following for quite some time. Brittainey is an exciting player. She is extremely versatile, a big guard with outstanding speed; in fact, I believe she will be the fastest player we've ever had in our program."

LeBron James on Epiphanny Prince's 113 points (Associated Press, Feb. 1, 2006)

"It's an amazing thing when an individual does that. I don't know who she is, but maybe we'll see her in the WNBA. For that matter, the NBA."

Conference Breakdown

Of the 16 players slated to finish their high school careers in 2006, all have signed with prominent NCAA Division I institutions, and three athletes from the class of 2007 have verbally committed to play college basketball. Having graduated high school in 2005, Quanitra Hollingsworth now plays for Virginia Commonwealth University. Below is a listing of athletes by conference.

Atlantic Coast Conference

Duke: Joy Cheek
North Carolina: Jessica Breland
North Carolina State: Nikitta Gartrell
Virginia: Monica Wright

Atlantic 10 Conference

Temple: Jasmine Stone

Big East Conference

Connecticut: Tina Charles, and *Maya Moore
Rutgers: Epiphanny Prince

Big 12 Conference

Baylor: Danielle Wilson
Texas: Brittainey Raven

Colonial Athletic Association

Virginia Commonwealth: Quanitra Hollingsworth

Pacific-10 Conference

Stanford: Jayne Appel, Melanie Murphy and *Kayla Pedersen

Southeastern Conference

Georgia: Christy Marshall
Louisiana State: Allison Hightower and Porsha Phillips
Tennessee: *Sydney Smallbone

West Coast Conference

Pepperdine: La'Teena Wickett

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RULE DIFFERENCES

RULE	FIBA	WNBA	NCAA
Duration of Game	Four, 10 minute quarters	Four, 10 minute quarters	Two, 20 minute halves
Overtime Duration	5 minutes	5 minutes	5 minutes
Length of Halftime	15 minutes	15 minutes	15 minutes
Duration Btw. First-Second and Third-Fourth Periods	2 minutes	Not applicable	Not applicable
Court Length	91' 10" x 49' 2.5"	94' x 50'	94' x 50'
Size of Lane	19' 8.2" x 19' 0.3"	12' x 19'	12' x 19'
Three-Point FG Distance	20' 6.1"	20' 6 1/4"	19' 9"
Shot Clock	24 seconds	24 seconds	30 seconds
Shot Clock Reset	FG attempt hits rim	FG attempt hits rim	FG attempt hits rim
Back Court Violation	8 seconds	10 seconds	No restriction
Game Clock Stops After Successful FG	Last two minutes of 4th period and overtime	Last minute of each half and overtime	Last minute of game and last minute of overtime
Player Foul Limit	5	6	5
Bonus Free Throw	5th foul per period (two FTs)	5th foul per quarter (two FTs) 4th foul in OT (two FTs)	7th foul per half (1-and-1) 10th foul per half (two FTs)
Number of Players Permitted On Free Throw Lane	5 (three defensive, two offensive)	5 (three defensive, two offensive)	6 (four defensive, two offensive)
Jump Ball	Teams alternate possession after opening tip-off	Winner of opening tip gets ball at the start of the fourth quarter, losing team gets possession to start second and third quarters	Teams alternate possession after opening tip-off
Closely Guarded For Five Seconds	Yes, while holding the ball	No	Yes, while holding the ball
Timeouts - Non-TV Game	Two 60-second in the 1st and 2nd quarters, three 60-second in the 3rd and 4th quarters	Two timeouts per half, per team. There must be one 120-second timeout in 1st and 3rd quarters, and two 120-second in the 2nd and 4th quarters	4 75-second and 2 30-second per game
Timeouts - TV Game	Up to one additional TV timeout is permissible per quarter. Teams get two 60-second in the 1st and 2nd quarters, 3 60-second in the 3rd and 4th quarters	Two timeouts per half, per team. There must be one 120-second timeout in 1st and 3rd quarters, and two 120-second in the 2nd and 4th quarters	Up to four additional TV timeouts are permissible per half. Teams get 1 60-second, 4 30-second, and a max of 3 unused 30-second timeouts can carry over to second half
Timeouts - Overtime	1 additional 60-second	1 120-second, 1 20-second; 1 unused 20-second second half timeout can carry over	Any not used in regulation carry over plus 1 additional 30-second each OT
Timeouts Called By	Coach	Player in game	Coach or player in game
Number of Referees	Two (three can be used in competitions if the Zone or host federation wish to)	Three	Three
Size of Basketball	Maximum Circumference 737mm (29"); Maximum Weight 567g/20 ounces, Minimum 510g/17.99 ounces	Maximum Circumference 29" Minimum Circumference 28.5" Maximum Weight 20 ounces; Minimum Weight 18 ounces	Maximum Circumference 29"; Minimum Circumference 28.5"; Maximum Weight 20 ounces; Minimum Weight 18 ounces;
Legal Jersey Numbers	4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15	00, 0-99	00, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55

COACHING STAFF

2006 USA U18 NATIONAL TEAM TRIALS

DOUG BRUNO

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Head Coach



Doug Bruno's selection as a 2006 USA Basketball U18 Women's National Team head coach is his first USA Basketball assignment.

"It's an honor to be coaching for USA Basketball," Bruno said. "I'm looking forward to coaching the talented athletes that we should see in Colorado Springs and to working with two great young

1996, 2001, 2003, 2004 and 2005).

An advocate for women's basketball, Bruno was selected by his peers at the 2005 Final Four to serve as the 19th president of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association. Bruno is just the second male coach in the WBCA's history to lead the organization following Jim Foster in 1993. Before becoming president, he was the Male Coaches of Women's Basketball representative on the board of directors.

Prior to returning to DePaul in 1988, Bruno spent eight seasons as the associate men's head coach at Loyola of Chicago under Gene Sullivan.

coaches in Carol Owens and Jennifer Rizzotti."

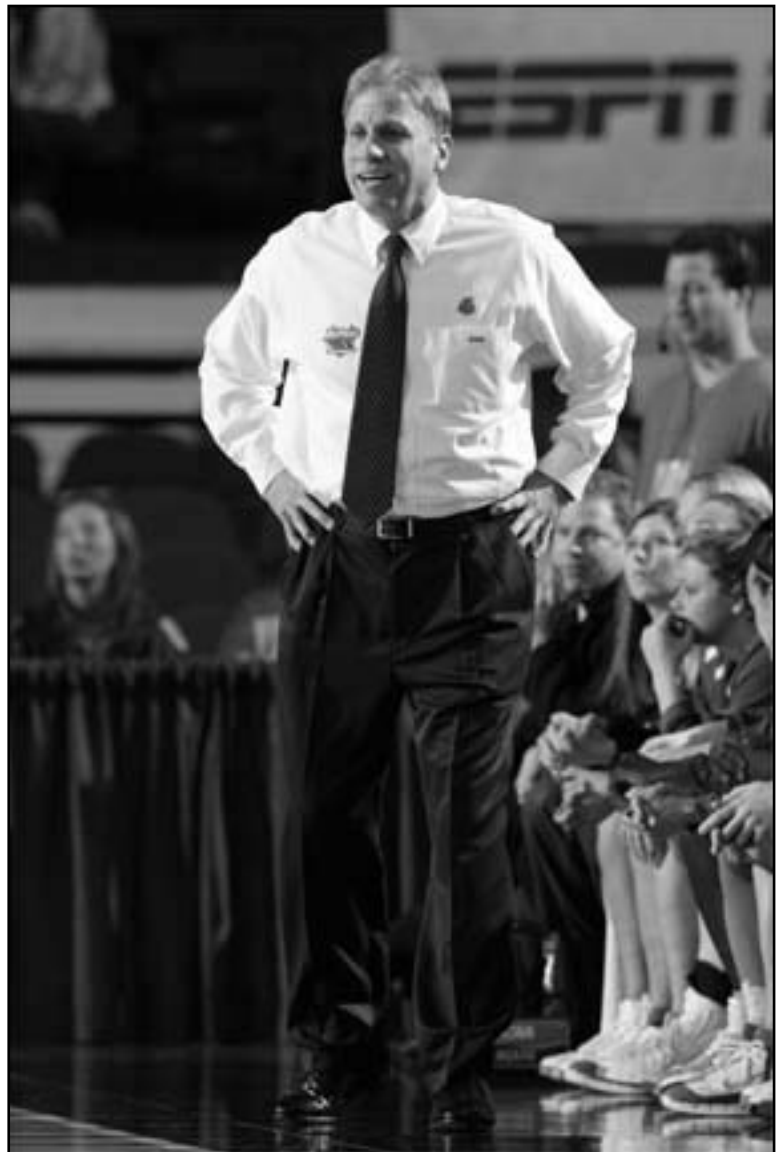
After 20 seasons (1976-77 through 1977-78 and 1988-89 to present) as head coach at DePaul and two (1978-79 through 1979-80) in the Women's Basketball League (WBL), Bruno has compiled an overall career record of 415-247 (.627 winning percentage) and 375-217 (.633 winning percentage) coaching collegiate squads.

He finished the 2005-06 season at 27-7, falling in the NCAA Tournament Regional Semifinal to Louisiana State University.

In the past four years, Bruno has led DePaul to four straight NCAA Tournament appearances. After posting a 15-14 record in 2001-02, he led one of the top turnarounds in the program's history with a 22-10 record in 2002-03 and made the school's first NCAA appearance since 1997. After advancing to the 2004 and 2005 NCAA second round, he piloted the Blue Demons to the 2006 Sweet Sixteen. In all, Bruno has led the DePaul women to 15 postseason appearances in the past 18 years.

Following a conference championship in 2004-05, Bruno was named the Conference USA Coach of the Year, and he also was selected as Conference USA's Coach of the Decade by a vote of the league's 14 head coaches.

In 2004 and 2005, he was named the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) Region 4 Coach of the Year, placing him among seven others on the national coach of the year ballot. Bruno has been honored as the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association's Coach of the Year on seven occasions (1991, 1993,



DOUG BRUNO

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Head Coach

During his stay, the Ramblers won 138 games and posted 17 or more wins in four seasons, including a pair of 20-win seasons.

Bruno also spent two seasons as the head

coach and director of player personnel for the Chicago Hustle of the WBL. His first team won the 1979 Midwest Division and led the WBL in 11 offensive categories as well as attendance.

DOUG BRUNO COACHING SYNOPSIS

Professional Coaching Record

Season	Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Postseason Notes
1979-80	Chicago (WBL)	Head Coach	17-19	.472	
1978-79	Chicago (WBL)	Head Coach	21-13	.618	Midwest Division Champions
Totals	2 Seasons		38-32	.543	Midwest Division Champion

Collegiate Coaching Record

Season	Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Postseason Notes
2005-06	DePaul	Head Coach	27- 7	.794	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2004-05	DePaul	Head Coach	26- 5	.839	NCAA Second Round
2003-04	DePaul	Head Coach	23- 7	.767	NCAA Second Round
2002-03	DePaul	Head Coach	22- 10	.688	NCAA First Round
2001-02	DePaul	Head Coach	15- 14	.517	WNIT First Round
2000-01	DePaul	Head Coach	18- 14	.563	WNIT Second Round
1999-00	DePaul	Head Coach	18- 12	.600	WNIT Second Round
1998-99	DePaul	Head Coach	12- 15	.444	
1997-98	DePaul	Head Coach	11- 18	.379	
1996-97	DePaul	Head Coach	20- 9	.690	NCAA First Round
1995-96	DePaul	Head Coach	21- 10	.677	NCAA Second Round
1994-95	DePaul	Head Coach	20- 9	.690	NCAA First Round
1993-94	DePaul	Head Coach	10- 20	.333	
1992-93	DePaul	Head Coach	20- 9	.690	NCAA First Round
1991-92	DePaul	Head Coach	21- 10	.677	NCAA Second Round
1990-91	DePaul	Head Coach	19- 12	.613	NCAA First Round
1989-90	DePaul	Head Coach	22- 10	.688	NCAA Second Round
1988-89	DePaul	Head Coach	23- 10	.697	
1977-78	DePaul	Head Coach	16- 6	.727	
1976-77	DePaul	Head Coach	11- 10	.524	
Totals	20 Seasons		375-217	.633	11 NCAA Tournaments, 3 WNITs

CAROL OWENS

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Assistant Coach



While Carol Owens enters her first coaching assignment with USA Basketball, she has twice been a USA Basketball athlete. Owens co-captained the North squad that captured the silver medal at the 1986 U. S. Olympic Sports Festival and was a 1989 USA Basketball Women's National Team Trials participant.

Women's Basketball Journal named Owens as one of the top five assistant coaches in the country

As a player at Northern Illinois, Owens was a member of the squad that gained the school's first NCAA Tournament berth in 1990. As the first male or female in school history to reach the 2,000 career point / 1,000 career rebound mark, Owens was the MVP on a team that won the North Star Conference regular season championship and advanced to the second round of the 1990 NCAA Tournament.

Owens was a two-time Kodak District Four All-American (1989 and 1990), a United States

"It's an awesome feeling," Owens said. "I've grown up as a player and now as a coach having a lot of pride in my country. I've played overseas professionally and have always had a great appreciation for the U.S. and, in particular, USA Basketball."

Owens has compiled a career record of 12-17 (.414 winning percentage) after her first season as a head coach at Northern Illinois University in 2005-06.

Northern Illinois finished the 2005-06 regular season at 11-16 and 7-9 for league play, both of which were improvements over the past year's 7-21 and 4-12 records. She helped advance the 2005-06 Huskies to the Mid-American Conference Tournament quarterfinals, collecting the program's first MAC Tourney win since 2002 along the way.

Prior to arriving at NIU, Owens spent 10 seasons (1995-96 through 2004-05) as an assistant at the University of Notre Dame (Ind.). As an assistant under Muffet McGraw, Owens coached five players who went on to gain USA Basketball experience, including 2004 Olympic gold medalist Ruth Riley and USA Basketball Team Trials participants Jacqueline Batteast (2002 and 2003), Teresa Borton (2002), Megan Duffy (2005) and Courtney LaVere (2003).

Owens helped Notre Dame reach 10 NCAA tournaments, six Sweet Sixteens, two Final Fours and the program's first NCAA National Championship in 2001. During her tenure Notre Dame compiled a record of 252-75 (.771 winning percentage), and in 2001,



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Basketball Writers Association District Four All-American (1990), the North Star Player of the Year (1990), a three-year All-North Star Conference first-team pick (1988-90) and a three-time Huskie captain.

She graduated in possession of 13 school records, including career points (2,102), career field goals (818), career field-goal percentage (.537), career free throws (466), career free throw attempts (662), career blocked shots (244), single-season free throw attempts (222), single-season steals (86), sin-

gle-game points (41), single-game field goals (16), single-game field-goal percentage (.917), single-game steals (11) and single-game blocked shots (7).

She also played professional basketball in Japan, Spain, and Italy from 1990 to 1993.

Owens has been enshrined into the Northern Illinois University Athletics Hall Of Fame (1995) and the Illinois Basketball Coaches Association Hall Of Fame (2001).

CAROL OWENS COACHING SYNOPSIS

Collegiate Coaching Record

Season	Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Postseason Notes
2005-06	Northern Illinois	Head Coach	12-17	.414	MAC Tournament Quarterfinals
2004-05	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	27- 6	.818	NCAA Second Round
2003-04	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2002-03	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	21-11	.656	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
2001-02	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	20-10	.667	NCAA Second Round
2000-01	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	34- 2	.944	NCAA National Champion
1999-00	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	27- 5	.844	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
1998-99	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	26- 5	.839	NCAA Second Round
1997-98	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	22-10	.688	NCAA Sweet Sixteen
1996-97	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	31- 7	.816	NCAA Final Four
1995-96	Notre Dame	Assistant Coach	23- 8	.742	NCAA Second Round
Totals	1 Season	Head Coach	12-17	.414	MAC Tournament Quarterfinals
	10 Seasons	Assistant Coach	264-92	.742	10 NCAA Tournaments, 1 NCAA title

USA BASKETBALL ATHLETE SYNOPSIS

Team	W-L	PCT	Medals
1986 U.S. Olympic Festival North Team	1-3	.250	Silver Medal

JENNIFER RIZZOTTI

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Assistant Coach



While Jennifer Rizzotti's selection as an assistant coach for the 2006 U18 Women's National Team is her first USA Basketball coaching assignment, she gained valuable experience as a gold medalist with the 1996 USA R. William Jones Cup team and as a 1995 USA Women's National Team Trials participant.

she spent three seasons with the New England Blizzard in the American Basketball League (ABL). She was a two-time ABL All-Star.

As a point guard at the University of Connecticut Rizzotti was the 1996 Associated Press National Player of the Year and the 1996 Wade Trophy winner as college basketball's outstanding senior player. She was also a two-time Kodak All-American first team selection, a GTE/CoSIDA Women's Basketball Academic All-American, the Big East Player of the Year and the Big East Women's Basketball Scholar-Athlete of the Year. During the

"I think it's just a great opportunity," Rizzotti said. "I had the chance to play for USA Basketball when I was in college, and I know how tremendous an experience it can be to play at that level while representing your country. Now I'm excited about helping younger players have that same experience."

Rizzotti has compiled a career coaching record of 119-89 (.572 winning percentage) in seven seasons (1999-00 to present) as the head women's basketball coach at the University of Hartford (Conn.).

This past season Rizzotti and her Hawks captured their second consecutive America East Conference championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA Tournament where they lost to Georgia, finishing the season at 27-4.

In the 2004-05 season, Rizzotti won her second America East title and made her second NCAA Tournament appearance in four years. In that same season she led the Hawks to a school record 22 wins and captured the team's 13th conference title for another school record.

Rizzotti was appointed Hartford's head coach just 12 days after defeating the New York Liberty for the WNBA championship as a member of the Houston Comets. At the time of her appointment, she was the youngest Division I women's basketball coach in the country.

Rizzotti played eight seasons of professional basketball after graduating from the University of Connecticut in 1996. In addition to five seasons in the WNBA, two with the Houston Comets and three with the Cleveland Rockers,



JENNIFER RIZZOTTI

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Assistant Coach

Huskies' run to the national championship in 1995, Rizzotti was featured on the cover of Sports Illustrated.

Honored as the 1993 Big East Rookie of the Year, Rizzotti started in every game UConn played while she was a Husky, 135 total. She graduated with a record of 117-18 (.867 winning percentage). Rizzotti helped her team win the Big East Tournament in 1994, 1995 and 1996. In addition to the school's 1995 national championship, Rizzotti helped her squad

reach the first round of the NCAA Tournament in 1993, the Elite Eight in 1994 and the Final Four in 1996.

In September 2003, Rizzotti was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame.

This past summer she joined an initiative by The Hartford insurance company called Playbook for Life. The program travels throughout the country to educate student-athletes on how to prepare for their financial future outside of athletics.

JENNIFER RIZZOTTI COACHING SYNOPSIS

Collegiate Coaching Record

Season	Team	Position	W-L	PCT	Postseason Notes
2005-06	Hartford	Head Coach	27- 4	.871	NCAA Second Round
2004-05	Hartford	Head Coach	22- 9	.710	NCAA First Round
2003-04	Hartford	Head Coach	18-12	.600	
2002-03	Hartford	Head Coach	7-21	.250	
2001-02	Hartford	Head Coach	16-15	.516	NCAA First Round
2000-01	Hartford	Head Coach	15-14	.517	
1999-00	Hartford	Head Coach	14-14	.500	
Totals	7 Seasons	Head Coach	119-89	.572	3 NCAA Tournaments

USA BASKETBALL ATHLETE SYNOPSIS

Team	W-L	PCT	Medals
1996 Women's R. William Jones Cup Team	9-0	1.00	Gold Medal

COURT COACHES

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Trials

Tricia Betthauser

Tricia Betthauser's appointment as a 2006 Women's U18 National Team Trials court coach marks her first USA Basketball selection.

"It will be an amazing opportunity, and I'm extremely grateful," Betthauser said. "I'm really looking forward to getting back on the court. In high school, you aren't allowed to work with your players in the summer, so I'm anxious to get back out there, especially with the level of these athletes."

Betthauser will enter her first season as head coach at Adlai E. Stevenson High School in 2006-07. She returned to Stevenson as an assistant coach in 2005-06 after serving two seasons as an assistant coach in 1994-95 and 1995-96. Overall, Betthauser has compiled an 88-15 record (.854 winning percentage) in three seasons (1994-95, 1995-96 and 2005-06) as an assistant coach at Stevenson.

The 2005-06 season saw the Lady Patriots finish 21-12 to capture a regional championship and a sectional semifinals appearance. In her first stint as an assistant at Stevenson (1994-95 and 1995-96), she helped the Lady Patriots capture the program's only two state championships and a 67-3 overall record. Betthauser also helped coach Olympic and World Championship gold medalist Tamika Catchings, a member of the 2006 USA World Championship Team, during the 1994-95 season.

She served five seasons (2000-01 through 2004-05) at Indiana University, her third coaching position under head coach Kathi Bennett, as IU recorded a mark of 72-74. She helped the 2001-02 Hoosiers capture the program's first-ever Big Ten Conference Tournament title and first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1995. After Bennett was sidelined by a car accident in February of 2002, Betthauser led the Hoosiers to a 2-1 record while acting as head coach, including an upset against No. 15 University of Minnesota.

She also served under Bennett as an assistant at the University of Evansville (Ind.) for four seasons (1996-97 through 1999-2000). While at Evansville, Betthauser helped improve a 3-23 program in 1995-96 to 23-7 in 1999-00, capturing the best mark in program history. The Purple Aces secured the conference championship and an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1999. In Betthauser's final season at Evansville in 1999-00, the squad finished second in the conference and earned a WNIT appearance.

In her first position under Bennett in 1992-93, she served as a graduate assistant at her alma mater, the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, before spending one season as the head coach at Hilbert High School in Hilbert, Wis., in 1993-94.

Betthauser also played for Bennett for four seasons (1988-89 through 1991-92) at Wisconsin-Oshkosh, and the Titans compiled a record of 72-26 (.735 winning percentage) while Betthauser was in uniform. She helped her squad appear in three NCAA Division III Tournaments, reaching the second round in 1990 and 1991. In her senior season, 1991-92, Betthauser was her team's MVP and an All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) first team selection. In addition, she was a four-year All-WIAC Scholar Athlete and graduated Cum Laude in 1993.

In the summer of 2006, Betthauser also is scheduled to conduct basketball camps for fifth through 12th grade girls through the Patriot Recreational Education Program.

COURT COACHES

2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Trials

Dorena Bingham

Dorena Bingham will report for her second USA Basketball coaching assignment as a 2006 USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team Trials court coach. Bingham also helped lead the USA Basketball Youth Development Festival West Team to a gold medal as an assistant coach in 2004.

"It is an honor and a privilege to be working with USA Basketball again," Bingham said. "To have the opportunity to work with the great athletes, coaches and staff is truly a dream come true."

Bingham has been the head coach at East High for 13 seasons (1994-95 to present). After taking the reigns of her program in 1994, "Bing" as her players call her, has built a basketball empire in Alaska, winning three consecutive Alaska state championships from 1999-00 through the 2001-02 campaign, while compiling an astounding overall record of 282-68 (.806 winning percentage).

In addition to three state titles, Bingham has guided her teams to a total of 10 state tournament appearances, including nine straight state tournaments from 1994-95 through 2002-03. East Anchorage's postseason runs have included two runner-up finishes (1995 and 1996), one third place finish (1997), three fourth place finishes (1998, 1999 and 2003) and one seventh place finish (2006). She also has helped her squads capture seven Region IV championships.

Bingham was honored as a 2006 ConocoPhillips Healthy Futures Local Fitness Champion, and recognized for the accomplishments of her team, she was named the Alaska Coach of the Year in 1995 and 2002. She also received the "Light Hope Award" in 2003, presented by the Office of Public Advocacy for dedication to coaching and community.

A total of 17 of Bingham's former players have gone on to play college basketball, including Natalie Jones of the University of Arizona and Azella Perryman of Stanford University (Calif.).

In the fall of 2007, Bingham will also begin her 22nd year of teaching.

Jerry Taylor

Entering his 26th year as the head coach at Roosevelt High, Jerry Taylor earned his first USA Basketball coaching position as a 2006 USA Women's U18 National Team Trials court coach.

"There are a lot of great things that have happened to me in my life in terms of sports, and this is one of the greatest," Taylor said. "My father and my son were both in the service, and now I get a chance to do something for my country."

Taylor led his 2005-06 squad to an 18-5 overall record and a perfect 12-0 conference record to capture first place in the Chicago North Conference. Taylor was given his third Chicago Public League Basketball Coaches Association (CPLBCA) Coach of the Year Award in 2006 and his third Northwest City All-Stars coaching assignment as a co-coach in 2006. He also was the CPLBCA Coach of the Year in 1982 and 1994 and a Northwest City All-Star coach on two other occasions. In addition, Taylor was selected to coach the City versus Suburban Girls All Star game in 1995. In 25 seasons, Taylor has led his squads to three section championships (1984, 1992 and 1994).

Among the players Taylor has helped guide to college basketball careers are Danielle Green of the University of Notre Dame (Ind.), Nikesha Langston of the University of Louisville (Ky.) and Lashawn Taylor of Casper Wyoming College.

Now a member of the board of directors of the CPLBCA, Taylor received the Chicago Youth Success Foundation Award in June of 1997 and the Cook County State Attorney Stay Award in April of 2001.

A 1974 graduate of the University of Illinois at Chicago, he also teaches at Roosevelt.