



JUSTIN REES

Assistant Coach ♦ Second Season
Barry, 1997

Justin Rees is in his second season as Ferris State's assistant women's basketball coach.

The 27-year old Rees, who previously served as an assistant coach for three seasons

(1999-2002) at NCAA Division II Teikyo Post in Waterbury, Conn., assists with the program's administrative, coaching and recruiting responsibilities. He replaced Brent Brown, who accepted an assistant coaching position at NCAA-I Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) following the 2001-02 campaign.

In his first season at Ferris State, Rees was instrumental in leading the Bulldogs to their sixth consecutive 10-win campaign and the program's fourth-straight league tournament appearance.

In addition to his coaching duties at Teikyo Post, Rees also was the school's equipment manager. The Eagles concluded the 2001-02 campaign with an 8-18 mark under third-year head coach Paul Ebbs after finishing the 2000-01 season at 13-14 overall and a earning a Central Atlantic Collegiate Conference playoff berth.

Prior to his appointment at Teikyo Post, Rees worked in the broadcast industry. From 1997-1999, he was the producer and co-host of "Champions of Talk," a locally-syndicated radio talk show in Melbourne, Fla. Rees also worked as a board operator and public service announcement director at WMEL-Radio in Melbourne from 1997 to 1998. He was a broadcast technician and studio camera operator at WTNH-TV in New Haven, Conn., from March to October 2000.

The 6-8 Rees was a four-year letterwinner at Barry University in Miami Shores, Fla., where he competed in men's basketball from 1993-1997. While at Barry, Rees compiled 312 points and 248 rebounds while starting 15 games in 102 career appearances. He graduated from Barry in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in broadcast communications. The Buccaneers were 68-41 overall during his career and posted a school-best 9-5 Sunshine State Conference mark in 1996-97.

As a prepster, Rees was a two-time (1991-1993) team Most Valuable Player Award winner at Major Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla. Rees, a two-year (1991-93) team captain, earned all-district and all-state honorable mention accolades as a senior while garnering county all-star honors under head coach Scott Cromwell. He led the Eagles in both field goal percentage and rebounds three consecutive seasons and was named to the 1992 Kreul Classic All-Tournament Team, which featured some of the top players in the country.

A 1993 Major Stoneman Douglas graduate, Rees is the son of Don and Robyn Rees of Palm Bay, Fla., and has one brother, Alan.

REES FILE

FAVORITE NBA TEAM
Los Angeles Lakers

FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW
The Practice

MY GOAL FOR THIS SEASON
Win the GLIAC Title

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS
Never do anything half-hearted

FAVORITE FOOD
Homemade Fried Chicken

MY PREGAME RITUAL
Iron my entire outfit

IF I HAD ONE WISH
Family health

IF I COULD DO ANYTHING
World Series of Poker

IF I COULD MEET ANYONE
My great grandparents

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SUPPORT STAFF



MICHAEL BLACKBURN
Asst. Trainer, ATC



NICOLE BRIDGES
Student Manager



ROB BENTLEY
Athletics Communications



MIKE PETERSON

Volunteer Assistant Coach ♦ First Season

Mike Peterson is in his first season as Ferris State's volunteer assistant women's basketball coach after being named to the position by head coach Tracey Fisk in May 2003.

The 46-year old Peterson will assist with the coaching, recruiting and administrative duties of the Bulldog women's basketball program.

A native of Ishpeming, Mich., Peterson spent the 2002-03 campaign as an assistant women's basketball coach at Grand Rapids Community College. He helped guide the Raiders to a 24-7 overall record and a first-place 10-4 mark in the Michigan Community College Athletic Association's West Division. The Raiders also advanced to the state finals and made a regional semi-final appearance under head coach Maggie Lancaster.

In addition to his stint at GRCC, Peterson also has prep coaching experience. In 1995-96, he was the varsity boys basketball assistant coach at Grand Haven High School where he helped direct the Buccaneers to an 18-4 mark and a share of the Ottawa-Kent (OK) Red Conference crown. During the 1994-95 season,

Peterson coached the junior varsity basketball team at Ravenna (Mich.) High School. He also spent the 2001 season as the eighth-grade girls basketball coach at Muskegon Catholic (Mich.) Middle School.

Peterson graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1975 and was a two-year basketball letterwinner. The Hematites won a regional championship in 1974 and Peterson earned All-Great Lakes Conference along with team Most Valuable Player Award accolades as a senior co-captain in 1975.

Peterson is married to the former Laura Lasky and the couple has two sons, Ryan (8) and Bryce (7). They reside in Grand Haven, Mich.

PETERSON FILE

FAVORITE TELEVISION SHOW
ESPN College Game Day

MEMORABLE FSU HIGHLIGHT
Surviving noonball

MOTTO I LIVE BY
Never take yourself too seriously

FAVORITE FOOD
Pizza

MY WORST FEAR
Losing cable service during a big football game

IF I COULD DO ANYTHING
Hang out with family

FAVORITE NBA TEAM
Milwaukee Bucks

FAVORITE PART OF THE GAME
Anyone can play - you only need a ball and a hoop



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