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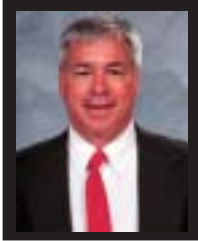


Debbie Black

Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball

Debbie Black rejoins Jim Foster's coaching staff after closing out a stellar 18-season professional career in 2005. Black, who played for Foster at St. Joseph's from 1985-88, starts her second stint as an assistant with her former mentor. She previously coached with Foster in 1999-2000 at Vanderbilt, where she helped the Lady Commodores to a 21-13 overall record and an appearance in the NCAA tournament.

TOPIC: Coaching/playing stories



John Bluem

Head Coach, Men's Soccer

Bluem recently completed his ninth season as coach of the Ohio State men's soccer team. In 2004 he became the school's all-time wins leader and now has 90 victories. With a record of 90-70-20, he owns a school-record .557 winning percentage. He has led the Buckeyes to at least 10 wins per season in seven of his nine seasons and to the NCAA tournament in 2000, 2001, 2004 and 2005. Bluem has six Coach of the Year honors and one Regional Coach of the Year title to his credit.

TOPIC: Coaching stories



Joe Breschi

Head Coach, Men's Lacrosse

Now in his ninth season at the helm of the Ohio State men's lacrosse team, Breschi has led the squad to the NCAA tournament in the last two seasons. These are the first appearances in program history. In addition, the Buckeyes won three Great Western Lacrosse League titles in the last six years under Breschi, including the crown in 2004. Breschi was honored as the GWLL Coach of the Year at the end of the 2004 season.

TOPIC: Coaching stories



Judy Bunting

Head Coach, Cheerleading

Bunting has been head coach of the Ohio State Cheerleaders since 1987. Under her leadership the program has become crowd-oriented and competitive. Ohio State Cheerleaders have participated in the National Cheerleading Competition 17 of the last 19 years. The Buckeyes won the Championship in 1993, placed second in 2001 and most recently earned sixth place. Bunting cheered at Ohio State from 1971-4. Bunting is a member of American Association of Cheerleading Coaches and Advisors.

TOPIC: Cheerleading



Bill Conley

Former Assistant Football Coach and Recruiter

Bill Conley served as an assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator for Ohio State under Earle Bruce, John Cooper and Jim Tressel. A 1972 graduate of Ohio State, he has been regarded as one of the premier recruiters in college football. His 1996 class was ranked number one in the country and the 2002 class, number two. Conley was selected by the *Sporting News* as one of the top five recruiters in the country, and ESPN honored him as the best recruiting coordinator in the nation.

TOPIC: Coaching stories; new book

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Jeanne Fleck

Head Coach, Women's Swimming

Fleck enters her sixth season at the helm of the Ohio State women's swimming program. In three seasons, she engineered 25 Academic All-Big Ten selections and 41 OSU Scholar-Athlete honors. Fleck has geared the Buckeyes to one school record and two pool records. Fleck has over a decade of experience as a college coach. Previously she served as the head coach for both the men's and women's swimming teams at Northern Illinois.

TOPIC: Motivational, swimming program



Jim Foster

Head Coach, Women's Basketball

Jim Foster, the seventh women's basketball head coach at Ohio State, has over 25 years of collegiate experience in women's basketball. In his first year at the helm of the Buckeye team, Foster became the first Ohio State women's coach to be named the Dispatch Ohio Women's College Basketball Coach of the Year. The Buckeyes' 22-10 record was the best since the 1992-93 season. The squad's 14-0 home record was only the eighth time in Ohio State history that a Buckeye team was perfect in Columbus.

TOPIC: Coaching stories



Greg Frey

Former Football Player; Real Estate Agent - Crawford Hoying Smith

Frey is arguably one of the best quarterbacks to ever play football at Ohio State. Frey played for the Buckeyes from 1987 to '90, lettering all four years and starting his final three. He is in the top 10 of several record lists including third in passing yards per game and fourth in career passing yards. He is the only quarterback in Ohio State history to pass for 2,000 yards in three consecutive seasons.

TOPIC: Stories from his playing days



Pete Gaudet

Video Coordinator, Women's Basketball

Gaudet, a former assistant coach, is in his fourth season at Ohio State and his first year as video coordinator. A 30-year coaching veteran, Gaudet sees his new position as an opportunity to continue making contributions to the OSU women's basketball program while lessening the heavy travel schedule. In Gaudet's first year at Ohio State, the team finished the season 22-10 and earned a No. 4 seed in the NCAA tournament.

TOPIC: Women's basketball program



Pete Hanson

Head Coach, Men's Volleyball

Hanson is the eighth volleyball coach for the Ohio State program. In 20 years at Ohio State he has posted a 385-236 (.620) record. Last season, the Buckeyes finished 21-9 and won the MIVA Championship with a 13-3 mark. Hanson was honored as the Conference Coach of the Year. In addition to his role at Ohio State, Hanson assisted the United States Men's Olympic team in Atlanta in 1996.

TOPIC: Men's volleyball program



Russ Hellickson

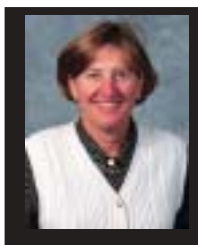
Head Coach, Wrestling

In his 20 seasons with the Buckeyes, Hellickson has enjoyed several winning seasons. His 40 All-Americans is the most of any Buckeye head coach and the five All-America honors from the 2004 season is an OSU record. The two-time Big Ten coach of the year has mentored five national champions to seven championships, including two-time NCAA champions Kevin Randleman and Tommy Rowlands. Most recently, Hellickson led Ohio State to its all-time best third-place finish at the 2004 NCAA Championships.

TOPIC: Motivational; goal setting

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Therese Hession

Head Coach, Women's Golf

Hession enters her 15th year as head coach of the women's golf program, leading the Buckeyes to seven Big Ten championships and nine-consecutive NCAA championships appearances over that time. Her squad finished tied for sixth at the 2005 NCAA Championships with a pair of All-Americans leading the charge. The Buckeyes also won their fourth-consecutive Big Ten title, giving Hession her sixth Big Ten coach of the year accolades.

TOPIC: Team profile



Tom Hof

Associate Athletics Director, External Relations

Hof has been a member of the Ohio State Department of Athletics since 1994. His responsibilities include all athletics department fundraising activities, marketing and promotions, and premium seating programs. Prior to working with athletics, Hof was the director of development for the College of Law.

TOPIC: Mission of the Department of Athletics; athletic facilities; marking/sponsorships, fundraising



Denny Hoobler

Assistant Athletic Director, Development

Dennis Hoobler has been a member of the Department of Athletics since 1985. He served as the department's first marketing director. In 1991, he became Director of the Buckeye Club, the annual fund raising department of the Athletic Department. In 1998 he was elevated to Director of Athletic Development and was named Assistant Athletic Director in 2001. Hoobler played an integral role in the recent success of the Athletic Department's portion of the University's Affirm Thy Friendship Campaign, which concluded in 2000. Over \$90 million was raised in support of athletic projects.

TOPIC: Athletics; development



Linda Kalafatis

Head Coach, Women's Softball

Now in her tenth season, head coach Linda Kalafatis is the school's all-time wins leader and owns over 550 career victories. She is now 568-324-2 overall in her 17th season as a collegiate head coach and 295-209-0 at Ohio State. She presently serves as Chair of the Big Ten Softball Coaches and is a member of the All-American and Coaching Staff of the Year committee.

TOPIC: Fastpitch softball; women in sports



Paul Keels

Play-by-play Announcer

Keels, a native of Cincinnati, has been the "Voice of the Buckeyes" on The Ohio State Buckeyes Radio Sports Network for more than 5 years. He does play-by-play for football and basketball. His broadcast booth experience includes play-by-play for the Detroit Pistons, Cincinnati Bengals, and the University of Cincinnati Bearcats.

TOPIC: OSU football and basketball



Heather Lyke Catalano

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance

Heather Lyke Catalano joined the Department of Athletics as an assistant athletics director for compliance services. She was promoted to associate athletic director and began the oversight of camps and clinics. Her responsibilities in the compliance realm include educating the athletic department and university staff, boosters, coaches, and student-athletes about NCAA and Big Ten rules.

TOPIC: NCAA compliance as it relates to alumni

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John Markell

Head Coach, Men's Hockey

During his 11 seasons at Ohio State, he has lead the team to the NCAA tournament in five of the last eight seasons, marking the first appearances in program history. The team has enjoyed four consecutive 20-or-more win seasons. During the 2004-2005 season the team was honored for having the most-improved grade-point average of any men's team at OSU. Twelve players were named Ohio State Scholar-Athletes and five earned Academic All-Big Ten honors.

TOPIC: Coaching; playing days



Thad Matta

Head Coach, Men's Basketball

Coach Matta is the 13th head coach in the history of the Ohio State men's basketball program. He lead the OSU men's basetball team to a 20-12 season in his first year on the job. The pinnacle of the season came in the final game of the regular season with a heart-stopping victory over undefeated and top-ranked Illinois.

TOPIC: Men's basketball



Chuck Merzbacher

Head Coach, Women's Tennis

During his 10 years as head coach of the Ohio State women's tennis team, Merzbacher has lead the team to six consecutive NCAA tournament appearances, a first in program history. Merzbacher was the 1983 Ohio High School State Champion and a collegiate player at the Universtiy of Minnesota. Merzbacher began his coaching career after two years on the professional tennis circuit.

TOPIC: Coaching stories



Kelley Meury

Assistant Coach, Women's Basketball

Kelley Meury is in her third year as an assistant coach for the Buckeyes and her fifth season under head coach Jim Foster. Meury brings invaluable assets to the Ohio State program. She was a player under Foster, coached back-to-back Elite Eight teams at Vanderbilt and has a broad-based background in business, education, public relations and athletics.

TOPIC: Coaching stories



Dee Miller

Former Football Player; State Farm Insurance Agent

Listed as one of Street & Smith's Top 50 High School All American Seniors in the country, Miller was a highly recruited athlete after high school. In 1997, his first season with the Buckeyes, he caught 58 receptions for 981 yards and five touchdowns earning him Second Team All-Big Ten honors. During Miller's final season the Buckeyes were rated #1 with Miller catching 59 receptions for 915 yards.

TOPIC: Stories from playing days

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Ryan Miller

Former Football Player; Co-founder m2 Marketing

Miller served as a linebacker from 1993-1996 and is co-founder of m2 Marketing which provides marketing services to small businesses. Recently, m2 launched www.coachtressel.com in association with The Ohio State University. Prior to his current position, he was a sports reporter and anchor for WBNS-10TV winning two Emmy Awards for Sports Broadcasting. He founded the 2nd & 7 Foundation in 2000 with fellow OSU teammates Mike Vrabel and Luke Fickell.

TOPIC: Stories from playing days; new business/coachtressel.com



Frank Moskowitz

Founder/Publisher Buckeye Sports Bulletin

Moskowitz is the founder and publisher of *Buckeye Sports Bulletin*, a newspaper devoted to Ohio State University sports. In its 22nd year of publication, *BSB* has a circulation of more than 28,000 with subscribers in all 50 states and several foreign countries. The Washington, D.C. native is also the publisher of *Bike Midwest Magazine*, *Reds Report*, *Bengals Report*, and *Blue Jackets Beat*. Before founding *Buckeye Sports Bulletin* he was sports editor of *The Madison Press* in London, Ohio, worked for the *Columbus Dispatch* and was associate editor of *The Buckeye Leaves*.

TOPIC: Athletic forecasting; stories about OSU sports teams

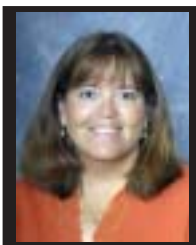


Jack Park

Author, consultant, radio commentator

Park is widely known for his 27 years as an Ohio State football commentator on WBNS Radio in Columbus and throughout Ohio on the Ohio State Football Radio Network. In addition to his radio career, he writes a weekly football column each autumn, he authored *Ohio State Football-The Great Tradition* and *The Ohio State Football Encyclopedia*. Park is also a respected national public speaker, business consultant and owner of a financial consulting firm, Financial Insights.

TOPIC: Ohio State football or "The Leadership Secrets of Football's Master Coaches"



Kate Riffie

Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship

Kate Riffie, Ph.D., has been a member of The Ohio State University's Department of Athletics staff since 1980, serving as an Athletic Counselor, Life Skills Coordinator, Associate Athletic Director for Student-Athlete Support Services and now Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship. Riffie directed Ohio State's CHAMPS Program, which services 35 varsity sports. She served on the NCAA's Life Skills Advisory Committee, the training team for the NCAA Foundation Student-Athlete Leadership Conference.

TOPIC: Student-Athlete Support Services; development



Larry Romanoff

Director of Membership & Alumni Services

Romanoff serves as Ohio State's liaison to the Big Ten and the NCAA. His responsibilities include the athletic endowment program and the stewardship of the athletic development area. He was a football manager for Woody Hayes as an undergraduate.

TOPIC: Athletic development

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Rick Smith

Former basketball player; President of Crawford Hoying Smith

Smith was a member of the OSU men's basketball team from 1976 to 1979. During the 1979 season he was team captain and won the John Havlicek Most Inspirational Player Award. In 1980 he served as a graduate assistant coach. Today Smith manages and develops commercial real estate and is involved in real estate investment. Active in the community, he currently serves on several boards including Varsity O and Champions for Children/Children's Hospital.

TOPIC: Life lessons and directions; playing and coaching; current information on OSU basketball



Dimitrious Stanley

Former football player

Former OSU & NFL player, Stanley is a graduate of Thomas Worthington High School and The Ohio State University. He was a stand-out wide receiver and helped the Buckeyes win four bowl titles. In the 1997 Rose Bowl, he ran 72 yards to help the Buckeyes take the lead in the game. After OSU, Stanley played in the NFL, CFL, and the AFL. In 2000, he created the non-profit organization Camp Mind Games, LLC. Stanley also serves on the board of the United Way Urban Scouting Council & The Ohio Commission on African-American Males board.

TOPIC: Stories from playing days



Sue Stimmel

Head Coach, Women's Lacrosse

Stimmel is entering her tenth season as head women's lacrosse coach at Ohio State. She compiled a 73-61 mark at OSU thus far, and is the only head coach in history of the varsity women's lacrosse program. Stimmel has a 149-79 career record including six years at Denison.

TOPICS: Coaching experiences; life lessons in sports



Dan Stultz

Former Football Player; Manufacturer's Representative Disney-McLane

Stultz served as kicker for the Buckeyes from 1996-2000. He played in four bowl games and the Hula Bowl (All-Star Game). He is the third all-time leading scorer at Ohio State and currently is tied for the longest field goal in Ohio Stadium at 55 yards.

TOPIC: Stories from playing days



Andrew Teitelbaum

Head Coach, Rowing

Now in his tenth season, Teitelbaum heads one of collegiate rowing's premiere teams. In 2004, the Buckeyes were ranked first in the nation for five consecutive weeks. The first varsity eight went undefeated in regular season action and garnered four consecutive Big Ten Boat of the Week honors. The Buckeyes first boat achieved its second-highest finish in program history, placing fifth at the NCAA championships.

TOPIC: Impact of the opportunity that Ohio State has given women through rowing

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Ty Tucker

Head Coach, Men's Tennis

During his tenure as head of the men's tennis program Tucker has proven that his Buckeyes are capable of keeping pace with the country's top opponents. In 2004 the team enjoyed their best season in the program's history. Within just four seasons the Buckeyes went from being one of the worst in the Big Ten to being one of the best.

TOPIC: Coaching/team stories



Rick Van Brimmer

Director, Trademark and Licensing Services

Van Brimmer oversees Ohio State's international licensing program that has been the top revenue-producing collegiate program the last three years, averaging nearly \$5 million in annual royalties. His areas of expertise include marketing and product/idea development. His innovations include the licensing of the Buckeye Hall of Fame Cafe, the first licensed collegiate-themed restaurant in the country.

TOPIC: Overview of trademark and licensing



Bill Wadley

Head Coach, Men's Swimming

The men's swimming and diving team has been one of the most successful Buckeye athletic programs for 60 years, the past 14 under the guidance of head coach Wadley. He has coached 12 Olympians and his teams have been ranked in the NCAA Top 20 for 11 of the past 14 seasons. Wadley coached the only double gold medalist in both the 1987 and 1993 World University Games for the United States. He is currently serving as the president of the American Swimming Coaches Association.

TOPIC: Coaching/team stories



Lori Walker

Head Coach, Women's Soccer

In her eight seasons as head Coach Lori Walker has begun the second decade of Buckeye women's soccer in grand fashion with the program's first NCAA tournament win in 2003 and a spot in the national quarterfinals in 2004. Walker is a 1994 graduate of the University of North Carolina. She was a member of three national championship teams and lost only one match in her four-year collegiate career.

TOPIC: Coaching/team stories, career highlights, experiences as an Olympic color analyst



Miechelle Willis

Associate Athletic Director for Compliance

Willis was named associate athletics director in 1994. She oversees 17 teams in a 36-sport varsity program, including men and women's basketball, and serves as Ohio State's senior woman administrator to the NCAA and the Big Ten Conference. Prior to joining the staff at Ohio State, Willis spent seven years at Temple University. At Temple, she was the primary administrator for 11 women's varsity sports and was responsible for compliance, drug and alcohol education, and student-athlete services.

TOPIC: OSU athletics