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Jeffrey Denberg

Prentis Rogers

The Atlanta Hawks organization would like to dedicate this season's media guide to the memory of two of the team's former beat writers, who passed away during the 2003-04 season -- Jeffrey Denberg and Prentis Rogers of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution. They will be sorely missed by all of those who had the pleasure to know them and read their coverage of the Hawks on a daily basis.

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On March 31, 2004, Atlanta Spirit, LLC officially acquired the Atlanta Hawks (NBA) and Atlanta Thrashers (NHL) franchises, along with the operating rights to Philips Arena, from Turner Broadcasting System, Inc., a Time Warner Company.

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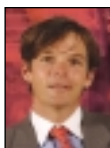
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STEVEN BELKIN - ATLANTA HAWKS GOVERNOR

Steven Belkin is founder and chairman of Trans National Group (TNG), a privately held company headquartered in Boston, Massachusetts. Widely respected as a creative, visionary entrepreneur and philanthropist, Belkin developed TNG into a unique, thriving enterprise through 30 years of growth. TNG is currently the world leader in Affinity Group marketing, with an unsurpassed record of achievement.

Belkin pioneered the concept of using direct mail marketing to provide products and services to the Affinity Group marketplace. Belkin was also the creator of the affinity credit card concept. Each TNG division markets its own unique products and services, sharing Belkin's philosophy and inherent focus on product excellence, strict quality control and dedicated customer service.

Belkin serves on the board of trustees for Cornell University, the Boston Medical Center, the Sports Museum of New England and is on the board of directors for the Hoffman Institute. He also sits on the Harvard College Visiting Committee, as well as the Committee on University Resources.

Among several awards he's received for community activity, Belkin was recently selected as Cornell University's 2004 Entrepreneur of the Year, given annually to an alumnus who best exemplifies entrepreneurial achievement, community service and high ethical standards.

A native of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Belkin graduated from Cornell with a bachelor of science in Industrial Engineering and from Harvard Business School with a master of business administration. He is married to Joan Wolfers Belkin and they have two daughters, Julie and Amy.

MICHAEL GEARON, JR. - ATLANTA HAWKS ALTERNATE GOVERNOR

J. Michael Gearon Jr., 38, is a self-made entrepreneur who founded a very successful telecommunications company at the age of 24 with a \$3,000 start-up investment.

In 1997, INC Magazine cited his enterprise, Gearon Communications, as one of the fastest-growing private companies in the United States. In the same year, Gearon was named the Ernst and Young/USA Today "Entrepreneur of the Year" in the Technology Division.

In 1998, Gearon merged his company with American Tower Corporation (NYSE:AMT), one of the largest independent providers of communications towers in the world. He is currently president of American Tower's International Division. He has served on the company's Board of Directors and remains one of its largest individual shareholders.

Gearon maintains significant business interests in Latin America and the United States and is a director of TV Azteca (NYSE:TZA), one of the two largest producers of Spanish language television programming in the world. He graduated Cum Laude from Georgia State University. Gearon began attending Hawks games at the age of four while sitting on his father's lap and has been an avid fan for 34 years. He lives in Atlanta with his wife and three children.

BRUCE LEVENSON - ATLANTA THRASHERS GOVERNOR

In 1977, Bruce Levenson and Ed Peskowitz founded United Communications Group (UCG), in warehouse space above Levenson's father's liquor store. Four years later, UCG launched one of America's first online information services for business. Today, UCG is among the largest privately held business information companies in the United States. Headquartered outside of Washington D.C., UCG has offices in eight states, providing specialized information for numerous business sectors, including energy, telecom, health, financial services, tax, automotive and high technology.

No strangers to the sports and entertainment world, Levenson and Peskowitz owned minority interests in the Washington Capitals, Washington Wizards, Capital Centre and MCI Center from 1994-99.

Levenson grew up in Chevy Chase, MD. He received a BA from Washington University in St. Louis and a law degree from American University. He and his wife, Karen, reside in Potomac, MD. They have three sons: Scott, Brian and Michael.

ED PESKOWITZ



A journalist by trade, Ed Peskowitz and longtime friend and business partner Bruce Levenson founded United Communications Group (UCG) in 1977. In 1981, UCG launched one of America's first online information services for the energy industry.

Committed to a casual, teamwork-based environment, UCG is organized as a portfolio of many companies in different vertical markets, supported by a world-class shared services and operations group, consisting of more than 1000 employees in eight states.

UCG is today among the largest independent business information companies in the world. The company's rapid growth can be attributed to the development of new products and a series of strategic acquisitions. Today, over two million clients rely on UCG's products and services.

Peskowitz and Levenson also owned minority interests in the Washington Capitals, Washington Wizards, Capital Centre and MCI Center from 1994-99.

Peskowitz served with the 25th Infantry Division in the Republic of Vietnam from 1968-69, where he received several awards for meritorious service. He is a graduate of the State University of New York and lives in Washington, D.C. with his wife and two children.

RUTHERFORD SEYDEL - ATLANTA THRASHERS ALTERNATE GOVERNOR



J. Rutherford Seydel's ties to Georgia and to the City of Atlanta date back to 1919 when his family became involved in the state's textile chemical industry. He is a fourth generation Atlantan. Seydel is a partner at the Atlanta law firm of Lawson, Davis, Pickren & Seydel, and very active in the firm's fast growing real estate, franchising and business transactions practices. He is also involved in numerous entrepreneurial enterprises, private and public foundations.

Seydel is a director and vice-chairman of The Conservation Fund, co-founder and CEO of the Upper Chattahoochee RiverKeeper Fund, Inc. and is a member of the Georgia State Properties Commission. He sits on the board of directors of Southern Environmental Law Center, Turner Environmental Law Clinic at Emory University School of Law, the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce and the Atlanta Sports Council.

Seydel completed his undergraduate degree at the University of Georgia in 1986 and graduated in 1989 from the Walter F. George-Mercer Law School in Macon. He and his wife, Laura Turner Seydel, have three children: John, Laura and Vasser. They live in Atlanta and are active in many civic affairs. He has been a season ticket holder of the Hawks for almost 20 years and the Thrashers since the team's inaugural 1999 season.



TODD FOREMAN



Todd Foreman is a partner in United Communications Group, the business information company Bruce Levenson and Ed Peskowitz founded in 1977. Having joined UCG in 1992, Foreman now oversees the companies business and acquisitions strategy. He also runs the UCG Foundation, a charitable institution that provides money to organizations that serve the community.

For more than 20 years, UCG has supported inner city education programs including "The SEED School" and "Hoop Dreams." In 1988, UCG became the first company in America to sponsor an "I Have a Dream" program, which provides tutoring, mentoring and other special services to inner city disadvantaged youths.

Foreman, a CPA, grew up in Baltimore, Md. He received his BBA from Emory University and MBA from George Washington University. He and his wife, Tracy, reside in Potomac, Md. They have three children: Samuel, Joshua and Katelyn.

MICHAEL GEARON, SR.



J. Michael Gearon Sr. has spent more than 27 years in various capacities with the Atlanta Hawks. He has been the Hawks' representative on the NBA board of governors and was the team's president from 1977 until 1986, when he assumed the title of chairman of the board of directors, which he held for 18 years until 2004.

During his stint as general manager of the Hawks (1977-79), he engineered the trades that brought Tom McMillen and the late Terry Furlow to Atlanta, while overseeing a team that made the NBA Playoffs in each of his two seasons as GM. With the acquisition of Dan Roundfield, Gearon's efforts paid off as Roundfield earned three NBA All-Star Game selections.

Gearon retired from his business career at the age of 37, having built one of the top real estate development companies in the United States. Gearon & Company, which pioneered the concept of large-scale suburban office parks, developed Executive Park, the Coastal States Building and the massive Perimeter Center complex, all in the Atlanta area. Gearon has a long time association with former team owner, Ted Turner, as a close friend and business associate. Gearon is also a former director of Turner Broadcasting.

M.B. "BUD" SERETEAN



M.B. "Bud" Sereteian is the founder and former chief executive officer of Coronet Industries, a carpet manufacturing company based in Dalton, Ga. In 1965, Sereteian was named the outstanding small businessman in the nation. Sereteian is also a former president and general manager of the Hawks (1975-77).

Sereteian has given generously to his alma mater, Oklahoma State University, as he is responsible for the M.B. Sereteian Center for Performing Arts, as well as the Sereteian Wellness Center on campus. In addition, he funded the opening of the Sereteian Center for Health Promotion at Emory University, which houses several health and wellness-related programs of the School of Public Health.

Born in New York City, Sereteian enlisted in the U.S. Army at age 18 and served as a field artillery officer in Italy during World War II. He graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1949 and received his Master of Science degree from New York University in 1950. He has also received an honorary Ph.D. from Oklahoma State.

Sereteian is a former board member of RCA Corporation and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc.

BEAU TURNER



Reed Beauregard Turner is involved in endless charitable organizations related to environmental conservation and preservation. Turner currently serves as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Turner Endangered Species Fund. He's also the fish and wildlife manager for Turner Enterprises, Inc., the land holding group for the Turner family, overseeing wildlife-related projects for a 1.5 million acre operation.

Turner is also a Trustee for the Turner Foundation, a private family foundation created in 1990 that focuses on environmental and population-related causes. In that role, he is involved in all aspects of the Foundation's programs and special initiatives. In 1999, Turner and his family awarded approximately \$25 million in grants.

Turner is also extremely active in the non-profit community. He currently serves on the board of directors of Tall Timbers, an organization that promotes sound stewardship among land owners in the Red Hills region of Georgia and Florida. In addition, he sits on the board of the Wetlands America Trust, the Peregrine Fund, the Land Trust Alliance and the Wildlife Conservation Society, which is committed to understanding and protecting wildlife in more than 50 countries in the world.

DOMINIQUE WILKINS



The ninth all-time leading scorer in NBA history, Hawks' Vice President-Basketball Dominique Wilkins is an investor in Atlanta Spirit, LLC.

As VP-Basketball, Wilkins advises the board of managers and senior management team on basketball-related issues, works as a strong voice in the community, and serves as a member of the executive committee and the Hawks' Free Agent Acquisition Committee.

Wilkins' on-court accomplishments rank him among the league's all-time best. Having been retired from playing since 1999, Wilkins is eligible for Naismith Hall of Fame induction with the next class, in 2005.

The 6-8 forward concluded his NBA career with 26,668 points. His 23,292 points as a Hawk is the franchise's top total, and he ranks second overall in team history in steals (1,245), sixth in assists (2,322) and fifth in blocks (592). One of the league's true marquee players, his outstanding contributions on the court were recognized by the organization in January, 2001, when he became the third player in club history to have his uniform number (#21) retired.

Wilkins, 44, was born on January 12, 1960 in Paris, France, and he is the proud parent of four daughters. He was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on April 3, 2004.

ATLANTA SPIRIT, LLC - BOARD OF MANAGERS

FELIX RICCIO



Felix Riccio serves on the Board of Managers of Atlanta Spirit, LLC as a representative of the Boston ownership. Riccio is Senior Vice President of Corporate Development for Trans National Group, and oversees the corporate development activities of several operating companies under the Trans National umbrella.

Prior to joining Trans National, Riccio practiced corporate law with Goodwin, Procter & Hoar LLP in Boston, where he focused on venture capital financings, public offerings and mergers and acquisitions. Representative clients included Advent International, Alta Communications and TA Associates. In addition, Riccio gained significant deal experience as an investment banker with Morgan Stanley & Co. Inc., in New York, where he identified and evaluated financing and acquisition alternatives for several high-profile clients.

Riccio also has used his transactional skills in initiating, structuring and closing strategic partnerships for a leading affinity sales and marketing company, and raised more than \$45 million of capital as a founding member of the management team of an Internet start-up.

He holds an undergraduate degree from Princeton University, and a law degree from the University of Virginia. A native of Amsterdam, New York, Riccio lives in Wenham, Massachusetts with his wife, Moira, and three children: Thomas, Andrew and Catherine.

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BERNARD J. MULLIN - PRESIDENT & CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, ALTERNATE GOVERNOR



Widely respected as one of sports' top executives, Dr. Bernie Mullin was named the President and Chief Executive Officer of Atlanta Spirit, LLC on March 31, 2004. He is in charge of guiding all facets of the Spirit's operations, including overseeing all team and business operations for the NBA's Hawks and NHL's Thrashers and management of the world-class Philips Arena.

Mullin also serves as an alternate governor for the Hawks and the Thrashers.

Mullin served as the NBA's Senior Vice President, Marketing and Team Business Operations for almost four years where his responsibilities included managing the NBA, WNBA and NBDL brands and consulting with teams on all business initiatives, most specifically ticket sales, sponsor sales and service, marketing, advertising and promotions.

Mullin has 27 years of experience in the sports management and sports facility industry. He began his professional sports team career in 1986, serving as Senior Vice President of Business for the Pittsburgh Pirates taking the team's attendance to new heights and turning around a perennial losing team. In 1991, Mullin joined the expansion Colorado Rockies as Senior Vice President of Business Operations and designed and executed the team's business and marketing plans that produced MLB all-time attendance records. Mullin also acted as the owner's representative on the design and construction of award-winning Coors Field. After the Rockies, Mullin became President and General Manager of the expansion Denver Grizzlies of the International Hockey League, overseeing both business and team operations where he won a Turner Cup championship and created a model for successful expansion in the IHL with a 72-20-6 record.

Prior to and intertwined with his tenure in professional sports, Mullin spent more than a dozen years in intercollegiate athletics and higher education. He served as the Vice Chancellor of Athletics for the University of Denver from 1995-98 and was a Professor of Sport Management at the University of Massachusetts from 1977-86 where he operated a thriving sport marketing and facility management consultancy business.

The Liverpool, England native played semi-professional soccer for the Oxford City Football Club from 1969-72. Mullin earned a Ph.D. in Business, an MBA and an MS in Marketing from the University of Kansas, and graduated from Coventry University in England with a BA in Business Studies. He is recognized world-wide as the best-selling author of the landmark text "Sport Marketing."

Dr. Mullin resides with his wife Valerie in Chastain Park and has three children, Julie, Lara and Steven, a stepson Chad, and two grandchildren, Ian and Niame.



(left to right): Billy Knight, Bernie Mullin, Mike Woodson

BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

BILLY KNIGHT - EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT & GENERAL MANAGER



With a solid reputation as a talent evaluator already evident and having accomplished several shrewd moves in his two seasons in Atlanta, Hawks Executive Vice President and General Manager Billy Knight has a plan in place to position the franchise towards a successful future.

Knight's desire to create financial flexibility on the Hawks roster led to a complete restructuring of the 2003-04 team when he traded Shareef Abdur-Rahim, Theo Ratliff and Dan Dickau to the Portland Trail Blazers prior to the February trade deadline. By dismantling a high-priced, underachieving unit, Knight believed it was more important to give the franchise a better opportunity to become a major player in the league by building the foundation through the draft and free agency.

The first step towards that goal began on Draft Night 2004, when Knight and his staff selected four young and talented players to begin shaping the cornerstone of the franchise. He believes Stanford's Josh Childress embodies all of the attributes necessary to become a top talent in the league, and rookies Josh Smith, Donta Smith and Royal Ivey, add more versatility to several positions for the Hawks.

Knight, a former Indiana Pacer executive, would like to build a roster of long and athletic players, similar to what the Pacers enjoyed during the mid-to-late '90s when they won three division championships and ultimately reached the 2000 NBA Finals, featuring frontline players like Antonio and Dale Davis, Derrick McKey and Rik Smits.

Originally the team's Director of Basketball Operations when he was hired by then-GM Pete Babcock prior to the 2002-03 season, Knight replaced him on April 2, 2003 when Babcock was relieved of his duties. During that offseason, Knight's rebuilding plan started with the selection of Boris Diaw and Travis Hansen in the 2003 Draft, and his impressive changes continued when he obtained the \$12 million contract of Terrell Brandon from Minnesota in a four-team trade that sent Glenn Robinson to Philadelphia and included a future first round draft pick. Brandon's contract came off the Hawks' books when the team released him on February 19, 2004.

In another clever move, Knight's trade of Rasheed Wallace to the Detroit Pistons (also on Feb. 19) provided Atlanta with a second first round pick in this year's draft - local prep star Josh Smith, who was an early-entry candidate from Oak Hill Academy and played his high school ball at Powder Springs (GA) High.

Over the summer, Knight continued to add roster depth and experience by obtaining All-Star Antoine Walker, and rising star Al Harrington, to go along with proven veterans like Kenny Anderson, Jon Barry and Kevin Willis, in the plan to establish a foundation and guide the team in the right direction as it moves forward.

The 52-year-old Knight came to the Hawks after a successful stint as the General Manager of the Vancouver/Memphis Grizzlies. His background as a proven talent evaluator led to a number of key acquisitions in his two years with the Grizzlies, one of which ironically, involved the Hawks. On June 27, 2001, Knight - then with Memphis - sent Shareef Abdur-Rahim to Atlanta for Lorenzen Wright, Brevin Knight and the draft rights of Pau Gasol. Gasol's outstanding rookie season culminated in the first-year sensation winning the NBA's Rookie of the Year award. That same draft, the Grizzlies selected former Duke standout and National College Player of the Year Shane Battier with the sixth overall pick.

In his first season in Vancouver, the team recorded a franchise-record 23 wins.

Prior to his stint with the Grizzlies, Knight spent several productive seasons as a player and front office executive with the Indiana Pacers. A former player dating back to their days in the American Basketball Association (ABA) and the NBA, he ended his eight-year career as the Pacers' all-time leading scorer with 10,780 points. Currently the franchise's third all-time leading scorer, Knight's contributions to the Pacers have him listed among the team's top five lists in five statistical groups, and ranking in the top 10 in 14 different categories.

Named an NBA All-Star in the Pacers' inaugural season in the league (1976-77), Knight finished that year as the league's second-leading scorer (behind Pete Maravich) with an average of 26.6 points per game. Over his 11 pro seasons he averaged 16.9 ppg as a player with Boston, Buffalo (Braves), Kansas City (Kings) and San Antonio, as well as Indiana. He earned two other berths on the NBA All-Star team and one appearance in the ABA All-Star game. In 1975, Knight was selected to the ABA's All-Rookie team.

A five-year executive with the Pacers, he spent the last two years as the team's Senior Vice President for Basketball Operations in charge of pro, college and international scouting, as well as all daily operations within the basketball department, under the direction of President Donnie Walsh.

An All-American at the University of Pittsburgh, Knight was the seventh overall pick in the 1974 ABA Draft. The Pittsburgh native attended Braddock High School. He has previously competed as a state-ranked tennis player.

Knight, born June 9, 1952, has one daughter from a previous marriage (Olivia) and one stepdaughter (Ericka) from his current marriage to Danita Edwards, which took place in August 2003.

BASKETBALL OPERATIONS, CONT.

DOMINIQUE WILKINS - VICE PRESIDENT OF BASKETBALL



The most celebrated player to ever put on a Hawks uniform, Dominique Wilkins was named to the position of Vice President-Basketball on March 31, 2004. Previously the team's special assistant to the executive vice president and player development assistant, Wilkins reports to team President/CEO Bernie Mullin and works in various management functions within the organization's basketball and business areas.

Wilkins will be responsible for advising the board of managers and senior management team on basketball-related issues, working as a strong voice in the community, and serving as a member of the executive committee and the Hawks' Free Agent Acquisition Committee.

The 6-8 forward, who concluded his NBA career with 26,668 points, is the ninth all-time leading scorer in league history and his 24.8 career scoring average is 11th on the all-time charts. Wilkins' 23,292 points with the Hawks are the franchise's best, and he ranks second overall in team history in steals (1,245), sixth in assists (2,322) and fifth in blocked shots (592). One of league's true marquee players, his outstanding contributions on the court were recognized by the organization in January 2001 when he became the third player in club history to have his uniform number (#21) retired, joining Hawks legends Bob Pettit and Lou Hudson.

Familiar to area sports fans from his collegiate days at the University of Georgia, Wilkins entered the 1982 NBA Draft after his junior season with the Bulldogs. He ended his Georgia career as the school's all-time scoring leader with averages of 21.6 points to go along with his 7.5 rebounds. A three-time All-SEC performer who also took home the Most Valuable Player award from the 1981 Southeastern Conference tournament, he was selected as the third overall pick in the first round by the Utah Jazz.

Hawks officials valued his talents enough to send two players (John Drew and Freeman Williams) and cash to the Utah Jazz on September 2, 1982 for his draft rights, and the end result was beneficial for both parties. As a result, Wilkins was able to continue his career in front of familiar faces, and Atlanta had its first superstar since Pete Maravich.

Instrumental in the team's success in the mid-to-late '80s, Wilkins electrified Atlanta sports fans as the club recorded 50-win seasons in four straight seasons from 1985-86 to 1988-89. He averaged 29.1 points over that period, and in the 1988 All-Star Game he ripped the nets for 29 points in 30 minutes of action.

A playoff participant in eight of his 12 seasons with the Hawks, his finest hour came in during the 1988 postseason when Atlanta narrowly missed reaching the Eastern Conference Finals, as the Boston Celtics eked out a two-point victory in Game 7 of the conference semifinals. Wilkins averaged 31.2 points in 12 playoff contests that year, and having participated in ten years of playoff competition, scored 25.4 points per game.

After missing only 18 of a possible 738 regular season games his first nine years, Wilkins' durability took a serious blow when he suffered a season-ending tear of Achilles tendon midway through the 1991-92 season. While it was unsure if he would return to his old high-flying self, Wilkins responded the next season by scoring 29.9 points per game to finish second only to Michael Jordan for the league scoring title.

He was a member of the NBA All-Rookie Team in 1983 and was named to seven All-NBA teams, nine consecutive All-Star squads and was a two-time winner of the NBA Slam Dunk Championship.

On November 6, 1992 against the New York Knicks, a patented baseline jumper led to Wilkins becoming the 17th person in league history to join the 20,000-point club, and later that season (February 2, 1993 against Seattle) he supplanted Pettit as the franchise's all-time leading scorer.

His stellar career in Atlanta came to an end on February 2, 1994 when the Hawks traded him to the Los Angeles Clippers for Danny Manning. At the conclusion of the year, Wilkins decided to test the free agent market and signed with the Boston Celtics.

Discouraged with his performance in 1994-95, which resulted in career lows in scoring and field goal percentage, Wilkins joined Panathinaikos Athens of the Greek League the following season (1995-96). He was named MVP of the European Final Four after averaging 20.9 points and 7.0 rebounds and leading the team to the European Men's Championship.

Seeking a return to the States, Wilkins signed a free agent contract with San Antonio and provided more than the Spurs possibly imagined, leading the David Robinson-less Spurs in scoring with an 18.2 average and grabbing 6.4 rebounds.

He returned overseas for the 1997-98 campaign, signing with Italy's Teambasket before rejoining the NBA for his final professional season (1998-99), as Wilkins saw action in 27 games for the Orlando Magic.

Wilkins, 44, was born on January 12, 1960 in Paris, France, and he is the proud parent of four daughters. He was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame on April 3, 2004.

BASKETBALL OPERATIONS, CONT.**CHRIS GRANT - VICE PRESIDENT OF BASKETBALL OPERATIONS/ ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER**

Promoted this summer to the position of Vice President of Basketball Operations and Assistant General Manager, Chris Grant enters his ninth season with the Hawks.

Grant is responsible for assisting General Manager Billy Knight in all facets of the day-to-day direction of the basketball operations department, including all player acquisitions at the professional and collegiate level.

He spent the last two years as Director of Scouting, where his role included evaluating talent for the Draft, player personnel decisions regarding free agents and trades, and the evaluation of international and developmental leagues. Grant was named Director of Scouting in 2002.

A member of the Hawks organization since 1996, Grant has now held six different positions within basketball operations in his nine-year stint. Those positions include video intern, video coordinator, NBA advance scout, Assistant Director of Scouting and Director of Scouting.

A 1994 psychology graduate from the University of San Diego, Grant spent three seasons on the school's basketball team after transferring from Cañada Junior College. He earned a masters in educational leadership from USD in 1996.

Grant, 32, was born May 9, 1972 in Concord, CA and raised in Lake Tahoe, CA. He and his wife, Kelly, and son Cameron live in Atlanta.

RODNEY HEARD - DIRECTOR OF SCOUTING

Rodney Heard joined the Hawks' basketball operations department on July 1, 2004, as he was named Director of Scouting. Heard replaced Chris Grant, who was promoted to Vice President and Assistant General Manager.

Heard, a member of the Vancouver/Memphis Grizzlies' scouting staff since 1996-97, was one of the organization's national scouts during his years with the organization.

Prior to his stint with the Grizzlies, Heard spent three years on the collegiate level at the University of California - Berkeley. After one season as an administrative assistant, Heard became an assistant coach on then-coach Todd Bozeman's staff, where he worked with former Hawks and Grizzlies forward Shareef Abdur-Rahim.

Born in Detroit, Heard led the state of Michigan in scoring with 38 points per game en route to earning prep All-America honors. He went on to play college ball at Kansas State for one season, before transferring to Highland Park CC in Michigan, where he was named a J.C. All-American.

After completing his collegiate career at Sam Houston State in Huntsville, Texas, he returned to his home state where he coached several seasons on the high school level before joining Bozeman's staff at Cal. In addition to his day-to-day administrative duties there, Heard directed the Cal Basketball Camps and Todd Bozeman Basketball School.

MIKE McNEIVE - DIRECTOR OF PRO PERSONNEL

An 11-year NBA staff veteran, Mike McNeive begins his second season with the Hawks and is Director of Pro Personnel.

McNeive moves over after having spent last season as an assistant coach.

He spent the previous five seasons in Milwaukee, where he served as a scout. Prior to his stint in Milwaukee, McNeive spent four years with the Seattle Sonics organization, where he was an advance scout and video coordinator.

An Illinois native, McNeive received his undergraduate degree in Physical Education in 1992 from Monmouth College (IL), where he was a four-year letterman in baseball as well as basketball for the Fighting Scots. In 1993, he received his Masters Degree in Sports Management and Administration from Georgia Southern University in Statesboro.

Mike and his wife Maggie have three children, Ryan, Allison and Danny.

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GARY FITZSIMMONS - SCOUT / SPECIAL ASSISTANT



Gary Fitzsimmons is in his first season with the Hawks as a scout, and his responsibilities include evaluating talent on all levels of basketball competition - both amateur and professional, as well as the international locations and the CBA.

A longtime student of the game, Gary is the son of the late Phoenix Suns and Atlanta Hawks coach Cotton Fitzsimmons, who passed away last July from a lengthy illness. Basketball has been a part of his life since he was born, with over 25 years of experience in the NBA, and as a player at Southern Illinois University, where he was the starting point guard for the Salukis.

While a member of the SIU basketball team, Fitzsimmons was a teammate of former Hawks Mike Glenn and Joe C. Meriweather, and prior to his senior season, he joined the coaching staff as an assistant and earned two degrees - in administrative justice and political science.

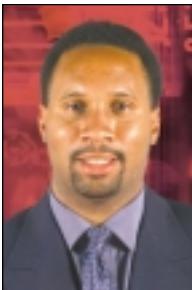
Following his graduation in 1978, he began his tenure in the NBA as a scout with the Kansas City Kings and one year later was named an assistant coach. After six seasons on the sidelines with Kansas City - where he served under his father's tutelage and coached the likes of Otis Birdsong and Eddie Johnson - Fitzsimmons joined the San Antonio Spurs as an assistant coach and chief scout in 1984 (his father was the Spurs head man for two seasons, 1984-86). He worked in that capacity with the Spurs until 1986, when he assumed the position of Director of Player Personnel with the Cleveland Cavaliers. The Cavs reached the playoffs in eight of the 11 seasons Fitzsimmons spent in Ohio.

He has been associated with 16 playoff teams, including the 1980-81 Kings, who made it to the Western Conference Finals and the 1991-92 Cavaliers, who challenged the eventual World Champion Chicago Bulls in the Eastern Conference Finals.

Heavily involved in the drafting of many outstanding players into the NBA, including point guards Terrell Brandon, Kevin Johnson and Mark Price, Fitzsimmons has encouraged trades which have netted such players as current Hawks head coach Mike Woodson and assistant coach Larry Drew, Tyrone Hill, Larry Nance and Dan Majerle. As the primary scout (collegiate, international and NBA) and the team's resident salary cap expert/manager and organized the team's annual summer league roster and preseason schedule with Golden State, Fitzsimmons played an integral role in the Warriors acquisitions of players like Antawn Jamison, Jason Richardson, Troy Murphy, Gilbert Arenas and Mike Dunleavy.

A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, he is a longtime fan of the St. Louis Cardinals. The 50-year-old Fitzsimmons enjoys spending time outdoors and he is an avid runner. He and his wife Nancy are the parents of two children, Timothy Ryan and Kelley Lynne.

HAROLD ELLIS - SCOUT



Former NBA and Morehouse College guard Harold Ellis begins his third season as a scout for the Hawks. Ellis, 34, will focus on minor-league and college scouting. He previously was an assistant coach in 2001-02 on the inaugural staff of the National Basketball Development League's (NBDL) Roanoke Dazzle.

A former pro player who has played in four leagues (the NBA, Continental Basketball Association, the U.S. Basketball League and Greece), Ellis is a 1992 graduate of Morehouse who spent three seasons in the NBA with the Los Angeles Clippers (1993-94 and '94-95) and Denver Nuggets (1997-98). The 6-5 guard-forward made 16 starts for the Clippers in his first season, and averaged 5.8 points in his 145-game NBA career. In January 1994, Ellis scored a career-high 29 points against the Boston Celtics.

An outstanding NCAA Division II player who led the Maroon Tigers in scoring in each of his four seasons (1988-92), Ellis became only the fifth player from a historically black college or university (HBCU) to have his uniform number (#30) retired. Morehouse had a 90-30 record in Ellis' four years there.

As a sophomore, Ellis led Morehouse to the semifinal round of the NCAA Division II Elite Eight in Springfield, Massachusetts. He also led the Maroon Tigers in rebounding in his sophomore and junior seasons, and was a three-time Division II All-American selection. He won the coveted John B. McClendon Trophy, awarded to the top male college basketball player at a black college or university, as a senior.

This past summer, Ellis served as general manager and head coach of the Rome (GA) Gladiators of the WBA. He has also spent time coaching with Rockford (CBA) and Las Vegas (IBL). He also participated in the NBA's Basketball Without Borders Africa tour in September.

Ellis, the son of educators, has a master's degree in sports management and administration from the U.S. Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama. He is pursuing a Ph.D. in sports psychology at San Diego University for Integrative Studies.

Ellis, born October 7, 1970 in Atlanta, attended Frederick Douglass High School.

BASKETBALL OPERATIONS, CONT.**MARK CROW - INTERNATIONAL SCOUT**

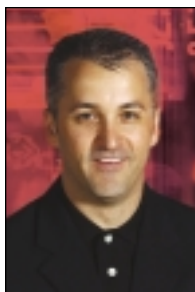
Veteran international scout Mark Crow, based in Rimini, Italy, is in his fourth season as the Hawks' primary overseas talent evaluator. Prior to his stint with the Hawks, Crow worked in a similar capacity for the Los Angeles Clippers from 1993-2000. Crow, a four-year letterman at Duke (1974-77), averaged 9.4 ppg and 4.0 rpg in 87 career contests, and was voted to the school's all-decade team for the '70's.

He was selected in the sixth round of the 1977 NBA Draft by New Jersey, and played in 15 games for the Nets that season. In 1978, he began his European basketball career, which would take him to Italy, Portugal and Spain. He finished his 12-year playing career in Udine, Italy in 1988.

Crow moved into player management following his playing retirement, working with NBA and international player agent Herb Rudy, scouting and recruiting for the firm then known as I.B.C., now called Interperformances.

A graduate of Benedictine High School in Richmond, VA, where he was all-state in basketball and football, Crow was a teammate of longtime NBA assistant coach John Kuester (currently with New Jersey).

The 50-year-old Crow speaks fluent Italian, as well as Spanish and Portuguese. He has a daughter, Erica, and a son, Jack.



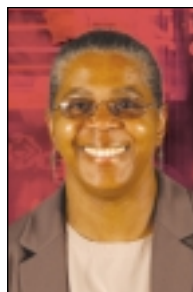
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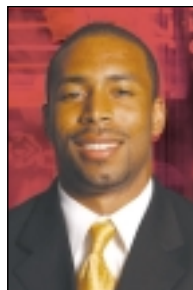
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MIKE WOODSON - HEAD COACH



The Atlanta Hawks named Mike Woodson as the team's new head coach on July 8, 2004. Woodson, who becomes Atlanta's tenth head coach since the franchise moved to the Atlanta area in 1968, spent this past season as an assistant on the staff of the World Champion Detroit Pistons.

"I am very excited about hiring Mike as our new head coach," said Hawks Executive Vice President and General Manager Billy Knight. "He has paid his dues and is very deserving of this opportunity. Mike has all of the qualities I was looking for in a head coach as we went through this process. He possesses a tremendous work ethic and he's an excellent motivator, something that is very important to our franchise and ownership group as we move forward. As a former player who has worked tirelessly as an assistant for several years, learning from a couple of Hall of Fame coaches along the way, Mike will be able to handle the transition of his new position and bring a passion of winning to the Hawks.

"Fans will see the same level of intensity he displayed on the court as an opponent of mine, a teammate of mine and as an assistant coach. We'll be well prepared and compete hard every night on both ends of the floor as he takes our team to another level. Mike will represent our organization very well and I look forward to working with him."

The top assistant on Larry Brown's Pistons staff, the 46-year-old Woodson has 19 years of NBA experience as a player and coach, and served three-of-the-last nine seasons as an assistant under Brown in both Philadelphia (2001-03) and Detroit. He also worked as an assistant coach with the Cleveland Cavaliers (1999-01) and the Milwaukee Bucks (1996-99).

"As many assistant coaches around the league would tell you, we all strive to reach this level," said Woodson. "Becoming a head coach in the NBA has been a goal of mine for many years and I've patiently waited for an opportunity like this one. I am very appreciative of the support I've received thus far from Billy and the new ownership group and while there's a lot of work to do, I am in this for the long haul.

"Working with Coach Brown taught me a great deal about what is necessary to accomplish success in this league, and winning the championship was a tremendous achievement for all of us. With the new management team in place in Atlanta, I'm ecstatic about the challenge of bringing this program back to a competitive level. While understanding there's a lot of work to do and it is not going to happen overnight, if we can put the necessary pieces around the young kids we've drafted, we will build this product into a winning team."

One of the chief architects behind the Pistons' suffocating defensive effort during the 2003-04 regular season and the playoffs, Detroit held the opposition to 84.3 points per game this past year, which equaled the league's best total defensively (along with San Antonio).

In addition, the Pistons' point differential of +5.84 was the second-best in the NBA and they limited opponents to 41.4 field goal shooting, the league's third-best performance. During their 23 postseason games, Detroit intensified their efforts defensively, holding teams to 80.7 ppg and 39.2 FG shooting, and in the five-game Finals series against Los Angeles, the Pistons kept the Lakers more than 16 points under their regular season average and hounded them into shooting 41 percent from the floor.

"The Atlanta Spirit ownership group is extremely excited to welcome Mike to our family," said Spirit owner Michael Gearon, Jr. "Billy has worked extremely hard during this process to bring the most qualified and talented person to our team, and we feel we have that in Mike. He brings championship experience to the Hawks and we will all learn from him. As a former player, he knows how to get the players' respect and assist them in their development. Mike's professionalism and the knowledge he has gained from coaches like Bob Knight and Larry Brown will prove to be invaluable as we continue to instill a winning attitude within our community."

The 11-year veteran and 6-5 guard played for seven teams in the NBA after he was selected in the first round of the 1980 Draft by the New York Knicks with the 12th overall pick. In 786 career games, Woodson averaged 14.0 points (10,981 career points), 2.3 rebounds and 2.3 assists in 25.5 minutes of action, enjoying his best campaign in 1982-83 when he played for the then-Kansas City Kings and posted 18.2 points per game. Woodson and Knight were teammates the following year and helped the Kings to a third-place finish in the Midwest Division (38-44) and a first round playoff berth against the LA Lakers.

In addition to the Knicks and Kings (both in Kansas City and Sacramento), Woodson also played with New Jersey, the Los Angeles Clippers, Houston and Cleveland, before retiring from the game in 1991. His teams advanced to the playoffs five times, where he averaged 12.2 ppg, 2.6 apg and 2.3 rpg.

Drafted out of Indiana University, Woodson, in his junior season, helped lead the Hoosiers to the 1979 National Invitation Tournament (NIT) championship with a 53-52 victory over conference foe Purdue and was named to the All-Tourney team.

During the summer of that year, he played for Bob Knight and captained the United States

BASKETBALL STAFF, CONT.**MIKE WOODSON - HEAD COACH, CONT.**

team that participated in the Pan Am Games, joining teammates Isiah Thomas and Ray Tolbert in winning the gold medal.

A two-time All-American (1979 and 1980) and four-year letterman, Woodson suffered a herniated disk in his back after five games (and a No.1 ranking) into his senior campaign and had to undergo surgery. Upon losing Woodson, Indiana went 7-5 in the Big Ten, but once he returned, IU finished the conference season at 6-0 and captured the Big Ten title. Despite the limited action, Woodson took home the league's 1980 MVP award.

The fifth-leading scorer in IU history with 2,061 points, Woodson averaged 19.8 points and 5.6 rebounds in 104 games with the Hoosiers. He graduated with a degree in physical education.

Woodson, born March 24, 1958 in Indianapolis, Indiana, attended Broad Ripple High in Indianapolis. He and his wife Terri have two daughters, Alexis and Mariah.



Mike Woodson

LARRY DREW - ASSISTANT COACH

Larry Drew, who is entering his 22nd year in the NBA as a player or assistant coach, joined the staff of the Atlanta Hawks on August 24, 2004. Since retiring from the game after the 1990-91 season, he has spent the last 11 years on the sidelines as a coach.

Last season, Drew was an assistant with the New Jersey Nets after spending the previous three seasons with the Washington Wizards in a similar capacity (2000-03). Prior to that, he rejoined one of the teams he previously played for, the Detroit Pistons, as an assistant coach in 1999-2000. Drew returned to Detroit for the first time since playing with the team as a NBA rookie with the Pistons in 1980-81. His coaching career began in 1992-93 when he broke into the ranks with another of his former teams, the Los Angeles Lakers, whom he played for from 1989-91.

A 10-year pro, Drew averaged 11.4 points and 5.2 assists in 714 career games for four NBA teams. After one season in Detroit, he played the next five years with the Kings, in Kansas City and Sacramento (1981-86), and his final four in Los Angeles (1986-91), for the Clippers and the Lakers. He was a teammate of Hawks head coach Mike Woodson and GM Billy Knight in Kansas City (1983-84). Drew averaged 16.4 ppg, Woodson totaled 14.5 ppg and Knight added 12.8. In addition, Drew was a member of Scavolini of the Italian League in 1988-89.

A first round pick in the 1980 NBA Draft (17th overall selection), Drew participated in the playoff four times in his career, scoring 3.1 points and dishing out 0.5 rebounds in 31 games. His most productive season as a player came during the 1982-83 campaign, when he averaged 20.1 ppg, 8.1 apg and 1.7 spg for Kansas City.

Born April 2, 1958 in Kansas City, Kansas, Drew played four seasons at the University of Missouri, where he averaged 12.0 points and 2.8 rebounds and prepped at Wyandotte High in Kansas City. Drew and his wife Sharon have three children, Larry, Landon and Lindsey.

BASKETBALL STAFF, CONT.

HERB BROWN - ASSISTANT COACH



An experienced coaching veteran, Herb Brown brings 40-plus years of basketball knowledge and championship mettle to Atlanta as he begins his first season as an assistant on head coach Mike Woodson's staff. Last season, Brown and Woodson helped Herb's younger brother Larry Brown in coaching the Detroit Pistons to the NBA world championship in a surprising upset of the heavily-favored Los Angeles Lakers.

A former head coach himself, Brown served as the head man of the Pistons from 1976-78 and led them to two playoff appearances in 1976 and 1977, the only back-to-back playoff showing for Detroit prior to the Chuck Daly era that began in 1983. Brown's 1976 squad was the only Pistons team to advance past the first round of the playoffs before Daly's arrival. He also coached against his brother's Denver Nuggets team on nine occasions (Larry has the edge, 6-3).

In addition to his stay in Detroit, his assistant coaching stops have taken him to six other teams - the Houston Rockets, Phoenix Suns, Indiana Pacers, Chicago Bulls, the 2001 Eastern Conference Champion Philadelphia 76ers and the Portland Trail Blazers. He also served as a scout with the Milwaukee Bucks, Pacers, 76ers and Bulls, earning championship rings in 1982 and 1983. Brown also coached in the International Basketball League (IBL), World Basketball Association (WBA) and Continental Basketball Association (CBA), where he won two division titles, made four trips to the playoffs and was named Coach of the Year in the WBA and in the CBA with Puerto Rico in 1984.

Brown also has extensive international experience, leading Israel Sabres, a team consisting of former Boston Celtic head coach and player M.L. Carr, former Hawks and current UNLV head coach Lon Kruger and former UT-Chattanooga coach Henry Dickenson, to the championship of the European Professional Basketball League in 1975. He coached in the Puerto Rico Professional Basketball League for 15 summers with his teams appearing in the playoffs each year and winning a CBA championship in 1984 with Canovanas.

In 1972, Brown worked under the auspices of the U.S. State Department as a visiting head coach with the Pakistanian National Team. He also coached in Spain for six seasons, taking his teams to the playoffs five times, and coached Team USA to a gold and bronze medal in the Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The seven-time coach of the year is the author of three books, "Basketball's Box Office," "Preparing for Special Situations," and the newly published, "Let's Talk Defense" by McGraw-Hill, along with numerous other articles that have been published in the United States, Europe and South America.

A 1957 graduate of the University of Vermont, Brown began his coaching career at C.W. Post as an assistant coach from 1960-64. His first head coaching experience was at SUNY Stony Brook from 1964-69, where in 1969, he was named Coach of the Year after directing Stony Brook to the league and playoff championship.

Brown, a 2002 honoree of the Hank Greenberg Sportsmanship Award, resides in Vinings, GA, and he was born March 14, 1936 in Brooklyn, New York. He and his wife Sherri have a total of four kids and five grandchildren.



Coaching Staff (left to right): David Fizdale, Herb Brown, Greg Ballard, Mike Woodson, Larry Drew, Bob Bender

BASKETBALL STAFF, CONT.**BOB BENDER - ASSISTANT COACH**

Coming to Atlanta as an assistant coach following two seasons with the Philadelphia 76ers is Bob Bender. Bender joined the 76ers staff on July 11, 2002 after 13 seasons as a college head coach and served as the Sixers' assistant coach/player development for the 2002-03 season. He was promoted to assistant bench coach prior to last season.

The 1996 Pac-10 Coach of the Year, Bender guided the University of Washington to a 116-142 record during his nine-year tenure (1994-2001), a mark that ranks fourth all-time among Washington coaches for career victories. Bender directed the Huskies to four consecutive trips to the NCAA Tournament from 1996 to 1999, a feat no other Washington head coach previously accomplished.

His 1998 squad, which featured Sixers center Todd MacCulloch, recorded a 20-10 (.667) record, posting the school's finest winning percentage since 1985. Among their highlights that year was Washington's first 20-win season since 1987, their first NCAA tourney berth since 1986 and their first Sweet 16 appearance since 1984, falling in the final second to UConn.

Bender began his head coaching career with a four-year tenure at Illinois State (1990-93) where he was 60-57, earning two Missouri Valley Conference championships, one conference tournament title and an NCAA Tournament berth in 1990. He took home MVC Coach of the Year and Illinois Collegiate Coach of the Year honors in 1992, as the Redbirds posted an 18-11 record overall and a 14-4 mark in league play to share the regular season crown.

Prior to his stint at Illinois State, Bender was an assistant under Mike Krzyzewski at Duke (1983-89). The Blue Devils qualified for the NCAA Tournament in each of Bender's six seasons on the staff, including four trips to the Final Four. While at Duke, Bender coached former Blue Devil and current Philadelphia GM Billy King and later worked with him at Illinois State.

The Duke graduate (history, 1980) has the distinction of being the only individual to play on two different teams in an NCAA Championship game. He was a freshman on Bob Knight's undefeated 1976 Indiana team and played point guard at Duke from 1977-80, including an appearance in the 1978 title game against Kentucky. Bender was drafted by the San Diego Clippers in the sixth round before his senior year, but did not play.

Bender, born April 28, 1957 in Quantico, Virginia, and his wife, Alice have two children, Mary Elizabeth and Robert Michael III.

GREG BALLARD - ASSISTANT COACH / PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Former NBA forward Greg Ballard, who won a league title in 1978 with the Washington Bullets, brings ten years of assistant coaching experience to the bench with the Hawks, joining Mike Woodson's staff after nine seasons in Minnesota. He came to Timberwolves from the Dallas Mavericks, where he also served as an assistant coach. Ballard had worked as an assistant scout for Burghy Roma of the Italian League before returning to the NBA to serve on Quinn Buckner's staff in Dallas.

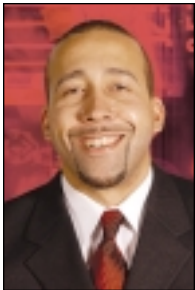
The fourth overall pick in the 1977 NBA Draft out of the University of Oregon, Ballard played eight seasons with the Bullets before he was traded to Golden State in June 1985. He spent two years with the Warriors before heading to Italy to serve as an assistant coach on the 1989-90 Il Messagero Roma team, which featured former NBA players Danny Ferry and Brian Shaw. He recorded a career high average of 18.8 points a game in the 1981-82 season with the Bullets, and totaled career numbers of 12.4 points and 6.1 rebounds in 802 games. Ballard enjoyed seven years of playoff competition, six seasons with Washington, averaging 7.4 ppg and 5.0 rpg.

The 6-7 Ballard is a member of the University of Oregon Hall of Fame and was inducted into the state of Oregon's Hall of Fame in August 1996. A native of Los Angeles, Ballard was a highly regarded baseball prospect as a pitcher and was selected by the Montreal Expos in the 15th round of the 1973 free-agent baseball draft.

Born January 29, 1955, Ballard and his wife Donna, have three children, Lawrence, Gabrielle and Gregory Jr.

BASKETBALL STAFF, CONT.

DAVID FIZDALE - ASSISTANT COACH / PLAYER DEVELOPMENT



Starting his first season with the Hawks as an assistant coach is David Fizdale, who comes to Atlanta from Golden State where he worked in a similar role. Prior to joining the Warriors, Fizdale was a college assistant for five seasons.

In 2002-03, Fizdale worked as an assistant coach at Fresno State University, where his responsibilities included working with coaching and player development and serving as the team's recruiting coordinator.

Prior to joining the Bulldogs staff, he spent the previous four years as an assistant coach at his alma mater, the University of San Diego. During his final season coaching the Toreros, he was the top assistant for coach Brad Holland. While at USD, he was in charge of scheduling, served as the recruiting coordinator, and worked in player development and on-court coaching.

The 30-year-old Fizdale also spent the 1997-98 season as the assistant video coordinator for the Miami Heat prior to joining the coaching profession. A three-year starter at point guard while playing at San Diego, Fizdale was selected to the All-West Coast Conference team after his senior year in 1996. He led the WCC in assists that season, with his seven assists per game average ranking ninth in the nation. Fizdale twice took home the Bugelli Leadership Award and was named the team MVP and defensive player of the year as a senior. He owns the school record for most assists in a game (14), a season (195) and a career (465). He was also named the school's outstanding sportsman of the year as a senior.

Born on June 16, 1974 in Los Angeles, California, Fizdale earned a bachelor's degree in communications and a minor in sociology from San Diego in 1996.

WALLY BLASE - HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER



Wally Blase begins his fifth season with the Atlanta Hawks as the team's Head Athletic Trainer. He is responsible for the day-to-day health of the team, the evaluation and rehabilitation therapy of athletic injuries, and the supervision of the Hawks Sports Medicine staff.

Blase, 34, came to the Hawks organization in 2000 after four years as the assistant athletic trainer with the Chicago Bulls, during which he was part of two NBA championships. As the Bulls assistant, he was actively involved with assisting the head athletic trainer with all aspects of the team's medical needs, including the prevention, care, and rehabilitation of the athletes.

He is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), and is a member of the National Basketball Trainers Association (NBTA).

A native of Niles, Illinois, Blase also worked several internships in the athletic department of the NFL's Chicago Bears (the summers of 1994, '96 and '98). He has also spent time as the head trainer with the Cincinnati Rockers arena football team (1993).

Blase spent three seasons as a student athletic trainer at Winona State University, where he obtained his bachelor's degree in sports medicine in 1992. In 1996, he earned his masters in sports psychology from Syracuse University while serving two years as a graduate assistant trainer.

Born June 4, 1970 in Niles, Illinois, Blase resides in Smyrna.

PETE RADULOVIC - ASSISTANT COACH / PLAYER PERFORMANCE



In his eighth season with the Hawks is Pete Radulovic, the team's Assistant Coach/Player Performance.

He came to the Hawks from the National Hockey League's Los Angeles Kings, where he served two seasons as their Strength and Conditioning Coach (1995-97). Prior to his stint with the Kings, Radulovic was a trainer with the United States Tennis Association, where he undertook training responsibilities at the various USTA tournament sites.

He is certified by the National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA) and National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Radulovic, who grew up in Honolulu, Hawaii, and attended Punahou High School, is a 1989 graduate of Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he played volleyball as an undergraduate.

He earned his teaching certification at LMU in 1990, before joining the USTA staff. Radulovic served as a graduate assistant trainer with Loyola's sports teams during his final year there. He has also done training work at various Great Western Forum events, including team tennis and roller hockey.

Born October 3, 1966 in New York City, Radulovic and his wife, Maria, live in Atlanta.

BASKETBALL STAFF, CONT.

TOM SMITH - ASSISTANT ATHLETIC TRAINER / EQUIPMENT MANAGER



In his fifth year as the Hawks' Assistant Athletic Trainer/Equipment Manager is Tom Smith.

He assists Wally Blase in tending to the athletic training needs of the players, in addition to taking care of the teams' uniforms and equipment, and hotel and travel arrangements.

Smith came to the Hawks from St. Paul Academy in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he spent six years (1994-2000) as the head athletic trainer.

With an extensive background in athletic training, Smith got his start as a graduate student trainer with the Minnesota Timberwolves in 1990. In September 1992, Smith became the head trainer and travel coordinator for the CBA's Rapid City Thrillers.

After three seasons with the Thrillers, he worked one season (1995-96) with the IHL's Minnesota Moose in addition to his responsibilities at St. Paul Academy.

A certified member of the National Athletic Trainers Association (NATA) and a member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA), Smith worked with the Orlando Magic's summer league team in 1999 and has assisted the training staffs at many international and high school sporting events. He has also been selected each of the past four summers to work the NBA Pre-Draft camp in Chicago.

The 39-year-old Smith, who has a B.S. in Sports Studies and Bible from Northwestern College (1988), earned his Masters in Sports Medicine from the U.S. Sports Academy in 1991. He was also an eight-time national championship qualifier for both the cross country and track teams at Northwestern.

Smith has traveled internationally to Ivory Coast, West Africa, where he lived for two years, and the Philippines, where he spent two summers.

Born August 26, 1965 in Long Prairie, Minnesota, Smith and his wife, Lisa, have three children, Grant, Kailee Jo and Jackson.



Hawks Rookies (left to right): Donta Smith, Josh Childress, Josh Smith, Royal Ivey

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

NBA COMMUNITY PROGRAMS



Through the Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA programs, the NBA positively impacts millions of kids and their parents on a year-round basis through stressing fundamental basketball skill development, teamwork, sportsmanship and positive adult participation. The Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA aims to develop a life-long passion for the game of basketball by providing a support structure that encourages participation and makes youth basketball fun and rewarding for players, coaches, officials and parents.

As the world's greatest athletes, NBA players are dedicated to the community and committed to giving back in extraordinary ways. Through their foundations, camp efforts and charitable work, they make a difference for thousands of non-profit and youth serving organizations. Each month, the NBA honors one of its players who has achieved outstanding accomplishments in the community, with the Community Assist Award and the David Robinson plaque, which represents the standard and legacy set by the NBA Legend. Additionally, the NBA and WNBA each present an annual Sportsmanship Award to a player who best represents the ideals of sportsmanship.

In addition to youth sports and education, the NBA also supports numerous causes and organizations that positively impact communities including but not limited to The Thurgood Marshall Scholarship Fund, UNICEF, The National Wheelchair Basketball Association, The National Civil Rights Museum, Gallaudet University, The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center and the Global Business Coalition on HIV/AIDS.

The dedication of the NBA, its teams and players to the improvement of communities around the world has a long history and tremendous reach.

The league's implementation and execution of its Read to Achieve program impacts and inspires children and their families to develop a life-long love of reading. The entire NBA family has placed reading and children's education at the forefront of its community work by donating millions of dollars, extensive resources and countless volunteer hours to the promotion and sponsorship of literacy initiatives. In addition, through the internationally acclaimed Basketball without Borders program, the NBA reaches people all over the world.

ATLANTA HAWKS FOUNDATION



The Atlanta Hawks recognize the importance of giving back to the community in which we live, work and play. We believe our success is not only measured by wins and losses, but also by our commitment to the community. Through the Atlanta Hawks Foundation, the organization provides programs and opportunities that engage youth in the areas of Education, Youth Basketball and Community Outreach.

Since its inception in 1988, the foundation has contributed millions of dollars in monetary donations and in-kind services to hundreds of organizations across Georgia and nationwide. The foundation raises funds to support these efforts through several annual events, including the Tip-Off Luncheon, Golf Tournament and Full Court Fest gala. The Hawks would like to thank the following corporate sponsors for their continued support of our endeavors to enhance the lives of today's youth: Philips Electronics, Anheuser-Busch, Bank of America, Coca-Cola, Delta Air Lines, The Home Depot, UPS, WebMD, Outback Steakhouse and Jaguar Cars of North America.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CONT.



(left to right): Donta Smith, Josh Smith, Royal Ivey



Boris Diaw



Jason Collier

EDUCATION - READ TO ACHIEVE



Read to Achieve (RTA), the centerpiece of the NBA's community outreach efforts, is a year-round program designed to promote the value of reading and online literacy, and to encourage adults to read regularly with young people.

Through this initiative and with the help of sponsors Philips Electronics and Sprite, the Hawks have built eight Reading & Learning Centers across metro Atlanta, allowing children access to computers, books, school supplies and other collateral materials.

To support the RTA campaign, the organization formed an All-Star Reading Team, consisting of players and coaches, Hawks alumni and other celebrities. Members regularly visit Reading & Learning Centers, classrooms and community centers to host Reading Timeouts with children, while speaking about the importance of education.

Atlanta Hawks Reading & Learning Centers:

- Joseph B. Whitehead Boys & Girls Club
- Harland Boys & Girls Club in Atlanta
- Ed Isakson YMCA
- Thomasville Heights Community Center
- The Atlanta Area School for the Deaf
- The STAR House Foundation
- Adams Park Recreation Center
- Warren/Holyfield Boys & Girls Club

EDUCATION - FAST BREAK FOR READING



Another component under the Read to Achieve umbrella is the elementary school-based Fast Break for Reading (FBFR) program.

Students are rewarded with special Hawks offers for finishing a pre-determined number of books throughout the school year. To promote the initiative Hawks mascots and dance team members host Reading Assemblies at area schools. Participating schools in Fast Break for Reading are also eligible to receive books for their libraries, Philips Electronics merchandise and Hawks collateral materials

EDUCATION - PERFECT ATTENDANCE

The Hawks are teaming up with Atlanta area schools to stress the importance of attending class every day. Any student at participating schools with perfect attendance during designated grading periods will receive special Hawks offers.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, CONT.

YOUTH BASKETBALL

JR. HAWKS

The Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA program is a national support system that complements recreational youth basketball leagues across the country. This campaign, designed for kids age 5-14, provides instructional support materials for players, parents, coaches and officials.

This season the organization is also tipping-off the Jr. Hawks Basketball program, an effort to complement local youth recreation leagues. The Jr. Hawks initiative, held in conjunction with Jr. NBA/Jr. WNBA, strives to promote teamwork, sportsmanship, fundamental skills and the importance of education. Additionally, Jr. Hawks members receive special Hawks items such as a team jersey, backpack, discount ticket offers, as well as the opportunity to attend exclusive Hawks basketball clinics and on-court recognition at a Hawks home game and much more.

COURT RENOVATION

In memory of former Director of Scouting Gary Wortman, who passed away in 2000, the Hawks Court Renovation program builds or refurbishes basketball courts in underprivileged neighborhoods throughout the city and surrounding area. With support from The Home Depot, the Hawks re-pave courts and install new backboards and nets, as well as making other necessary improvements. A community celebration, including a basketball clinic, games and more, is held to unveil the new court.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

TEAM UP FOR TICKETS

The Team Up for Tickets program provides children and their mentors from Big Brothers Big Sisters of Metro Atlanta an opportunity to attend a Hawks game free of charge. Fans can donate unused tickets to this effort by calling (404) 878-2858. Donations are tax deductible.

HOLIDAY EFFORTS

As the holidays approach, Hawks players, coaches and front office staff participate in a number of charitable activities throughout the Atlanta area. Annual efforts include food and toy drives, visits to local children's hospitals, and other holiday-themed events.

GOLF CLASSIC



Since 1993, the organization has held an annual Golf Classic to help generate funds for the Atlanta Hawks Foundation and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. Sports and entertainment celebrities hit the links with fans and sponsors in an effort to raise money, which will help support the Foundation's numerous charitable endeavors. The event, which raises thousands of dollars each fall, also includes auctions, raffles, dinner and more. Sponsors of the Hawks Golf Classic include Philips Electronics, Bud Light, Delta Air Lines, Georgia Power, Jaguar and Land Rover, Outback Steakhouse and Sprite.

FULL COURT FEST



The annual Spring fundraiser for the Hawks Foundation and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta, Full Court Fest invites fans to sport black ties and sneakers while they wine, dine and play a variety of games with Hawks players, coaches and other celebrities. The star-studded evening also includes a number of raffles and auctions for one-of-a-kind items, sports memorabilia, vacation packages and more. Full Court Fest sponsors include Philips Electronics, Bud Light, Sprite, WebMD, Lincoln Mercury and After Hours Formalwear.

CHARITY TIP-OFF LUNCHEON

The Atlanta Hawks Charity Tip-Off Luncheon is held each fall to start the new season off in style, while introducing the team to fans and business leaders. The entire team and coaching staff join members of the front office to dine and mingle with attendees, while posing for pictures and signing autographs. Proceeds from the event benefit the Hawks Foundation and its numerous charitable endeavors.

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