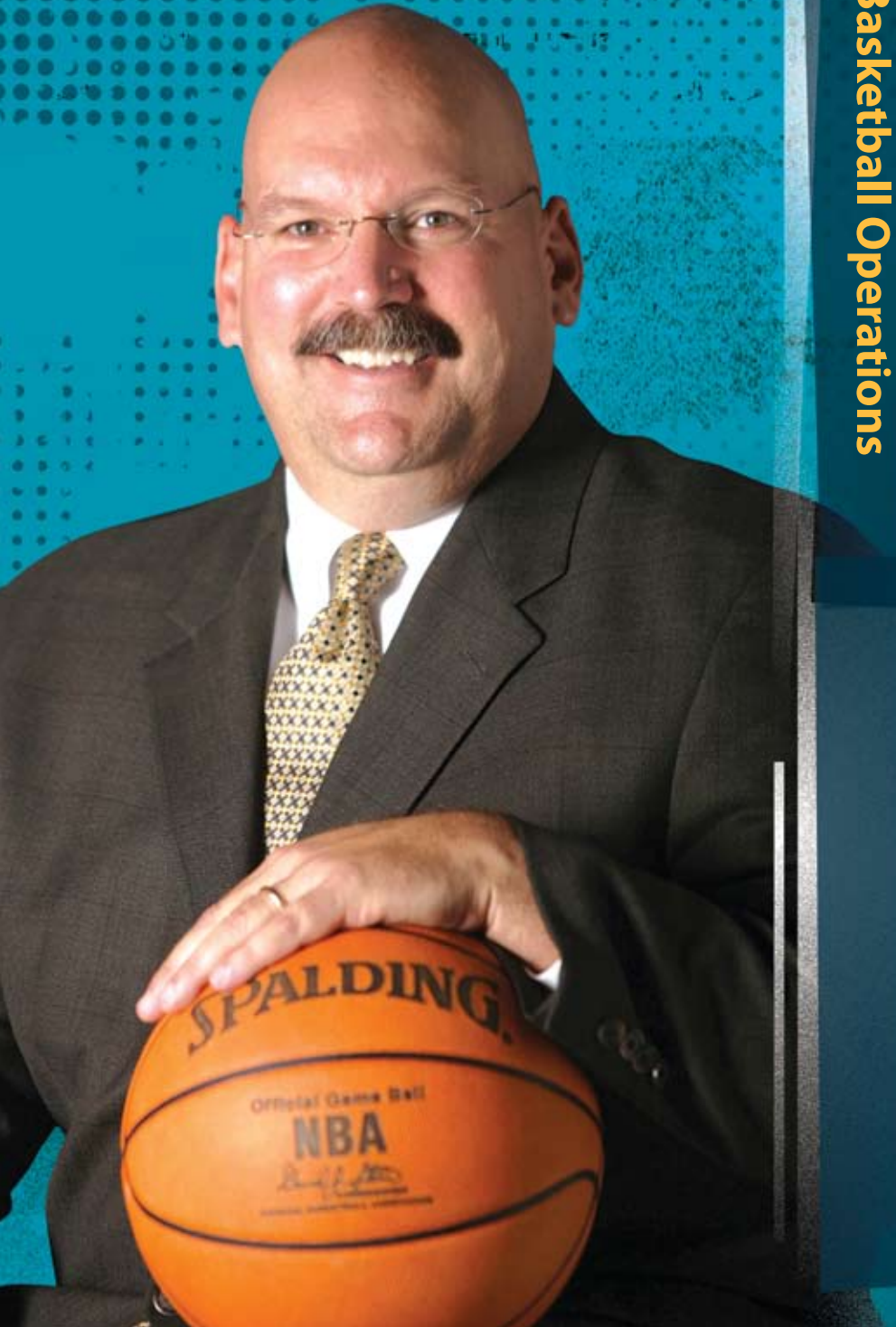


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Jeff Bower General Manager

Jeff Bower's versatility has been a valuable asset to the Hornets basketball staff during his 11-plus seasons with the club. That versatility and experience helped ease the team's transition to its temporary home in Oklahoma City during the 2005-06 season, as Bower was named general manager just prior to the start of training camp

As general manager, Bower handles the team's day-to-day basketball operations and oversees player personnel decisions, the coordination of the schedules for the entire college scouting staff and the compilation of data in preparation for the NBA Draft.

Bower began his tenure with the Hornets as an advance scout from 1995 to 1997 before earning a promotion as the Hornets' director of scouting (where he served from the 1997-98 season through 1999-00). In addition to his scouting duties during the 1998-99 season, Bower joined the coaching ranks as an assistant after Paul Silas was named interim head coach on Mar. 7, 1999 and helped him lead the Hornets

to a 22-13 record. He was named assistant general manager for the 2000-01 season. On June 4, 2001, Bower was promoted to general manager and held that position through the 2002-03 season. He returned to the bench as an assistant coach under Tim Floyd in 2003-04 before going back to the front office as director of player personnel in 2004-05.

Prior to joining the Hornets, Bower enjoyed an impressive career at the collegiate level. He spent three years as an assistant coach at Penn State University from 1983-1986 before moving to Marist College in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. After first serving as an assistant coach from 1986 through 1990, he was promoted to associate head coach, a position he held for five years. Bower helped lead the Red Foxes to an NCAA Tournament appearance in 1987 after winning the Northeast Conference. Bower also coached former Indiana Pacers center Rik Smits, the second overall pick in the 1988 NBA Draft, for two years during his time at Marist.

In addition to his college and NBA accolades, Bower was a three-time guest of the International Basketball Academy held in Pula, Croatia, where he gave coaching clinics and instruction to players.

The native of Hollidaysburg, Penn., resides in Oklahoma City with his wife, Lisa, and their daughter, Lindsey (born in January 2003). Bower holds a bachelor's degree in history/education from St. Francis College in Pennsylvania.

Bower with the Hornets



Year	Title
1995-96	Advance Scout
1996-97	Advance Scout
1997-98	Director of Scouting
1998-99	Director of Scouting/Assistant Coach
1999-00	Director of Scouting
2000-01	Assistant General Manager
2001-02	General Manager
2002-03	General Manager
2003-04	Assistant Coach
2004-05	Director of Player Personnel
2005-06	General Manager



How The Hornets Were Built

Although the Hornets improved their win total by a league-best 20 games in 2005-06, General Manager Jeff Bower made sure that the team did not rest on their laurels as the summer began. He instead used the offseason as a chance to build on the team's momentum and overhaul the roster. Through an intricate series of moves on both a large and small scale, Bower was able to keep certain pieces that were key to the Hornets' previous success and combine them with new additions that he felt the team needed to reach the next level. A new and improved roster was formed and the Hornets had completed their busiest and most exciting offseason in franchise history. Perhaps most impressive of all was the fact that Bower was able to accomplish his goals, fill his desired roster spots and add the exact players he targeted, while keeping the team under the salary cap.

2005-06 Hornets Final Roster

Player

Brandon Bass	F	
PJ Brown	F/C	Traded to Chicago along with J.R. Smith for Tyson Chandler on July 14
Rasual Butler	F	
Speedy Claxton	G	Free agent; was not re-signed
Marcus Fizer	F	Free agent; was not re-signed
Marc Jackson	F/C	
Linton Johnson	F	
Arvydas Macijauskas	G	Waived on July 12
Desmond Mason	G/F	
Moochie Norris	G	Waived on July 5
Chris Paul	G	
J.R. Smith	G	Traded to Chicago along with PJ Brown for Tyson Chandler on July 14
Kirk Snyder	G	Traded to Houston for cash considerations and a conditional 2008 second round pick on July 14
David West	F	
Aaron Williams	F	Free agent; was not re-signed

2006-07 Hornets Opening Roster

Player

Hilton Armstrong	C/F	Selected with the 12th overall pick in the 2006 NBA Draft
Brandon Bass	F	
Rasual Butler	F	Re-signed as a free agent on July 19
Tyson Chandler	C	Acquired from Chicago for PJ Brown and J.R. Smith on July 14
Bobby Jackson	G	Signed as a free agent on July 19
Marc Jackson	F/C	
Linton Johnson	F	
Desmond Mason	G/F	
Jannero Pargo	G	Signed as a free agent on August 9
Chris Paul	G	
Cedric Simmons	F	Selected with the 15th overall pick in the 2006 NBA Draft
Peja Stojakovic	F/G	Acquired from Indiana for cash considerations and the draft rights to Andrew Betts on July 12
David West	F	



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Willis Reed **Vice President of Basketball Operations**

Willis Reed returned to his home state of Louisiana on June 29, 2004, to take over as vice president of basketball operations for the Hornets. He brought with him a basketball legacy that includes a storied career as one of the NBA's 50 greatest players, 12 seasons as a head or assistant coach at the college and pro level and 15 seasons in the front offices of the New Jersey Nets and New York Knicks.

As vice president of basketball operations, Reed is involved in all of the team's basketball-related affairs, including player personnel decisions and the franchise's extensive scouting network, while also maintaining a large presence in the community.

Reed acquired his reputation as one of the best minds in basketball while with the New Jersey Nets. He began his 16-year association with the Nets when he replaced Interim Head Coach Bob MacKinnon on Feb. 29, 1988. Reed remained as head coach for part of the next season before moving into the front office, where he served as general manager/vice president of basketball operations through the 1995-96 season.

During his tenure in that position, Reed helped take the Nets from a perennial sub-.500 team to a legitimate playoff contender in the early '90's. He did so by acquiring talent such as Drazen Petrovic, PJ Brown, David Wesley, Derrick Coleman and Kenny Anderson and hiring legendary coach Chuck Daly to guide the team. Reed moved to the position of senior vice president in 1996 and continued to work with the focus of building the Nets into a championship contender while playing a vital role in establishing and solidifying business contacts in the corporate world and the community. That work paid off in the 2002 and 2003 seasons when New Jersey, led by Hornets Head Coach Byron Scott, advanced to the NBA Finals in consecutive years. Following the 2002-03 season, Reed joined the front office of the New York Knicks as special basketball advisor, where his duties included roles in both basketball and administration capacities.

Reed's Hall of Fame playing career was spent entirely in New York, where he led the Knicks to NBA championships in 1970 and 1973. Picked in the second round of the 1964 NBA Draft (10th overall selection), Reed made an immediate impact by averaging 19.5 points and 14.7 rebounds and was named Rookie of the Year. He would go on to average a double-double each of the next four years, solidifying his place as one of the league's best players.

In 1969-70, Reed produced one of the best single seasons in NBA history. He averaged 21.7 points and 13.9 rebounds en route to delivering the city of New York their first NBA title and was honored as the league's Most Valuable Player, All-Star Game MVP and Finals MVP (only Michael Jordan and Shaquille O'Neal have also won all three awards in the same season). As if those accomplishments weren't enough, Reed underlined his place in the NBA history books with one of the league's most memorable moments when he hobbled onto the court prior to Game Seven of the Finals and lifted the Knicks to a 113-99 rout of the Lakers.

Reed won his second title and second Finals MVP award in 1973 after once again leading the Knicks over the Lakers, but would play just one more season before being forced to retire in 1974 due to torn cartilage in his right knee. His 10-year career included five All-NBA designations (including All-NBA First Team in 1970), an NBA All-Defensive First Team selection in 1970 and seven All-Star appearances. Reed was elected to the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1982 and his number 19 was retired by the Knicks in 1976.

Following his retirement, Reed used the winning attitude and leadership he was known for as a player to motivate teams from the bench. He was named head coach of the Knicks for the 1977-78 season, where he led the team to a 43-39 record and coached the first 14 games of the 1978-79 campaign. After serving as an assistant at St. John's University in 1980-81, he was named head coach at Creighton. He compiled a 52-65 record in four seasons at Creighton (1981-85) and guided the Bluejays to an NIT appearance in 1984. Reed returned to the NBA in 1985 as an assistant with the Atlanta Hawks. He remained there for two seasons before joining the Sacramento Kings as an assistant for the 1987-88 season.

The Louisiana native was born on June 25, 1942, in Hico but grew up on a farm in nearby Bernice. He was a two-time All-State selection for West Side High School in Lillie before going on to star at Grambling. Reed led the Tigers to the NAIA national championship as a freshman and went on to score 2,280 points in 122 games. He received All-America honors as both a junior and senior, and led Grambling to three conference titles and two other NAIA Final Four appearances.

Reed and his wife, Gale, have two children.



Willis Reed Year-by-Year

NBA Executive

Year	Team	Title
1989-90	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations
1990-91	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations
1991-92	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations
1992-93	New Jersey Nets	Executive Vice President and General Manager
1993-94	New Jersey Nets	Executive Vice President and General Manager
1994-95	New Jersey Nets	Executive Vice President and General Manager
1995-96	New Jersey Nets	Executive Vice President and General Manager
1996-97	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President of Basketball Operations
1997-98	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
1998-99	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
1999-00	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
2000-01	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
2001-02	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
2002-03	New Jersey Nets	Senior Vice President
2003-04	New York Knicks	Special Basketball Advisor
2004-05	New Orleans Hornets	Vice President of Basketball Operations
2005-06	N.O./Okl. City Hornets	Vice President of Basketball Operations

NBA Head Coach

Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
1977-78	New York Knicks	43	39	.524
1978-79	New York Knicks	6	8	.429
1987-88	New Jersey Nets	7	21	.250
1988-89	New Jersey Nets	26	56	.317
Totals		82	124	.398

NBA Assistant Coach

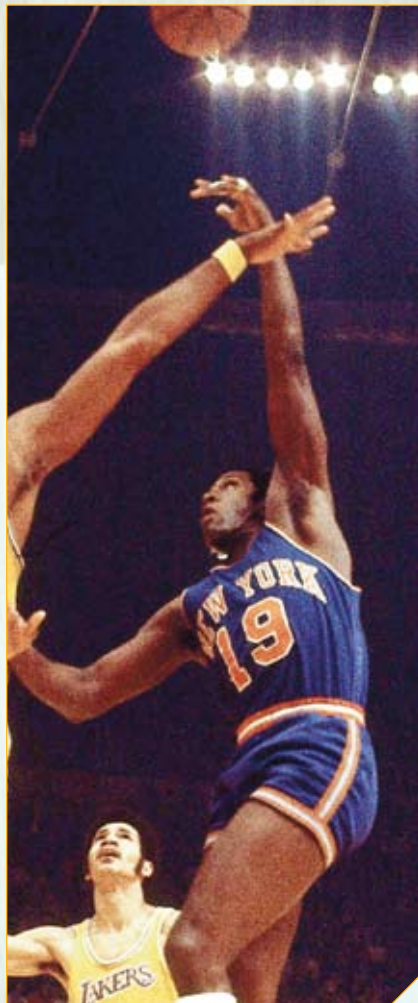
Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
1985-86	Atlanta Hawks	50	32	.610
1986-87	Atlanta Hawks	57	25	.695
1987-88	Sacramento Kings	24	58	.293
Totals		131	115	.533

College Head Coach

Year	Team	W	L	Pct.
1981-82	Creighton	7	20	.259
1982-83	Creighton	8	19	.296
1983-84	Creighton	17	14	.548
1984-85	Creighton	20	12	.625
Totals		52	65	.444

NBA Regular Season Record

Season	Team	G	MIN	FGM	FGA	PCT	FTM	FTA	PCT	REB	AST	PTS	RPG	APG	PPG
1964-65	New York	80	3042	629	1457	.432	302	407	.742	1175	133	1560	14.7	1.7	19.5
1965-66	New York	76	2537	438	1009	.434	302	399	.757	883	91	1178	11.6	1.2	15.5
1966-67	New York	78	2824	635	1298	.489	358	487	.735	1136	126	1628	14.6	1.6	20.9
1967-68	New York	81	2879	659	1346	.490	367	509	.721	073	159	1685	13.2	2.0	20.8
1968-69	New York	82	3108	704	1351	.521	325	435	.747	1191	190	1733	14.5	2.3	21.1
1969-70	New York	81	3089	702	1385	.507	351	464	.756	1126	161	1755	13.9	2.0	21.7
1970-71	New York	73	2855	614	1330	.462	299	381	.785	1003	148	1527	13.7	2.0	20.9
1971-72	New York	11	363	60	137	.438	27	39	.692	96	22	147	8.7	2.0	13.4
1972-73	New York	69	1876	334	705	.474	92	124	.858	590	126	760	8.6	1.8	11.0
1973-74	New York	19	500	84	184	.457	42	53	.792	141	30	210	7.4	1.6	11.1
Totals		650	23073	4859	10202	.476	2465	3298	.747	8414	1186	12183	12.9	1.8	18.7
Playoff Totals		78	2641	570	1203	.474	218	285	.765	801	149	1358	10.3	1.9	17.4





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Byron Scott Head Coach

Byron Scott concluded his second season as Hornets head coach in 2005-06 by leading the team to 38 victories, a 20-game improvement over their win total from last year, and by finishing fifth in Coach of the Year voting. Scott, the seventh coach in franchise history, uses the experience of two trips to the NBA Finals as head coach of the New Jersey Nets and three NBA titles as a player with the Los Angeles Lakers to guide the Hornets from the sidelines.

Scott came to the Hornets after three-and-a-half seasons in New Jersey, during which time he compiled a 149-139 (.517) record and took the Nets from the bottom of the Eastern Conference (only three teams were worse the season before he arrived) to one of the NBA's elite teams.

He posted a 26-56 mark in his first year with the Nets (2000-01), but that record was not a sign of the times to come. Scott guided the Nets to a 52-30 record and a trip to the NBA Finals in the 2001-02 season, just his second as a head coach at any

level. The 52 wins were a Nets franchise record and represented the sixth-best turnaround (26 games) in NBA history. The team enjoyed several other franchise firsts, including the Atlantic Division title, the best record in the Eastern Conference and a 50-win season. The Nets' team success translated into individual honors for Scott, as he was named head coach of the Eastern Conference All-Star Team during the 2002 All-Star Game in Philadelphia. As good as the Nets were in the regular season, their march through the playoffs was even more impressive. Scott led the team to victories over the Pacers, Hornets and Celtics before they fell to the L.A. Lakers in the Finals.

Under Scott's leadership, the Nets returned to the Finals in 2002-03. The team finished the regular season at 49-33 (second-best record in the Eastern Conference) and captured its second consecutive Atlantic Division crown before they once again rolled through the playoffs. The Nets defeated the Bucks in six games in the first round, then swept the Celtics and Pistons in the Conference Semifinals and Conference Finals, respectively, to set up their meeting with the Spurs in the Finals. After losing the first two games, Scott led the Nets back with two consecutive wins to tie the series before they eventually lost in six games.

Prior to joining the Nets, Scott spent two seasons (1998-99 and 1999-00) as an assistant coach with the Sacramento Kings. During his two years in Sacramento, the team posted their first back-to-back winning seasons (27-23 and 44-38) in 20 years. Scott's responsibilities with the Kings included reviewing offensive game plans, advance scouting and individual skill work with perimeter players.

Scott began his coaching career after 14 years as a player in the NBA with Los Angeles (1983-93, 1996-97), Indiana (1993-95) and Vancouver (1995-96). Scott, who holds career averages of 14.1 points, 2.8 rebounds and 2.5 assists, won three NBA championships (1985, 1987, 1988) as a key member of the Lakers' "Showtime" era. He experienced only two losing seasons as a player and his teams qualified for the playoffs in 13 of his 14 seasons. His 183 career playoff games ranks seventh all-time behind Kareem Abdul-Jabaar, Scottie Pippen, Danny Ainge, Magic Johnson, Robert Parish and Karl Malone. His best season came during the Lakers' 1988 championship run, when he averaged 21.7 points, 4.1 rebounds and 4.1 assists. After spending his 14th and final NBA season with the Lakers, Scott played one season in Greece for Panathinaikos, where he led the team to the championship.

Scott entered the NBA as the fourth overall selection in the 1983 NBA Draft by the San Diego Clippers before his rights were traded to the Lakers. He played collegiately at Arizona State, where he finished his career as the school's all-time leading scorer with 1,752 points. Scott was named First Team All-Pac 10 as a senior after averaging 21.6 points, 5.4 rebounds and 3.1 assists.

The native of Inglewood, Calif., has an equally impressive record off the court. His non-profit organization, The Byron Scott Children's Fund, has raised more than \$6 million over the past decade, with the proceeds going to various children's charities. Scott continued to broaden his resumé during the 2003-04 season when he served as a studio analyst for ABC's NBA telecasts.

Scott and his wife, Anita, have three children, Thomas, LonDen and DaRon.



Scott Year-by-Year

NBA Head Coach

Season	Team	W	L	Pct.
2000-01	New Jersey Nets	26	56	.317
2001-02	New Jersey Nets	52	30	.634
2002-03	New Jersey Nets	49	33	.598
2003-04	New Jersey Nets	22	20	.524
2004-05	New Orleans Hornets	18	64	.220
2005-06	N.O./Okla. City Hornets	38	44	.463
Totals		205	247	.454

NBA Assistant Coach

Season	Team	W	L	Pct.
1998-99	Sacramento Kings	27	23	.540
1999-00	Sacramento Kings	44	38	.537
Totals		71	61	.538

NBA Player

Season	Team	W	L	Pct.
1983-84	Los Angeles Lakers	54	28	.659
1984-85*	Los Angeles Lakers	62	20	.756
1985-86	Los Angeles Lakers	62	20	.756
1986-87*	Los Angeles Lakers	67	15	.817
1987-88*	Los Angeles Lakers	62	20	.756
1988-89	Los Angeles Lakers	57	25	.695
1989-90	Los Angeles Lakers	63	19	.768
1990-91	Los Angeles Lakers	58	24	.707
1991-92	Los Angeles Lakers	43	39	.524
1992-93	Los Angeles Lakers	39	43	.476
1993-94	Indiana Pacers	47	35	.573
1994-95	Indiana Pacers	52	30	.634
1995-96	Vancouver Grizzlies	15	67	.183
1996-97	Los Angeles Lakers	56	26	.683
Totals		737	411	.642

*Won NBA Championship





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Darrell Walker Assistant Coach

Darrell Walker joined the Hornets as an assistant coach in 2004-05, adding the experience of two stints as an NBA head coach and 10 seasons as a player to Byron Scott's staff.

Walker began his coaching career when he served as an assistant in Toronto during the Raptors' 1995-96 inaugural season. He was promoted to head coach the day after the end of the regular season and led the Raptors to a 30-52 mark in 1996-97. Walker resigned as head coach of the team on Feb. 13, 1998 with an overall record of 41-90 (.313).

In the 1999-00 season, Walker pulled a rare hat trick when he served as head coach of three different franchises. He began the season on the sidelines with the Rockford Lightning of the Continental Basketball Association before being named interim head coach of the Washington Wizards on Jan. 29. He guided the Wizards to a 15-23 record after taking over and was named the team's director of player personnel in

May. On July 14, Walker stepped in once again as an interim head coach, this time with the WNBA's Washington Mystics, who finished the season with a 5-7 record and qualified for the WNBA Playoffs for the first time. He remained in Washington as director of player personnel for the Wizards in 2000-01, was head scout and special assistant in 2001-02 and a scout during the 2002-03 and 2003-04 seasons before joining the Hornets.

Walker's 10-year playing career began when he was drafted out of Arkansas by the New York Knicks in the first round (12th overall) of the 1983 NBA Draft. He averaged 7.9 points and 3.5 assists as a rookie and 13.5 points, 5.0 assists, 3.4 rebounds and 2.04 steals in his second season. After a third year in New York, Walker was traded to the Denver Nuggets in exchange for a first round pick in the 1987 NBA Draft. He remained in Denver only one season before being traded along with Mark Alarie to Washington in exchange for Jay Vincent and Michael Adams. Walker spent the next four seasons (1987-91) in Washington, including the 1989-90 campaign in which he nearly averaged a triple-double (9.5 points, 8.8 rebounds and 8.0 assists to go along with 1.72 steals). Following the 1990-91 season, Walker was traded to the Detroit Pistons for two second round draft picks. He was released by the Pistons midway through the 1992-93 season, but was signed to two 10-day contracts and then for the rest of the season by the Chicago Bulls. Walker retired as a player after helping the Bulls win the 1993 NBA Championship. He averaged 8.9 points, 4.6 assists, 4.4 rebounds and 1.51 steals in 720 NBA games.

Walker and his wife, Lisa, have four sons, Darrell, Jerrell, Jarrett and Jarren. He also has one daughter, Felicia.



Kenny Gattison

Assistant Coach

Kenny Gattison returned for his third season on the Hornets bench in 2005-06. He re-joined the Hornets organization in 2003-04 as an assistant coach after playing six seasons for the team from 1989 to 1995. When Byron Scott was named head coach in May, 2004, Gattison was the first assistant coach added to his staff (the two were teammates with the Vancouver Grizzlies during the 1995-96 season).

Since retiring from the NBA as a player following the 1995-96 season, Gattison has built an impressive résumé as a coach. He spent two seasons as an assistant under Blaine Taylor at his alma mater, Old Dominion University, and was also on the New Jersey Nets' bench as an assistant coach under John Calipari from 1996-98. In addition, Gattison served as head coach for the Hornets' entry in both the 2005 and 2006 Vegas Summer League.

Gattison enjoyed a nine-year career in the NBA before retiring after the 1995-96 season. He finished with career averages of 4.7 points and 7.9 rebounds with a .520 (1,536-2,956) career field goal percentage in 494 games. Gattison began his career in Phoenix after being drafted by the Suns in the third round (55th pick overall) of the 1986 NBA Draft. After averaging 5.2 points and 3.5 rebounds in 77 games as a rookie in 1986-87, Gattison tore the ACL in his left knee and missed the 1987-88 season. He played two games for the Suns in 1988-89 before signing in Europe.

The Hornets signed the 6-8 Gattison as a free agent on Dec. 2, 1989 after he began the season with the CBA's Quad City Thunder. He went on to play six years with the team, averaging 8.4 points and 5.0 rebounds in 390 games as a member of the Hornets. He shot .529 (1,297-2,454) from the field over his Hornets career, ranking him first in franchise history, while he ranks fifth all-time in blocks (283), fifth all-time in offensive rebounding (622) and fifth all-time in games played (390). Gattison's best season came as a Hornet when he averaged 12.7 ppg, 7.1 rpg, 1.6 apg and 0.8 bpg while playing in 82 games during the 1991-92 campaign.

The Vancouver Grizzlies selected Gattison in the first round (16th overall pick) of the 1995 Expansion Draft. He began the 1995-96 season with the Grizzlies, where he averaged 9.2 points and 4.6 rebounds, but was traded to Orlando along with a second round pick for Jeff Turner on Feb. 22. Gattison did not play in a game with the Magic and retired following the end of the season.

Gattison finished his career at ODU as one of the school's greatest athletes. He was named Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year as a senior and garnered All-Sun Belt honors twice. He finished his career as the conference's all-time leading rebounder (a record that still stands) and ranks fourth all-time in rebounds at ODU. He averaged 13.3 ppg and 7.9 rpg during his four-year career and was named to the Sun Belt Conference All-Decade Team.

Gattison graduated from Old Dominion with a bachelor's degree in distributive education, specializing in personnel management. The native of Wilmington, N.C. has three sons, Kyle, Bryce and Grant.



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David Miller Assistant Coach

David Miller joined the Hornets as an assistant coach in 2005-06, adding the experience of 18 seasons as a coach on the collegiate and professional level.

Miller's last coaching position was at the University of Southern California, where he was the top assistant for then Head Coach Henry Bibby for five seasons (1996-2001). His primary duties with the Trojan program included coordinating recruiting, development of post players and an emphasis on offense. Miller helped lead the Trojans to two NCAA Tournament appearances (1997, 2001) and one NIT appearance (1999). USC advanced all the way to the Elite Eight in the 2001 tournament before losing to Duke, 78-69. Miller, who was voted the "Most Visible Assistant Coach in the Country" in August of 1996 by Hoop Scoop Magazine, helped recruit nationally-ranked signing classes at USC. Most recently, Miller served as a Nike National Skills Instructor and as an on-air correspondent for Fox Sports' "Best Damn Sports Show."

Prior to Miller's five seasons at USC, he was the top assistant at Utah State (1993-96), Lamar (1993), West Point (1991-92), Arizona State (1990) and Texas (1987-89). Miller has also coached on the professional level in the United States Basketball League with the Springfield Fame (1985) and the Staten Island Stallions (1986). Throughout his collegiate coaching career, Miller has recruited or coached several former NBA players including John "Hot Rod" Williams, Isaac Austin, Sam Mack, Rodrick Rhodes, Lance Blanks, Travis Mays, Ken Bannister, Eddie Lee Wilkins, Kevin Williams and Eric Fernstein.

Miller earned a bachelor's degree in physical education from Springfield College (Mass.) in 1985, while serving as head coach of the school's junior varsity team during his junior and senior seasons. He received a master's degree in sports management in 1986 from Eastern Kentucky, where he was a graduate assistant coach during the 1986 season.

A native of Allentown, Pa., Miller and his wife, Eileen, are the parents of two boys, David, III and Mike.



Terry Kofler Athletic Trainer/Director of Team Travel

Terry Kofler returns for his 19th season with the Hornets in 2006-07, once again facing the formidable task of keeping the Hornets healthy for an entire year. As the team's athletic trainer, his responsibilities center on the day-to-day care, prevention and treatment of the players' injuries. During his tenure, Kofler has provided a perfect example of durability, as he has missed only one of the 1,362 Hornets regular season games and has been at all 55 playoff games and all preseason games (home and away) since the club's inception in 1988. He is certified by the National Athletic Trainers' Association.

Also serving as the team's director of travel, Kofler is responsible for managing the Hornets' in-season road itinerary. He negotiates with and serves as the liaison to the team hotels in all 28 NBA road sites and is in charge of scheduling all practice sites and shootaround times for the club's 50-plus game road slate.

Prior to assuming his current position in the summer of 1988, Kofler had spent his entire career at Xavier University. He attended the school as an undergraduate and upon his graduation in 1976, took over the position of head athletic trainer and equipment manager. Kofler held this position from 1976 to 1983, earning his master's degree in education along the way. After spending a year as assistant to the athletic director, Kofler was named assistant athletic director in 1984 and served the school in that capacity until he became the Hornets' trainer. As assistant AD, Kofler coordinated travel arrangements for 13 varsity sports, supervised the school's athletic facilities, administered several varsity sports programs and served as trainer for the men's basketball team.

Kofler is a past Secretary of the National Basketball Trainers Association, and was selected to be trainer for the NBA All-Star Game in Charlotte in 1991. The Cincinnati native has served as consulting trainer for Queen City Sports Medicine, Inc. in Charlotte and as an instructor in the education department of Xavier University. He is also a past chairman of the Greater Cincinnati Athletic Trainers Association.

Kofler, 52, and his wife, Janet, reside in Oklahoma City.



David Jovanovic Equipment Manager

David Jovanovic, a Hornets employee since their inaugural season in 1988, returns for his 19th season with the club in 2006-07.

His responsibilities as the team's equipment manager consist of ordering and maintaining all of the team's equipment and maintaining the Hornets locker room. At home games in the Ford Center and New Orleans Arena, he ensures the Hornets, as well as their opponents, have everything they need for game preparation. In addition, he travels with the team to all preseason, regular season and playoff games and can be found in his usual seat at the end of the bench.

"Big Shot," as he is known by the players and staff, also directs the team's extensive ball boy program.

Along with his daily responsibilities with the team, he has also assisted with the original 1988 CBA tryouts for the Hornets, the 1991 NBA All-Star Game, training camp for the 1995 USA Women's Basketball Team that competed in Atlanta for the Summer Olympics and an exhibition game with the 1994 USA Men's Basketball Team that competed in the World Championships in Toronto as well as numerous NCAA Tournament Regionals and ACC Tournaments.

A native of Arlington, Va., Jovanovic attended Belmont Abbey College in Belmont, N.C., and earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1988. He and his wife of 15 years, MaryEllen, have two daughters, Grace (12) and Abigail (10). He is an avid NFL and NASCAR fan and enjoys spending time with his family.





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Jack Manson
Strength and Core Trainer

The 2006-07 season will be Jack Manson's fourth as the strength and core trainer for the Hornets. His duties include designing and implementing exercise and strength conditioning programs that help players achieve and maintain optimal fitness throughout the year. In addition, he is consulted for various injuries players may encounter during the season.

Manson has 19 years of experience as a certified physician assistant. He has worked in internal and primary care medicine, emergency medicine and occupational medicine. He practiced at Howard University and Washington Hospital Center in Washington, D.C. and Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans. Manson ran the human performance lab and administered personal training at Elmwood Fitness Center (New Orleans) from 2000-2003, where he worked with elite athletes and fitness expert Mackie Shilstone.

A native of Washington, D.C., Manson attended Mackin Catholic H.S. and grew up playing basketball with many of the great athletes from that area including Johnny Dawkins, Len Bias and Duane Ferrell. Manson received a bachelor's degree in physician assistantship from Howard University in 1986. He later went on to earn a master's degree in exercise physiology from Miami University (Ohio) in 1992.



Scott Cochran
Assistant Strength Coach

Scott Cochran begins his third season as the assistant strength coach for the Hornets. His duties include assisting with the exercise and strength conditioning programs that help players achieve and maintain optimal fitness throughout the year.

Cochran came to the Hornets after spending the 2003-04 season as the assistant strength coach and assistant special teams coach for the National Champion Louisiana State University football team.

Cochran began his career as a strength coach in 1998 at University Laboratory High School in Baton Rouge, La., a position he held until 2001. He then served as a graduate assistant for all sports at LSU from 2001-2003.

A native of New Orleans, Cochran received a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Louisiana State University in 2001, and added a master's degree in sports management from LSU in 2003.

Cochran married the former Susan Schepens on August 20, 2005 in Baton Rouge, La.



Irving Roland
Video Coordinator

Irving Roland enters his second season with the Hornets, his first as video coordinator. He spent the 2005-06 season working as assistant video coordinator.

In his new position, Roland's responsibilities include advance scouting of all opponents, recording games for scouting purposes, providing scouting and specialty tapes for the coaches and players, and coordinating and compiling statistical information for the entire basketball staff and players.

Roland came to the Hornets after working as an intern for the Boston Celtics through the 2004-05 season. In Boston, his duties included recording NBA, college and international games for scouting purposes. Additionally, he was responsible for editing games for all opponents and preparing individual player edits of upcoming opponents.

A native of Midwest City, Okla., Roland played basketball at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (Weatherford, Okla.) for two seasons after transferring from Carl Albert State College.

During his junior season, he ranked 23rd in the nation in three-point percentage among Division II athletes. He also ranked in the top five in both free throw and three-point percentage in the Lone Star Conference and was named honorable mention All-LSC.

Roland completed his degree in business management in 2004.



Brian Hagen

Assistant to The General Manager

Brian Hagen begins his fourth season with the Hornets, his first as assistant to the general manager. He is responsible for evaluating and studying current NBA rosters, heading special research projects aimed at upgrading the team's roster and evaluating college prospects.

Over the past three seasons, he served as video coordinator where he was responsible for compiling video and statistical information used by Hornets coaches and players.

Hagen came to the Hornets after spending the 2002-03 season as an assistant coach at Texas A&M-Corpus Christi, where he was involved in every aspect of the program (including on-the-court instruction, off-the-court preparation and recruiting).

Hagen started his career under former Hornets head coach Tim Floyd as an undergraduate assistant at Iowa State University (1996-97 and 1997-98). Hagen remained with the Cyclones under head coach Larry Eustachy for two more seasons, during which the team won the Big 12 regular season championship and the Big 12 tournament en route to advancing to the Elite Eight in 2000.

Following his time at Iowa State, Hagen joined the Chicago Bulls in 2000-01 as a special assistant to the head coach, where he broke down game film and handled other various duties as assigned by the coaching staff. In 2001-02, Hagen assumed the role of team leader of basketball operations for the Chicago Bulls Training Academy. There, he administered over 100 Bulls basketball camps throughout the Chicagoland area, gave private lessons to Chicago youth at the Academy and administered the Junior Bulls program.

Hagen graduated from Iowa State with a degree in management information systems in 2000. He and his wife, Jamie, live in Oklahoma City.



Andrew Loomis

Director of Basketball Administration

Andrew Loomis begins his fifth season with the Hornets and third as director of basketball administration. He is responsible for researching and compiling statistical information on prospective players, evaluating salary cap implications for potential trades, ensuring compliance of the NBA's Collective Bargaining Agreement and assisting with the implementation of player development initiatives and community relations activities.

Prior to joining the Hornets, he interned for the Orlando Magic's media relations department. He contributed to the production and development of Magic Magazine, created media analysis reports and worked on the media relations game night staff throughout the internship.

Loomis, a 2002 graduate of Tulane University, spent four years working for the Green Wave men's basketball program. In addition, while working toward his bachelor's degree in English, he completed internships at Fox Sports Net in Los Angeles and Madison Square Garden.

In New Orleans, Loomis worked at several national events held in the city, including Super Bowl XXXVI and the 1999 and 2001 NCAA Basketball Tournaments.

In his spare time, he enjoys playing golf and traveling. He currently resides in Oklahoma City.



Kelly Bass

College Scouting



Kip Bass

College/Pro Scouting



Rob Werdann

Scout



Kory Johnson

Assistant Equipment Manager