

# KAUFFMAN

SPORTS MANAGEMENT GROUP

## CURRENT NBA HEAD COACH CHRONOLOGY

Head Coach	CURRENT JOB	FORMER JOB(S)	FORMER JOB(S)	FORMER JOB
<b><u>Mike Woodson</u></b>	ATL (began in 2005)	2003-2005 Assistant Coach, DET; 2001-2003, Assistant Coach, PHI	1999-2001, Assistant Coach, CLE; 1996-1999, Assistant Coach, MIL	1980-1991, NBA Player, NYK/NJN/SAC/LAC/HOU/CLE
<b><u>Doc Rivers*</u></b>	BOS (began in April 2004)	2004, Commentator, NBA on ABC	1999-2004, Head Coach, ORL	1983-1996, NBA Player, ATL/LAC/NYK/SAS
<b><u>Larry Brown*</u></b>	CHA (began in 2008)	2005-2006, Head Coach, NYK; 2003-05, Head Coach, DET; 1997-2003, Head Coach, PHI; 1993-97, Head Coach, IND; 1992-93, Head Coach, LAC; 1988-1992, Head Coach, SAS	1988-1992, Head Coach, SAS; 1983-88, Head Coach, Kansas; 1979-81, Head Coach, UCLA; 1974-79, Head Coach, DEN; 1972-74; Head Coach, Carolina Cougars; 1972, Head Coach, Davidson College	1963-1972, NBA Player, NOB/OAK/WAS/VA/DEN
<b><u>Vinny Del Negro</u></b>	CHI (began in June 2008)	2007-08, Assistant GM, PHO; 2006-07, Director of Player Personnel, PHO	2003-2006, Radio Commentator/Color Analyst, PHO	1988-2002, NBA Player, SAC/Benneton Treviso/SAS/Bologna/MIL/GSW/PHO
<b><u>Mike Brown*</u></b>	CLE (began in June 2005)	2003-05, Associate Head Coach to Rick Carlisle, IND	2000-2003, Assistant Coach, SAS	
<b><u>Rick Carlisle*</u></b>	DAL (began in May 2008)	2007-08, Studio Analyst, ESPN; 2003-07, Head Coach and Executive VP; 2001-03, Head Coach, DET	1997-2001, Assistant Coach, IND; 1994-1997, Assistant Coach, POR; 1989-1994, Assistant Coach, NJN	1984-1990, NBA Player, BOS/NYK/NJN

<b><u>George Karl</u></b>	DEN (began in January 2005)	1998-2003, Head Coach, MIL; 1992-1998, Head Coach, SEA; 1989-1991, Head Coach, Real Madrid	1986-88, Head Coach, GSW; 1984-1986, Head Coach, CLE; 1980-1984, Head Coach, Golden Nuggets; 1978-1980, Assistant Coach, SAS	1973-78, NBA Player, SAS
<b><u>John Kuester</u></b>	DET (began in Summer '09)	2007-09, Assistant Coach, CLE; 2006-07, Assistant Coach, ORL; 2005-06, Assistant Coach, PHI; 2004-05, Assistant Coach, NJN; 1997-2003, Assistant Coach, PHI; 1995-97, Assistant Coach, BOS	1985-1990, Head Coach, George Washington Univ.; 1983-1985, Head Coach, Boston U.; 1981-83, Assistant Coach, Boston U; 1980-81, Assistant Coach, Richmond	1977-80, NBA Player, KCK/IND/DEN
<b><u>Don Nelson*</u></b>	GSW (began in August 2006)	1997-2005, Head Coach, DAL; 1995-96, Head Coach, NYK	1988-95; Head Coach GSW; 1976-1987, Head Coach/GM, MIL	1962-76, NBA Player, CHI/LAL/BOS
<b><u>Rick Adelman</u></b>	HOU (began in May 2007)	1998-2006, Head Coach, SAC; 1995-97, Head Coach, GSW; 1989-1994, Head Coach, POR	1983-89; Assistant Coach, POR; 1977-1983, Head Coach, Chemeketa Community College	1968-1975, NBA Player, SD/POR/NO/KCK
<b><u>Jim O'Brien</u></b>	IND (began in May 2007)	2004-05, Head Coach, PHI	2000-04, Head Coach, BOS; 1997-2000, Assistant Coach, BOS	1994-97, Assistant Coach, Kentucky; 1989-1994, Head Coach, University of Dayton; 1982-87, Head Coach, Wheeling Jesuit University
<b><u>Mike Dunleavy*</u></b>	LAC (began in 2003 as Head Coach/GM)	1997-2001, Head Coach, POR	1992-96; Head Coach, MIL; 1990-1992, Head Coach, LAL	1976-1990, NBA Player, PHI/HOU/SAS/MIL
<b><u>Phil Jackson*</u></b>	LAL (began in 1999)	1989-1998, Head Coach, CHI	1987-89; Assistant Coach, CHI; 1980s, Head Coach, CBA and Puerto Rico	1967-1980, NBA Player, NYK/NJN
<b><u>Lionel Hollins</u></b>	MEM (began as Head Coach in January 2009)	2008-09, Interim Head Coach, MEM	1995-2007, Assistant Coach/Interim Head Coach ('99 & '04),	1975-1985, NBA Player, POR/PHI/SD/DET/HOU

			MEM; 1988-1995, Assistant Coach, PHO	
<b><u>Erik Spoelstra</u></b>	MIA (began in April 2008)	2001-2008, Assistant Coach/Director of Scouting, MIA	1999-2001, Assistant Coach/Advance Scout, MIA; 1997-99, Assistant Coach/Video coordinator, MIA; 1995-1997, Video Coordinator, MIA	1993-1995, Player Coach, German team; 1989-1992, College Player, University of Portland
<b><u>Scott Skiles</u></b>	MIL (began in April 2008)	2003-2008, Head Coach, CHI	1999-2002, Head Coach, PHO; 1998-99, Assistant Coach, PHO	1986-1997, Pro Player, MIL/IND/ORL/WAS/PHI/Greece
<b><u>Kurt Rambis</u></b>	MIN (began in August 2009)	2001-09, Assistant Coach, LAL	1999-2001, Advisor and Assistant GM, LAL; 1999, Interim Head Coach, LAL	1980-1995, Pro Player, Greece/LAL/CHA/PHO/SAC
<b><u>Kiki Vandeweghe</u></b>	NJN (began in December 2009)	2007-09, Special Assistant to GM, NJN; 2006-07, NBA Analyst, ESPN; 2001-06, GM, DEN	Late 1990s, Front Office position/ Assistant Coach, DAL	1980-1993, Pro Player, DEN/POR/NYK/LAC
<b><u>Jeff Bower</u></b>	NOH (began in November 2009)	2005-present, New Orleans Hornets, General Manager; 2003-2005, New Orleans Hornets, Assistant Coach; 2001-2003, New Orleans Hornets, General Manager	2000-2001, Charlotte Hornets, Assistant GM; 1997-2000, Charlotte Hornets, Director of Scouting; 1995-1997, Charlotte Hornets, Advance Scout	1990-1995, Associate Head Coach, Marist College; 1986-1990, Marist College, Assistant Coach; 1983-1986, Penn State University, Assistant Coach
<b><u>Mike D'Antoni*</u></b>	NYK (began in May 2008)	2003-08, Head Coach, PHO; 2000-01, Assistant Coach, POR	1999-2000, scout, SAS; 1998-99, Head Coach, DEN; 1997-98, Director of Player Personnel, DEN;	1994-1997, Head Coach, Benetton Treviso; 1990-94, Head Coach, Recorao Milano; 1973-1990, Pro Player, KCK/STL/SAS/Olimpia Milano
<b><u>Scott Brooks</u></b>	OKC (began in April 2009)	2008-09, Interim Head Coach, OKC; 2006-07, Assistant Coach, SAC	2003-06, Assistant Coach, DEN; 2000, Player/Assistant	1988-1998, NBA Player, PHI/MIN/PHO/HOU/DAL/NYK/CLE

			Coach, LA Stars (ABA)	
<b><u>Stan Van Gundy</u></b>	ORL (began in June 2007)	2003-2005, Head Coach, MIA (resigned); 1997-2003, Assistant Head Coach, MIA; 1995-1997, Assistant Coach, MIA	1992-1995, Assistant then Head Coach, Wisconsin; 1988-1992, Head Coach, UMASS-Lowell; 1987-88, Assistant Coach, Fordham	1986-87, Assistant Coach, Canisius College; 1983-86, Head Coach, Castleton State College; 1981-83, Assistant Coach, UVT; 1978-1981, College Player, SUNY-Brockport
<b><u>Eddie Jordan</u></b>	PHL (began in June 2009)	2003-2008, Head Coach, WAS; 1999-2003, Lead Assistant Coach, NJN; 1997-98, Head Coach, SAC	1992-97, Assistant Coach, SAC; 1988-1992, Assistant Coach, Rutgers; 1986-88, Assistant Coach, BC	1984-1986, Volunteer Assistant, Rutgers/Old Dominion; 1977-1984, NBA Player, CLE/NJN/LAL/POR
<b><u>Alvin Gentry</u></b>	PHO (began in 2008 as interim head coach; became head coach in February 2009)	2003-2008, Assistant Coach, PHO; 2000-03, Head Coach, LAC; 1998-2000, Head Coach, DET; 1995-97, Assistant Coach, DET	1991-95, Assistant Coach, MIA; 1990-91, Assistant Coach, LAC; 1988-1990, Assistant Coach, SAS; 1980s, Assistant Coach, Colorado/Kansas	1980, Baylor, Assistant Coach; 1978, Graduate Assistant, Colorado; 1973-77, College Player, Appalachian State
<b><u>Nate McMillan</u></b>	POR (began in July 2005)	2006-2008, Assistant Coach, USA National Team; 2000-05, Head Coach, SEA	1998-00, Assistant Coach, SEA	1986-1998, NBA Player, SEA
<b><u>Paul Westphal</u></b>	SAC (began in June 2009)	2008-2009, Executive Vice President of Basketball Operations, DAL; 2007-2008, Assistant Coach, DAL; 2006-2007, Studio Analyst (Lakers & Clippers)/ Game Analyst (USC), Fox Sports Net West/Big Ticket	2001-2006, Pepperdine University, Head Coach; 1998-2000, Head Coach, SEA; 1992-1996, Head Coach, PHO; 1988-1992, Assistant Coach, PHO	1972-1984, NBA Player, BOS/PHO/SEA/NYK

<b><u>Gregg Popovich*</u></b>	SAS (began as Head Coach in 1996)	1996-Present, Head Coach, SAS (began in '96); 1994-2002, GM, SAS	1994, VP of Basketball Operations and GM, SAS; 1992-93, Assistant Coach, GSW; 1988-92, Head Assistant, SAS	1985-86, Coaching Assistant/Intern, Kansas; 1979-1985, Head Coach, Pomona-Pitzer
<b><u>Jay Triano</u></b>	TOR (began as Interim Head Coach in December 2008; named Head Coach in May 2009)	2008-Present, Assistant Coach, USA Basketball	1998-2005, Head Coach, Canada National Team; 1995-1998, Community Relations Coordinator / Color Commentary, VAN	1988-1995, Head Coach, Simon Fraser University; 1978-88, Professional Player, Canada National Team
<b><u>Jerry Sloan</u></b>	UTA (began in 1988)	1988-Present, Head Coach, UTA	1985-1988, Assistant Coach, UTA; 1983, Scout, UTA	1976-1982, Scout then Assistant Coach then Head Coach, CHI; 1965-1976, NBA Player, BAL/CHI
<b><u>Flip Saunders</u></b>	WAS (began as Head Coach in April 2009)	2005-2008, Head Coach, DET; 1995-2005, Head Coach, MIN	Late 1980s to Mid-1990s, Coached in CBA; 1987-88, Assistant Coach, Tulsa	1981-86, Assistant Coach, University of Minnesota; 1977-1981, Head Coach, Golden Valley Lutheran

\* = Has been recognized one time as NBA Coach of the Year

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- *How many coaches were NBA players prior to coaching? 21/30*
- *How many were NBA assistant coaches prior to head coaching? 21/30*
- *How many coached in college before coaching in the pros? 11/30*
- *How many worked in an NBA front office prior to being named head coach? 6/30*
- *Of those who played, how many years were there between end of playing career and first crack at head coach gig? 10 years = average; 11 years = median*
- *Of those who played, how many went straight from playing into NBA head coaching? 3/30*
- *How many years total of head coaching? 9.3 years = average; 7 years = median*
- *How many are Front Office execs who were asked to take over as coaches? 2/30*