



Tavares Jackson

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Tavares Jackson is in his first season as the recruiting coordinator and an assistant coach at Youngstown State. He was appointed to the position by first-year head coach Bob Boldon on May 3, 2010.

Jackson comes to YSU having spent the last six seasons less than an hour east of Youngstown at Slippery Rock University. He's been developing relationships in the recruiting world for eight seasons as an collegiate assistant.

"Tavares is genuinely passionate about the game of basketball," Boldon said. "He is a tireless worker and an outstanding recruiter. I am excited to have him join our staff."

In addition to his duties as recruiting coordinator, Jackson will assist with on-floor coaching, game preparation, scheduling and the program's team camp.

Jackson joins Boldon's staff after serving as the top assistant and recruiting coordinator at Division II Slippery Rock for the past six years. Among The Rock's achievements with Jackson on board, Slippery Rock advanced to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Tournament, and three student-athletes earned All-PSAC recognition. Jackson oversaw recruiting efforts that led to signing two NJCAA All-America selections, five NCAA Division I transfers, four All-Ohio honorees and a Pennsylvania all-state pick. He also assisted with post play, game plan preparation, opponent scouting, budgeting, alumni activities and compliance issues.

Jackson got his first Division I experience at Austin Peay State University during the 2002-03 season as the Governors posted their best season in school history. The Governors went 27-4 that season, won both the Ohio Valley Conference regular season and tournament titles and played North Carolina in the NCAA Tournament. Jackson worked primarily with Austin Peay's guards as well as assisting with scouting, offseason workouts, game preparation, academic progress, team travel, fundraising and community service.

Jackson also coached in the OVC the following season at Eastern Illinois, helping two Panthers receive second-team all-conference honors. He focused on guard development and defense as well as team travel, conditioning, academics and summer camps at EIU.

He got his start in college coaching as a graduate assistant at Bemidji State from 2000-02.

Jackson's coaching career began at Division II Bemidji State University in Minnesota as a graduate assistant. He played two years at Division II Minnesota, Crookston after a two-year junior college playing career at Mid-State Technical College in Wisconsin.

Jackson earned bachelor's degrees in both sports and recreation management and applied studies from Minnesota, Crookston in 2000. He is nearing the completion of his master's in sports studies from Bemidji State.