



Anthony James

Head Coach

Wheeling (W. Va.) Jesuit, 1994

Fourth Year at YSU

Eighth Year Overall

Anthony James is in his third year as the head soccer coach at Youngstown State. James was named the fourth head coach in the nine-year history of the Penguins' soccer program in February 2004.

In his second year with the program, James' squad showed tremendous improvement playing 14 games decided by two goals or less. Senior midfielder Sadie Brookman was named second-team All-Horizon League while freshman Caitlin Lee made the conference's all-newcomer squad.

As a group, YSU earned the National Soccer Coaches Association of America Team Ethics Award of Merit. The

Penguins garnered a Silver Certificate, which is awarded to teams receiving fewer than five yellow cards during the season. Youngstown State had a Horizon-League low four yellow cards in 20 matches for the year.

In 2004, the Penguins improved throughout the year and picked up a late-season win over Cleveland State. In the Horizon League Tournament, YSU lost to eventual-champion Detroit 2-1 in overtime.

Prior to coming to YSU, James spent four seasons at Division II West Virginia Wesleyan College where he directed the Bobcats to a 55-25-3 record. In 2003, Wesleyan finished 16-3-2 overall and won its second West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Championship in three years. For his efforts, he received WVIAC Coach-of-the-Year honors in 2001 and 2003.

From 1997-2000 he was head coach at Wheeling Park High School where he directed his team to consecutive state titles in 1998 and 1999, while also making the semifinals in 1997. He was named West Virginia High School Soccer Coaches Association Coach of the Year in 1999.

Outside of the college coaching realm, he has been a Region I staff coach for the U.S. Olympic Development Program since 1998. He was also the founder and director of coaching for Soccer Vision Academy. He presently holds his NSCAA National, Advance National and Premier Diploma.

James, a native of Port of Spain, Trinidad, began his collegiate coaching career by spending four years as the assistant women's soccer coach for Wheeling Jesuit College.

He earned an Industrial Engineering degree from Wheeling Jesuit in 1994 before earning his masters in Business Administration from the school in 1997.