USI Head Coach Rick Stein

Rick Stein enters his sixth season at the helm of the University of Southern Indiana women's basketball program after leading the Screaming Eagles to the NCAA II Tournament for the third time in his tenure as the head coach at USI.

Entering the 2004-05 season, Stein is two victories shy of becoming the third coach in the program's 29-year history to reach 100 victories. He is just four victories shy of becoming the second winningest coach in the program's history.

In 13 seasons as an assistant coach and head coach for USI women's basketball, Stein has been a part of 257 victories (63.5 percent of USI's all-time wins), four conference championships, three GLVC Tournament titles, all seven of USI's NCAA II Tournament appearances, and two NCAA II Elite Eight appearances.

Last season, Stein led the Eagles to a 20-10 mark and a 12-8 record in the GLVC. His Eagles battled injuries and illness to return to the NCAA II Tournament for the first time since the 2001-02 season.

Despite a rough 2002-03 campaign, Stein and his coaching staff brought in a strong recruiting class that set the stage for a return to national competitiveness. In 2003-04, USI had the sixth-best turnaround in Division II, with USI improving by 12 wins from the previous year.

In 2002-03, Stein and the Eagles were forced into a rebuilding year after losing five seniors and more than 60 points and 25 rebounds per game from the 2001-02 squad. With only one returning starter, Stein and his staff had a young team competing for a spot in the GLVC Tournament late in the season and finished the year with an 8-19 overall record.

The 2001-02 season saw Stein's Eagles win a second straight GLVC Championship and an NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional appearance with a 27-6 overall record and a 16-4 GLVC record. Stein also has led the Eagles into the national spotlight with his squad ranked nationally for 37 consecutive weeks between December of 2000 and December of 2002.

In just his second season with the Eagles, Stein led USI to a 28-4 record and the biggest season-to-season turnaround in school history (+13 wins). Stein, who earned GLVC Coach of the Year honors, directed the Screaming Eagles to the Great Lakes Valley Conference championship, GLVC Tournament Championship, the NCAA Division II Tournament appearance, and a second NCAA II Elite Eight appearance.

In his first season, Stein went 15-12 overall, tying the record for most victories for a rookie head coach and setting the record for best winning percentage for a rookie coach (.556). Stein's overall winning percentage is the best in USI women's basketball history.

Stein is a 1992 USI graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He joined the Eagles program in 1991-92 as a graduate assistant under former Head Coach Chancellor Dugan. He was promoted to head assistant coach in 1994 and promptly helped Dugan and the Eagles to their best season as a varsity sport at USI.

In his eight seasons, Stein helped Dugan amass a 159-73 record with four straight NCAA Division II Tournament appearances (1994-95 to 1997-98) and three Great Lakes Valley Conference titles. The Eagles were the NCAA II Tournament finalist and produced the only perfect season in GLVC history (20-0) in 1997.

A native of Crete, Illinois, Stein was a two-year starter on the Southern Indiana men's basketball team from 1989-91. During his tenure as a player, Stein helped USI advance to an appearance in the NCAA Division II South Central Regional in 1989-90 and a win over Division I University of Wisconsin in 1990-91. Before joining USI's team, he played basketball at Parkland College in Champaign, Illinois, and earned an associate degree. Parkland finished as the NJCAA Division II runner-up in 1988 and fourth nationally in 1989.

A member of the Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA), Stein and his wife Kari have a son Alex and a daughter Mallorie.

Stein Quickbits
- has been a part of 257 victories
- has played or coached in 10 national tournaments
- has coached in two Elite Eights and one national title game
In 2001-02, Head Coach Rick Stein led the Screaming Eagles to their second straight Great Lakes Valley Conference Tournament title.

In 13 seasons with the USI women’s basketball team, eight as an assistant and five as head coach, Stein has been a part of 257 Eagle victories, seven NCAA II Tournament appearances, four regular-season GLVC titles, and a record three GLVC Tournament championships.

Stein has been a part of 63.5 percent of USI’s all-time victories.

In just his second season, Stein was voted the GLVC Coach of the Year after leading USI to a 28-4 record and both the GLVC regular-season and tournament championships.

Stein, who led USI to its second NCAA II Elite Eight appearance in 2000-01, needs just two wins to become the third coach in USI history to reach 100 career wins.

### Stein’s numbers at USI

#### As Assistant Coach

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| 1991-99 | 159-73 | • Eight seasons as assistant coach  
• One NCAA II Elite Eight appearance  
• Four NCAA II Tournament appearances  
• Three GLVC Championships  
• Two GLVC Tournament appearances  
• One GLVC Tournament title |

#### As Head Coach

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| 1999-00 | 15-12  | • Set USI record for winning percentage and victories by a rookie head coach  
• GLVC Tournament |
| 2000-01 | 28-4   | • GLVC Coach of the Year  
• GLVC Regular Season Co-Champions  
• GLVC Tournament Champions  
• NCAA II Great Lakes Regional Champions  
• NCAA II Elite Eight |
| 2001-02 | 27-6   | • GLVC Tournament Champions  
• NCAA Division II Great Lakes Regional Finalist |
| 2002-03 | 8-19   | • Ranked ninth in USA Today/ESPN/WBCA preseason poll |
| 2003-04 | 20-10  | • NCAA II Tournament  
• Torneo Cancun de Basquetbol Champions  
• GLVC Tournament |

Total 98-51 (.658)  
• One NCAA II Elite Eight appearance  
• Three NCAA II Tournament appearances  
• One GLVC Championship  
• Two GLVC Tournament Championships
Randa Gatling, Assistant Coach

A 1999 USI graduate with a bachelor’s degree in social work, assistant coach Randa Gatling returns for her sixth season with the Eagles. Gatling assists with game scouts, recruiting, player assessment, and on-the-court skill work with the guards.

In addition to her coaching duties, Gatling is USI’s senior woman administrator and an instructor in physical education. She also is responsible for USI’s Eagle Math program.

A native of Evansville, Indiana, Gatling started her career at Evansville Central High School. She served as the head coach for the first-ever Central girl’s freshman basketball team and was instrumental in its creation.


The Eagles were a dominating 100-16 (.862), including an amazing 67-9 (.881) in the GLVC, during Gatling’s four years in an Eagle uniform.

Casey Nations, Assistant Coach

Casey Nations enters her second season as assistant women’s basketball coach. Nations will assist in all facets of the women’s basketball program.

In addition to her coaching duties, Nations is an instructor in physical education.

A native of O’Fallon, Illinois, Nations is no stranger to USI women’s basketball.

As a player for the Screaming Eagles, Nations helped them advance to the 2001 NCAA Division II Elite Eight, a GLVC regular-season and tournament championship, and a 28-4 record. She played in 31 games during her senior season, averaging 4.3 points and 4.8 rebounds per game. Nations led USI and was third in the GLVC in blocks per game.

Prior to joining USI, Nations spent a season at the University of New Mexico after averaging 11.0 points and 9.5 rebounds as a sophomore at Belleville Area College in Illinois.

Nations earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from USI in 2002.

As a player, Casey Nations (Right) helped the Eagles to a 28-4 overall record and the GLVC regular season and tournament championships in 2001. She also helped USI to its second NCAA II Elite Eight appearance.

Brianna Wright, Manager

Brianna Wright enters her fourth season as a manager for the USI women’s basketball team. Wright has been responsible for the Lady Eagle Ball Girl Program, taping games, and daily practice responsibilities for the past three years.

A native of St. Croix, Indiana, Wright is majoring in English Education. She graduated from Perry Central High School.