

ASSISTANT COACH DELRAY BROOKS



Delray Brooks, a former Indiana Mr. Basketball who helped Rick Pitino's 1987 Providence team reach the NCAA Final Four, begins his fourth year as assistant basketball coach. Brooks participates in all coaching duties including instructional and recruiting.

Brooks was *USA Today's* High School Player of the Year, ESPN's Player of the Year, and a McDonald's first-team All-America selection in 1984. As a senior, he averaged 33.5 points per game to lead Rogers High to a 28-1 record and the No. 1 ranking in Indiana in 1984. He was one of only two high school players invited to the 1984 U.S. Olympic Trials.

After initially attending Indiana University, Brooks transferred to Providence where he averaged 14.4 points per game for the Final Four team. He was a second-team All-Big East selection.

Brooks played one year for the Pensacola Tornados in the Continental Basketball Association, and spent the summer of 1989 playing for the WBL's Worcester (Mass.) Counts. He toured overseas with the Counts in late 1989 and early 1990, and then played for the WBL's Erie (Pa.) Wakes the summer of 1990. That fall, he was named vice president of the Miami Jades.

Brooks began his career at UK as an assistant strength coach during the 1992-93 season.

Brooks On: Kentucky Basketball ...

"Kentucky basketball is unique in every sense of the word. For most in the Bluegrass, it is a way of life. To have the fortune to be a part of it is an experience I will cherish for a lifetime."

Brooks On: Coaching ...

"I really believe our players represent the future. It is my responsibility as a coach, not only to help make each of them become a better player, but more importantly that, when they leave, they leave as fine young men."

THE BROOKS FILE

FULL NAME: Delray Lamar Brooks

HOMETOWN: Michigan City, Indiana

HIGH SCHOOL: Rogers High School

COLLEGE: Providence

YEAR GRADUATED: 1988

SPORTS PLAYED: Basketball

COACHING CAREER:

1992-93, Assistant Strength Coach, University of Kentucky;

1993-Present, Assistant Coach, University of Kentucky

BIRTHDAY: October 24, 1965

