



Eric Musselman enters his first year as the head coach of the Sacramento Kings. Prior to signing on as the 20th head coach in Kings' franchise history, Musselman spent the past two seasons as an assistant coach for the Memphis Grizzlies under Mike Fratello.

A young, energetic coach with a proven track record, Musselman has been successful on various levels throughout his coaching career. He was named head coach of the Golden State Warriors on July 6, 2002 at the ripe age of 37, making him the youngest head coach in the NBA at the time. In two seasons, he guided the Warriors to a 75-89 mark (.463), including a 38-44 record during his first season at the helm, which earned Golden State the NBA's most improved record in 2003 (17-win improvement from the year before). His efforts that season made him the runner-up for the NBA Coach of the Year award. Despite losing young stars Antawn Jamison and Gilbert Arenas the following year via trade and free agency, respectively, Musselman's Warriors posted a 37-45 mark.

Prior to joining the Warriors, Musselman worked as an assistant coach for the Atlanta Hawks (2000-02) under Lon Kruger and as an assistant coach for the Orlando Magic (1998-00) under Chuck Daly and Doc Rivers. His first NBA coaching experience came as an assistant coach for the Minnesota Timberwolves (1990-91) on the staff of his late father, Bill Musselman.

Before his assignment with the Magic, Musselman served a seven-year stint as the head

coach of the Florida Beach Dogs of the Continental Basketball Association (CBA), where he posted a 270-122 record (.688), earning the second-highest winning percentage in league history behind George Karl. From 1990 through 1997, Musselman had 24 players called-up to the NBA, the highest number in the league during that span. He holds the distinction of being the only person in CBA history to coach in five league All-Star Games (1990, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1997) and was the first coach in professional basketball history to win 100 games by the age of 28. When he was 23, Musselman became the youngest coach in CBA history. As the Rapid City Thrillers' (later became Florida Beach Dogs) general manager in 1988-89, he hired current Pistons head coach Flip Saunders as the team's head coach.

Musselman also was the head coach of the Florida Sharks of the United States Basketball League. In the summers of 1995 and 1996, he coached the Sharks to a combined 53-3 record (.946, including playoffs) and back-to-back USBL Championships. He holds the highest winning percentage in league history (.946, 53-3). His teams once won 15 consecutive games, a USBL record, and never suffered a home loss. A graduate of the University of San Diego, Musselman played in two NCAA Tournaments as a member of the Toreros basketball team, and is a three-time member of the West Coast Athletic Conference All-Academic squad. He was selected by the CBA's Albany Patroons in the fifth round (58th overall) of the 1987 Draft following his collegiate career.

Musselman, an avid workout enthusiast, enjoys spending time with his two sons, Michael (10) and Matthew (6). He resides in the Natomas area of Sacramento.