

# MICHAEL LINENBERGER



## MICHAEL LINENBERGER HEAD COACH 20TH SEASON DUKE, '87 117-201-31

Michael Linenberger begins his 20th season at the helm of the Sacramento State men's soccer program. He began his coaching career with the Hornets as an assistant in 1988 and co-head coach from 1989 to 1991, before taking sole control of the head coaching duties in 1992.

He has led the team through each year as a member of the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation, beginning in 1992 and returns to the field in 2008 with hopes of capturing the MPSF's automatic bid into the NCAA College Cup.

The Hornets finished the 2007 campaign with a record of 4-13-2, including a 3-6-1 mark in the MPSF.

Sacramento State had five student-athletes earn All-MPSF honors following the 2006 season, including a first team selection.

For the third straight season, the Hornets had a player drafted in the Major Indoor Soccer League as senior midfielder Eli Millan, who earned second team all-conference honors, was selected in the fourth round by the California Cougars.

In 2003, Linenberger led the Hornet squad to its third-consecutive MPSF postseason appearance. It marked the first time Sacramento State had reached postseason play three consecutive years.

During the 2001 season, Linenberger guided the Hornets to their first regular-season conference championship in the Div. I era (1991-present). Sacramento State's 4-1-2 MPSF record also gave the Hornets their most conference wins in program history at the time. Due to his efforts, Linenberger was named 2001 MPSF Men's Soccer Coach of the Year.

Off the field, he served five years as a member of the NCAA Div. I national selection committee. Linenberger was named to the NCAA Div. I Men's Soccer Committee in the fall of 1997. As chair of the Far West Region, he travelled to Indianapolis, and served as the region representative during the process of selecting the 48 teams that compete annually in the NCAA tournament.

As a member of the NCAA soccer committee, Linenberger's duties included overseeing site selection in the Far West Region for all rounds leading up to the Men's College Cup, updating selection criteria and standards for the championships, rating conferences and serving at the College Cup as a member of the NCAA contingent which oversees the event.

In addition, Linenberger was named as a scout by the U.S. Soccer Federation for Project 2010, an initiative designed to make the men's national team fully competitive by the 2010 World Cup. His primary duties included the scouting of 13-14 year olds in Northern California that have future national team potential but are not in the ODP system.

Linenberger received a bachelor of arts degree in psychology from Duke University in 1987. He was a four-year letterwinner as a member of the Blue Devils' soccer team and a team captain. He was captain of the 1986 squad which won the NCAA Div. I national title.

Linenberger played professional soccer with the Sacramento Senators and for FC St. Pauli and SC Norderstedt in Germany's second and third divisions.

In addition, 30 of his former Sacramento State student-athletes have gone on to professional careers. That includes Joe Enochs, who was named to the 2001 U.S. National team.

A holder of a United States Soccer Federation A license in coaching, Linenberger played with the under-20 United States National Youth Team and in the U.S. Olympic Festival.



NAME:  
Michael Linenberger

RECORD SAC STATE:  
117-201-31

AGE:  
43 (3-4-65)

CAREER RECORD:  
Same

PLACE OF BIRTH:  
Dallas, Texas

COACHING HONORS:  
2001 MPSF Coach of the Year  
2005 co-MPSF Coach of the Year

MARITAL STATUS:  
Married (Michelle)

APPOINTMENTS:  
• NCAA Div. I West  
Region Committee

CHILDREN:  
Matthew (17), Melissa (12)

• NCAA Div. I Men's  
Soccer Committee

HIGH SCHOOL:  
Lake Highlands H.S.  
Dallas, Texas (1983)

• U.S. Soccer Federation  
scout for Project 2010

BACHELOR'S DEGREE:  
Duke (1987)  
Psychology

• NSCAA Div. I Far West  
Rankings Committee Chair



# ASSISTANT COACHES

## JASON GANTT ASSISTANT COACH SUMMER CAMP DIRECTOR SEVENTH SEASON SACRAMENTO STATE, '02

Jason Gantt enters his fifth year as the Hornets' top assistant after serving two years as a volunteer assistant coach at Sacramento State. Gantt, who just completed his fifth year as camp director of the Hornet summer soccer camps, will assist in all aspects of the men's soccer program.

Gantt joined the coaching staff after leading the Hornets to their first Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular-season title as a senior in 2001.

A native of Roseville, Calif., Gantt earned all-conference honors in 2000 and 2001 as one of the top defenders in the MPSF. In four years with the program (1998-2001), Gantt appeared in 58 contests, including 47 starts.

A holder of a NSCAA National Diploma and a USSF A license of coaching, Gantt has been coaching the Placer United Soccer Club since 2000. He is currently coaching the under-10 boys, under-11 boys and under-18 boys of the Placer United in Roseville, Calif.

Gantt was a member of the Pro Select League (3rd Division) and played two years for the California Gold (2002, 2004) in the Western Conference.

After earning his bachelor's degree in business finance and risk management insurance, Gantt completed his master's degree in kinesiology at Sacramento State in the summer of 2007.



Assistant Coach  
Third Year  
Sacramento State, '06

## MATT McDOUGALL

Matt McDougall enters his third season as an assistant coach with the men's soccer program. McDougall is a former three-time Mountain Pacific Sports Federation honoree with the Hornets.

McDougall works primarily with the goalkeepers after minding the net for Sacramento State from 2002-2005. He holds the Division I program record with 306 career saves and is second all-time with 10 career shutouts. His 1.45 career goals against average ranks second in the school's Division I history, and in 2004, he spent every minute in goal for Sacramento State. In 2005, he earned all-MPSF first team honors after posting a career best 1.15 goals against average and leading the Hornets to a 9-7-2 record, the program's

best mark since 1992.

A local graduate of Jesuit High School, McDougall led the Mauraders to consecutive Metro League championships in 2000 and 2001. In 2007, McDougall led the Stockton Pumas to the Premier Arena Soccer League's Summer National Championship while earning tournament MVP honors. McDougall has also played for the Sacramento Knights of the National Premier Soccer League and the California Cougars of the Major Indoor Soccer League during the past three years. He is also the goalkeepers coach for the San Juan Soccer club and an assistant with the under-18 boy's San Juan Thunder.



Volunteer Assistant  
First Year  
Sacramento State, '07

## OSCAR SANDOVAL

Former Hornet Oscar Sandoval begins his first season as a volunteer assistant coach. A two-time all-conference selection, Sandoval was named to the MPSF first team in 2006 after scoring six goals, ending his two-year career with 14 goals and four assists. Known for his creativity and flair on the field, his highlights during his senior season included scoring the game-tying goal with a bicycle kick en route to a 2-1 overtime victory at UNLV. He also scored twice in a 3-1 victory over Air Force, and ended his collegiate career scoring in the final match of the season, a 3-0 victory at San Jose State.

Prior to his time in the Green and Gold, Sandoval attended Moorpark College where he was a two-time all-Western State Conference selection. A native of Littlerock, Calif., Sandoval graduated from Sacramento State in 2007 with a degree in Communications.