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FEVER NAMES GARY KLOPPENBURG AS ASSISTANT COACH

INDIANAPOLIS – The Indiana Fever has named veteran NBA and WNBA coach Gary Kloppenburg as an assistant coach under Lin Dunn. Kloppenburg rejoins Dunn, under whom he served for three seasons on the staff of the WNBA's Seattle Storm from 2000-02. Kloppenburg was most recently on the staff of the NBA's Charlotte Bobcats, where he served under Bernie Bickerstaff for three seasons.

Regarded for his expertise on the defensive end of the floor, Kloppenburg was hired by Bickerstaff when the Bobcats were founded in 2004 – continuing a family bond established when Bickerstaff was in college, and strengthened when Gary's father, Bob, coached in the NBA with Bickerstaff in Seattle and Denver.

"Gary brings an enormous amount of experience to our franchise," said Dunn. "His experience on both ends of the floor, and at the highest levels of basketball, will be a real plus for our players. He's great at individual player development and his work ethic is the best!"

Kloppenburg has coached at virtually every level of college and professional basketball, ranging from his beginnings at a California community college and intertwined with jobs in the NBA, WNBA, Continental Basketball Association and internationally.

Prior to joining the Bobcats' staff as an assistant coach and advance scout, he was an assistant with the WNBA's Phoenix Mercury for one season, after three years with Dunn in Seattle. He worked for the NBA's Toronto Raptors from 1997-99, after two seasons as an assistant coach and assistant director of player personnel in the CBA – first with the Rockford Lightning and then for the Quad City Thunder. Kloppenburg was the interim head coach for four games in 1999-00 with Rockford where he coached current NBA star Earl Boykins.

In the summer of 1999, he was head coach for Panteras de Miranda of the Venezuelan Professional League, and he has conducted basketball clinics in Greece, Belgium, Iceland and Japan.

After graduating from UC San Diego in 1981, his coaching career began at Lassen Community College (Calif.) where he had successful stints as head coach with both the men's and women's teams. He guided the women's team for five seasons, before taking over the men's program for six.

Also fluent in Spanish, Kloppenburg was born Jan. 6, 1953, and has three children – Sonja, Ian and Carlotta.

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