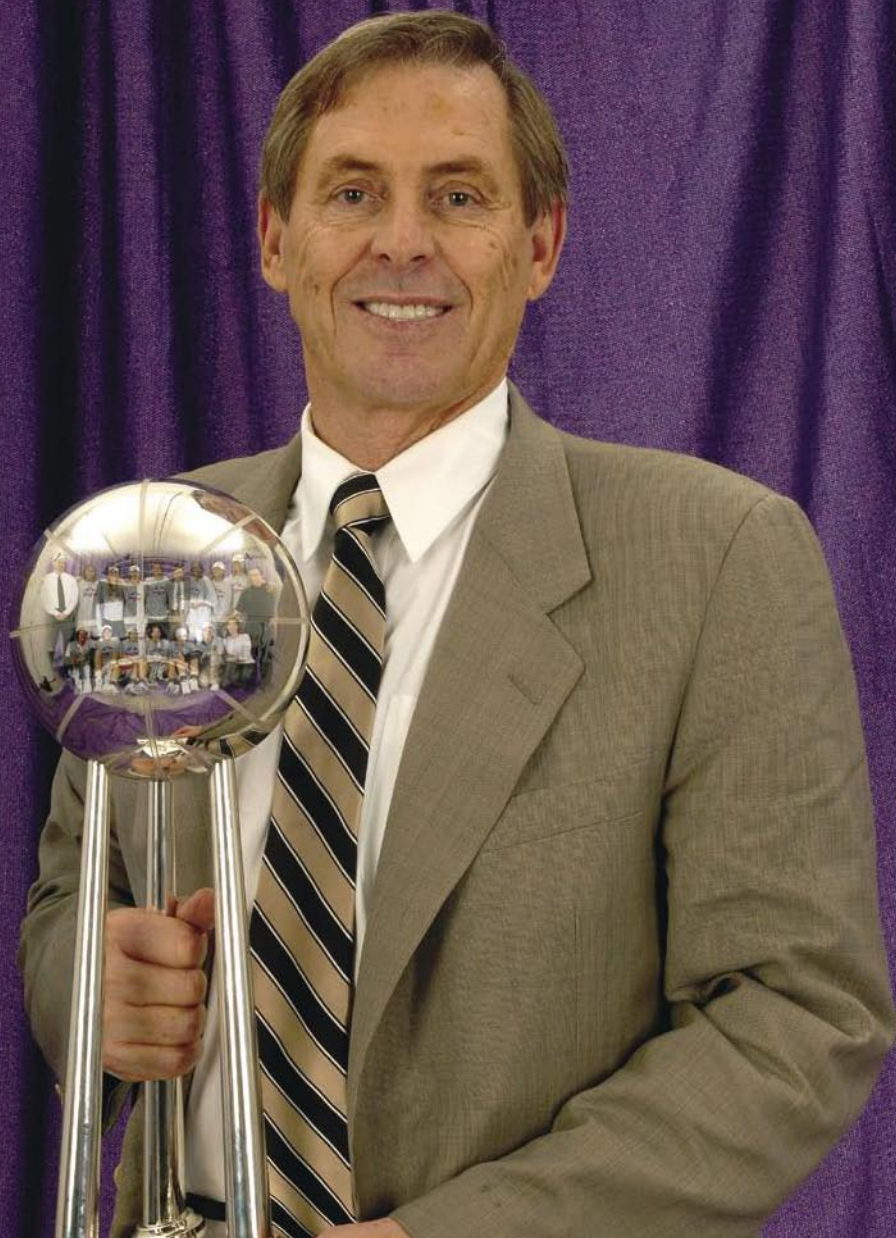




MONARCHS
BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

COACH WHIZ RECEIVES
COACH OF THE YEAR 2005



JOHN WHISENANT'S WNBA HEAD COACHING CAREER

Season	Team	REGULAR SEASON			PLAYOFFS			Playoff Results
		W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	
2003	Sacramento	12	4	.750	3	3	.500	Reached Western Conference Finals
2004	Sacramento	18	16	.529	3	3	.500	Reached Western Conference Finals
2005	Sacramento	25	9	.735	7	1	.875	2005 WNBA Champions
Totals (2.5 seasons)		55	29	.655	13	7	.650	



JOHN WHISENANT

SACRAMENTO MONARCHS

GENERAL MANAGER & HEAD COACH

John Whisenant returns to the Monarchs for his fourth season as Head Coach and his third season as General Manager, after spending one WNBA season as assistant general manager, under then GM, Jerry Reynolds.

In 2005 Whisenant guided the Monarchs to their first ever WNBA Championship and finished the regular season with a franchise-best 25-9 (73.5%) record. He was recognized for his efforts as he was named the 2005 WNBA Coach of the Year, as selected by a national panel of broadcasters and sportswriters. In 2004 Whisenant led the Monarchs to the WNBA Western Conference Finals for their second consecutive appearance (third in franchise history) as they finished the year with an 18-16 regular season record. Midway through the 2003 WNBA season, Whisenant added the title of head coach to his assistant general manager duties for the Sacramento Monarchs. He finished the season with an impressive 12-4 (75%) regular season record and led the Monarchs to the WNBA Western Conference Finals for the second time in franchise history. His current overall record with the Monarchs is 55-29 (65.5%).

Whisenant brings more than 30 years of basketball experience to the Sacramento Monarchs. He delivers a passion for basketball and the knowledge necessary to help the Monarchs reach the next level of excellence.

Whisenant began his basketball career at Connors State College in Warner, Oklahoma (averaged 20.5 ppg) while hitting and leading in baseball at .377 and then continued on to New Mexico as a player for the New Mexico State Aggies where he was a starting guard for Coach Fresley Askew. "Whiz" was NMSU's second leading scorer in his senior season, averaging 13.1 points-per-game.

Upon completion of his playing days, Whisenant immediately went into coaching at Coffeyville Community Junior College (Kansas). While he was an assistant at Coffeyville, the Red Ravens were 48-10 (2 yrs) (83%).

Next Whisenant spent four years as head coach at Arizona Western (Yuma) where Whisenant's teams won three league championships and went to nation-

als all three times. His record was an impressive 97-30 (76%). The Arizona Western team finished third nationally with a 35-3 record.

After Arizona Western, Whisenant joined the staff of former New Mexico Lobo Coach Norm Ellenberger as head assistant basketball coach. During his seven years, the Lobos went on to a 137-62 (69%) record including two WAC Championships and four post-season appearances. The 1977-78 team ended the season leading the nation in scoring and ranked third nationally.

Following his coaching days with the Lobos, Whisenant has gone on to become a successful businessman with interests in commercial real estate, home construction and horse racing. He has also worked as a consultant to the Maloof family, advising them on their acquisition of the Sacramento Kings. Whisenant has kept his passion for basketball burning, serving as head coach of his son's AAU team in Albuquerque. Even at the AAU level, Whiz dominated. His team won 176 of 192 games (92%) including six state and regional championships. In 1995, his team won the BCI National Championship and finished fifth in 1996 and third in 1997. In 1999/2000 Whisenant took over the new AAA Pro League New Mexico Slam as vice president of basketball and head coach in the IBL/CBA league with a 51-35 (60%) record. In the leagues only full season the Slam finished second, only a half game behind St. Louis (40-22), at 39-23. This league was a forerunner to the current (NBA) D League.

A native of Gore, Oklahoma, Whisenant is married to Joyce (Mowery) Whisenant, a former women's basketball player. They have five children: Stan (a doctor and former University of New Mexico basketball player), Daniel (a major and former Air Force Academy basketball player), Johnette, (former women's basketball player and current girls' middle school basketball coach), Justin (former Dartmouth College football and basketball player, a doctor and radiology resident) and Jordyn (former women's basketball player and current UNM graduate student).

Whisenant holds a bachelor of science in physical education from New Mexico State and a MA in history from Pittsburg State University in Pittsburg, Kansas.



TOM ABATEMARCO

ASSISTANT COACH

Tom Abatemarco returns for his third full season as the Monarchs assistant coach after a one-season (2003-04) stint as an assistant coach at the University of Utah. Abatemarco and Monarchs Head Coach John Whisenant initially teamed up midway through the 2003 season, in which the two guided the team to the WNBA Western Conference Finals and repeated the feat again in 2004.

Abatemarco brings extensive coaching experience to the Monarchs. Prior to his position at the University of Utah and his time at Maloof Sports & Entertainment, Abatemarco was the head coach of Sacramento State's Men's Basketball team. He has also served as an assistant at Rutgers University under Bob Wenzel. Before that, Abatemarco spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Colorado, Boulder, under Joe Harrington. From 1982-86, Abatemarco served as Jim Valvano's assistant at North Carolina where he was a member of the Wolfpack staff for the team's 1983 NCAA Championship. Additional coaching experience came as an assistant coach at Virginia Tech (1981-82); Maryland under Lefty Driesell (1979-81); St. John's under Lou Carnesecca (1978-79); Davidson (1977-78); Iona (1975-77); the New York Institute of Technology (1974-75) and his alma mater, Dowling College.

In addition to his head coach position at Sacramento State, Abatemarco served two terms as an NCAA Division I head coach at Lamar University (1986-88) and Drake University (1988-90).

MONIQUE AMBERS

ASSISTANT COACH

Monique Ambers returns for her fourth season as Monarchs assistant coach and is no stranger to the organization having been invited to the Monarchs 2001 Training Camp. She focuses on developing the skills of the post players and advance scouting for the Monarchs.



This is Ambers' second coaching position, having been an assistant coach at George Washington University from 1994-1997. During that time, the Lady Colonials amassed an 80-19 record. The former professional basketball player was initially drafted by the Phoenix Mercury in the fourth round of the 1997 WNBA Draft. Ambers reached the WNBA Semifinals with this team. In 1997, Ambers averaged a .444 field goal percentage, .400 free throw percentage and 1.2 rebounds per game in 19 games played for Phoenix.

A 1993 graduate of Arizona State University, Ambers holds a bachelor's degree in child development.

STEVE SHUMAN

ASSISTANT COACH/VIDEO COORDINATOR

Steve Shuman returns for his fifth season as assistant coach and video coordinator for the Monarchs. Shuman served the 2000-04 campaigns as assistant coach/video coordinator and the 1998 and 1999 seasons as video coordinator for the team. A native of Long Beach, Steve joined the organization as assistant video coordinator for the Sacramento Kings prior to the 1997-98 NBA campaign and has continued to serve in that capacity for the past six NBA seasons.

As advance scout, Shuman's responsibilities will take him to countless WNBA and college games in search of winning talent for the Monarchs. In his video coordinator capacity, Shuman is responsible for the recording and editing of all videotapes of Monarchs games, upcoming opponents and college games.

Shuman graduated with an education degree from California State University, Sacramento in 1989. He was an assistant basketball coach at Jesuit High School in Sacramento (1989-91) before serving as head coach at Trinity High School in Las Vegas, Nevada for six years (1991-97).





PAM KAY

MANAGER, BASKETBALL OPERATIONS

Pam Kay begins her sixth season as manager of Monarchs basketball operations, after serving four seasons as operations assistant. In her role as operations manager, Kay is responsible for all off-court player matters, travel arrangements and team logistics. Kay also works very closely with the General Manager handling all player contracts.



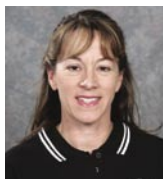
She began her career with the Kings in 1995 as an intern in the community relations department handling player appearances and donation requests. Kay was one of the original Monarchs employees when she moved to the WNBA side of the organization shortly after the team was awarded to Sacramento.

Kay graduated from Encina High School in Sacramento and earned a bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Arizona.

JILL JACKSON

HEAD ATHLETIC TRAINER, ATC, PTA

Jill Jackson enters her ninth season as head trainer for the Monarchs. She works closely with the medical staff in the monitoring of a player's physical condition as well as the diagnosing, treatment, and rehabilitation of injuries. Additionally, she is responsible for all aspects of the Monarchs training room operations and supervises the athletic training student interns.



Prior to the Monarchs, Jackson was the head trainer for the Sacramento Knights (Indoor Soccer) from 1995-2001. Jackson started her career in 1989 as the Athletic Trainer at McClatchy High School in Sacramento and also worked as a physical therapy assistant.

A native of the Sacramento area, Jackson graduated from California State University, Sacramento in 1987 with a bachelor's degree in physical education/athletic training. She is certified by the National Athletic Trainers Association and is a licensed physical therapy assistant.

JEFF BOE-HAGELIS

STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH

Jeff Boe-Hagelis begins his first year as the Monarchs Strength and Conditioning



Coach. Boe-Hagelis is responsible for developing and monitoring the players weight training and aerobic conditioning programs during the regular season as well as the off-season. In addition, Boe-Hagelis works closely with the training staff to monitor rehabilitation on all player injuries.

Boe-Hagelis also works with former Monarchs and Kings Strength and Conditioning Coach, Al Biancani. In his six years with Biancani, Boe-Hagelis has trained many local athletes in addition to being the head trainer for Biancani Fitness.

A native of Oakland, Boe-Hagelis graduated from Sacramento State University in 2000.

LADY GROOMS

SCOUT

Lady Grooms begins her second season as scout for the Sacramento Monarchs. Her responsibilities include collegiate and WNBA scouting as well as player evaluation.



Grooms was a member of the Monarchs for seven seasons (1998-2004) and was a member of the Utah Starzz for the first year of the WNBA (1997). In her eight years in the league, Grooms has played in 245 games, has played 4,432 minutes, has scored 1,117 points and has grabbed 503 rebounds. She has advanced to the playoffs with the Monarchs on five occasions and has recorded career-highs of 16 points (twice), eight rebounds (twice), six assists (twice), three steals (several times) and two blocks (twice).

A 1992 graduate of the University of Georgia, Grooms led the Bulldogs to three NCAA Tournament appearances, including the 1991 Southeastern Conference Championship and was named to the All-SEC team all four years.

Grooms resides in Georgia with her husband Windell and their 1-year-old daughter, Valerie (named after Lady's mother).

JILL CULBERTSON

MONARCHS EQUIPMENT MANAGER

Jill Culbertson begins her second season as the Monarchs equipment manager after serving four seasons (2001-2004) as a Monarchs locker room attendant. She is responsible for all player and staff inventory, at home and on the road, as well as supervising the locker room attendants.



A 2002 graduate of Delta High School, Culbertson is majoring in kinesiology at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.



DANETTE LEIGHTON

**VICE PRESIDENT, MARKETING &
MONARCHS BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

Danette Leighton enters her fifth year with Maloof Sports & Entertainment and first as vice president of marketing and Monarchs business operations. Prior to her recent promotion, Leighton served as senior director of marketing for the past three years. She is responsible for overseeing the marketing efforts of the Kings, Monarchs and ARCO Arena, which includes the areas of event presentation, creative services, community service, public relations and partner activations. Additionally, Leighton, who spent her first year with the organization as the director of Monarchs business operations, is responsible for the business operations of the WNBA franchise.

Before signing on with Maloof Sports & Entertainment, Leighton served as the director of marketing for Sony Sports Marketing, based in San Francisco, Calif. She was responsible for Sony Tokyo's sport sponsorships and specifically the Sony Open in Hawaii, a PGA TOUR golf event.

Prior to Sony, Leighton was the executive director of the 1999 NCAA Women's Final Four in San Jose, Calif., hosted by Stanford University. She oversaw, organized and implemented all internal and external operational components of the event including all fundraising efforts.

Leighton also spent time as the manager of information services at the Pacific-10 Conference where she was directly responsible for the public relations and marketing efforts of the Conference's women's basketball programs as well as men's and women's golf and men's and women's soccer.

She also served as the assistant public relations director at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe Arizona prior to her experience at the Pac-10.

Leighton is a 1993 graduate from the University of Arizona, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in political science and a minor in media arts.

A native of Southern California, Leighton and her husband, Christopher and two-year-old daughter Olivia, reside in Sacramento.



KIMBERLY KNIGHT

**MANAGER, MARKETING &
MONARCHS BUSINESS OPERATIONS**

After three years as the manager of Monarchs media relations, Kimberly Knight was promoted to the manager of marketing and Monarchs business operations in August of 2004. In her new expanded role, Knight continues to oversee the media relations department, but has also taken on marketing for the Kings, Monarchs and ARCO Arena, as well as Monarchs business operations. Knight is responsible for research development and analysis for all brands, and for creating ways to enhance tickets sales and fan growth for the Monarchs.

Prior to her joining Maloof Sports & Entertainment, Knight spent two years with the United States Golf Association Foundation, in Colorado Springs, Colo., where she was responsible for all marketing, public relations and communications. She also served as Communications Staff for the 2000 U.S. Women's Open (Merit Club, Gurnee, Ill.), 2001 U.S. Women's Open (Pine Needles Lodge & Golf Club, Southern Pines, N.C.) as well as the 2001 U.S. Amateur (East Lake Golf Club, Atlanta, Ga.) and other USGA Championships. Knight began her career in sports in public relations for the San Francisco 49ers. She has also served as an advertising account executive.

Knight is a graduate of Stanford University and holds a B.A. degree in English. She resides in Sacramento with her husband, Darren.





REBECCA BRUTLAG

MANAGER, MONARCHS MEDIA

RELATIONS

Rebecca Brutlag begins her fourth season with the Monarchs media relations department and her second full season as manager of Monarchs media relations after being promoted from coordinator in August 2004.

Brutlag is responsible for maintaining contact with the media, arranging interviews, producing some of the team's publications, all basketball information and on-court publicity of the team. In addition she handles all statistical information, game notes, media credentials, player appearances and writing content for the web site as well as overseeing the student interns.

She joined the Monarchs after serving two years as the sports information director for Grand Canyon University, in Phoenix, Ariz., where she was responsible for nine NCAA Division II sports.

Prior to her time at Grand Canyon, Brutlag spent two years as the sports information director at Virginia Wesleyan College in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where she was responsible for 13 NCAA Division III sports.

Originally from Quincy, Calif., Brutlag earned a bachelor's degree in human biology from Grand Canyon University (1999), where she worked as a student assistant and interned in the sports information department.



In her eight WNBA seasons, Bolton was a two time All-Star and two time All-WNBA First Team selection, scored over 2,000 career-points, including a career-high 34 points three times and is currently sixth all-time in league history for 3-pointers made (314). In addition to her WNBA success, Bolton has two Olympic Gold Medals from the 1996 and 2000 Summer Games.

Bolton is a 1989 graduate of Auburn University where she majored in exercise physiology. During her time at Auburn, Bolton guided the Tigers to four consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances and three Southeastern Conference Championships.

Bolton is originally from McClain, Mississippi where she grew up as one of twenty children to the late Reverend Linwood and Leola Bolton. Bolton now resides in Elk Grove where she loves to spend time with her many nieces and nephews.

RUTHIE BOLTON

**MONARCHS FAN & TEAM RELATIONS
MANAGER**

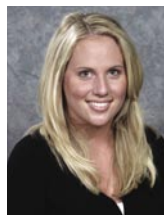
After eight seasons as a fan favorite for the Sacramento Monarchs, Ruthie Bolton assumes the roll of Monarchs fan and team relations manager. Her responsibilities include, assisting in the front office, following up with fan and team relations and making frequent appearances out in the community through the many efforts that she and the Monarchs support.



EMILY ARNO

**MONARCHS MEDIA RELATIONS &
MARKETING ASSISTANT**

After three years as an intern in the Maloof Sports & Entertainment public relations, community services and Monarchs media relations departments, Emily Arno begins her first season as the Monarchs media relations and marketing assistant.



Arno is responsible for assisting in the writing, editing and distribution of game notes, media guides, team website content, press releases, media advisories and additional publications. In addition Arno is responsible for updating and maintaining current media lists, serving as a liaison for all statistical and media guide inquiries, keeping additional statistical information and records, handling fan requests, as well as maintaining the weekly and daily press clippings.

In 2001, after graduating from Rio Americano High School in Sacramento, Arno began her college career at California State University, Sacramento. She received her Bachelor's of Arts degree in communications with an emphasis on mass media in May 2006.