



COACHING STAFF

COACHES

CARL GRAVES



**HEAD COACH
FIRST SEASON
0-0 CAREER RECORD**



Carl Graves was named the head coach of the Madonna women's basketball team on May 3, 2006 and will lead the Crusaders in his first season at the helm beginning in 2006-07.

Graves comes to Madonna from Carleton Airport High School (Carleton, Michigan) where he has served as girls' varsity coach for the past six seasons. In his time at Airport, Graves guided his teams to a 88-39 record, including a school record for wins with 19 in 2005.

No stranger to the Wolverine-Hoosier Athletic Conference, Graves played collegiately at Concordia University under then head coach Chip Wilde. While with the Cardinals, Graves was named a 1996 NAIA Academic All-American and Academic All-Conference honoree.

"We are very excited to bring Coach Graves on board as part of the Madonna Family," stated MU athletic director Bryan Rizzo. "I think his experience, work ethic and personality are going to make him an excellent addition to our staff. I believe he is the right person to continue building on the success of our women's basketball program. The future of Madonna Women's basketball is in good hands."

Graves, who holds a masters degree in Social Work and is a school Social Worker in the Monroe County Intermediate School district, is also excited about his new opportunity.

"I am very excited at the opportunity that Mr. Rizzo and Madonna University has given me," Graves told players in their first team meeting. "I believe there are a lot of positive attributes to build on, and a lot of things to improve on. I am ready for the challenge."

In addition to his time at Airport, Graves has also worked several collegiate coaching camps including: Concordia University, Eastern Michigan University, University of Cincinnati, University of Kentucky and Rutgers University.

His lone collegiate coaching experience was as an assistant under Wilde at Concordia from 1996-98 where he was responsible for post-play, practice planning, game strategies and camp direction.

Graves' mentor and former coach Chip Wilde called the appointment, "a great day for Carl Graves and even better day for Madonna University."

Graves takes over a Madonna program from Marylou Jansen who resigned March 23rd after 10 years as head coach. He inherits a program that has made two trips to the NAIA National Championships (1997, 2003), has secured three WHAC regular season championships (2001, 2002, 2005) and was the 2003 WHAC tournament champion.

Graves currently resides in Belleville, with his wife Karen, a former standout volleyball player at Concordia University.



SANDI WADE



**ASSISTANT COACH
SECOND SEASON**

Sandi Wade enters her second season as a member of the Madonna women's basketball coaching staff.

Before joining the Crusaders, Wade spent five seasons working as an assistant coach at Plymouth High School, including two seasons as the junior varsity head coach.

During her playing days, Wade starred at WHAC rival Concordia University as a three year letterwinner for the Cardinals.

Wade was a two-time All-WHAC performer and earned NAIA Honorable Mention All-American and All-American student-athlete honors following the 2001-02 season. Wade was also named to the WHAC All-Newcomer team in 1998.

Wade left Concordia ranked third in school history in scoring (1,769 points) and holds the school record for career assists (364).

Prior to her collegiate career, Wade was an All-League, All-District and All-State award winner at Utica High School.

DAN BROOKS



**ASSISTANT COACH
FIRST SEASON**

Dan Brooks joins the Madonna women's basketball coaching staff for his first season.

Most recently, Brooks worked as a varsity assistant coach at St. Mary Catholic Central High School in Monrore, Michigan from 2004-06. Prior to his time at SMCC, Brooks was the varsity head coach at Detroit Holy Redeemer High School from 2000-03.

Brooks has also served as an AAU head coach from 1995-2002, and worked as a CYO coach at Monroe St. John's in 1998.

Brooks graduated from Holy Redeemer High School in 1966, where he played basketball. He received a B.A. from Eastern Michigan University and a J.D. from the University of Toledo.

Brooks has been married to his wife, Cathy, for 33 years. The couple has two sons, Ryan and Kevin, two daughters-in-law, Megan and Beth, and three grandchildren, Noah, Audrey and Lauren.



KELLY JASKOT



**ASSISTANT COACH
FIRST SEASON**

Kelly Jaskot is in her first year at Madonna University. A graduate from the University of Detroit Mercy in May 2006, Jaskot played four years for the Titans while being the key sub contributing with her scoring ability and defensive intensity while being 4th in scoring for the season. She earned a BA in Communications.

Jaskot, although new to the coaching side, has been around the program for the past five years being a camp counselor for our basketball camps. She will bring her skills and knowledge of the game to the Crusaders for the 2006-07 campaign.

A Salem High School graduate and four year starter, she was tabbed a third team All-State selection in Class "A" and helped guide her team to an undefeated regular season and a 22-1 overall record her final year.

She led her team to district titles three out of her four years. Jaskot was a three-time All-Conference honoree and was chosen as first team All-Metro West selection by the Detroit News as a senior as well as earning All-Observerland and team MVP laurels. Jaskot was also named All-State in softball as a senior.

NICOLE WICKENHEISER



**ASSISTANT COACH
FIRST SEASON**

Nicole Wickenheiser is beginning her first year as an Assistant Coach for the Women's Basketball Team at Madonna University.

Wickenheiser has a myriad of responsibilities; primarily assisting head coach Carl Graves in the daily operation of the office and coordinating the administration of the program.

Wickenheiser's organizational skills will help with game scheduling and logistical planning for the Crusaders travels, video-dubbing games, film exchange, and special projects.

Wickenheiser is a certified massage therapist and is a graduate of Oakland Community College. She also coaches gymnastics and is an office assistant at Farmington Gymnastics Center.

A graduate of Airport High School, Wickenheiser was a former basketball player for Coach Graves. She was a member of the MHSAA Final Four volleyball team in 2003 and was also selected for the All-Region MHSAA softball team as an outfielder.