



## Head Coach

**Joe Bonner**

**Third Year**

**(Frostburg State, 1997)**

In two short seasons, Youngstown State Volleyball Head Coach Joe Bonner has already put his stamp on the Penguins volleyball program. Bonner, who is entering his third season, continually dedicates his energies to turning the Penguins into one of the top teams in the Horizon League and the region.

In May 2006, his recruiting class ranked in the top 100 by [prepvolleyball.com](http://prepvolleyball.com).

One of those recruits, Ruth Boscaljon, became the first Youngstown State volleyball player to earn First-Team All-Horizon League and just the second player in school history to garner the newcomer-of-the-year award.

Utilizing three freshmen and two limited-experienced sophomores for much of the 2006 season, the Penguins turned in a three-match improvement in the win column from Bonner's first year. Boscaljon set a Youngstown State freshman record with 363 kills and 115 blocks while sophomore setter Karla Everhart dished out 1,125 assists.

During his initial campaign, Bonner guided the Penguins through an injury-plagued 7-22 season, but he instilled a strong competitive desire. Included in the Penguins' losses were five five-game setbacks, all to Horizon League foes.

Abby Ettenhofer, Katie Shea and Crystal Duncan each capped their playing days with career-best numbers. Ettenhofer led the team with 334 kills while Shea owned a team-best 106 blocks and Duncan added 173 kills and 153 digs.

Bonner's players also made strides off the court. Ettenhofer, the president of YSU's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, was named Second-Team Academic All-America, becoming just the second YSU volleyball player to accomplish that feat.

Bonner was named the seventh head coach of the Youngstown State volleyball program on Feb. 4, 2005, after spending two seasons as the top assistant coach at the University of Dayton. Bonner helped the Flyers to a two-year mark of 49-16, including a 23-9 overall ledger in 2004, and two straight trips to the NCAA Tournament.

In 2004, the Flyers also won their second straight Atlantic-10 regular-season championship with a 12-2 conference mark. While at Dayton, Bonner worked primarily with the middle hitters and blockers. In addition to his on-court duties, he was responsible for team travel, game operations and assisting with recruiting.

Prior to Dayton, Bonner, who has been to five NCAA Tournaments, spent three seasons as an assistant coach at Robert Morris (2000-2002) and helped the Colonials to three consecutive Northeast Conference titles and three straight NCAA Tournaments.

While at Robert Morris, Bonner was responsible for the development of the middle hitters. Under his guidance, four middle hitters received all-conference honors and one earned NEC Player-of-the-Year accolades for two consecutive years.

He also was the travel and recruiting coordinator and served as the team's strength and conditioning coach.

Outside of the college realm, Bonner also has four years of collegiate club volleyball coaching experience.

A 1997 graduate of Frostburg State University, Bonner's club team made two national tournament appearances, as well as three years of USAV competition.

A native of Huntingtown, Md., Bonner received a Bachelor of Science degree in Economics from Frostburg State.

Joe and his wife, Kelly, who was a four-year volleyball letterwinner at Mars Hills College, reside in Austintown, Ohio.