

Lone Star Conference
Champions

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NCAA Division II
National Tournament

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The Jeff Ray File

MSU Coaching Career

Men's Basketball (1994-00, 2003-09)

Produced the two winningest coaching stints in MSU history. Led the program to an NAIA and four NCAA Division II national tournament appearances. Piloted program to four Lone Star Conference Championships and is third in program history with 230 wins in 12 seasons at the helm.

Men's Golf (2006-present)

Coached team to NCAA Division II Super Regional berth in just first year of existence in 2007.

Women's Basketball (1992-94)

Led Mustangs to 50-14 mark and to a pair of berths in the NAIA National Tournament in two seasons at helm.

Men's Basketball Assistant (1988-94)

Spent six seasons as a full time assistant under Dr. Gerald Stockton. MSU advanced to NAIA Final Four in 1993 and 1994.

Women's Graduate Assistant (1984-86)

Spent two seasons as a graduate assistant under Kim Griffie before taking a full-time men's assistant coaching job at Lon Morris Junior College (1986-88).

Ray takes new role at MSU, continues as Director of Golf

WICHITA FALLS, Texas - Jeff Ray has engraved his mark on Midwestern State Athletics for much of the last 27 years.

He has served the university as a student-athlete, a coach and an athletic director and will continue to leave his indelible impression on the program as the Director of Men's and Women's Golf and will also serve as the Life Skills Coordinator.

Ray will also vacate his post as head men's basketball coach after completing the program's two most successful coaching tenures while leading the Mustangs to four Lone Star Conference championships and four trips to the NCAA Division II national tournament.

"I have known Jeff Ray as a student-athlete, a coach, an athletic director and as a friend," MSU President Jesse W. Rogers said. "He is a man of deliberate action, a man who knows his own mind."

The decision came long before Ray led the Mustangs on an impressive run through the Lone Star Conference this season as the team rattled off winning streaks of 10 and eight games on its way to a 25-7 record before closing its season in the South Central Regional semifinals in Warrensburg, Mo.

"Jeff and I have been discussing this direction since last spring, and it has been with mixed emotions that we make this move for him," MSU Athletics Director Charlie Carr said. "It will be a daunting task to replace Jeff Ray as our basketball coach. In the two seasons I've watched Midwestern basketball, I enjoyed one of the best coaches I've known in his approach to the game, his values, his

work ethic and his genuine love for our players."

Ray upheld the legacy of MSU basketball posting a combined 230 wins which rates behind the legendary Gerald Stockton and Dennis Vinzant for the third most coaching wins in program history. Ray owns the best winning percentage in MSU men's basketball history having won better than 65 percent of his games.

In his first stint at the helm of the MSU men's program, Ray posted a remarkable 118-60 (.663) mark which included postseason trips in five of six seasons.

After leading the team to the NAIA playoffs in each of his first three seasons, Ray and the Indians didn't take long to adapt to NCAA Division II competition as Midwestern raced to the South Central Region semifinals with a 27-5 mark in 1998-99.

MSU followed with another postseason run in 1999-00 when the team fell a win shy of the Elite Eight and finished with a 27-7 mark.

Ray then accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of North Texas for a season before returning to his alma mater on Jan. 8, 2002 when he was named Athletics Director - a position he would hold until returning to coaching basketball full time in August of 2005 when Ray also assumed coaching duties of the newly created men's golf program.

In his most recent six-year stint at the helm of the men's basketball program, he posted a 112-60 (.651) record, never finished below .500 and claimed two more LSC championships and returned to the NCAA Division II South Central Regionals in 2007 and 2009.

