

Kevin Yurkus

About

- Date of birth May 7, 1970, currently residing and working in Can Tho Vietnam. USA Citizen, fluent in English, speak some Spanish and German. Skype/WeChat/Instagram @kevinyurkus, Facebook kevin.yurkus, WhatsApp +1 480 326-1876 email kevinyurkus@gmail.com

Education

B.A. Political Science, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 1992

Experience

General Manager & Head Coach - CanTho Catfish - Vietnam Basketball Association July 2017 - Present

President & Head Coach - Mekong United Basketball Club Jan 2018 - Present

Head Coach - MadGoat Basketball Club - Thailand Basketball League Feb 2016 - July 2017

Senior Coach - TopFlight Basketball Academy, Bangkok, Thailand Jan 2016 - March 2017

Head Coach Boy's Varsity Basketball- NIST International School, Thailand Aug 2016 - Feb 2017

President - Fairway Capital Advisors Corporation, Scottsdale, AZ 1999 - 2015

Private Basketball Trainer, Phoenix, AZ 1995 - 2015

Assistant Coach - Mexico City Aztecas - Continental Basketball Association 1994 - 1995

Director of Player Personnel - Los Angeles Summer Pro League 1994

Player Development Coach - Los Angeles Clippers 1993 - 1994

Awards/Accomplishments

- 2 seasons with CanTho Catfish - smallest market and smallest budget team in the Vietnam Basketball Association ("VBA"). **2x VBA Coach Of The Year (2017 & 2018).**
- 2018 CanTho Catfish - **Finished 18-2 and Champions of the 2018 season** including 5-0 in the playoffs. Catfish lead the VBA in scoring, FG%, 3 pointers made, 3 point FG%, assists, steals and blocks. Also, the Catfish twice broke the single-game league scoring record and also twice broke the league record for consecutive wins at 7 and then ending the season with a 10-game winning streak.
- 2017 CanTho Catfish - 9-6 regular season record in the 2017 VBA. Advanced to the Game 5 of the Finals. The Catfish lead the VBA in scoring, FG%, and offensive efficiency.

- Founded Mekong United Basketball Club as a brand new club and competed in the 2018 Thailand Basketball Super League.
- 2017 Mad Goats Basketball Club - 14-4 record and 2nd place regular season finish in 2017 Thailand Basketball Super League and advanced to the semifinals.
- 2016 Mad Goat Basketball Club - 11-3 record and 2nd place regular season finish in 2016 Thailand Basketball League and advanced to the semifinals.
- Coached import DeAngelo Hamilton to the VBA 2018 MVP and Defensive Player of the Year in 2017.
- Coached Vietnamese heritage player Tam Dinh to First Team All-VBA 2017 and 2018 and Vietnamese Heritage Player of the Year in 2017.
- Coached Vietnamese local player Nguyen Phu Hoang to the Vietnamese Local Player of the Year in 2018 VBA.
- Developed and improved every member of the 2017 and 2018 CanTho Catfish team, including turning 6'8" 20 year-old big man Nguyen Huynh Phu Vinh into Vietnam National Team player.
- Coached ASEAN Taylor Statham to 2017 Thailand Basketball Super League First Team All-League.
- Coached import Magnum Rolle to 2016 Thailand Basketball League MVP.
- Coached Thai heritage Moses Morgan to 2016 Thailand Basketball League First Team All-League.
- Developed two Mad Goat players into members of the Thailand Men's National Team.
- Helped secure long term state-of-the-art training facility and sponsorships for Mad Goat Basketball Club.

Coaching Style

Up-tempo, fast paced offense with consistent ball and player movement. Large database of offensive sets and schemes tailored to fit the team's personnel. Defensively, extremely tough "Pack Line" philosophy with emphasis on extensive help defense with high intensity and allowing variations for full court pressure and trapping. Also, physical fitness and conditioning are routinely used as critical components to promote physical and mental toughness and winning basketball.

References

Nathan Nguyen - Owner, CanTho Catfish, nathann@jiohealth.com, +84 98 879-9999

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Barry Hecker - Former Director of Player Personnel, L.A. Clippers, shootskills@hotmail.com, +1 801 209-0080

