

Wait a minute man, YSU hires new coach

■Penguin basketball team hires John Robic, with seven years of NCAA Tournament experience under his belt.

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A four-year contract has been agreed upon for John Robic becoming the new men's head basketball coach, replacing Dan Peters. Robic said he and his family were excited about becoming a part of the Valley.

"He's enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the sport, a real people person," said Sports Information Director Rocco Gasparro.

A native of Pittsburgh, he attended Walsh University where he played for Dan Peters. He then transferred to Denison to become a two-year captain, and a Division III All-American as a senior.

Robic began his coaching career at Denison, where he was a junior varsity coach. He then moved to Kansas as a graduate

assistant under Larry Brown. He was a Jayhawk for two years, holding a record of 52-22, and winning the NCAA Division I National Championship in 1988.

In 1988 Robic joined John Calipari as an assistant at the University of Massachusetts. He advanced in the coaching profession in 1995 when former Umass associate coach Bill Bayno accepted the head job at UNLV, making Robic associate coach.

After coaching the Minutemen with Calipari and James Flint for 11 years, Robic leaves a record of 247-111, including nine trips to post-season play. The Minutemen went to the NCAA Tournament in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997 and 1998. Robic becomes the 11th head basketball coach at YSU.

Gasparro said, "He has a great background coaching with Larry Brown and Calipari."

With 11 trips to the NCAA Tournament, two Final Fours, and a National Championship, Robic has experienced "Winning as we would like to enjoy it," said Executive Director of Intercollegiate Athletics Jim Tressel.