

• **Roger Hodge**

Roger was born June 19, 1967, in Beckley, West Virginia. He was raised by his Grandparents, Charlie and Ora Pack. He has five siblings, Eddie Hodge, Donna (Hodge) Bishop, Steve Hodge, Eric Hodge, and John Williams. Roger has two children, Madison and Emmaline Hodge of Savannah, Georgia.

He graduated from Hinton High School. During his high school career, Hodge was an All-Conference baseball player and was honorable mention All-State in football and basketball while at Hinton High School, where he was named to their football Hall of Fame. He attended Concord College and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Education. He attended Southern Georgia University and achieved a master's degree in Sports Management. He then attended West Virginia University and obtained a master's degree in Sport Coaching. Coaching was his passion.

Roger returned to his alma mater, Hinton High School (later consolidated to Summers County High School) to join legendary coach Wayne Ryan and lead the lady Bobcats to multiple State Championships. He also coached the girls at Mercer Christian Academy, and he coached the boys at Savannah Country Day School in Georgia.

From 2000-01 to 2007-08, Hodge was head coach at Armstrong Atlantic State where he was the Pirates' winningest coach with a 138-97 overall record in eight seasons, including three 20-win seasons and six straight winning campaigns from 2002-03 through 2007-08. Prior to Hodge's arrival, the Pirates had just two 20-win seasons and no NCAA Tournament appearances, but during his tenure Armstrong Atlantic won the 2003 Peach Belt Conference championship, made two trips to the NCAA Tournament and had a Peach Belt-best four All-Americans along with six All-PBC selections. Following the 2002-03 season, in which the Pirates finished with a 27-4 record, Hodge was named Coach of the Year by the Peach Belt Conference and the South Atlantic Region Coach of the Year by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association.

Hodge had a three-year run (2011-12 to 2013-14) as head coach at Lincoln Memorial University, leading the Railsplitters to their first winning season in seven years in his debut, and the most wins in 10 years in 2013-14 when LMU finished 16-11 overall and 15-7 in the SAC. Hodge was 44-38 in three seasons with the Railsplitters.

Hodge spent five seasons (2016-21) as head coach at the College of Coastal Georgia in Savannah, Georgia. He is the Mariners' all-time winningest coach with an 80-63 record, which included back-to-back 20-win seasons in 2018-19 and 2019-20. His 2019 Coastal Georgia squad improved 12 games from the previous season and was the Sun Conference runner-up, while the 2019-20 squad received votes in the NAIA national poll. Hodge coached 10 All-Conference Players and two WBCA All-Americans while at Coastal Georgia. The Hinton, West Virginia native guided WVU Tech to a 32-29 record in his two seasons, qualifying the Golden Bears for the River States Conference tournament both years. WVU Tech ranked 11th in NAIA in scoring

at 78.6 points per game this season and was fourth in three-point percentage at 37.5 percent. The Golden Bears also ranked 17th nationally in team grade-point average at 3.54.

Roger Hodge enters his second season as Tusculum women's basketball head coach in 2024-25. Hodge became the 17th head coach in program history in April 2023 after serving as head coach at West Virginia Tech for the past two seasons, following successful coaching stints at Armstrong Atlantic State, Lincoln Memorial and the College of Coastal Georgia. In 19 seasons as a college head women's basketball coach, Hodge has a 306-269 record.

In addition to his head coaching career, Hodge spent two seasons (2008-09 and 2009-10) as assistant women's basketball coach at East Carolina University and spent three seasons (1997-98 to 1999-00) as assistant women's basketball coach at Liberty University, giving him 23 seasons of college coaching experience entering the 2023-24 season.

Roger is entering his 26th year of coaching, 20 as a head coach.

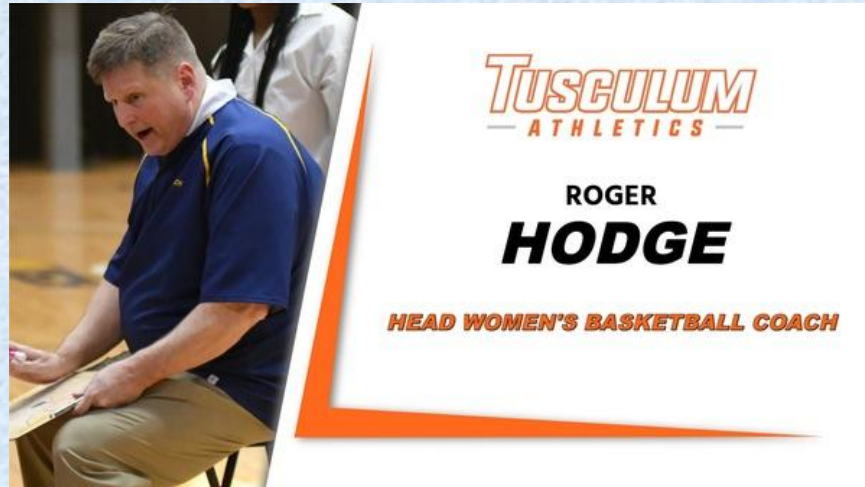
He has been deeply involved in community service projects throughout his career and is a member of the WBCA.

When asked about his favorite coaching position, he just says "I'm a proud Bobcat."

Roger Hodge's Year-by-Year Coaching Record

<u>Year</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>W-L</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
2000-01	Armstrong Atlantic	10-16	.385
2001-02	Armstrong Atlantic	11-18	.379
2002-03	Armstrong Atlantic	27-4	.871
2003-04	Armstrong Atlantic	23-8	.742
2004-05	Armstrong Atlantic	17-13	.567
2005-06	Armstrong Atlantic	15-13	.536
2006-07	Armstrong Atlantic	15-14	.517
2007-08	Armstrong Atlantic	20-11	.645
2011-12	Lincoln Memorial	14-12	.538
2012-13	Lincoln Memorial	14-15	.483
2013-14	Lincoln Memorial	16-11	.593
2016-17	Coastal Georgia	6-23	.207
2017-18	Coastal Georgia	18-11	.621
2018-19	Coastal Georgia	21-11	.656
2019-20	Coastal Georgia	22-7	.759
2020-21	Coastal Georgia	13-11	.542
2021-22	WVU Tech	16-16	.500
2022-23	WVU Tech	16-13	.552
2023-24	Tusculum	3-23	.115
Overall		306-269	.532

“Tusculum names Roger Hodge head women's basketball coach”



What they are saying about Roger Hodge:

Kenny Howell, Director of Athletics, WVU Tech:

"As someone I knew and appreciated many years ago, it is still apparent that Roger's desire to win and do things the right way has never wavered."

Kevin Pederson, Head Women's Basketball Coach, Coastal Carolina University:

"Coach Hodge is an outstanding hire and he will immediately raise the bar, not only at Tusculum, but in the SAC as well. Current and future Pioneers will really enjoy playing in Coach Hodge's uptempo system. He is an excellent coach and an even better person who will connect with his players on and off the court. Coach Hodge brings a discipline and work ethic that, combined with his recruiting experience in the Southeast Region, will have Tusculum competing at the highest level!"

Rick Reeves, Head Women's Basketball Coach, University of the Cumberlands:

"Roger Hodge is a very talented basketball coach who has plenty of experience with building programs at every level. He will do a tremendous job at Tusculum University with that program on the basketball floor, in the classroom and in the community!"

Josh Schertz, Head Men's Basketball Coach, Indiana State University:

"I had the privilege of working with Roger Hodge for three years at Lincoln Memorial and he's truly the total package. Roger is an elite tactician, develops deep relationships with his players and has a vision for what he wants his program to look like both on and off of the court. I couldn't be more excited for Roger and Tusculum, I can assure you great times are ahead for Pioneer basketball!"

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We Salute You!

