

## Brady Sallee, Ball State University



Brady Sallee directed the Ball State women's basketball team to one of the finest seasons in program history in 2024-25, guiding the Cardinals to a 27-8 record, a Mid-American Conference regular-season championship at 16-2, a MAC Tournament title and an NCAA Tournament berth.

This season's squad also produced the MAC Player of the Year in Ally Becki, the MAC Defensive Player of the Year in Marie Kiefer and MAC Coach of the Year honors for Sallee. In addition, Becki was named first-team all-MAC, Alex Richard was named second-team all-MAC and Kiefer and Becki were named to the MAC all-defensive team.

In 13 seasons in Muncie, Sallee is the program's winningest coach with a 264-155 ledger while his teams have produced one MAC Tournament title, two MAC regular-season trophies, eight MAC West Division prizes, 12 winning seasons and 10 postseason appearances – one NCAA Tournament berth (2025), one Women's Basketball Invitational berth (2024) and eight Women's NIT berths (2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2022 and 2023).

During his tenure at Ball State, Sallee-led squads have defeated six power conference programs over the years (Georgia, Pitt, Vanderbilt, Purdue, Iowa and Minnesota) and posted a program record for season victories in 2023-24 at 28-6. He also has mentored 41 all-MAC selections as well as two MAC Players of the Year (Becki and Nathalie Fountain in 2016), three MAC Freshmen of the Year, four MAC Defensive Players of the Year, three MAC Sixth Players of the Year, one AP All-American and 15 players who have played professionally.

Sallee has a career record of 400-265 in 21 seasons as a women's college head coach, including a 136-110 ledger in eight seasons at Eastern Illinois from 2004-12. His time with the Panthers included an Ohio Valley Conference regular-season title in 2010 and three postseason berths (Women's Basketball Invitational in 2011 and Women's NIT in 2010 and 2012).

Between the two schools, Sallee's teams have 11 20-win seasons – three at EIU and eight at BSU.

Sallee is a Kentucky native where he was a standout pitcher for Lexington Lafayette High School, graduating in 1988. He attended Thomas More College in Crestview Hills, Ky., again excelling in baseball and serving as a women's basketball student assistant coach from 1992-93. After earning a bachelor's degree in business administration from Thomas More in 1993, Sallee was an assistant coach at Idaho State from 1993-95, at Kent State from 1995-2002 and at East Carolina University from 2002-04 prior to being named head coach at Eastern Illinois.

Sallee and his wife, Mandy, are parents to Avery Taryn and Drew.