

Travis Steele, Miami University



Travis Steele is regarded as one of the nation's top up-and-coming coaches at Miami University in Ohio, where he has guided the RedHawks to a 52-46 record in three seasons. That included a 25-9 mark in 2024-25, setting a school record for wins in a season, finishing runner-up to Akron in the Mid-American Conference Tournament and standing 23rd in the Mid-Major Top 25 with a lineup featuring junior Peter Suder of Carmel, red-shirt sophomore Kam Craft and MAC Freshman of the Year Brant Byers.

Steele, 43, became the Miami head coach on March 31, 2022. His first group of RedHawks, led by Mekhi Lairy of Evansville Bosse, went 12-20 in 2022-23. Steele followed that season with a 15-17 mark in 2023-24.

He has a seven-year overall record of 122-96 after previously being the head coach at Xavier University for four seasons. He directed the Musketeers to a 70-50 ledger from 2018-22 with NIT berths in 2019 and 2022. At Xavier, his teams posted marks of 19-16, 19-13, 13-8 and 19-13. He also was a finalist for the 2019 Joe B. Hall National Coach of the Year Award, which is presented to the nation's top first-year head coach in NCAA Division I.

Steele is a 2000 graduate of Danville High School, where he played basketball for the Warriors for coaches Rick Snodgrass and Brian Barber. Steele went on to Butler University and began coaching as an assistant at Ben Davis High School for three seasons while an undergraduate.

After receiving a bachelor's degree in marketing from Butler in 2004, Steele spent one season as a graduate manager at Ohio State. He followed by working one season as an assistant coach at Wabash Valley College in Illinois before joining the Indiana University staff for two seasons. He then moved to Xavier, where he worked 10 seasons as an assistant coach – one year for Sean Miller and nine years for Chris Mack – before being named the Musketeers' head coach in March 2018.

While a Xavier assistant, the team was selected for the NCAA Tournament on nine occasions, earned a program-first No. 1 seed in 2018 and reached the Sweet 16 five times. As the Xavier head coach, the Musketeers appeared set for a postseason opportunity at 19-13 in 2019-20, but that season was abruptly stopped because of COVID-19. He coached two more years at Xavier before moving to Miami for the start of the 2022-23 season.

Steele is the younger brother of John Groce, who is the men's head coach at the University of Akron and another speaker at the 2025 IBCA Clinic.

Steele and his wife, Amanda, live in Cincinnati. The couple has three children – Aspen, Winston and Anderson.