

BSB Reprints: OSU Names Randy Ayers Head Men's Basketball Coach



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Ayers became the first black head basketball coach in Ohio State history.

In July of 1989, Ayers signed a five-year contract with a base salary starting at \$75,000 for the first year. At age 33, Ayers was the youngest coach in the Big Ten.

In this installment of BSB Reprints, we travel 30 years into the past to revisit our coverage of Ohio State's hiring of Randy Ayers.

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