

CHERYL REEVE

GENERAL MANAGER/HEAD COACH

Cheryl Reeve completed her eighth season as Lynx head coach in 2017, leading the Lynx to a 27-7 record and their fourth WNBA championship in the last seven years. Since taking over as Lynx head coach, Reeve owns a career 195-77 record, the most coaching wins in franchise history. She was initially named head coach on Dec. 8, 2009, taking over for former head coach Jennifer Gillom. On Dec. 6, 2012, Reeve signed a multi-year contract extension with the club. Prior to the 2016 season, the Lynx signed Reeve to a multi-year contract extension. On December 28, 2017, Reeve signed a multi-year contract extension and was named general manager.

Reeve becomes the sixth dual Head Coach and General Manager currently in the WNBA, joining Amber Stocks (Chicago), Curt Miller (Connecticut), Pokey Chatman (Indiana), Bill Laimbeer (Las Vegas) and Mike Thibault (Washington).

Under Reeve's tutelage, the Lynx have compiled 195 wins over the last eight seasons, the most prolific eight-year run in WNBA history. Finishing the 2017 season 27-7, Minnesota has registered its sixth 25-win campaign in the last seven years, becoming the first WNBA franchise to win 27+ games in a season four separate times. Since taking over in 2010, Reeve's .715 winning percentage (195-77) ranks first in league history; she's one of just two coaches to win more than 60% of their games (Van Chancellor, .655).

Reeve guided the Lynx to the first championship in franchise history in 2011, being named the WNBA Coach of the Year after leading Minnesota to a league-best 27-7 regular season record. The Lynx made a 14-game improvement from 2010, marking the second-largest single-season win increase in WNBA history. Reeve went on to lead the Lynx to WNBA championships in 2013, 2015 and 2017.

On May 12, 2014, USA Basketball named Reeve as an assistant coach to the 2014 USA Basketball Women's World Championship Team. After assisting head coach Geno Auriemma to the gold medal and a 6-0 record at the 2014 FIBA World Championship, USA Basketball announced on Feb. 9, 2014, that Reeve would return as an assistant for the USA National Team through the 2016 Olympic Games.

Additionally, Reeve's coaching résumé includes 26 years as both an assistant and a head coach at the collegiate and WNBA levels. In 2009, Reeve served as an assistant coach with the WNBA's Detroit Shock, and was promoted to the team's general manager position just three games into the season. Hired by three-time WNBA champion head coach Bill Laimbeer, Reeve joined the Shock coaching staff in 2006 and helped the franchise reach the WNBA Finals in each of her first three years, winning WNBA titles in 2006 and 2008. During her four years with Detroit, the team held an 87-49 win/loss record and won at least 18 games each season, including 24 in 2007. Reeve also served as the Shock's director of player personnel in 2008.

Reeve got her start in the WNBA with the Charlotte Sting in 2001 when she joined Anne Donovan's staff as an assistant coach. After posting an 8-24 record in 2000, Charlotte turned things around in Reeve's first year, going 18-14 en route to advancing to the WNBA Finals. Reeve spent the 2002 season again in Charlotte before joining Dan Hughes' coaching staff in Cleveland for the 2003 season. Reeve returned to the Sting in 2004 and 2005 before joining Detroit in 2006. In Reeve's nine years as an assistant, she compiled a .543 winning percentage (163-137 W/L), including seven postseason appearances and advancing to the WNBA Finals four times.

Before joining the WNBA coaching ranks, Reeve spent 12 years coaching collegiately, including a five-year stint as head coach at Indiana State from 1995-2000. Reeve guided the Sycamores to the program's first postseason berth in 20 years following the 1998-99 campaign.

Reeve also spent five years as an assistant coach at George Washington. During that time, the Colonials posted five 20-win seasons, captured three Atlantic 10 Conference Championships and appeared in four NCAA Tournaments. Reeve got her start in coaching at her alma mater, La Salle, as an assistant coach for two seasons.

As a player at La Salle, Reeve led the nationally-ranked Explorers to a 25-5 record in 1987-1988. She was named All-Metro Atlantic Conference and was an All-Big 5 selection as a senior. Reeve holds the school record for most games started (110) and ranks fourth on La Salle's career assist leader board (420).

Reeve excelled athletically and academically at La Salle, graduating with a degree in computer science/management information systems. A Rhodes Scholar nominee, Reeve received both a MAAC Scholar-Athlete Postgraduate Award and a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship in 1988. She went on to earn her master's degree in business administration from her alma mater while also serving two years as an assistant coach for the Explorers.