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#### **WAVES NAME COACH**

Kissimmee, FL. – The Orlando Waves are happy to announce that they have made their decision as to who will be their Head Coach for this very important inaugural season. Douglas Leichner has accepted the position and is looking forward to what this season holds in store. Waves General Manager J.J. Stuckey was very excited to be able to ink someone with experience at all levels of coaching and someone who is extremely familiar with the Central Florida area.

Coach Leichner, last coached Great Britain U20 National Team to their second highest finish ever of any Great Britain team, regardless of age or gender in Division A European Championship. He has also coached in Ireland, Iona College, and the University of Maine. His Central Florida ties start at Merritt Island High School; followed by Osceola High School, where he and his Kowboys won Coach of the Year / Orange Belt Conference Champions in back to back seasons.

Waves owner, Anthony Stuckey, had a very specific outline of what he wanted in a coach and believes he has found it in Coach Leichner. Leichner also wants to work with the community, and both men have very similar philosophies in the gym. Although Leichner is well known for his defensive minded teams, he is quick to admit that he is all about fast paced high flying basketball, and believes that his Waves team is designed to be just that.

Coach Leichner has an overall coaching record of 165-101-1 for a .617 winning percentage, in over 20 years of coaching.

A charity game on Sept 17<sup>th</sup> will be your first chance to Catch The Waves . Tickets for this event will be \$6.00 for children age four and above and \$8.00 for Adults

The Waves will play home games at the Kissimmee Civic Center beginning on November 5 and 6. For ticket information contact: The Kissimmee Civic Center Box Office, or [Contact@OrlandoWaves.com](mailto:Contact@OrlandoWaves.com)

*\*\*The Orlando Waves are a professional basketball organization dedicated to winning ABA Championships, growing new basketball fans, and providing superior entertainment. They will be active in the community, strongly believing that every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community or family of persons working together. Our team was created with the intention to provide quality sporting events and entertainment for the community, with a family friendly price, while also bringing awareness to the community about local charities and foundations in need.*

*Today, the ABA has nearly 1000 players competing at the professional level, over 200 coaches, and over 200 officials. It is made up of former NBA players, NCAA Division 1 and 2 athletes, McDonald's All Americans, and international players. It is the platform for sending many of their athletes to international teams.*

*The Waves will play their home games at the Kissimmee Civic Center, in Kissimmee, Florida beginning in November 2016.*

*The Waves are owned and operated by Anthony and J.J. Stuckey.*