

UAPB Lady Lions Basketball – 2025–26 Quick Facts

Head Coach: Erica Leak

Erica Leak has been named the 10th head coach of the **Lady Lions Women's Basketball** program. A 2005 WNBA Draftee, Leak brings elite playing and coaching experience to Pine Bluff.

Before joining UAPB, she led West Memphis High School to the state finals for the first time since 2003, earning **Arkansas High School Coach of the Year (2023)**. Under her leadership, the program became a 5A powerhouse, qualifying for state four times and reaching the finals for the first time in 20 years.

Leak also began her coaching career at Forest City High School, where she drastically improved the team's performance and developed multiple players who advanced to the collegiate level. She has also directed Jr. NBA camps and collaborated with NBA stars such as **Ja Morant** and **Mike Conley**.

As a player, Leak was a standout at **Louisiana Tech University**, winning four WAC titles, earning **WAC Freshman of the Year**, and making four NCAA Tournament appearances. She was selected 19th overall in the 2005 WNBA Draft by the Washington Mystics.

Leak holds a **Master of Arts in Athletic Administration** from Concordia University (2023) and a Bachelor's from Louisiana Tech (2005). She is married to Antonio and has five children: daughters **Nia**, **Tyra**, **Laila**, **Demi**, and son **Jace**.

Key Returners

Kristyna Boyd – Senior Guard

Returning captain and emotional leader, Boyd brings toughness, experience, and energy on both ends. One of UAPB's leading contributors in scoring, rebounding, steals, and blocks, she sets the standard for what it means to wear the Lady Lions jersey. Her grit and leadership will be essential in guiding a youthful roster to new heights.

Jailah Pelly – Junior Point Guard

The floor general of the Lady Lions, Pelly returns as a dynamic playmaker who makes everyone better when she's on the floor. Her vision, composure, and ability to control tempo complement her scoring ability, making her one of the conference's most complete guards.

Key Newcomers

Indiya Bowen – Junior Guard / Transfer (Southeast Missouri State)

A crafty scorer and shot creator, Bowen transfers in after a strong stint at SEMO. Her offensive creativity, mid-range consistency, and knack for finishing in traffic will provide a major scoring punch for the Lady Lions.

Jasmine Davis – Junior Guard / Transfer (Three Rivers College)

A Little Rock native and defensive specialist, Davis brings a tough, blue-collar mentality to UAPB. Known for her lockdown defense and ability to push in transition, she'll be a major asset on both ends of the floor.

Jakyra Jackson – Freshman Guard (Barton HS)

A scoring phenom from Barton High, Jackson averaged over 25 PPG and led her team to a state

championship appearance. Her confidence and explosiveness as a freshman will give UAPB an immediate offensive spark.

Tyra Taylor – Freshman Forward (West Memphis HS)

The daughter of head coach **Erica Leak**, Taylor is a poised multi-sport athlete who excelled at West Memphis High. Her combination of athleticism and basketball IQ will make her a key contributor in the Lady Lions' frontcourt.