

# Mike Fratello



- **Sport:** Basketball
- **Decade Inducted:** 00s

A brilliant basketball tactician that has found success as a coach and television personality.

Mike Fratello is one of the most respected authorities in the game of basketball. His thorough knowledge of the game has earned him success as both a coach and as a television commentator.

Fratello served as coach of the Atlanta Hawks for seven seasons, compiling a 324-250 record from 1983-1990. He led five of those clubs to the post-season, including the 1986-87 club that captured the Central Division title with 57 wins. As a result, Fratello was named coach of the year by five different organizations. He also coached the Cleveland Cavaliers for six seasons, from 1993-1999. In that time, the team had a record of 248-212, and made it to the playoffs four times.

In his coaching career, 9 of Fratello's 13 teams have made the playoffs. With a career record of 572-462, he is among the winningest coaches in NBA history, and is the 18th coach to win 500 games.

In the years between his coaching tenures, Fratello entered the world of broadcasting, providing expert analysis for the NBA on NBC from 1990-93. His skill for in-depth television analysis has earned him the nickname "The Czar of the Telestrator." Currently, Fratello is the analyst for Brooklyn Nets broadcasts on the YES Network and for nationally televised games on TNT.

Fratello was inducted to the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame in 2003.