

Salem soccer coach placed in NCAA record book for winning coaches

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Salem College soccer coach Jay Callahan has entered the NCAA record books for winning NCAA Division III soccer coaches.

Callahan's overall record of 124-53-9 (.691 winning percentage) places him as the 41st highest active soccer

coach in Division III out of over 435 DIII programs.

"I owe a lot of the credit to my first and second teams here at Salem," said Coach Callahan. "We struggled that first year in 2006, but without those players sticking it out, we would never be where we are now. Then we brought in a big recruiting class

in 2007 that led us from 1-15 to 15-1-2, and that really got the program going!"

Callahan joins coaches from such schools as John Hopkins, Emory University, M.I.T. and Carnegie Mellon on the list. In his ten years, Callahan has won four Great South regular season titles, two Great South

Tournaments, one NCAA D3 Independents Atlantic region title, five Coach of the Year honors and advanced to the NCAA DIII National Tournament twice. He has coached six players to NCAA All-South Region Teams, and four more to All-South Academic Region Teams.

Callahan said, "Salem

College is a great place, which makes my job easy to get excellent student-athletes to come play here. The fact that it is nestled right in the heart of my favorite city in the world is an added bonus. It has been a thrill to work with great assistant coaches, administrators, and a great group of players over my

decade."

Callahan will lead the team into their first season in the USA South Athletic Conference this September.

NCAA Record Book Link

http://fs.ncaa.org/Docs/stats/w_soccer_RB/2016/Coaches.pdf



Jay Callahan

Head Women's Soccer Coach stats

2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Great South Coach of the Year
2013 and 2014 NCAA Tournament Participants
2013 and 2014 Great South Tournament Champions
2012, 2013, 2014, and 2015 Great South Regular Season Champions
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Submitted photo

Team Invasion won the AAU boys under 13 national championship by defeating their opponents by the score of 58-56.

Team

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first half even though it was a close game throughout. He says his team pushed the lead to eight points in the third quarter then became a little complacent. This allowed the Pelicans to come back during the fourth quarter and take the lead. With under a minute and a half to go in the game, Team Invasion was down by four points.

With the game tied 56 to 56, James Wilkins III drove to the basket and was fouled. With ice in his veins, he stepped to the line and drained two free throws to put Team Invasion up by two points with nine seconds left. They were able to hang on for the victory.

"At the end of the season, we really came together and played as a team," a

Team Invasion player said. "We were coming to win and we expected to win. During warm ups, I was a little nervous, but come game time, you have to get focused and just look at it as another game," he went on to say.

Another Team Invasion player said he was very nervous before the game because this was his second time playing in the championship game. He stated during his fifth-grade year, his team lost in the championship.

"I really just felt the pressure to help the team win because I really wanted to be first in the nation this time," he concluded.

The parents were very proud of their children and were happy they were able to bring home the championship.

"I was really proud of them and it was a great

accomplishment for them," a parent said. Another teammate's mother added, "I think they played wonderful as a team and they really pulled together. It was a tough game and they all worked so hard to get there. To see the smiles on their faces after they won that game was just unbelievable."

One of the players' mothers wanted to give a special thanks to the coaching staff. She stated that the current coaches provided so much encouragement for the kids. She was happy the staff was focused on more than just wins. That meant a lot to her and the other parents.

Team Invasion looks to defend its title next year. When asked what the team's expectation's were, officials said, "Defend and repeat, simple as that."

The Team Invasion roster and jersey number

(in alphabetical order)

*Garrett Bolden (10)
*Caleb Curtin (30)
*Jahleel Deberry (25),
*Christopher Joines Jr. (6)
*Tyreik Leach (3)

*Markell Lloyd (11)
*Thomas Ridley (9)
*Joseph Walker (24)
*Scott Walker (0)
*James Wilkins III (23)

Head coach is Desmon Baldwin, assistant coach is Donnie Baldwin and another assistant coach is Steven Epps.

Honor

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giate athletics and advancing women and student-athletes. She has high expectations to succeed and is known to take risks as a leader to promote causes that fuel her passions.

She is a successful fundraiser who has revamped the university's athletic brand as well as developing and implementing her own leadership programs for coaches and student-athletes. WSSU athletics have thrived under her watch, with seven CIAA championships and 140 student-athlete graduates in 2015 and 2016 combined.

Her nominator calls her a highly respected leader, guide, mentor, and friend who understands her role in making a difference in education and protecting the welfare of student-athletes.

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*Association/Organization: Julie Muller, Commissioner (former), North Atlantic Conference

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of Miami

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