

# Bob Winch named as next Mens Soccer Coach



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BREVARD, N.C. – Bob Winch has been tapped as the next head men’s soccer coach at Brevard College, Vice President for Strategic Planning and Athletics Juan Mascaro announced on Friday. Winch, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke and Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania, will inherit a program fresh off of its best season in the program’s history at 8-8-3 — including a South Atlantic Conference quarterfinal win over No. 1 Wingate University and a trip to the SAC semifinal against Lincoln Memorial University.

“We are excited to have someone with coach Winch’s experience, reputation and passion for the game,” Mascaro said. “He is a true professional in the coaching community; we look forward to his leadership and the continued success of our men’s soccer program.”

Winch began his coaching career with a one-year stint at Central Connecticut State University, where he served as the assistant men’s soccer coach. Winch would then move on to Manchester Junior College for a year as the head men’s soccer coach, before taking his talents to the Division I level at Clemson University from 1990 to 1993, where he served as the assistant men’s soccer coach.

Following his time at Clemson, Winch began a 13-year stint (1993-2005) as the head men’s soccer coach at the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla., where he was selected as coach of the year on four separate occasions in 1993, 1996, 2002 and 2004. During his time with the Knights, Winch compiled a 31-8-3

conference record from 2001-2004, including four conference championships and three Division I National Tournament appearances.

After a successful stretch at UCF, Winch served for one year as the assistant women’s soccer coach at Auburn University, before moving on to coach The Citadel from 2006-2016. While at The Citadel, Winch was named the Southern Conference Women’s Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2010. For the past year, Winch has been the assistant women’s soccer coach at Division III Brandeis University in Boston, Mass., where his team finished the year at 13-3-3, earning a trip to the NCAA Final Four Tournament.

“I would like to thank Mr. Mascaro for the opportunity to become the next head men’s soccer coach at Brevard College,” Winch said. “It is my goal to continue the success and further develop the solid foundation established by coaches Shigeyoshi Shinohara and Bradley Morrison.”

With their most successful season at the NCAA Division II level in the books, the Tornados will return to the pitch in 2017 in their first season at the NCAA Division III level. As part of the transition, Brevard will move from the SAC to the USA South Athletic Conference, where they will join both Pfeiffer University and Berea College as three Division II programs making the switch to Division III for the 2017-18 calendar year.

“It is an exciting time to be associated with Brevard College Athletics as it enters into NCAA Division III competition,” Winch added. “We will work very hard in all aspects of the program each day to be competitive right away.”

# Mens Basketball suffer narrow defeat to Coker

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Despite a 20 point outburst by junior guard Stevie Williams (High Point, N.C.) and three other Tornados posting double-digit point totals, the Brevard College Tornados (1-9, 0-4 SAC) were unable to overcome a Coker College Cobras (5-4, 2-1 SAC) run in the second half, falling by a final of 78-67 Saturday evening.

Williams would lead the Tornados on the offensive end of the floor, scoring 20 points on 5-11 shooting, while fellow juniors Shelby Parris (Burlington, N.J.) and D.J. Bostick (Marietta, Ga.) posted 16 and 13 point totals, respectively.

Senior Omar El Diraoui (Beirut, Lebanon) added 13 points on 3-6 shooting from the floor as the senior pulled down a team-high eight rebounds and dished out a team-best five assists for the game. The Beirut, Lebanon native also posted two blocks for the game, tying freshman Levi Lamb (Atlanta, Ga.) who came off the bench to finish with three points and seven rebounds on the evening.

Coker’s Nathan Lemke overcame a slow first half start to finish with a game-high 21 points and 10 rebounds, finishing 10-11 from the floor and contributing two blocks. In addition to Lemke, the Cobras’ finished with three other players with double-digit point tallies.

Brevard would finish the evening with a slight 11-10 assist advantage over Coker, while also controlling a 4-2 block discrepancy, while Coker claimed a 35-27 rebound lead and a 12-9 advantage on steals.

The Tornados would come out hot to open the first half Saturday night, shooting 45 percent from the floor, to the Cobras 32 percent, taking a 33-28 lead into the 15-minute halftime, as Williams posted a first half high of 12 points, converting six first half free throw attempts.

Despite the Tornados shooting 50 percent for the second half, Coker managed to convert on 14-19 free throw attempts down the stretch to take the game 78-67.

The Tornados will return to the floor this coming Saturday, December 17 as they travel to Wingate, N.C. to battle the Wingate Bulldogs at 4 p.m. before closing out the first half of the 2016-17 season at home, December 30 against North Greenville at 4 p.m.