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Bechtol named soccer coach

Chuck Bechtol ’92 has been named men’s soccer coach at Linfield College.

He is leaving his current position as head boys’ and girls’ coach at McMinnville High School. A former Wildcats all-star, he brings a wealth of experience as a successful high school and club coach, including winning Pacific Conference boys’ championships each of the past three seasons while at McMinnville High School.

David Lee ’12

Sport: Basketball
Hometown: Wheeler
Major: Exercise science

Why Linfield: “I wanted to participate in athletics and be close to home. Linfield’s exercise science program is well respected.”

Favorite aspect of Linfield: “We are a close-knit community. Even though it is a small school I feel like I’ve had the opportunity to become closer to more people than I would at a bigger school.”

Balancing sport and academics: “You have to realize that when you aren’t at practice or working on your game, you need to be in the library working on your studies.”

Inspiration: “My mom is my biggest inspiration. She has worked so hard to become successful in what she does.”

Blood pressure monitoring: “I run a free weekly blood pressure monitoring clinic because I have high blood pressure and I wanted to assess, bring awareness to, and interact with those who may have high blood pressure or may be prone to it.”

Lessons as an injured teammate: “Cherish the moment. This summer while playing in open gym I chipped a bone and tore a tendon in my ankle. I’m extremely fortunate to be given another chance to compete this season and I’m excited to see what is in store.”

Learned from college athletics: “Time management and the importance of being a teammate.”

Advice for student athletes: “These are the best years of our lives, so it is important to take advantage of your opportunities.”

Future: “I plan on getting my masters degree in kinesiology or nutrition.”
Doty clinches historic record

Larry Doty ’78 and ’79 is now the winningest coach in Linfield College men’s basketball history.

Doty, head coach for the Wildcats since 1987, notched win 325 in January, surpassing Ted Wilson, his college coach, for most career victories. Linfield beat the Pacific Boxers 72-66 in the record-clinching win.

Doty’s coaching principles – many of them honed while competing for Wilson – continue to resonate throughout his graduated players.

“Even through all the success our teams had, I learned far more about life than basketball,” says Rob Emerson ’01, a public safety officer with the Bend Police Department whose career included two Northwest Conference championships.

Doty said he’s proud to have played for Wilson and to carry on the tradition he began at Linfield. “This milestone speaks volumes about the type of student-athlete who comes to Linfield to earn a degree and play basketball,” said Doty.

A three-sport athlete who competed in football, basketball and baseball at Linfield, Doty says exceeding Wilson’s wins total is humbling. Wilson is a member of the NAIA and Linfield halls of fame.

“I’m very appreciative of the fact the college gave me the opportunity to coach basketball and be a faculty member,” he said. “It’s given me the opportunity to have regular contact with students. That’s been one of the most enjoyable parts of the last two decades.”

Doty was recognized as Northwest Conference Coach of the Year in 1998-99 and again in 2000-01. All told, he has taken the Wildcats to conference championships in 1999 and 2001, plus three more runner-up finishes.

Brosius brings home gold

Scott Brosius ’88 can add the words “gold medal” to his already impressive baseball resume. Brosius, the Wildcats’ head baseball coach, directed the 18-under USA National Team at the COPABE 18U/AAA Pan American Championships in Cartagena, Colombia. Team USA defeated Canada 12-2 in eight innings to capture the gold medal. The Red, White and Blue went undefeated in the tournament, outscoring nine international opponents by a combined score of 88-8.

“The opportunity to wear a USA jersey and bring home the gold medal is definitely a career highlight for me,” Brosius said. “I really believe these experiences have made me a better coach. They’ve stretched and challenged me.”