

Squires Named Men's Soccer Coach At LMC

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Lee Squires has been named the new head men's soccer coach at Lees-McRae College, announced Bobcat director of athletics, Craig McPhail, on Monday.

Squires, a May 2011 graduate of Lees-McRae, led the Bobcats to the program's fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearance last season, garnering Conference Carolinas Player of the Year honors for the second time in his career. A native of Sheffield, England, Squires enjoyed a tremendous career at Lees-McRae, concluding his tenure as the program's all-time leader in points (149) and goals (67).

"The hunger and passion Lee has for his alma mater and the men's soccer program is unmatched," said McPhail. "In talking with him I could see his desire to continue this fine tradition. He is a very driven young man with an intense desire to develop well rounded men's soccer players here at Lees-McRae College."

In his career with the Bobcats, Squires posted a pair of 20-goal seasons while garnering All-America honors on three occasions. The two-time conference player of the year tallied at least 10 goals in three of his four seasons with the Bobcats, netting 22 match-winners and recording 15 assists, concluding his playing career as one of the top players in program history. "I am so thankful for the opportunity to coach at my alma mater," said Squires. "I look forward to building upon the program's success that I enjoyed as a student, and I think we can do some great things down the road."

"Lee's character and personality will be a role model for all of our student-athletes, and I am looking forward to working with him as he leads the Bobcats in the coming years," said McPhail. "I would also like to thank Jim Hart for his hard work as the interim head coach, and I look forward to working with him as the assistant coach this fall."

Squires can be reached via email at squiresl@lmc.edu , or by phone at (828) 898-8801. Those interested in attending the program's summer camp, slated for July 18-22, may contact Squires or assistant coach Jim Hart via email at

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Lees-McRae College, a four-year, co-educational liberal arts college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church, USA, is located in the scenic Blue Ridge Mountains of northwestern North Carolina. Being a year-round tourist destination, the area provides the best of a vibrant college community coupled with natural beauty and a rich history. Please see www.lmc.edu for more information