

Morrill Coaching In United Soccer League

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Lees-McRae College women's soccer head coach Cally Morrill is not taking much of a break this summer, taking on the role of both assistant coach and player for the Central SC Cobras of the United Soccer Leagues' W-League,

announced College officials Tuesday. The W-League is currently the highest level of women's soccer in the United States outside of the national team, several members of which play key roles on many of the league's 30 teams. The league is a women's Pro-Am league, which has been in place since 1995.

Morrill and the Cobras are off to a 0-3-2 start to the season, opening the campaign with a 2-2 draw against Tampa VSI. Coach Morrill debuted in style against Tampa, scoring the go-ahead goal in the 67th minute before VSI netted the equalizer at the death to level proceedings. The University of Alabama alum has appeared in two matches thus far for the Cobras, totaling one goal on three shots.

"The environment of the W-League this summer has been a great experience for myself and hundreds of women throughout the country," said Morrill. "It is now the highest level of women's soccer in the US outside of the women's national team. The professional development the W-League has provided will allow me to become a better coach personally and for our women's soccer players at Lees-McRae College. I look forward to a quality remainder of the season with the Central SC Cobras."

Morrill has transformed the Bobcat women's soccer program into a perennial contender in both Conference Carolinas and the NCAA Division II Southeast Region, leading Lees-McRae to its first conference title since 2000 this past fall. Under Morrill's guidance, the Bobcats posted a 13-5-3 overall record, including a program-best 11-1 mark in league play en route to the conference tournament title and the school's first-ever berth in the NCAA Tournament.

Another member of the Bobcat family is also playing this summer, as incoming freshman Sarah Mahar is in her first season with the Jacksonville Destroyers. The Jacksonville, Fla. native will join the Bobcats this fall as part of a deep and talented recruiting class as Lees-McRae looks to build upon its success from last season.

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