

Lutz Named Assistant Coach At NC State

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Former Charlotte coach Bobby Lutz has been hired as an assistant coach at North Carolina State by men's basketball coach Mark Gottfried.

Gottfried was hired as the new coach of the Wolfpack last Tuesday, replacing Sidney Lowe, who resigned at the end of the season. Gottfried won 210 games during his 11-year stay at Alabama.

Lutz, who is from the Hickory area, was an assistant coach at Iowa State this past season. He was dismissed as head coach of the 49ers following the 2009-10 season. During his 12 year stay with the program at Charlotte, he won 218 games. His teams also made five appearances in the NCAA tournament (most recently in 2005) and three trips to the NIT.

His final team in 2009-10 went 19-12. Before he joined the 49ers, Lutz spent nine years at Pfeiffer University, where he won 181 games and led that program to the NAIA championship game. In 1995 Lutz left Pfeiffer and was named the head coach at Gardner-Webb, but he resigned two weeks after accepting the job in order to become an assistant coach at his alma mater, Charlotte, under then head coach Jeff Mullins.

He served as an assistant under Mullins (1995–96) and his successor, Melvin Watkins (1996–98). When Watkins accepted the head coaching job at Texas A&M, Lutz became the eighth head coach of the 49ers in 1998.

PRICE STEPS DOWN AT FRED T. FOARD

Wendy Price, who led the Fred T. Foard women's basketball program for the last 11 years, has stepped down as head coach. Prices, who was also an assistant coach with the program for three years, resigned on Friday. The Tigers were 15-11 this past season.

Price plans on taking a year off from coaching. During her stay with the Tigers, Price led them to four regional appearances and one state championship game appearance. Price won 182

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games, two conference titles and made the state playoffs nine times. The Tigers were 14-11 in her final season. Men's coach Mike Hainrihar has yet to resign, but he's not expected to return next season. The Tigers have lost 25 consecutive Northwestern 3A/4A Conference games since the league was formed two years ago.