

Thompson steps down as men's soccer coach

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Lees-McRae College men's soccer coach Matt Thompson has announced he will step down after leading the Bobcats to their fourth straight NCAA Tournament appearances.

Thompson has accepted the position of head men's soccer coach at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C.

The Bobcats did not miss a beat in Thompson's first season at the helm, capturing the program's fourth consecutive Conference Carolinas regular season title and third straight conference tournament championship. Lees-McRae posted a 13-5-3 record this fall, including a 7-1-1 mark in league play, while leading the pack with seven players on the all-Conference Carolinas teams.

"It's certainly sad to see Coach Thompson leaving us after just one year, but I understand and wish him the best," said Director of Athletics Craig McPhail. "We will look to find someone to help continue the strong tradition of men's soccer here at Lees-McRae College."

Jim Hart, who served as an assistant coach with the Bobcats this fall, will take the helm as the interim head coach. A national search for the new head coach of the Bobcats will be launched in the near future.

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.