

## **Cremins Takes Leave Of Absence**

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CBS Sports is reporting that College of Charleston coach Bobby Cremins is taking a leave of absence for non life-threatening, health reasons effective immediately. Associate head coach Mark Byington will take over on an interim basis. The Cougars (12-8 overall; 4-5 Southern Conference South Division), who are mired in a three-game losing streak, take on Wofford College Saturday afternoon at 12 noon in Charleston. Cremins, who coached at Appalachian State University for six years (1975-1981), has been a collegiate head coach at the Division I level for 30 years. He has won 541 games in his career, and he was 100-70 during his tenure at ASU. He also led the Mountaineers to their first NCAA tournament berth in 1979, when the ASU defeated Furman in the SoCon finals. That ASU team was 23-6.

Cremins, who played college basketball at the University of South Carolina (1967-70), has also coached at Georgia Tech. He led the Yellow Jackets for 19 years (1981-2000), won 354 games, two Atlantic Coast Conference titles, and ten NCAA appearances. He led Georgia Tech to the Final Four in 1989-90.

He was in his fifth season with the Cougars. He was 101-55 at CofC (2006-11) before he took his leave of absence.

**Photo: Bobby Cremins**