

Wilmoth Named Basketball Assistant At LMC

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Marcus Wilmoth has been named the new assistant men's basketball coach at Lees-McRae College, announced head coach Steve Hardin Tuesday.

"I am extremely lucky to hire two quality men and coaches in J.T. [Blair] and Marcus," praised Hardin. "Marcus

reminds me a lot of myself in that he grew up in the game being a coach's son. He has excitement and passion for this great game. Marcus also brings recruiting knowledge and connections in North Carolina."

Wilmoth comes to Lees-McRae from nearby Appalachian State University, where he served as a graduate assistant with the Mountaineer men's basketball program last season. He filled many roles during his time at ASU, serving as the program's Film Exchange coordinator and game film editor, as well as a skill development coach and camp coordinator.

"I am really excited to be a part of a program with such a great group of young men," said Wilmoth. "I also look forward to working with two of the best young coaching minds in college basketball. We are going to work hard to instill a winning attitude in our student-athletes and compete for championships."

Prior to working with the Mountaineers, Wilmoth played one season at Surry Community College for his father, Eddie Wilmoth. The Dobson, N.C. native has also served as the head coach of the Carolina Bearcats AAU team for the past three seasons following a successful AAU career of his own, winning a national championship with the NC Gaters AAU team.

"Marcus is an up in coming coach that I am excited to snag early in his career," expressed Hardin. "I feel we have established a solid foundation toward building our program in the direction where we want to go with adding Marcus and J.T."

Wilmoth is a second generation coach, following in the footsteps of his father, Eddie Wilmoth, who was a long-time AAU and junior college basketball coach, as well as Western Commissioner for North Carolina's AAU Boy's Basketball program. The younger Wilmoth graduated from Appalachian State in December 2011 with a bachelor's degree in physical education, and is currently working toward a master's in special education.

"Becoming a college coach has always been a dream of mine and I would like to thank Coach Steve Hardin and Athletic Director Craig McPhail for giving me the opportunity to start my journey here at Lees-McRae," said Wilmoth.

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