

## Rusling Named Assistant Coach

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Former Lees-McRae men's soccer standout Thomas Rusling has been named the new assistant men's soccer coach at Lees-McRae College, announced head coach Lee Squires Friday afternoon.

"I am delighted to get Tom on board. He gave his all for the program in his four years as player, proving to be a leader with a passion for the team and the College," praised Squires. "I have no doubt that passion and leadership will remain as he enters his coaching career. It's a big day for the program, allowing us to become more efficient and achieve greater success, pushing the program to new levels. I am excited to work with Tom."

A Sheffield, England native, Rusling continues his time with the Bobcats after a highly-touted four-year career as a LMC goalie. During his freshman campaign, he was tabbed to the Conference Carolinas All-Conference squad before earning third-team recognition as a sophomore.

Rusling continued to impress when he finished 30th in the nation in save percentage (0.802), 31st in total saves (81) and 42nd in saves per match (4.76) as a junior. He amassed 50 saves and blanked seven opponents with a 1.20 goals against average in his final year as a Bobcat.

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excited to work with Coach Squires and hopefully I can have a good impact on the team," stated Rusling. "Nothing would be more pleasing to me than helping the Bobcats to claim a few Conference Carolinas championships."

The Englishman graduated from Sheffield College and played club soccer for Barnsley FC in Barnsley, England.

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