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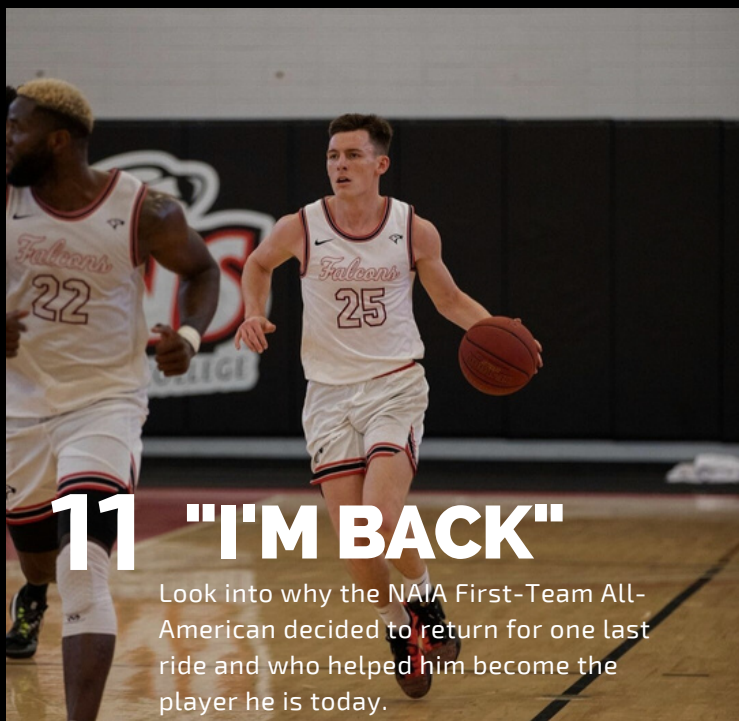
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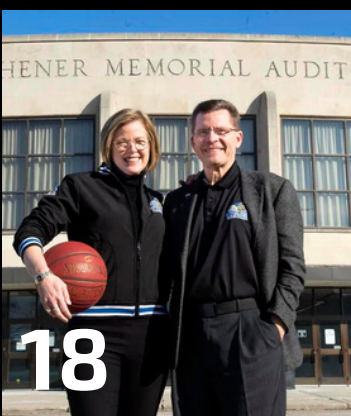
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# EAFL: TAKING THE SEMI-PRO FOOTBALL SCENE BY STORM

Many leagues come and go throughout the semi-professional scene, but one remains unique among the rest. The EAFL (Elite American Football League) is now in its second operating year and the results have been astounding. The biggest addition to this season was the teams joining the EAFL from the recently folded FFA (Florida Football Alliance / Football Federation Alliance). This move was significant in progressing the already growing footprint the EAFL has been establishing since its arrival on the scene. With arguably now the best teams in all of semi-pro football, with the now combined group of teams, the mission seems to be focused on sustainability.



(2022 EAFL Teams Graphic)



The biggest thing that sets the EAFL apart from other leagues and looks to keep them as a semi-pro powerhouse is their reward system. Where many leagues prefer to play for "bragging rights", the EAFL likes to put their money where their mouth is and offer cash prizes for teams that succeed throughout the playoffs. One of the new features of the league that will go in effect during the 2024 season will be a multi-divisional format, a AAA and AA division. This will provide a division for teams to be able work on building a solid organizational structure before playing powerhouse teams like the Bay Area Reapers or the Southwest Florida Gladiators. The financial payout structure of both divisions will be very result driven with prizes being awarded to conference runners-up, championship runners-up, and of the EAFL champions. The grand prize for the team that wins the league AAA championship will be \$15,000. A prize like this can go a long way in covering gear and travel expenses, as well as showing love to the players that got you there. This gives teams much more to play for than just "bragging rights".



The league, led by EAFL President Michael Torres and EAFL VP Ron Scarlata, strives itself in being a league that has its teams and players at the forefront of its mission to "provide a platform built on discipline, structure, fairness, and opportunity for all". They are looking to build a more sustainable model for semi-pro football leagues and pioneer how even other semi-pro leagues handle operations. The leagues holds emphasis on its value of collaboration, responsibility, open dialogue, empowerment, and passion. EAFL President Torres, more than many, knows the struggles many adult amateur football teams face. Torres has also owned and coached a team of his own known as the Orlando Phantoms. He has seen what it takes to run a team financially and how the foundation of a league is so important to the success of the teams that play in it. Over time, we will see if Michael Torres and the EAFL can continue to soar to new heights and be the premier destination for semi-pro football teams, but one thing is certain. Semi-Pro football will never be the same.





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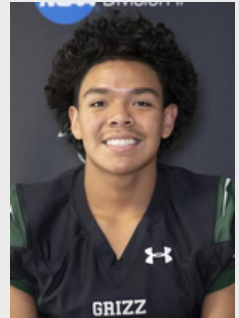
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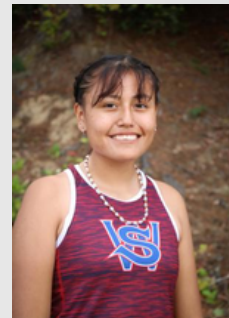
*Andy Gines- Founder of Coach Andy Recruiting*

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- Coach Andy Gines



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# GLEN "BIG BABY" DAVIS INKS DEAL WITH CHARLOTTE PURPLE JACKETS TO BE NEW HEAD COACH

BY DJ HAMILTON

There was big news in the TBL (The Basketball League) earlier this offseason when the Charlotte Purple Jackets announced they have signed former NBA player and champion Glen "Big Baby" Davis as their new head coach. Davis played eight seasons in the NBA which included winning an NBA title with the famed Boston Celtics in 2008.

Davis has been through a lot of highs and lows in his life personally and now will get an opportunity as a coach to overcome those obstacles of his past. This coaching opportunity can be a big reputation boost and a sense of restoring himself, as he will be looked upon to be a leader of men both by example and vocally. Ever since his playing days, Davis has always been one to be known for his immaturity as a player for whining and not taking his diet and conditioning seriously, hence the nickname "Big Baby". However, people always have the chance to change their life and themselves for the better if they're willing to reflect and do the work to be and do better.

Davis will be joined by a loaded assistant head coaching staff in Kareem Leggette, Corey Baker, and Sam Tyson who will all be beneficial as Davis transitions into a new phase of his life as a head coach. The Purple Jackets started off strong in their new era by drafting 6'7 forward James Anacreon with the 18th overall pick in the 2023 TBL Draft. Via Instagram, Coach Davis congratulated Anacreon on being selected and highlighted the opportunity to be able to coach him. The success of players such as Anacreon, throughout this year's TBL season will be a testament of Davis's coaching ability, especially as a first-year professional head coach.



**PICTURED ABOVE: JAMES ANACREON DRAFT GRAPHIC VIA CHARLOTTE PURPLE JACKETS INSTAGRAM**

Davis now has the opportunity to get coaching experience in what can be a stepping-stone for perhaps coaching in the NBA G-League or maybe even potentially the NBA in the future. With many players throughout the TBL now finding themselves on G-League and even NBA rosters, the future will look hopeful for Davis as long as he can produce a winning product on the court. In the end, Davis has a great opportunity to add to his legacy and leave an even more meaningful impact on the game of basketball.



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# CLAYTON KEYES' FUTURE AS A CARD

BY DJ HAMILTON



Earlier in the offseason, star Canadian outfielder, Clayton Keyes, who's fresh off a 2022 NAIA Baseball Championship with the Southeastern Fire signed with the Hamilton Cardinals of the Intercounty Baseball League (IBL). Keyes stands at 6-foot-1, 215-pounds as a Calgary, Alberta native who is an explosive athlete known for his mesmerizing power and tools. Keyes was a former MLB draft pick by the Toronto Blue Jays in 2016 and the Arizona Diamondbacks in 2017- both occurring in high school.

Keyes was also a member of the Canadian Jr. National Team in 2017 where he was teammates with another fellow Hamilton Cardinal Tyler Duncan. Keyes, 23, brings a level of talent and star power that the IBL has rarely seen of someone so young in their 100 years as a league. Keyes has a chance to really put on the IBL on the map as a potential league that can be a gateway to the MLB for future prospects. Having already been drafted by MLB teams, Keyes could bring notoriety and more publicity to the IBL for himself and others around the league which will be a great opportunity to showcase their talents in front of MLB talent evaluators.



PICTURED ABOVE: BERNIE ARBOUR MEMORIAL STADIUM



PICTURED ABOVE: CLAYTON KEYES SLIDING INTO HOME PLATE AT THE WORLD BASEBALL CUP FOR TEAM CANADA

The Cardinals' general manager George Halim expressed his enthusiasm on the Keyes signing when he stated, "At his best, Keyes has a chance to be a premier hitter in the IBL, he's tooled out, fun to watch, and has collected more high-pressure ABs and life experience than the average 23-year-old. He's young and talented with something to prove – we can afford to be patient and watch him discover himself in Hamilton over the next few years," This opportunity for Keyes will give him a chance to prove how dynamic and dominant he can be in front of MLB scouts and show that he's capable of playing and sticking onto an MLB roster.

Some of the goals that will be on Keyes's mind are leading his team to the best regular season record to win the John Coppes trophy and the John Bell trophy (given to the most valuable player to his team in the regular season). It should be a fascinating season for the IBL with the addition of Keyes, and he should make a lot of noise in what should attract a lot of viewership and publicity to the league due to his overall combination of elite size, power, and talent on the baseball field.

# "I'M BACK"

THE REASON FOR THE RETURN

By Jonathan Brown

On March 30th, 2022, two words were shared through an Instagram post that many teams in the CAC (Continental Athletic Conference) hoped to not hear nor read. It was the words "I'm back" clipped together with the famous scene from *The Wolf of Wall Street* where the main character, Jordan Belfort, gives a speech to his company with the intent of stepping down and then switches to saying he isn't leaving. The NAIA First-Team All-American Matt Simpson has used his covid-year (extra year given to collegiate athletes who competed during the first full season of play during the pandemic) and gave himself a chance to redeem himself and his team for last year's unlucky finish.

"Last year didn't end the way that I wanted my career to end. We got blown out by Loyola (106-75), who ended up winning the national championship. That game left a bad taste in my mouth. I couldn't go out that way." said Simpson. Simpson and the Falcons eventually got the chance to redeem themselves against the Wolfpack of Loyola University New Orleans on Nov. 23rd, 2022, but that wasn't the main driver for convincing Simpson to return for the 2022-23 campaign. It was his teammates and Coach Teichmann that were the deciding factor in his decision-making process.





After some encouragement from Coach Teichmann and some fellow teammates, Simpson decided to take advantage of his covid-year and get that fifth year that so many college athletes don't get. "Not everyone gets an opportunity to play 5 years of college basketball. I didn't want to look back and have any regrets," said Simpson. One of the things Simpson would have regretted is not playing one more year under Coach Teichmann. Simpson and Teichmann have a story that goes back to when Simpson was just coming out of high school. "Teichmann is the only coach that recruited me after high school," said Simpson. Florida College wasn't exactly Matt Simpson's "first choice". He found himself frustrated with no offers out of high school, but expectations to play at a DI level. "I was one of those brainwashed kids that thought I should have been going to a (NCAA) DI school."

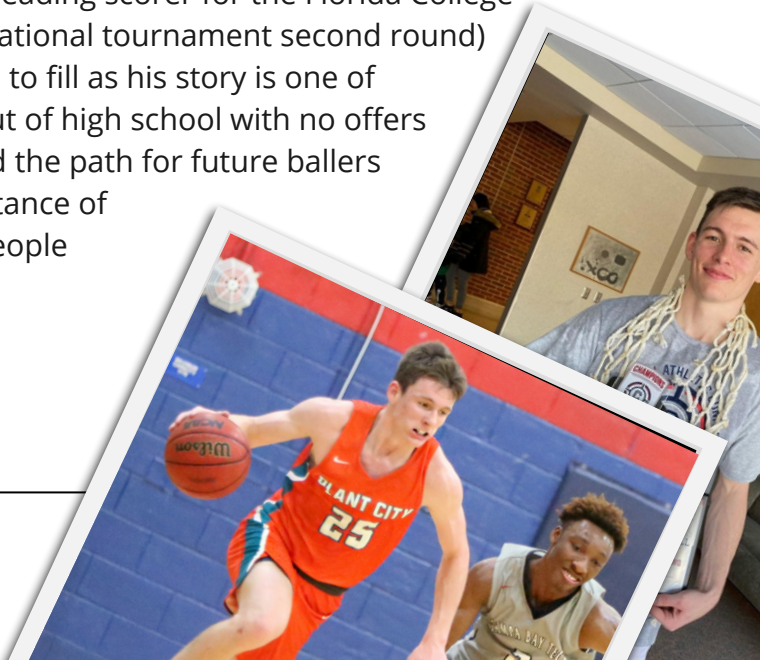
With Simpson's only offer coming from Coach Teichmann and the Falcons, Matt decided it was best to not turn down his only offer. At the time of his offer, Coach Teichmann was only an assistant coach, but was always pushing for Matt to see more floor time. During Matt's freshman year, Matt was faced with the hardship of fitting into a new team. From averaging 14 PPG with 20 MPG to spending more time on the bench during the second half of the season, things were just starting to fall apart for the freshman from Plant City. "After my freshman year, I was in a really bad place mentally," said Simpson. He would find this mental battle affecting him on and off the court as it began to show in the classroom. After having an academic eligibility scare, Simpson began to grow closer with Teichmann after the then-assistant coach aided him in getting enrolled in additional classes to raise his GPA.





During Simpson's career, Coach Teichmann has been Simpson's most faithful advocate and has always looked to mentor and build up Matt along his journey. Simpson credits his collegiate basketball accomplishments to Teichmann's high level coaching. "He's always put me in the best positions to be successful. There is no way I am averaging 20+ points a game without him and the plays he draws up for me" Coach Teichmann, during Matt's sophomore season, was pushing for Matt to see the floor more and Matt would end up having a very product year, individually. The team would still struggle to have a winning season, finishing the year 13-17. Simpson was ready to enter the transfer portal, until a new coaching announcement was given by the Florida College athletic department. Ahead of the 2020-21 season, Florida College announced that Patt Todd was resigning from his position and Chase Teichmann would fill both role of athletic director and head men's basketball coach moving forward. With the strong relationship between the two, Simpson knew he had to return. In Teichmann's first season as a head coach, the Falcons went 14-12. It wasn't something to boast, but it was a winning season and a trend in the right direction. The following season, the 2021-22 season, the program would have a complete transformation, finishing the season 31-4. That brings us to this season, where the Falcons finished the year 27-6.

It still may not have been the finish Matt Simpson was looking to end his college career with, losing to St. Thomas in the second round of the NAIA national tournament 84-86, but Simpson has a college career to be proud of. Matt Simpson is the current All-time leading scorer for the Florida College program, and also led the charge for the best finish (NAIA national tournament second round) in school history. The shoes left by Simpson will be big ones to fill as his story is one of the most inspiring in college basketball. From being a kid out of high school with no offers to being a back-to-back NAIA All-American, Simpson has laid the path for future ballers to prove their worth. Simpson's story also shows the importance of paying attention to the people around you and bringin in people that always have your back.



This season, Simpson laid it all out on the floor and produced impressive numbers. Averaging 21 PPG, 5.5 RPG, 3 APG, and shooting 39.5% beyond the arc was enough to earn Simpson back-to-back CAC (Continental Athletic Conference) Player of the Year honors. Simpson was also in the running for the Bevo Francis Award, an annual collegiate basketball award given to the best small college basketball player in the U.S. for a given season. Simpson has left his footprint on the Florida College athletic program, the Continental Athletic Conference, and the NAIA. Simpson will be best known throughout the NAIA for his scoring. Being a threat at all levels made Simpson a player to fear when defending. Even when teams would focus their defensive sets to target Simpson, he always found a way to the bucket, either through the drive or air raid. Simpson will always credit his numbers to Coach Teichmann and the plays that were drawn up for him, but Simpson's play will always be regarded as special. Simpson will most likely have his number retired within the next 5 years, as his play and dedication to the game has established Florida College as true competitor not just at the CAC level, but as a team to beat within the entire NAIA. The question that remains, is where will Simpson go next?



PICTURED BELOW: MATT SIMPSON VIDEO GAME STYLE GRPAHC PRODUCED BY THE FLORIDA COLLEGE SOCIAL MEDIA TEAM

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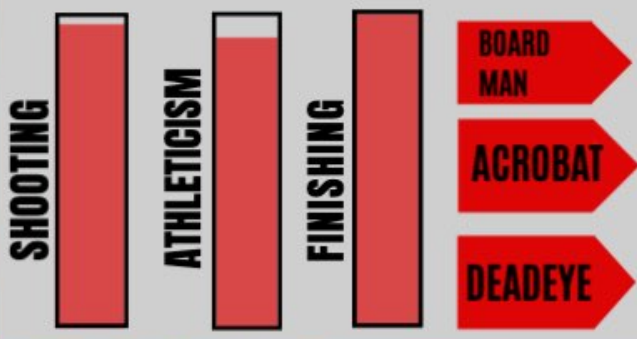


# MATT SIMPSON

HEIGHT: 6'1"  
CLASS: SENIOR

POSITION: GUARD  
HOMETOWN: PLANT CITY, FL

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# What's Next for Matt Simpson?



So, what is the next move for the NAIA All-American from Plant City, FL? Plan A seems to be giving European ball a shot. "I would like to play professionally in Europe. I'll probably give that a year or two and if I can't make a decent amount of money, I will probably try to get into coaching or something" says Simpson. Simpson may find himself in a situation similar to that of former Bevo Francis award winner Kyle Mangas (Indiana Wesleyan), whom after a tryout with the Indiana Pacers, has found himself playing in Europe for BC Šiauliai of the Lithuanian Basketball League. When asked if he would ever consider playing in the states in the TBL (The Basketball League), he said, "I could see myself playing in those (smaller independent leagues in the U.S.) if overseas doesn't work out. I just need to trust whatever God has planned for me". There are a lot of options for Matt Simpson if his plans for Europe don't pan out. The opportunities to play in North America have only increased with leagues like the NBL-Canada and the TBL becoming more viable options for American players looking to play closer to home. Either way, the sky is the limit. Simpson has proven to the world that all he needs is an opportunity and he will do the rest. Keep an eye out for Matt Simpson. The best of his basketball-playing career has yet to come.





## CAN DALE PARKER LEAD APPALACHIAN FC TO A TITLE?

By DJ Hamilton

Dale Parker (pictured above) is coming off an impressive debut season as head coach for the Appalachian Football Club of the NPSL (National Premier Soccer League) that resulted in him being named the NPSL Coach of the Year in just the second season of the organization. The club finished with a 7-1-3 record in the Southeast Conference, good for first in the conference. He not only helped lead them to an improved record in their second season as an organization but also helped them capture their first Southeastern Conference title against the North Alabama Soccer Coalition in a 6-2 rout.



In just his first season, Parker already has a Coach of the Year award and a championship to his resume. The question is now can he help the Appalachian FC repeat as champions? Goalkeepers such as Juan Carlos Rodriguez and Niclas Wild to midfielders, such as Liam Healey and Sam Maardh are all just a small part of what makes this team great and why they are the defending champions.

It will be tough to repeat, as there will be teams such as the Georgia Revolution, Hartford City, who went undefeated, and FC Motown who will be vying for contention. While in their own conference, North Alabama will be seeking revenge against their conference rivals after what they did to them in the title game last season.

But Parker is more than qualified to handle pressure as he is also the Men's Soccer Head Coach for Lincoln Memorial University (LMU) where he has helped push players to perform at their absolute best, coaching 10 Lander athletes to Peach Belt All-Conference honors that included two PBC Freshman of the Year and one PBC Player of the Year.



He wasn't too shabby as a player either, being named a two-time All-American and three-year captain while at Lees-McRae where he helped lead the Bearcats to an impressive three regular season titles and help advance them to the quarterfinals of the NCAA Tournament in 2007. Parker also helped lead the Bobcats to a national championship appearance in 2009.

Due to his unique credentials as both a coach and a player, it should make for an interesting season next season as some of the best teams battle it out, but one thing is for sure, don't count out Dale Parker and the Appalachian Football Club.

# KW TITANS: A NEW FUTURE

BY DJ HAMILTON

Some big news came on thanksgiving day as the Kitchener Waterloo Titans (KW Titans) of the TBL hired the married real estate broker tandem of Dave Schooley and his wife Kate as the new owners of the club. David already had ties to the team prior to the announcement, having been associated with the team since their first game in 2016 despite never attending a live game. On the other hand, his wife worked in communications and administration alongside David, while also being a former freelance writer and television producer.

The Schooleys bought the team from Woolwich entrepreneur Leon Martin, who plans to make it fully community-owned. The Schooleys will initially own 50% of Titans and the season-ticket holders will hold the other half. Under a new not-for-profit structure, if Schooley's plan goes right for the next decade, they'll be able to recoup that investment and the Titans will then belong to the fans. So what does this mean for the Titans under new ownership? One thing for sure is that they'll be getting two people who are extremely passionate about the game and want to help bring in more viewership for the organization.



**KW TITANS OWNERS DAVID AND KATE SCHOOLEY**



David stated in the meeting, "We're going to put a lot more resources into making people aware (about the team). If the Rangers can put 5,000 people in the seats on a Tuesday night (at the Aud), I don't think it's unrealistic for me to want to put 2,500 or 3,000 people in to watch basketball. We have about 650,000 people in Waterloo Region, and if we can get the message out, if I can get you to a game, you're probably coming back." On average, the Titans averaged just 547 spectators in 15 home games last season, according to NBLC stats. They did reach a high of 2,282 people in the season opener in February, but the numbers rapidly declined thereafter with a season-low of 346 in an April 5 win over the Windsor Express.

This community ownership partnership between the KW Titans and season-ticket holders will help increase fan engagement and involvement such as voting on select team issues and dispersing profits to minor sports around the local community. Before finalizing a deal, the Schooley's conducted a survey of existing and potential consumers as a way to help the team's marketing strategy. The feedback from the surveys has led to expanded options for the upcoming 2023 season that will provide a more affordable floor-level experience from the general admission area. This fresh new revitalized energy will bring a new jolt of energy to a team that finished just 15-16 last season, which was third in the conference.

This new leadership is great to see in basketball because you have two people who are passionate about doing whatever it takes to improve the viewership of the team for its players and make games more affordable and accessible to fans. The Schooley's will look to make a change in the community for the better through basketball, and that's all you can ask for from sports owners.



## KUYPER COLLEGE COUGARS

# KUYPER COLLEGE ATHLETICS REBORN

BY JONATHAN BROWN

In October of 2022, President of Kuyper College, Dr. Patricia Harris announced that the athletic department would be reinstated and look to participate in play for 2023. The program was eliminated in 2015 after the college found that the department was misaligned with the college's mission and priorities. Looking to bring life and a new culture to the reborn department is former Grace Christian University Athletic Director and Men's Basketball Head Coach Gray Bailey.



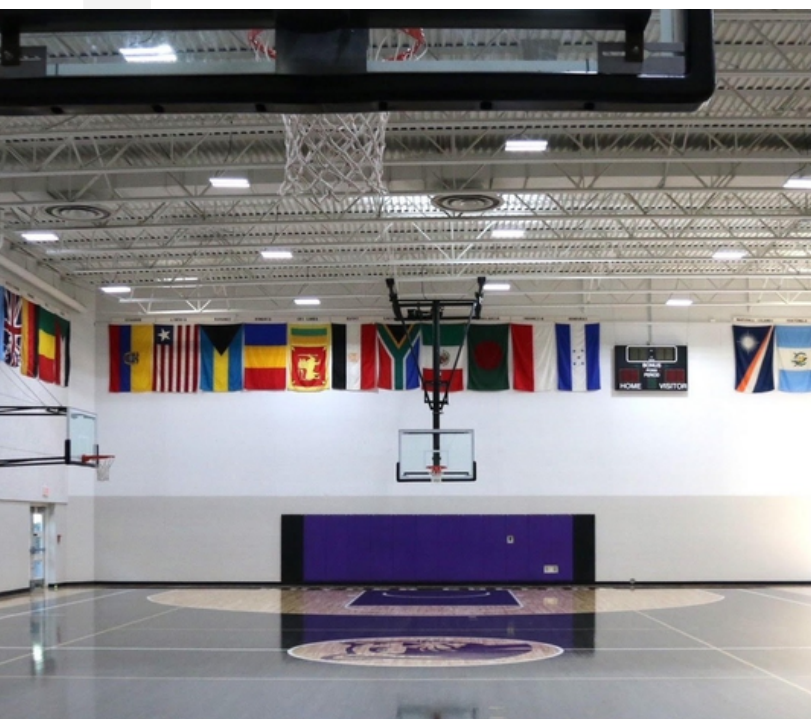
**Gary Bailey**  
Kuyper College Athletic Director &  
Head Men's Basketball Coach

"I'm excited to be here and energized by my new role and the welcome I've received from the Kuyper community. I can't wait to start each day," he said. Everybody has been wonderful to me and is enthusiastic about getting athletics going. I felt led to be here, and I pray God blesses our efforts." said Bailey. Along with being the Athletic Director, Bailey will also serve as the men's basketball head coach, just as he was when he served at Grace Christian University. To aid him in this journey of relaunching the athletic program, Bailey has brought in some high potential coaches to lead the various programs within the department. Assisting Coach Bailey with the men's basketball team duties will be Lee Ash, whom was a member of Bailey's staff at Grace for 8 years. Leading the women's basketball team will be Mike Janikowski. Janikowski comes in with a strong resume with stops at Roosevelt University (NAIA),



It is never easy to start a new athletic program, even when you are technically relaunching one. But if there is anyone that can do it, it is Gary Bailey. Bailey knows that when building a program, it is all about the foundation. That foundation for Kuyper College, will be its recruiting process. "Well, we want to recruit the right kids first off..... I stopped bringing in players long ago if I had any doubts about things. I have a little test that I do during recruiting like asking players to notify me at a certain time or date or to send me something kind out of the blue to see how they follow directions and if their communication skills were good. Kids don't have to be Christians, but they have to be willing to abide by school rules. I am probably worse than a parent in making sure that everyone gets to class and is passing" says Bailey. Coach Bailey is a culture builder and that is what he is looking to do right out the gate. At Grace Christian University, Coach Bailey had himself an NCCAA Hall of Fame career, literally. It's not very often that you can convince a Hall of Fame coach / athletic director to start up a new program, but Coach Bailey was more than open arms about the opportunity. "It will be refreshing. That (growing the athletic program) is probably what I enjoyed most about Grace. We loved adding new sports and watching them grow."

Pictured Below: Kuyper College's Boonstra Gymnasium



Although Kuyper picked the right man for the job, it still may take time for everyone to buy in, starting with the staff and faculty. Many small Christian colleges struggle with having a successful athletic program while still bringing in high character student-athletes that promote the missions of their institutions. Coach Bailey has proven over the years that it can be done. You can bring high quality athletes that share and promote the vision of the school they play for. Coach Bailey knows that not every player that will play for him will be a Christian, but that doesn't mean that they aren't men and women of good character. This is what makes Coach Bailey the perfect man to rebuild the culture at Kuyper.

Over the years, while Bailey was at Grace, Bailey has produced players that are playing professionally. coaching, but more importantly... men of character. No team in the NCCAA ever looked at Grace and expected an easy contest. No matter the level of talent on his roster, you knew his team would give it their all. Coach Bailey prides himself in bringing in players with the "right stuff" both on and off the basketball court. This drive from Coach Bailey to bring in high-character, high-quality student athletes is vital for building this program to be sustainable in the NCCAA. Until the athletic season begins this fall, we can only wait and expect to see some hard-fought games starting in August with the women's volleyball team.

The world will get to see what Kuyper athletics is all about in August of this year and Coach Bailey has just about finished recruiting for the upcoming season for the men's basketball program. This year's Kuyper men's basketball team is going to be a young one. So far, the highest classmen on his team will be a sophomore, which has its pros and cons. Bailey may have his hands full getting an underclassmen basketball team ready enough to go against veteran teams in the NCCAA and the NAIA, but the plus side is that this gives this team a very high ceiling in the years to come if he is able to convince players to stay after year one. One of the big signings this year has been Isaiah Jolliffi, a 6'1" guard from Chippewa Valley high school. Jolliffi looks to bring depth to the guard position as well as play alongside his brother Jeremiah. It's not uncommon for Coach Bailey to bring players together who are related or played with each other in the past. It is probably why Bailey's teams have always been well put together and seemed to have high-level chemistry. With the men's team and all of the athletic programs, Coach Bailey is looking to see the ability to work with others, as that is the essence of athletics and will be key for building a program that will look to stay for years to come. With Coach Bailey's history as a coach and as an athletic director, the future seems bright for all of Kuyper College athletics. Time will tell how high Coach Bailey can raise the ceiling.

Pictured to the Right:  
Isaiah Jolliffi and family  
along with Coach Bailey  
on signing day



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