



NAMELINE: Matt Wells

Wells introduced as new SSCC women's basketball coach

Matt Wells will take the helm as the new head coach of women's basketball at Southern State Community College. Wells is a veteran on the court, with coaching credentials at Mt. Orab Junior High, Western Brown High School, Williamsburg High School, Amelia High School and, most recently, as the varsity coach of East Clinton High School.

He'll build on his experience in the local high school arena to construct an impressive collegiate team.

"I look at Southern State as a diamond in the rough, a chance to pull together some of the best players from South Central Ohio League, Southern Hills League and the Southern Buckeye Conference," said Wells. "There are some very strong players in these leagues and I know they are very well coached. I have looked for an opportunity like this for the past five years and I am so excited to be at Southern State."

He will take on his first collegiate coaching track with the Lady Patriots' 2012-13 season.

"We are beginning to restore some of the past glory to Southern State's women's basketball program," he said. "The program needs to improve on the past couple of years and the only way to do that is to recruit from the surrounding areas and maintain contact with those ADs and coaches. The coaching staff is looking to bring in area players and upgrade in talent, wins and graduation rates. We are striving to make Southern State a strong community program. This program has a chance to be one of the best due to the strong play of women's basketball in this area."

"We want local high schools to think of Southern State first when it comes time to recommend their athletes to play college basketball, and give those young women a chance to further their education at an amazing college."

A graduate of Western Brown High School, Wells earned his bachelor's degree in integrated social studies secondary education from Northern Kentucky University. He and his wife Amy have five children: Madison, Marilyn, Montana, Montgomery and Mason.

For more information about the athletics program at Southern State, please visit www.sccc.edu/athletics or contact Athletic Director Adam Holbrook at 1-800-628-7722, ext. 2697, or aholbrook@sccc.edu.

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