

NASHVILLE -- Former Friendship Christian School girls' basketball coach Greg Brown will be introduced Thursday as the fourth head coach in the history of the women's basketball program at Lipscomb University.

Brown, 41, was the associate women's basketball coach at the University of Central Florida (UCF) and is a former assistant for Hall of Fame coach Pat Summitt. He has spent the last five seasons at UCF, helping lead the Knights to two Conference USA championships in 2009 and 2011, resulting in two NCAA berths.

For two seasons, Brown worked with Pat Summitt at the University of Tennessee, first serving as a graduate assistant before being promoted to assistant coach in 2003-04. During that time, the Lady Vols compiled a record of 64-9, earned two Southeastern Conference championships and were twice the runners-up in the NCAA championship game. His responsibilities at Tennessee included coaching post players, including several current WNBA players such as the 2004 Kodak All-America selection Shyra Ely.

"I'm extremely excited for Greg to be our next women's coach," said Lipscomb University Athletic Director Philip Hutcheson. "He brings to Lipscomb a strong coaching background and has been mentored by some of the top coaches in the country.

"I'm confident that he will continue to mentor and train our student-athletes to become leaders on the court, in the classroom and in their Christian walk. He has been a part of successful coaching staffs at every level and I'm excited that he's bringing that leadership to Lipscomb."

Brown will be officially introduced to the Lipscomb community Thursday, May 17 at 2 p.m. in the Allen Arena Hall of Fame Room. The event is open to the public and will be streamed live on ASunTV.

A 1993 Lipscomb University graduate, Brown began his coaching career as a student assistant under former Bisons men's basketball head coach Don Meyer.

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“I’m honored to be named the head basketball coach at Lipscomb,” said Brown. “Lipscomb is a special place for me and my family. I’m excited to represent the university and be part of its growth, and I look forward to building on the traditions of excellence at Lipscomb. I’m very fortunate to be able to coach in a Christian atmosphere, and I thank Philip Hutcheson and Dr. Lowry for this opportunity.”

Brown has spoken across the country at numerous Fellowship of Christian Athletes events and clinics. He also has published an article in American Basketball Quarterly on developing low post players at Tennessee and also writes a regular blog on coaching.

Prior to coming to UCF, Brown served as head girls' basketball coach at Goodpasture Christian School in Nashville. He also led Friendship Christian School (Lebanon) girl's basketball team to three district championships, a regional championship and a sub-state title. He earned two District 8A Coach of the Year awards.

He replaces Frank Bennett, who has accepted a position as associate athletic director after 32 years as head coach.

Brown and his wife, Teresa (a Lebanon native), have two sons, Cole and Carter.