Never one to back down from a challenge, Doug Keil has accepted the head boys basketball job at Nashville's Glencliff High. Keil, 41, takes over a Colt team that went 0-12 last season in District 12AAA and 0-24 overall.

Fired in May of 2011 after eight seasons as the head coach at Lebanon High School, Keil spent this past school year as an assistant coach / math teacher at Mt. Juliet High.

"I couldn't have enjoyed my year more at Mt. Juliet High," Keil said Wednesday night.

"Troy Allen was an outstanding coach to work with and the players took me right in. I feel very privileged to have worked under the leadership of a principal like Mr. Mel Brown.

"Glencliff will be an exciting chapter in my life, a challenging one to be sure, but I'm anxious to get things started."

Keil was the head coach at Lebanon for eight seasons, building a record of 121-122 overall.

Prior to coaching at Lebanon, he spent several seasons at Warren County High in McMinnville as head coach.

Prior to his time at Warren County, Keil was an assistant at Lebanon under former coach Randall Hutto.

A native of Flint, Michigan, he is a graduate of Western Kentucky University and completed graduate work at Tennessee Tech University.

At Glencliff, he will be working under principal Clint Wilson, who was the principal at Lebanon High for two years during Keil's tenure as Blue Devil head coach.

Keil said he is currently in the process of putting together a coaching staff.

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