

UT-Dallas Hires First Fulltime Tennis Coach

RICHARDSON, TX (12/09/04) - **Brian Whitt** has been appointed the first fulltime Head Tennis Coach at The University of Texas at Dallas , Athletic Director **Chris Gage** has announced.

Whitt comes to UT-Dallas from American Southwst Conference rival UT-Tyler, where he served in the same capacity during the 2003-04 season. He guided the UTT men's team to a 9-3 record, finishing as runner-up in the American Southwest Conference tournament. His women's team finished 8-5 and earned its first-ever berth in the season-ending ASC tournament, also finishing as runner-up to nationally-ranked Hardin-Simmons.

"We have believed for some time that, with the interest in tennis on this campus, that our student-athletes deserved a fulltime coach," Gage explained. "Brian is experienced in building championship programs, and we feel there is no reason he cannot do the same here. We hope that, with fulltime attention being paid to building our program, the UT-Dallas tennis teams can become one of the premier Division III intercollegiate programs in the country."

Before UT-Tyler, Whitt served as an assistant men's tennis coach at the College of William & Mary, an NCAA Division I school located in Williamsburg, Virginia. During his tenure, he helped the Tribe reach a Top 40 national ranking. Whitt was also an assistant coach for both the men and women at Colgate University, another Division I university in Hamilton, New York.

Whitt, a native of Hampton, Virginia, earned his BS degree in political science and philosophy from UT-Tyler. He is currently working on a master's degree in Public Administration at UT-Dallas.

Whitt succeeds parttime coaches Jeremy Morse and Jenny Dunn, who split duties as assistant soccer coaches at UT-Dallas. Both Morse and Dunn will continue working as assistant coaches with the tennis program.