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Women's Soccer Boosts Brandywine Athletics

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Brandywine athletics has just added another program to the system. After the addition of women's softball, Brandywine has now added another opportunity in women's athletics with women's soccer.

"The addition of soccer in 2015, combined with the fielding of a softball team in 2014, greatly enhances the competitive opportunities for our female student athletes at Penn State Brandywine," Athletic Director Jim Gastner said.

The soccer team will not field an intercollegiate schedule until fall 2015.

However, the team will still compete in exhibition games next fall against local teams. Brandywine has appointed Chris Felber as head coach, a Scottish professional trainer who began coaching at age 15.

Felber earned a degree in sports coaching and obtained coaching qualifications from the Scottish Football Association. As a former soccer player for the semi-professional team the Jeinfeld Swifts and for the Fair City Futsal Team, in Perth, Scotland, Felber has taken what he learned

from his playing days, and shaped himself a pretty good coaching resume'.

Felber's coaching experience includes coaching the Saint Johnston Ladies Women's team in the Scottish National Women's League and various other clubs and schools in Scotland. He has a national license in coaching in Scotland and America, and is also has a National License with both NSCAA and U.S. Youth Soccer.

Aside from his new head coaching gig at Brandywine, Felber also juggles his positions as the Director of coaching at Towamencin Soccer Club in Lansdale and the head trainer at Jamestown Sports in Delaware.

Felber is still recruiting for the 2014 women's soccer campaign, and all women athletes interested in soccer are encouraged to contact Jim Gastner for more information. The Brandywine athletic team is thrilled to welcome Chris Felber for his coaching debut next fall!

Women's Basketball: Young and Determined

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Last year, the women's basketball team fell short of their third Championship game appearance in the last four years, losing to Penn State Greater Allegheny in the Final Four.

Some would be content with making it to the Final Four tournament, but head coach Larry Johnson's expectations of the team were well beyond just a Final Four appearance.

The 2-time Coach-of-the-Year had hoped for a better outcome for his 2012-2013 squad after the team finished with a league best 15-1 conference record and hosting the entire playoffs.

But looking forward to a new season, Coach Johnson acknowledges the challenge at making another run at a Championship without a few key players from last year's team.

"We lost our leading rebounder and third leading rebounder. We lost a captain and our leading three point shooter along with leadership and experience," Johnson said. However, Johnson is optimistic about the young and hungry 2013-2014 Lady Lions squad.

"We have two starters back from last year's team," Johnson said. "We have our leading scorer back. The young players offer depth on the roster, outside shooting and talent."

As in the case in recent seasons, the Brandywine Lady Lions are fairly small in size in comparison to most of their opponents. However, Coach Johnson has become accustomed to having a smaller team since becoming head coach. It's a fact that hasn't hindered their success.

"We don't have any girth or height. We also have a lack of depth, so we must make sure the girls are in very good shape," he said. Johnson went on saying that lack of size can prove to be an advantage because smaller players are more likely to be quicker and faster.

With the season already in full swing, the Brandywine Lady Lions are young but optimistic for what lies ahead. Last year's team was a testament that having a smaller team can truly have its advantages, and an indicator that Coach Johnson can get Brandywine back to being conference champions.



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