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Steve Tabar named head girls soccer coach at Badin High School



Steve Tabar knows exactly why he was interested in the Badin High School girls soccer program.

“It’s all about the success they’ve had and the talent in the program,” said Tabar, who has been named the new girls head soccer coach at the Catholic high school in Hamilton. “We want to keep that going and go even further.”

Tabar, 26, has extensive coaching experience and came highly recommended, said BHS Athletic Director Sally Kocher.

“We’re very impressed with Steve,” Kocher said. “We have an outstanding girls soccer program and we want to maintain that success. We think Steve is the person to make that happen.”

Tabar is a Hamilton resident who teaches health and phys ed at Mason Intermediate School. His eight years of coaching include club soccer, the Olympic Development Program through Notre Dame, as an assistant at Mason High and last year as the women’s goaltending coach at Miami University.

“We’re going to play an exciting brand of soccer,” Tabar said. “You play hard from the first whistle to the last. You leave everything out on the field. Let’s go score some goals and win some games.

“Soccer is not a very entertaining game,” he added, “but let’s try to make it entertaining.”

Badin Principal Frank Margello said Tabar was a great fit for Badin girls soccer. “He’s young, he’s energetic, he wants to win, and he’s been involved with success throughout his coaching career,” Margello said. “He’s going to do a great job with the program.”

Tabar replaces Keith Haring, who stepped down earlier this year after eight years at the helm. The Badin girls have won five consecutive district championships, were state runner-up in 2006 and 2007, and captured the Division II state title in 2005.

“We’re going to set our goals high,” said Tabar. “If you set them high, then you have to work hard to achieve them.

“It’s all about the girls,” he added. “The girls play, the girls get the credit. I don’t step on the field; I don’t play.”

Tabar – married to his wife, Jennifer, for five years -- is a graduate of Colerain High School who played goalie for two years at Cincinnati State and two years at Northern Kentucky University. He said his love of soccer began a long time ago.

“I’ve been playing soccer since I was four years old,” he said. “After awhile, I gave up all of the other sports just to play it. I really enjoy the game.”

Kocher announced that the Badin girls would play several games this coming year at a field soon to be their fulltime home at the Fairfield Optimist Club complex at Joyce Park.

The Optimists are converting one of their soccer fields to field turf, with lights, with construction to commence immediately. Badin’s girls and boys soccer teams will play all of their home games there starting with the 2011-12 season.

“We’re very excited to partner with the Optimists to have a dedicated home field,” Kocher said. “It’s going to be a first-class facility, and yet another gem in our group of fields at Joyce Park. It’s going to be great step forward for Badin soccer.”

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