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Jeremy Simmons named Liberty girls basketball head coach

Former middle school coach won three district titles at St. Mary's Schools

JACKSON, Tenn. – Jeremy Simmons has been named head coach of the Liberty Technology Magnet High School girls basketball team. The former Jackson Central-Merry basketball standout comes to Liberty after serving as head coach for boys and girls middle school basketball at St. Mary's School since 2014.

"Liberty has a great sports history. When I was a student at JCM, Liberty was on top. I'm good friends with many of the students who played on those championship teams," Simmons said.

A 2007 honors graduate of JCM, Simmons continued his education and athletic career at Volunteer State Community College and Iowa Wesleyan University. Simmons' high school coach, Lonnie Starks, is in his 2nd year as head coach of the Liberty boys basketball team.

"Jeremy really knows the game. He knows how to get his players motivated. If given the opportunity and enough time, he'll turn this program around," said Starks.

Simmons won three district championships and made two state tournament appearances during his time at St. Mary's School, where he also served as athletic director for four years. He looks forward to the rebuilding process at Liberty as well as player development.

"I love working with the younger youth, and many of our students will be new to the game. I look forward to helping them develop. This is my first high school gig, so I'm nervous, but I'm mostly excited. I'm well prepared for it," Simmons said.

The trophy case at Liberty highlights a rich tradition in boys basketball with state tournament championships in 2006, 2007, and 2011. Simmons' goal is to build a winning tradition for the girls.

"I talked to the returning girls on Monday. They had six players last year, but twelve girls attended the meeting. That's a great start, and I'm excited," Simmons said.

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