ThePosipankoBio





Thank You For The Memories

Rich Posipanko finished his 27th and final year at Winthrop and 37th season as a head coach for his career in December 2016. This completes a 40 year career as a college coach for Posipanko. In January 2017 Posipanko was inducted into the Winthrop University Athletics Hall of Fame. He continues to help raise money for Winthrop. He currently works for the Charlotte Independence of the USL.

For Posipanko's twenty-seven seasons at Winthrop, the Eagles have averaged over 10 wins per season in the toughest region in the Nation. The Eagles were 15-7-1 in 2002 that led to a regular season and tournament Big South Championship and NCAA College Cup South Region appearance. In 2005, the Eagles finished 12-8-1 and finished as the Big South Runner-Up for the third time under Posipanko and fifth time overall. In 2006 the Eagles once again claimed the Big South regular season and tournament championship and advanced to the NCAA College Cup South Atlantic Regional with a 15-3-4 record. In 2008 the Eagles were again Big South Regular Season and Tournament Champions with a record of 15-6-1. Posipanko was also selected Big South Coach of the Year for the third time and led his team back to the NCAA College Cup in 2008. In 2009 the Eagles again were Big South Champions and made it back to the NCAA College Cup with a 11-6-4 record. In 2012, the Eagles once again won the Big South Championship and advanced to the second round of the NCAA College Cup with a record of 12-8-2. The Eagles also finished the 2012

season ranked in all three polls. The Eagles have also been successful in the classroom as well, receiving the NSCAA Team Academic Award eight out of the past nine years for receiving a 3.0 Team

GPA or better. The 2015 season was Posipanko's last season at Winthrop and ended at 11-7-2. He ended his career by once again winning both the Big South Conference Regular Season and Tournament Championship and going to the NCAA College Cup for the sixth time. He was also voted Big South Coach of the Year for the fourth time.

The 1991, 2006, 2008 and 2015 Big South Conference Coach of the Year has compiled a career record of 392-270-59 and has a Winthrop mark of 275-221-37. Posipanko is ranked 7th among NCAA Division I coaches in total victories. He is also ranked 21st on the All-Time list for victories in all divisions. In 2002 he became the winningest coach in Winthrop history with his 134th win. Posipanko is also the winningest coach in Longwood University history with 117 wins and is the All-Time winningest coach in Big South Conference history with 275 total victories. During the 2007 season, Posipanko reached the 300 career win mark and joined an elite group of only 52 coaches in NCAA history (all divisions) and 25 coaches at the Div. I level to reach this plateau.

Before coming to Winthrop, Posipanko spent 10 successful years as head coach of Longwood University in Virginia where he compiled a record of 117-49-21. During his last seven years at "The Wood", Posipanko guided his squads to the NCAA Division II top 20 ranking and also developed seven All-Americans.

Posipanko better known as "Gaffer" by his players and peers has had a long list of successes through his years of coaching. Prior to his position at Longwood, Posipanko served as the assistant coach at College of New Jersey (formally known as Trenton State College) for three years. He also coached the Virginia State Team in the Olympic Development Program from 1986-1989. While at Longwood, Posipanko was honored three times — 1982, 1984, and 1986 — as the Virginia Coach of the Year and in 1982 and 1984 he was tabbed Mid-Atlantic Coach of the Year.

In addition to his college coaching experience, Posipanko coached professionally serving as assistant coach of the Houston Dynamos in 1984-85.

Posipanko is dedicated to soccer and spends much of his free time trying to improve the college game and give back to the local community with many summer soccer camps and clinics. He has served on numerous committees including the NCAA Academic All-American Selection Committee; Chair of the Intercollegiate Soccer Association of America South Rating Board; Chair of the NCAA Soccer Selection Committee for the South Region; President of the Virginia Intercollegiate Soccer Association; and President of the Big South Conference Soccer Coaches.

Posipanko has helped raise over $318,000 for Cancer Research since 2009 through his annual Kicks Against Cancer Game, Champions Night and and now a new group he is associated with called The Carolinas Kickin It Challenge.
http://www.birdnest.org/posipankor/Cancer%20Game%20Info%20Sponsor.htm

He is also very active on the fundraising front. He has raised over $325,000 during the years for the soccer program including many of the upgrades to Eagle Field, enhanced scholarship funding and helped increase the operational budget. He also started the Manchester Cup each spring which has become one of the top college showcases in the nation drawing huge crowds.
During his 37 years as a collegiate head coach he's had 169 All-Conference players, 73 All-Region

selections, 16 All-Americans, four Olympic team players, four Freshmen of the Year, three Player of the Year, 41 Academic All-Americans, six national team members and a Lowes Senior Award Top 10

finalist and Walter Byers Scholarship Winner. Over the years, 16 of his players have also gone on to play in the professional ranks.

Posipanko is a native of Levittown, Pennsylvania and a 1974 graduate of Slippery Rock University with a degree in health and physical education. Posipanko earned his master's degree in the same field with a concentration in administration and athletic management in 1979 from the College of New Jersey (Trenton State College). He is married to the former Gayle Keener of Amelia, VA.

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CAREER COACHING RECORD

COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY (NCAA DIVISION III)

1976 Assistant Coach 8-6-3 (ECAC Champions)

1977 Assistant Coach 11-4-3 (NCAA Tournament)

1978 Assistant Coach 13-6-1 (NCAA Tournament)

3 YEARS COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY: 32-16-7

LONGWOOD COLLEGE (NCAA DIVISION II)

1979 Head Coach 4-10-1

1980 Head Coach 9-7-0

1981 Head Coach 11-4-3

1982 Head Coach 15-4-1 (14th In Nation)

1983 Head Coach 12-2-4 (19th In Nation)

1984 Head Coach 12-5-4 (18th In Nation)

1985 Head Coach 12-4-3 (20th In Nation)

1986 Head Coach 13-5-2 (14th In Nation)

1987 Head Coach 14-4-1 (13th In Nation)

1988 Head Coach 15-4-2 (17th In Nation)

10 YEARS LONGWOOD: 117-49-21

HOUSTON DYNAMOS (UNITED PROFESSIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE)

1985 Assistant Coach 10-4-4

1 YEAR HOUSTON: 10-4-4

VIRGINIA OLYMPIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

1987 Head Coach 8-0-3

1988 Head Coach 10-3-2

1989 Head Coach 12-2-2

3 YEARS VIRGINIA ODP: 30-5-7

WINTHROP UNIVERSITY (NCAA DIVISION I)

1989 Head Coach 5-11-1

1990 Head Coach 10-10-0

1991 Head Coach 11-7-4
Big South Conference Runner-Up

1992 Head Coach 10-10-0

1993 Head Coach 9-9-1

1994 Head Coach 13-5-1
Big South Conference Runner-Up
Ranked 10th in South Region

1995 Head Coach 6-10-1

1996 Head Coach 8-9-1

1997 Head Coach 9-6-3

1998 Head Coach 12-8-1

1999 Head Coach 6-13-0

2000 Head Coach 8-9-1

2001 Head Coach 12-5-1
Ranked 10th in South Region

2002 Head Coach 15-7-1
Big South Conference Regular Season and Tournament Champions
College Cup South Regional
Ranked 9th in South Region

2003 Head Coach 11-8-1

2004 Head Coach 7-12-0

2005 Head Coach 12-8-1
Big South Conference Runner-Up

2006 Head Coach 15-3-4
Big South Conference Regular Season and Tournament Champions
College Cup South Atlantic Regional
Ranked 9th in South Atlantic Region

2007 Head Coach 11-4-3
Ranked 11th in South Atlantic Region

2008 Head Coach 15-6-1
Big South Conference Regular Season and Tournament Champions
College Cup South Atlantic Regional
Ranked 9th in South Atlantic Region

2009 Head Coach 11-6-4
Big South Conference Tournament Champions
College Cup South Atlantic Regional
Ranked 8th in South Atlantic Region

2010 Head Coach 5-12-1

2011 Head Coach 7-12-0

2012 Head Coach 12-9-2
Big South Conference Tournament Champions
NCAA College Cup Second Round
Ranked 32nd TopDrawer
Ranked 36th NSCAA
Ranked 38th College Soccer News

2013 Head Coach 11-7-1

2014 Head Coach 13-4-2
Ranked 11th in South Region
Ranked 39th Final NCAA RPI

2015 Head Coach 11-7-2 (Final Season)
Ranked 11 in South Atlantic Region
Regular Season Big South Conference Champions
Big South Conference Tournament Champions
NCAA College Cup

27 YEARS WINTHROP: 275-221-37

OVER -ALL HEAD COACHING RECORD: 424-263-66
OVER -ALL COACHING RECORD: 465-293-78

POSIPANKO'S ALL-TIME TEAM

(1979-2015)

FORWARDS

Ray Jones - Longwood University (1987-89 Three Time All-American) Pro Player

Jonathan Kennen - Longwood University (1984 All-South)

Bjorgvin Fridriksson - Winthrop University (1997 All-Conference)

Franco Wakhisi - Winthrop University (2002 All-American) Pro Player

Scott Rawlins - Winthrop University (1995 & 1996 Two Time All- Conference)

Gareth Hayden - Winthrop University (1999-02 Four Time All-Conference)

Robbie Blake - Winthrop University (1993 All-Conference, 1993 Rookie Of The Year)

Gustavo Leal - Longwood University (1981 & 1982 Two Time All-South)

Saidi Isaac - Winthrop (2005 -2007 Three Time All-South Atlantic, 2006 TopDrawer All-American 2006 BSC Player Of The Year) Pro Player

Daniel Revivo - Winthrop (2005-Present Three-All-South Atlantic, 2006 Tournament MVP, 2008 BSC Player of the Year, All-American) Pro Player

Matt Skonicki - Winthrop (2006-2009 All-Conference, 2008 BSC Tournament MVP)

Achille Obougou - Winthrop (2012-2013 All-Conference, Capital One and NSCAA Academic All-American)

Max Hasenstab - Winthrop (2013-Present) BSC Freshman of the Year, All-Conference All -South Region)

MIDFIELDERS

Vali Arnason - Winthrop University (2000-03 Three Time All-South, 2001 BSC Player Of The Year, 2002 BSC Tournament MVP, 2003 Academic All-American) Pro Player

Mark McArdle - Longwood University (1984 & 1985 Two-Time All-American)

John Barone - Longwood University (1987 All-American)

Scott Millar - Winthrop University (1996 & 1997 Two Time All Conference)

Darryl Gomez - Winthrop University (1998 & 99 Two Time All-South, 1999 Academic All-American) Pro Player

Michael Chumah - Winthrop University (2003-2005 Three Time All-South)

Bill Foster - Longwood University (1982 & 1983 Two Time All-South, 1982 Player Of The Year)

Mahfoud Kyoud - Longwood University (1984 All-South)

Stephen Nsereko - Winthrop (2006-2009 All-South Atlantic Region, 2006 Freshmen Of The Year, 2009 Pre-Season POY) Pro Player

David Kenga - Winthrop (2006 All-South Atlantic) Pro Player

Michael Luk - Winthrop (2009 Team MVP, All-Conference) Pro Player

Miquel Casajuana - Winthrop (2009 Big South Tournament MVP, 2010 All-Conference)

Matt Lacey - Winthrop (2008 All-Conference)

Matt Stinson - Winthrop (2010 All-Conference) Pro Player

Alex Isern - Winthrop (2011-12 All-Conference, 2012 BSC Tournament MVP)

Pol Sole - Winthrop (2014 All-South Region)

Magnus Thorsson - Winthrop (2012-2015 All-Conference and All-South Region)

Patrick Barnes - Winthrop (2012-2015)

DEFENDERS

Darryl Case - Longwood University (1981-1984 Four Time All-American)

Jeff Robinson - Longwood University (1987 All-American)

Eric Weikert - Winthrop University (1990 All-Conference)

Ian Cardey - Winthrop University (1991-94 Four Time All-South) Pro Player

David Garry - Winthrop University (2003-2005 Two Time All-South)

Garry Baker - Winthrop University (1991-94 Four Time All-Conference)

Mike Edge - Longwood University (1988 All-American)

Marco Reda - Winthrop University (1997 All-Conference) Pro Player

Donald MacGregor - Winthrop University (2000-03 Four Time All-Conference)

John Gilkerson - Winthrop University (2004-07 Two-Time All-South Atlantic Region) Pro Player

Henry Kalungi - Winthrop (2005-08 Three Time All-South Atlantic Region) Pro Player

Otto Loewy - Winthrop (2005-08 Two Time All-South Atlantic Region) Pro Player

Jordi Lluch - Winthrop (2012-2015 All Conference, All-South Region)

GOALKEEPERS

Rob Liessem - Longwood University (1984 & 1985 Two Time All-Conference)

Steve Winton - Winthrop University (2002 & 2003 Two Time All-Conference)

Steve Thompson - Longwood University (1988 All-South)

Justin Stevens - Winthrop University (1998 All-Conference)

Brian Sprinkle - Longwood University (1982-85 Three Time All-Conference)

Patrick Mitrovich - Winthrop University (2005 Freshmen Of The Year, Three Time All-Conference, All-South Region) Pro Player

Enrique Miranda - Winthrop University (2009-2012 Won Two Big South Championships)

THE BEST OF THE BEST

Best Player: Vali Arnason (WU), Ray Jones (LU)

Best Goal Scorer: Ray Jones (LU), Franco Wakhisi (WU), Saidi Issac (WU), Daniel Revivo (WU)

Best Defender: Ian Cardey (WU), Otto Loewy (WU), Henry Kalungi (WU)

Best Goalkeeper: Patrick Mitrovich (WU)

Most Valuable Player: Ray Jones (LU), Ian Cardey (WU), Franco Wakhisi (WU), Patrick Mitrovich (WU), Alex Isern (WU)

Best Athlete: Darryl Case (LU), Jeff Robinson (LU), John Gilkerson (WU)

Most Heart: Mark McArdle (LU), Franco Wakhisi (WU), Otto Loewy (WU), Henry Kalungi (WU), Stephen Nsereko (WU)

Hardest Worker: Darryl Case (LU), Gareth Hayden (WU), Franco Wakhisi (WU), Henry Kalungi (WU), Stephen Nsereko (WU)

Getting Most Out Of His Ability: Gareth Hayden (WU), Darryl Case (WU)

Toughest Player: Ian Cardey (WU), Otto Loewy (WU), Henry Kalungi (WU)

Best Captain: Ray Jones (LU), Franco Wakhisi (WU), Gareth Hayden (WU), Mark McArdle (LU), Patrick Mitrovick (WU), Alex Isern (WU), Jordi Lluch (WU), Magnus Thorsson (WU)

Best Student-Athlete (Academics): Matt Horn (WU), Bill Foster (LU), Gary Baker (WU)

THE ALL-AMERICANS



Darryl Case
Longwood
1981-84



Mark McArdle
Longwood
1984 and 1985



Jeff Robinson
Longwood
1987



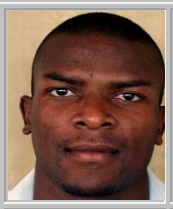
John Barone
Longwood
1987



Ray Jones
Longwood
1987-89



Mike Edge
Longwood
1988



Franco Wakhisi
Winthrop
2002



Saidi Isaac
Winthrop
2006



Daniel Revivo
Winthrop
2008

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