

Kaplan to coach U.S. Junior Soccer team at 2005 World Maccabiah Games



Maccabi USA Sports for Israel has announced that Hurricanes soccer coach Barry Kaplan has been selected to coach the Junior Boys Soccer team for the 17th World Maccabiah Games.

The Maccabiah Games are a quadrennial Olympic style competition for Jewish athletes that will be held July 11-21, 2005, in Israel. Maccabi USA/Sports for Israel, located in Philadelphia, Penn., sponsors U.S. participation in the Maccabiah. This team will be selected from Jewish soccer players born 1989-1990 from across the United States.

In November 2000, head coach Kaplan led the U.S. national Maccabi U-17 boy's soccer team to Sao Paulo, Brazil, and won the bronze medal at the Brazil National Maccabi Games. Kaplan's squad competed against club teams and all-star teams from Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

"Coach Kaplan did a superb job of making a team out of virtual strangers in a very short time under extremely competitive conditions," said Jordan Weinstein, U.S. head of delegation. "I was impressed with Barry's organizational and leadership skills."

The positive experience of that team, on and off the field of play, was a credit to Kaplan, Weinstein said.

"Coach Kaplan is the right person to lead the U.S. Maccabiah Junior Team (U-16) at the World Maccabiah Games in Israel in July 2005. With more than 6,000 athletes from more than 50 countries, the U.S. will compete against

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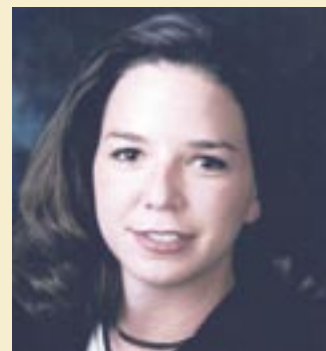
This fall, Kaplan kicked off his first season as head coach of the new Georgia Southwestern Hurricanes soccer program. Previously, he was head soccer coach at Andrew College after moving to Georgia from South Florida where he was director of soccer operations for the former Miami Fusion of Major League Soccer.

HALL OF FAME

Sept. 25, the Hurricane Hall of Fame inducted three new members during its annual celebration. Honorees included:

■ Women's Basketball/

Tennis—Kim Cribb, ('98, '99). Her accomplishments include: the GSW Coaches Award in 1995, being the leading scorer, leader in field goals percentages, leader in three-point percentage, leader in rebounding, and leader in free throw percentage in 1997. She was also a scholar athlete. Cribb played in 121 games, 4 GACC championships and contributed to two GACC titles.



■ Women's Tennis

—Laura Holland Schoenwald ('98). Among her accomplishments: she was the first GSW women's tennis player to be nationally ranked in doubles play, the first GSW women's tennis player to be named All American, and a member of the first GSW women's tennis team to be nationally ranked.



■ Men's Basketball

—Ernest Scott ('04). Among his accomplishments: being named the Georgia Junior College Athletic Association Player of the year; serving on GACC conference championship and all conference teams; leading the Southland Academy boys basketball team to the Region 3AAA basketball championship for 2002-03.



Men's tennis competes well

The Hurricanes 2004 men's tennis team finished third at the NAIA National Tournament. They defeated Flagler and Northwood before losing to Auburn University-Montgomery, who went on to win the national championship.

Todd Hiscox was named First Team All-American for the second time. Brennon Sewell coaches the team.

Hightower earns state acclaim



Former GSW Football Coach Jimmy L. Hightower was inducted into the Georgia Athletic Coaches Association (GACA) Hall of Fame on June 5.

Hightower also coached at Americus High School, Cedartown High School, LaGrange High School and Bainbridge High School. His high school coaching career covered 27 years. During that period, he won 16 region championships, three sectional championships, one state runner-up title and seven state championships while coaching football, basketball, baseball and golf.

According to the GACA Hall of Fame, "The fact that he won state championships in all four sports makes him one of the most successful and most versatile coaches in our state. Coach Jimmy Hightower will long be remembered for his willingness to help others in the coaching profession."

The GACA established its Hall of Fame in 2000, "to honor and preserve high school coaches accomplishments and to educate and inspire future generations."

Hightower coached the 'Canes from 1982-89, and is also a member of the Hurricane Hall of Fame.



Talking Turf—ESPN golf commentator Charlie Rymer (left) visits with Sam Hunter and Greg Hawver, Ed.D., this summer at the Georgia Southwestern Golf & Conference Center in Americus. He was joined by Mike Young (far right). Rymer and Young, partners in the Young-Rymer Designs architectural firm, were in town to discuss the possibility of their company completing a master plan for the facility. The Athens-based firm has designed, constructed or renovated more than 20 golf courses. An ESPN commentator since 1998, Rymer was a member of the PGA Tour in 1995, '96 and '97. Young has been an architect since 1984. The Georgia Southwestern Golf & Conference Center, formerly the Americus Country Club, was purchased in April by GSW's Georgia Southwestern Foundation, Inc., and is undergoing a \$1 million renovation.