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The University of Saint Mary has named Lori Lorenzen as its new head softball coach. Spire Athletic Director Rob Miller made the announcement this morning. Lorenzen succeeds Clint Frederiksen, who resigned as head softball coach in July.

Lorenzen comes to Saint Mary from Jackson Community College in Jackson, Mich. While at Jackson, she served as the head coach of a first year program in 2006-07. Her other coaching experience is as an assistant coach at Neosho Co. Community College, Kan, Alverno College, Wis., and Lakeland College, Wis.

In addition to her coaching experience, Lorenzen had a tremendous playing career at Kentucky Wesleyan College as she was a four year starter holding school records in ERA and fielding percentage. She holds degrees in Business Administration (Kentucky Wesleyan, 1997) and Health and Human Performance (Austin Peay State University, Tennessee, 1999).

"I am very interested in building a team at a school like Saint Mary with a solid academic history as well as a desire to build an athletic program," Lorenzen said.

According to Coach Miller, the search to fill the softball coach position was challenging because of the late timing of Frederiksen's departure, but he is confident that USM has found the right "fit" for the program.

"We went into this search looking for a person who has experience as both a head coach and as an assistant at the college level. We feel that we have found the right person at the right time in Coach Lorenzen," said Miller.

Lorenzen will begin her duties at USM as head softball coach immediately.