



# Media Release

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## Shoot and score: Hilliard Darby has a new coach

*(Hilliard City Schools, Hilliard, Ohio)* – Rounding out next year's Hilliard Darby varsity basketball team as head coach is Brett A. Norris from Delphos St. John's High School in Delphos, Ohio.

The Board of Education approved Tuesday night Superintendent Dale A. McVey's recommendation to hire Norris as the Darby Panthers head basketball coach. A graduate of the University of St. Francis in Ft. Wayne, Ind., he will also serve Hilliard Darby High School as a physical education teacher.

The coach of the 2002 Division IV State Champions in basketball, Norris' tenure with Delphos St. John's brought the team to a record of 177-63. Norris also led the team to four league championships, nine sectional championships, three district championships and three regional championships. His teams were also state runners-ups twice.

"We are extremely excited to have a coach with such outstanding qualities join our team," Hilliard Darby Athletic Director Chip Ebert said. "Brett Norris has proven himself to be an outstanding basketball coach. He has the full package: experience, enthusiasm, discipline and proven success. Without a doubt, Brett Norris was the right candidate for the job."

Norris is currently the Delphos St. John's athletic director and is responsible for all duties related to the junior high and senior high school athletic programs. Also the dean of students, he was selected to assume the coaching post at Hilliard Darby for his proven leadership and depth of experience.

"Given the number of outstanding candidates that applied, the process to select a coach was grueling. Brett, however, emerged as the obvious choice," Hilliard Darby High Principal David Stewart said. "His passion for teaching the game and instilling a winning attitude in his players, combined with his proven track record, made him the perfect fit for Darby High School. We are extremely excited to bring Brett on board."

Aside from his responsibilities with Delphos St. John's, Norris is the president of the District 8 Basketball Coaches Association, a position he has held for two years. He was captain of the varsity basketball team at the University of St. Francis for three years, started all four years and is the school's leading all-time scorer.

Norris plans to relocate to the Hilliard area this summer.

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