



New BCC Coach Macnamara
... after five years at Nova

BCC Names ^{3/23/78} *Head* New Coach

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Promising to develop local talent into a winner, Mike Macnamara has been appointed basketball coach at Broward Community College Central.

Macnamara succeeds Randy Everly, who resigned last week after two years at the college.

The recommendation was made by Assistant Athletic Director Wil Gifford who runs the athletic program at the central campus. Macnamara must be approved by the college administration, but Gifford expects no difficulties.

For the past five years, Macnamara has coached at Nova High School, compiling a 101-33 record. He has received nine "coach of the year" honors in that period.

HE WILL remain at Nova as a teacher in physical education, since BCC policy forbids relatives from teaching at the school. Macnamara's wife Nancy is a veteran physical education instructor at the Central Campus.

Macnamara, who graduated from Fort Lauderdale High School in 1962 and Florida State in 1967, resigned his coaching position at Nova before the district tournament in mid-February with intentions of leaving coaching — the second time in two years.

He has recommended that Assistant Coach Tom Daugirda replace him at Nova.

"I had no idea this would come up when I resigned at Nova," Macnamara said. "But I believe in taking any good opportunity that comes along.

"I'M EXCITED. I think it's a golden opportunity to get into. I think the college has outstanding facilities, and I'm really excited about going into the school and contributing to the basketball program."

Generally credited with building winners with only a limited amount of talent at

Nova, Macnamara will now turn his skills, which include a philosophy of tenacious defense, toward winning with local players.

"Our first objective is to get as many talented local players as we can," he said. "It's a community college and we want it to be for the players in Broward County.

"We want to get the good player to stay at home for two years. We want to win with local kids. We're not even looking for people outside of Broward County."

MACNAMARA has already embarked on his recruiting program. Friday night he met with some prospective players.

Having priority on his list of hopefuls are Pompano Beach players Ricky Head, Kenny Davis and Ronnie Taylor, Piper's John Carr, Stranahan's Leroy Simpkins, Dillard's Brister Wimbs, Bruce Davis of Hollywood Hills, Doug Augusta of South Plantation, Bill Ranne of Northeast, Victor Thomas of Coconut Creek and Plantation's Frank Bosier.

With the local players, Macnamara also believes he can attract the fans — noticeably missing in the schools' competitive years.

"There's a tremendous product here," Macnamara said of junior college basketball. "Most of the college coaches I've talked to believe the Florida Junior College Conference is the toughest in the nation for having consistently good teams and good players."

MACNAMARA plans to make BCC Central an effective force in the state scheme.

"Our success at Nova came from hard work, dedication and discipline and personal sacrifice," he said. "My philosophy of life is to give 100 per cent on everything I do and work as hard as I can each day.

"If you're conscientious and like what you're doing and give 100 per cent that's all you can do."