Kim Wudi To Head Blugold Volleyball Program

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Kim Wudi has been selected to replace Lisa Herb as the head coach of the UW-Eau Claire women's volleyball team, Director of Athletics Scott Kilgallon has announced.

Wudi has been an assistant to Herb the past two seasons, was an Academic All-American as a Blugold player and has been the director of the Eau Claire Air Volleyball Club since 2004.

The Blugolds have been 60-9 overall and 13-3 in league play the past two seasons with Wudi as an assistant coach. They have made two consecutive NCAA appearances and shared the regular season championship last fall with UW-Oshkosh for only the second league title in school history.

Wudi, who played as Kim Arndt, was a setter on Blugold teams that compiled a 101-40 record from 1996 through 1999. She was a three-time All-Conference pick, two-time team co-captain and one of only 11 athletes in school history to be named a first team CoSIDA Academic All-American. She received a team award in each of her four seasons, winning Rookie of the Year honors in 1996, the Hustle Award in 1997 and the Most Dedicated Award in both 1998 and 1999. She still ranks sixth in Blugold career assists with 4,058.

Wudi was a two-time Blugold Super Six recipient and received one of the university's Outstanding Senior awards when she graduated Summa Cum Laude in 2000 with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology.

Wudi has been involved in the Eau Claire Air Volleyball Club since 1997, first as a volunteer coach and since 2004 as the Club Director. As such she has recruited and trained a coaching staff of 24 volunteers for the 12 traveling teams that the club supports.

After her graduation and prior to taking the assistant Blugold position, Wudi compiled a 50-10-4 record in two seasons as the Durand High School head coach after which she spent two years as an assistant at Eau Claire Memorial where she has also been a science teacher since 2003. She also taught science at Durand and was an associate lecturer in the UWEC biology department one semester.

Since 1997, Wudi has been a director or clinician at various area summer volleyball camps including Altoona High School, Catawba Middle School, Durand High School, Durand Middle School, Eau Claire North High School, Merrill High School, Mondovi High School and Thorp High School.

Wudi's husband Jason is a product support specialist for JAMF Software, based in Minneapolis.

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