Cortland Names Dwight Hornibrook Interim Men’s Soccer Coach

Dwight Hornibrook has been named SUNY Cortland’s interim men’s soccer head coach for the 2004-05 season, according to Director of Athletics Joan Sitterly. Hornibrook replaces Mike Middleton, who coached the Red Dragons the past four seasons.

Hornibrook comes to Cortland after an extensive stint at Houghton College (N.Y.) of the American Mideast Conference (AMC). Hornibrook also served as an assistant coach for the Cornell University men’s soccer team during the spring of 2004.

Hornibrook, who earned NCCP Level Five Certification in 1986 from the National Coaching Institute, held the head coaching position at Houghton from 1995-2003 and led the squad to the AMC North Division title last season, posting a 15-4-1 record. He was named the AMC North Division and the NSCAA/adidas Northeast Region Coach of the Year for his efforts. The team posted wins over Division II Ashland, Gannon, Le Moyne and Mercyhurst and dropped a 2-1 decision to eventual NAIA national champion Rio Grande during the 2003 season. Hornibrook’s teams captured NAIA regional titles in 1995 and 1996.

Prior to Houghton, Hornibrook was a member of the Canadian National Team staff from 1987-94. He coached in the U-17 World Cup in 1987 and in World Cup qualifying in 1992. Hornibrook served as head coach of the Winnipeg Fury in 1990 and was a player/assistant coach for the Nova Scotia Clippers in 1991 in the Canadian Soccer League. In 1998-99, he was the North American scout for Middlesbrough FC of the English Premier League.

Hornibrook graduated from the University of New Brunswick, Canada, in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in education. He was a five-year member of the soccer team as a midfielder and was a two-time Atlantic Universities Athletic Association (AUAA) all-star. The team won a national title in 1980 and he was named an Athlete of Distinction in 1982. After graduation, Hornibrook was a member of the North American Soccer League’s (NASL) Toronto Blizzard reserve squad in 1983.

A native of Fredericton, N.B., Hornibrook is a graduate of Fredericton High School, where he earned Rookie of the Year and MVP honors in soccer. His team was crowned provincial champion in 1977. In 1992, Hornibrook was inducted into the city of Fredericton Sports Wall of Fame.

Hornibrook and his wife Donna, who is the field hockey coach at Cornell University, currently reside in Lansing, N.Y., with their two daughters, Kathryn and Emily.

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