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# FCC'S NEW INTERIM HEAD COACHES

Fresno City College appointed the interim head coaching position to football assistant coach Rick Scheidt for football, and soccer assistant coach Nick Andersen for soccer.

Scheidt is a veteran of the program, being a part of the FCC football coaching staff for 30 years. He will serve as Interim Head Coach until a decision is made for the head coaching position on Aug. 1.

Scheidt felt acknowledged for his work and loyalty to the team when asked to take over as interim head coach.

"I was honored because I'm here and my philosophy is to serve students. With this position I'm doing it at a greater capacity, which is something I enjoy doing," Scheidt said. "I enjoy the game and the relationships with the players I have for one or two years trying to make this experience a lasting memory for them."

Andersen felt grateful to be trusted with this opportunity having more than 20 years apart of the coaching staff.

"Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the interim head coach for Fresno City Men's soccer. It is greatly appreciated and a responsibility I do not take lightly. I am fully committed to leading and supporting the team during this transition," Andersen said.

Taking advice working under Fresno State Head Coach Jim Sweeney, he spent years

learning how to coach every position, a rare experience for modern day coaches. Now he feels like the man for the job knowing how to develop every position on the team.

Under previous head coaches, Andersen learned many important tactical strategies on top of how the team operates during practice and gameday. While the soccer specific details are important he believes some of his best coaching lessons have been dealing with situations outside the pitch.

"Some of the best lessons learned from my past experiences is a lot of the things not necessarily seen on the field. Some of the intangible things of leading by example just acting like a good human being. Helping these kids out, a lot of these kids come from different backgrounds some struggling in life some not, just being there for them and helping them out in many different ways. Those are a lot of the times the biggest lessons learned," Andersen said.

Andersen has been focused on recruiting. He's making sure players stay at FCC as well as bringing new players in. He's checking that his players remain eligible to play, figuring out rosters and looking into fundraising. His schedule remains hectic, and he said the job is harder than it looks, but he remains excited for the task at hand.

The most rewarding part of Scheidt's time

coaching is seeing his players move on and succeed in life. He hopes their takeaways from their time playing allows them to be stable and accountable men.

He is proud of the program's retention rate, loyal community and to be a part of the team as the potential new head coach.

"Of the 67 freshmen that joined the team last year, only one player left. They enjoy being here and working hard to help the team succeed. The team is in good hands until a head coach is decided. Hopefully it's me and if not, I'm still here," Scheidt said.



Photo courtesy of Nick Andersen posted on the FCC Men's Soccer Instagram account on Jan. 23.



Interim Head Football Coach Rick Scheidt poses for photo in his office after being interviewed on Jan. 27. Photo by Justin Gaxiola.

## FRESNO CITY COLLEGE'S STORIED ATHLETICS HISTORY

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Fresno City College has a long storied history in their athletic department history, winning over 56 state championships and producing professional athletes and hall of fame players in the department's history.

Many different FCC athletics had periods of dominance such as baseball during the early 60s and football during the late 60s early 70s and wrestling during the 90s and 2010s. Those eras of dominance brought many championships to FCC and provided statewide and even national recognition for FCC athletics.

In football FCC has won multiple state championships in the late 60s to early 70s but hasn't won a championship since the 1973 season. Although they have won many conference championships with a total of 25 conference championships.

Tom Flores is a notable FCC alumni, playing football as a quarterback there for two seasons beginning in 1955. He transferred to University of the Pacific and graduated in 1958. Flores then tried to find a job in professional football but was unsuccessful and went to play semi-pro in Bakersfield and the Canadian Football League (CFL).

Flores finally found success playing professional football when he joined the Oakland Raiders in 1960 when they were first founded. He played for the Raiders until he was traded in 1967 to the Buffalo Bills, and ended his playing career as a third string quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1970.

Flores' playing career wasn't spectacular but after he retired from football, Flores switched to coaching and was an assistant coach for the Bills and Raiders. He won a Super Bowl ring as an assistant coach under John Madden in 1977.

Flores finally became a head coach replacing Madden in 1979 and winning a Super Bowl a year later against

the Philadelphia Eagles. Flores would go on to win two more Super Bowls with the Raiders and win the Coach of the Year award in 1982 before retiring in 1994.

In 1988 Flores was elected into the Fresno County Athletic Hall of Fame and would eventually be elected into the Pro-Football Hall of Fame in 2021. Flores graduated from Sanger High School and its current stadium, "Tom Flores Stadium" is named in his honor.

FCC baseball during the early 60s was successful, winning three state championships from 1961 to 1963 and winning state championships in 1972 and 1992. FCC Baseball also won over 35 conference championships in their overall history. Today FCC baseball has over 18 alumni players that have made it to MLB.

A notable FCC baseball alumni is MLB Hall of Famer Tom Seaver who made his MLB debut in 1967 with the Mets before retiring in 1986 with the Boston Red Sox. Seaver was a pitcher during his 20 year major league career.

Seaver pitched at FCC for only one semester in 1964 but quickly impressed people with his ability to control while on the mound. In his lone semester at FCC Seaver won 11 games in a row while impressing college scouts, which led to a scholarship from the University of Southern California.

Seaver continued to impress during his time at USC and would get drafted by the Braves in 1966 but after legal issues that were resolved about his eligibility Seaver eventually went to the Mets and made his debut on April 13, 1967.

Seaver would go on to have a stellar major league career and be an accomplished pitcher. Seaver won the 1967 NL Rookie of the Year award and won three NL Cy Young Awards in 1969, 1973 and 1975. Seaver made

12 All Star Game appearances and won the World Series in 1969 with the New York Mets.

Seaver finished his career in 1986 and accumulated over 3,650 strikeouts which is ranked sixth all time in MLB history. Seaver eventually was elected into the MLB Hall of Fame in 1992 with 98.8% of votes which is the highest ever percentage of votes a player has received when being elected into the hall of fame.

FCC wrestling has a storied history and won 30 combined state championships and 41 conference championships. FCC wrestling during the 90s was a dynasty during the decade winning eight combined state championships during the 90s in both duals and team events.

In the 2010s, FCC wrestling won seven championships including four-consecutive championships from 2016 to 2019 being the only college to accomplish this feat.

FCC men's basketball has championship winning pedigree, winning five state championships and 25 conference championships in its history and consistently making the state championship final four. During their inaugural 1955 season, the team went 28-2 and were led by MVP Odell Johnson. In the 2005 season the men's basketball team went undefeated that season and finished with a perfect 34-0 record.

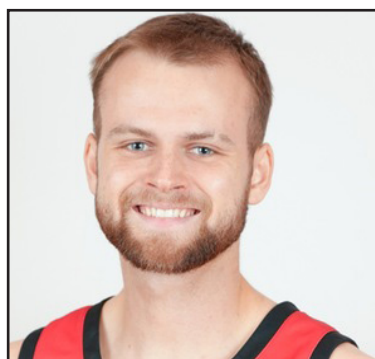


Trophy display case for women's volleyball and women's basketball. Trophies of state and national championships are shown as well as hall of fame players and pictures of championship winning teams on. Photo by Marco Pena.

## STUDENT ATHLETE VOICES

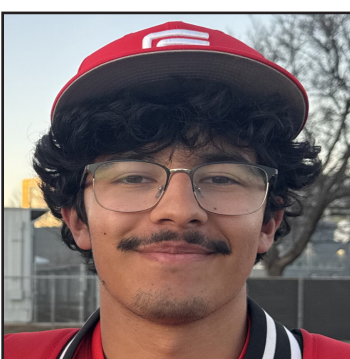
"What African American athlete inspires you and why?"

Compiled by Marco A. Pena



Hudson Swaim  
Men's Basketball

"My coach, Robert Haynes, is in a field where there are not too many coaches of color all the time that we see, but he holds himself to a high standard and that exemplifies his character," Swaim said



Arturo Becerra  
Baseball

"LeBron James because his longevity is just phenomenal. He's been playing for 23 years, it's crazy."



Dylan Whiteman  
Baseball

"Willie Mays, the way he performs, it's like no other. He is just incredible at every aspect of his game and he just performs at such a high level and he's inducted in the Hall of Fame," Whiteman said