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USM Hires New Basketball Coach

(Leavenworth, Kan.)— The University of Saint Mary has named Jon Bishop it's new head men's basketball coach. Bishop succeeds Leonard Sparkman who left the post in March.

“Jon is a fantastic fit for USM,” said athletic director Rob Miller. “He’s familiar with the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference and is a great teacher.”

Bishop was the assistant basketball coach at Missouri Western State University in St. Joseph. But he was assistant coach in the KCAC at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan. from 2000 to 2002.

Bishop was a 1994 All-American guard at Central Methodist University in Fayette, Mo., where he graduated in 1995. He also earned a masters of science degree in education from Northwest Missouri State in 2003.

“USM is a great school in a great location,” said Bishop. “After meeting the players, I think we’ve got a great future ahead of us.”

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