Bovaird steps down as head coach of Louisburg wrestling



Louisburg wrestling head coach Bobby Bovaird announced this past season would be his last with the Wildcat program.

After 14 years as the head coach of the Louisburg High School wrestling program, Bobby Bovaird has resigned from his position.

He made the announcement Wednesday (Mar. 5) in a post on social media and it was a decision he didn't make lightly.

"Wrestling has been a major part of my life for 33 years," Bovaird said. "First as a competitor, then as an assistant coach, and then as a head coach. However, coaching three programs—boys' soccer, boys' wrestling, and girls' wrestling—has been a tremendous commitment, and I know when it's time for a change. This choice is about doing what's best

for the program, my family, and myself.

“Before this season began, I knew it would be my last, and now that it has come to an end, I feel it’s the right time to hand the reins over to someone new.”

Bovaird took over the Wildcat wrestling program during the 2011-12 season and has coached multiple state qualifiers and medalists during that span. He also helped start the Wildcat Wrestling Club.

“I am incredibly proud of what we have built together,” Bovaird said in his post. “From the Wildcat Wrestling Club to the middle school and high school teams, Louisburg wrestling has never been stronger. This year’s season motto, Carpe Diem, was no coincidence—I wanted our wrestlers to embrace the importance of stepping up, seizing opportunities, and tackling challenges head-on. And that’s exactly what you have done.

“More than the wins, medals, and trophies, my greatest hope is that the lessons you’ve learned—the resilience, discipline, and fearless mindset—will stay with you far beyond the mat.”

Bovaird, who will stay on as the boys soccer coach next season, went on to thank those who have helped better the Wildcat program.

“To my wrestlers, past and present—you are the heart of this program, and I can’t thank you enough for your hard work, dedication, and belief in what we’ve built,” Bovaird said. “The class of 2025 will be the last senior class I coach in wrestling, and I have no doubt they—and the wrestlers who follow—will continue to push this program forward.

“I don’t yet know who the next head coach will be, but that doesn’t matter. The foundation is strong, the culture is set, and the future of Louisburg wrestling is bright. Keep working, keep believing, and keep competing. While I am stepping away from wrestling, I will continue to teach at LHS and coach

boys’ soccer. Louisburg is home, and I am grateful for every athlete, family, and supporter who has been part of this journey.”