

Matthew Yelton

Matthew Yelton has just completed his fourth season as the head coach of the Lady Flames and ninth as a collegiate head coach.

In his four seasons at the helm, Yelton has led the Lady Flames to a 75-20-3 record. That success also includes the program's first TranSouth Regular-Season Championship and first trip to the NAIA National Tournament. Under Yelton, the Lady Flames have earned four conference tournament championships, three conference regular season titles, a NAIA Region XIII Championship and were the National Runner-Up in the NAIA last season.

Yelton earned a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in Secondary Education from King College in 1996. He completed his work on his M.A. in English at East Tennessee State University in 2002. Yelton has an Advanced National Coaching Diploma from the NSCAA.

As a three-time varsity starter for King, he was named a team co-captain during his senior season and all-conference in 1995.

"My interest in this position has been driven by my desire to develop a highly competitive, first-class women's soccer program with the potential of winning the national championship," said Yelton. In my nine years of coaching, I have achieved success at the college, high school and club level. I demand a great deal of my players and have witnessed their success both on and off the playing field."

Prior to coming to Lee, Yelton directed two King College teams into conference championship matches, one region title match and earned a Top 10 ranking three seasons ago.

He helped to produce five NAIA All-Americans and four NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes during his tenure at King College. In four seasons at Lee, he has added 16 more NAIA All-Americans, including Lee's first ever athlete to be a 1st Team selection, and seven more NAIA All-America Scholar-Athletes. This past season alone, he had six NAIA All-Americans.

Yelton added that he has always tried to develop players that are of high moral character and foster their opportunity to grow emotionally and personally in a competitive setting.