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Chapel Hill football coach heading to South Cobb

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Chapel Hill's Geoff Pastrick has accepted the head coaching position for the South Cobb Eagles football program, which he will start in three weeks. Pastrick coached two seasons at CHHS and his team qualified for the AAA State Playoffs both years.

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Posted on Mar 22, 2014 by Rick Winters

It looks as though Chapel Hill High School and two-year head football coach Geoff Pastrick have parted ways after all with the announcement that he has accepted the top job at South Cobb High.

It is still unclear if Pastrick resigned or was let go from the Chapel Hill. An email to Chapel Hill Principal Sean Kelly was not immediately returned, and Pastrick declined to answer the question, saying that it was in the past and he would like to focus on the future.

Pastrick, who was an assistant at McEachern High before coming to Chapel Hill in 2012, is set to work one more week in Douglasville before heading to South Cobb.

While he is not departing on the best of terms, Pastrick will still have several fond memories, especially of the kids.

"I am real proud of the players and how far they have come in the weight room, on the field, in the community, and in the hallways," Pastrick said. "They have worked their butts off and did everything we asked them to do. I am proud of their efforts in all aspects of life."

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The Chapel Hill Touchdown Club fought hard to keep Pastrick at Chapel Hill.

After hearing of the ultimatum, Moody said that the club backed Pastrick, and that he was "a quality coach" and "has made a huge impact on the lives of his players on and off the field"

The Touchdown Club had a meeting with Douglas County Board of Education chairwoman Janet Kelley to express their concerns.

After hearing of Pastrick's departure, Moody said, "I am disappointed. I have a son who is a junior on the team and he had not played since Coach Pastrick took over. He was able to put on 30 pounds of muscle in the weight room and was taught a lot of life lessons. I thought we had a good thing going."

Moody added that while the loss was disappointing, he believes that Pastrick also instilled a sense of resiliency in the kids and that they will be able to move on despite the loss. "They are prepared to move forward and will continue to play hard," Moody said.

Pastrick is prepared to move forward and is happy he gets to go back to the county where we had a lot of great memories at McEachern.

"South Cobb is a good community, very tight nit, and Cobb County has some of the best football in the state in my opinion," Pastrick said. "The program has been on my radar since I left McEachern. I am excited and fired up."

Pastrick was named head coach of the Panthers in March of 2012 after spending four years as an assistant with McEachern. He inherited a Chapel Hill team that went 6-4 the previous season and 4-1 in the region under then head coach Chris Parker. The team was knocked out of the playoff hunt in the region crossover play-in game against Sprayberry.

Pastrick's arrival came at the same time New Manchester opened its doors, cutting into the player pool. The school's enrollment was down and the number of student-athletes at the school was also diminished.

But Pastrick came in and made changes, most notably to the offense which was primarily a running attack. He worked to add a passing game, shoring up the defense, and worked with his players get stronger in the weight room. The team went 6-5 in his first year and 5-2 in the region. They made the state playoffs where the Panthers lost in the first round to Johnson of Savannah, 32-23.

Pastrick's second season at the helm got off to a rough start with three straight losses. However, the Panthers won four of their last six, going 5-6 overall and 5-2 in the region. The team once again went to the playoffs, but lost in a close game to Peach County in the first round, 28-21.

Patrick was part of a staff that posted a 35-10 record while an assistant at McEachern. While Pastrick was at McEachern the Indians had three straight 10 win seasons, two region championships, and three appearances in the state playoffs.

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Wow posted at 7:47 am on Sun, Mar 23, 2014.

American1, apparently you are not very aware of Coach Pastrick's influence and drive to actually build our boys into young men and build a football program. His desire was to push the kids and not just live in the status quo. If you read the article you can see his teaching in the weight room did get solid results. The kids and parents agree his leaving is NOT a positive for CHHS. As a parent, I expect all educators to have the passion, drive, and determination to make our kids better. That is what Coach Pastrick did.

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American1 posted at 2:10 am on Sun, Mar 23, 2014.

So long. Perhaps South Cobb will have better luck showing Pastrick that a football coach doesn't run the school. The fact that this guy is still drawing a salary for "teaching" a couple of weight classes each day is astonishing. The bigger question here is what will his lackeys do.

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