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Basketball Hawks have new coach

Chris Coulthard, 31, is the new head basketball coach at Wilfrid Laurier University.

The appointment was announced by David (Tuffy) Knight, director of athletics at Laurier. Coulthard has been with the University as volleyball coach and assistant basketball coach since 1975.

A graduate of Laurier, Coulthard played with the Hawks for three years from 1969 to 1971. Each year he was named a league all-star and was also named All-Canadian. The Coulthard name is synonymous with basketball in Ontario. His brothers Bruce and David were also all-Canadians, and indeed, younger brother David has almost rewritten the record book.

Coach Coulthard says he is excited at the prospect of leading the cage Hawks next season and is gratified at having eight players returning.

At the moment he is uncertain as to the freshman coming in September but feels his team will be competitive. He would like to return the Golden Hawks to the national power they were in the late 60s when they won the Canadian title in 1968 and lost to Windsor in the 1969 National Finals, Chris's first year at Laurier.

A Tillsonburg native, Coulthard is married and lives just outside Waterloo.

He succeeds Don Smith, who retired late last month after coaching the basketball Hawks for 11 years. Smith will continue teaching in the university's physical education program.