Lori Clark Biography

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LORI CLARK

22-16 with men  6th,m 7th, 6th, 6th and 5th
18-18 with women 8th 7th 7th 4th and 5th

Lori Clark will begin her sixth season as Central Washington University men's and women's swimming-and-diving head coach next fall.

Clark, a 1986 graduate of Bemidji State (Minn.), joined the CWU coaching staff in 1981 as an assistant. She served as head coach during the 1988-89 season when Bob Gregson was on sabatical. She then took over for Gregson permanently when he retired prior to the 1991-92 season.

In five seasons as head coach, Clark has enjoyed a fine record. Her men's teams have never finished lower than seventh in the NAIA national meet. Last winter, the men who assisted by Clark guided CWU to three men's and one women's national team titles in the 1980s, sabbatical finished fifth after placing seventh once and sixth three times in Clark's four previous seasons.

The Central women placed fifth last winter. In the 1993-94 season, CWU placed fourth and Clark was voted the NAIA National Women's Division Coach-of-the-Year. In Clark's three previous years, Central's women placed seventh twice and eighth once.

In dual meets, Clark has a combined won-loss record of 40-34 in five campaigns (22-16 with the men, 18-18 with the women).

Prior to joining the CWU staff, Clark, who earned a master's degree from Western Michigan in 1980, was the head coach at Minnesota - Morris for two seasons and was an assistant for one year at University of Wisconsin - Green Bay. She also coached for two seasons at Bemidji (Minn.) High School.

A native of Fort Lawton, Wash., Clark graduated from Irondale High School in New Brighton, Minn., in 1972, where she competed in swimming, gymnastics and track-and-field. At Bemidji, she was a three-year letter winner in swimming, placing in the 1972 AIAW national meet.

Clark is married. She has her husband Tim have two children, Patrick, 11, and Josephine, 4.