



**UNC Squash Welcomes New Head Coach, Tor Christoffersen, Ahead of Exciting Season**

**Chapel Hill, NC** – UNC Squash is proud to announce the hiring of professional head coach, **Tor Christoffersen**, marking a significant step forward for the program. Christoffersen joins Carolina with an impressive coaching and playing background, poised to elevate the program's competitiveness on the national stage.

Tor brings five years of coaching experience from the prestigious River Club in NYC and the New Canaan Country Club in CT. He has also worked with junior teams for the Swedish Squash Governing Body and US Squash during four summer events.

As a player, Tor captained the Trinity College squash team in Hartford, CT, under the guidance of legendary coach Paul Assaiante, winning two National Titles. He currently ranks 15th in the Hardball National professional rankings and has won numerous titles as a junior, leading the Swedish International Team.

**Tor Christoffersen**, commented: "Thrilled to join such an excellent and prestigious school! All players have been showing great excitement and willingness to learn over the past couple of weeks. In less than a month, both the men and women are starting their campaign that will eventually conclude with the US Squash Club Nationals in Philadelphia at the beginning of February. The teams are getting better each week so UNC Squash will be a force to be reckoned with this season!"

**Gio Chen**, UNC Women's Squash President, expressed enthusiasm for the new hire: "We are very excited about our progress so far. We believe that we can achieve our best-ever placement at nationals next year ."

**Luke Hepler**, UNC Men's Squash President, echoed these sentiments: "This is going to advance Carolina Squash both this year and in the future. We will attract strong players who want to excel."

The program's dedication to growth is further underscored by support from key figures in the squash community. **Harry Smith**, College Squash's Executive Director, remarked, "Carolina is making a clear statement with this hire, showing strong support for and enthusiasm around their squash program. I'm excited to see the teams reach new heights under Tor's guidance. **Eric Fast**, a UNC alum and the CSA's first Independent Board Chair, would surely appreciate this strong commitment to the squash program."

In addition to welcoming Tor Christoffersen, UNC Squash is preparing for an exciting season ahead, with matches lined up against schools across the country. The women's and men's teams will be traveling extensively as they gear up for a highly anticipated campaign.

Team	Date	Opponent	Location
Women's	Nov 2-3	Denison	Granville, OH
Men's	Nov 9-10	Duke, Richmond, W&L	Charlotte, NC
Women's	Nov 16-17	Northeastern, BC, BU	Boston, MA
Men's	TBD	NC State, Duke	Chapel Hill, NC
Men's	Jan 18th	UVA	Charlottesville, VA

**Peter Grauer**, '68, Chairman of Bloomberg INC., added, "First the courts, now professional coaching. This will be a legacy that moves the UNC squash program forward to a new higher level that we can all be proud of."

With Tor Christoffersen at the helm, UNC Squash is poised for an exciting season filled with opportunity and growth.