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### **It's a homecoming for Chad Wadden, who returns to King's as head basketball coach**

Halifax | The University of King's College is happy to announce that Chad Wadden is rejoining the Athletics Department as head coach of the men's UKC Blue Devils basketball team.

Wadden was born and raised in Halifax and as a young man honed his skills as a player and coach. At Dalhousie University, Wadden was an integral part of the success of the men's basketball program. While he was Assistant Coach at Dal, the team won four AUS Championships including three consecutive AUS titles in 2014/15, 2015/16, and 2016/17. Prior to that he was King's Men's Basketball Coach from 2009 to 2013, where he guided the Blue Devils to three playoff appearances and developed All-Canadians J.D. Howlett and Eamon Morrissey.

"He has one of the best basketball mind in the country," King's Athletics Director Neil Hooper said. "Chad is a proven coaching talent and operates on a very high professional level. As far as coaching minds go, there is no better fit for a young, growing program like ours."

Wadden brings close to 20 years coaching experience to the UKC Blue Devils. He's been Assistant Coach for Basketball Nova Scotia, taking the team to the 2005 Canada Games, and has extensive high school basketball coaching experience. He's done recruiting, organized training sessions, and overseen basketball camps and operations. At Dal, Wadden was involved in skill development, offense implementation, scouting and videotaping sessions.

"I am very excited for the opportunity to be back at King's as the head coach of the men's basketball team. I can't thank the athletics department enough for making me feel welcome," Wadden said.

"Chad's interaction and hands-on experience working with university basketball players along with the success he's had at Dalhousie will make him an invaluable addition to our basketball student-athletes at King's," Hooper said.

Additionally, outside of basketball, Wadden's a teacher at Halifax West High School specializing in multimedia and videography. Wadden, his wife, and their two girls live in the Clayton Park area.

“I understand that there will be a bit of a transition as a coach coming in, but hopefully I can help develop our program and our athletes and make Kings Men's Basketball competitive in the ACAA,” Wadden said.

King's is very pleased to welcome coach Chad Wadden, said Hooper. “With his addition, the Athletic Department strongly feels the men's basketball program is well-positioned for success in the future.”

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### **About the University of King's College**

Established in 1789, King's College is Canada's oldest chartered university. A small and extraordinarily lively academic community located in Halifax, Nova Scotia, King's is known nationally and internationally for its highly acclaimed interdisciplinary programs in the humanities and journalism, including our Master of Fine Arts in Creative Non-Fiction.

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