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Brad Lambert **Head Coach - UNC Charlotte 49ers** By: John Galles

UNC Charlotte alumnus, Ellison Clary introduced the head coach of the UNC Charlotte 49ers to the club. He was proud to tell members that the Charlotte 49ers are unveiling their new football program this year. He said that Brad Lambert was named head coach on March 1, 2011. Brad Lambert was a 10-year assistant at Wake Forest, who also had successful stints at Georgia and Marshall. Quoting Chancellor Dubois, Ellison said "Brad is, first and foremost, a man of integrity. Not counting his playing days, he has more than 23 years of experience at the coaching level in four excellent Division I programs. He has experienced post-season and bowl success. He knows what success looks like. He also



understands the importance of patience and resilience required to build a new program."

Clary also quoted Judy Rose, UNCC Athletic Director for saying, "I have absolutely no doubt that we got the right fit for Charlotte. I know after spending as much time with Brad as I have, that he's a builder. He makes players better -- and I expect he will do the same thing in building our program at Charlotte. He's obviously a relationship person, which I value very strongly. "

Over his 23-year career, Lambert has won an NCAA National Championship, won an Atlantic Coast Conference title, been to eight bowl games, four NCAA National Championship games and enjoyed a winning pct. of over 62 percent.

After playing his first spring football game on the NEW McColl Richardson Stadium on the UNC Charlotte campus, Lambert was proud to announce that he has a winning record as a 49er! He was especially pleased to have over 14,000 fans attending the first event in the new stadium. He also acknowledged Dale Halton for her support and commitment to the university and to the new athletic complex. He added that he was pleased to see how his team would respond to the pressure from a fan base.

"The biggest thing for me was once I got involved in the UNC Charlotte process, I saw the vision and commitment and the excitement that there is here for football. They have great plans in place and it lines up with the vision I have. Football is really important to this university and that's exciting for me and my family.

Lambert served as Defensive Coordinator for the Demon Deacons. He served as Linebackers Coach and Special Teams Coach at Wake Forest from 2001-2009. He served as secondary, linebackers, special teams and defensive ends coach while at Georgia and a secondary and defensive ends coach at Marshall.

In his 10 years under Jim Grobe at Wake Forest, he was an integral part of the Deacons most successful football era. He was the Linebackers Coach on Wake Forest's 2006 ACC Champion team and was a part of four Bowl Game appearances, including three straight from 2006-2008. In 2008, he coached Butkus Award winner Aaron Curry, as the Deacons advanced to their third straight bowl game: the 2008 Eagle Bank Bowl. "Character, integrity, toughness. That's how we did it under coach Grobe and that's how we will do it here. We're going to be a tough football team that's really disciplined," Lambert added.

The Deacons had five winning seasons during Lambert's tenure, including the 11-3 ACC Championship team and Orange Bowl team in 2006 and the 9-4 squad that advanced to the 2007 Meineke Car Care Bowl. In 2008, Lambert's first as

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

2012-2013

Program Chair: Ed Driggs

1Qtr Edwin Peacock

2Qtr Colleen Brannan

3Qtr Bob Freeman

4Qtr Bill Constangy

APRIL 2013

30th **Congressman
Robert Pittenger**

MAY 2013

7th **How I Got
Where I'm At**

14th **Dr. Nathan Hatch**
President
Wake Forest University

21st **Youth Merit
Awards**

**NOTE: meeting will be held at
Charlotte Country Club**

12:30 Tuesday

Crowne Plaza – 201 S. McDowell Street

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Defensive Coordinator, the Deacons went 8-5 to cap a three-year run in which Wake Forest put together an overall 28-12 record and a 15-9 mark in the ACC while earning bids to the three straight bowl games. Over the course of his 10-year run at Wake Forest, Lambert helped the Deacons to a 61-60 record.

Prior to joining Wake Forest's staff, Lambert coached for 11 years with Jim Donnan at both Marshall (1990-95) and Georgia (1996-2000). Donnan had given Lambert his start as a Graduate Assistant at the University of Oklahoma.

"I've been fortunate to have been around outstanding coaches who have had a huge impact on my career. I owe a lot to them and wouldn't be where I am without their support and the opportunities they gave me," Lambert added.

At Georgia, Lambert helped the Bulldogs to a 40-19 record that included four straight bowl wins: 1997 Outback Bowl, 1998 Peach Bowl, 1999 Outback Bowl and 2000 Oahu Bowl. At Marshall, he was a part of the Thundering Herd's 1992 NCAA Division I-AA National Championship. In fact, as an assistant coach at Marshall, Lambert helped the Herd to the national title game in four of his six years and to a semifinal appearance in a fifth.

During his coaching career, Lambert has overseen the development of players such as Curry, Will Witherspoon, Stanley Arnoux and Alphonso Smith. He also coached both Champ Bailey and Hines Ward while serving as Special Teams Coordinator at Georgia.

A 1987 graduate of Kansas State, Lambert was a four-year letter winner who earned second-team all-Big Eight honors as a Defensive Back in 1984. He was an Academic all-Big Eight choice from 1984-86.

Lambert and his wife, Angie, have three children: a daughter, Lucy, and sons Layne and Beau.

Head Table: Alice Harrison, Jerry Coughter, Marilyn Bowler, Elly Clary, Frank Watson, Mary Lynne Calhoun; Invocation: Gregg Walker
Visitors & Guests: John Nicolay; BBB Minute: Tom Bartholomy; Song: Pam Jepsen; AV: Jessica Dupree; Photos: Bert Voswinkel

CLUB NEWS

- ➔ Remember with cards: *Karen Simon* (broken arm while skating with her granddaughter), *Mike Rash* (head trauma/concussion), *Lotta Jett* (knee replacement surgery).
- ➔ *Louis Watts* was reappointed to the Waste Management Advisory Board; a photo of Harriet and *Bill Barnhardt* attending the Preview Night Gala for the Southern Spring Show is in the April issue of Society Magazine.
- ➔ APRIL is 'bring a guest to Rotary' month. Your efforts may be rewarded by membership chair *Terri DeBoo*.

APPROVE FOR MEMBERSHIP (comments/questions to the Rotary office by 4/30/13)

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CLUB PROJECTS NEEDING YOUR SUPPORT

- ➔ The electronic recycling project with Goodwill Industries wraps up next Tuesday.
- ➔ Toiletries to benefit clients served at Hope Haven will continue through May 7th.
- ➔ Host families are needed for Criissi Wagner, our exchange student who arrives from Germany on August 14th. She will be in the 11th grade at Myers Park High School and is fluent in English. Contact *Ed Wadsworth* or any member of the Youth Exchange Committee.

**May 21, 2013 Rotary meeting will be held at
Charlotte Country Club
additional information will follow**

Attendance	<u>04/23/2013</u>	<u>04/24/2012</u>	Membership	New Members: Thomas Mussoni
Visitors & Guests	20	21	07/01/2012 316	
Club Members	162	158	04/23/2013 315	
Total Attendance	182	179	Net Increase -1	Resignations: Chris France, Chris Linscheid, Jermaine Husser
Percentage	56.4%			
Birthdays April 30 – May 6		Anniversaries April 30 – May 6		
30 Jessica Dupree	30 Anthony Foxx	02 Suzanne & Louis Bledsoe	02 Jill & Ron Mikels	
04 Marc Bogan	06 Patrick MacIsaac	04 Ridgely & John Phillips	05 Kelly & Mike Crum	
		06 Katherine Pierce & Mike Hawley		