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## **Bailey Jackson to Coach Clover Boy's Basketball Team** *Dudley Lybrand to be liaison with middle school sports*

**Editor's note:** Head shots of Bailey Jackson and Dudley Lybrand are attached.

CLOVER –Bailey Jackson has been tapped to coach Clover High's boys' varsity basketball team after former coach Dudley Lybrand accepted a position in the athletics department where he will serve as assistant athletic director and be a liaison between the high school and the district's two middle school athletics programs.

Prior to joining the staff at Clover in July 2011 to become the school's assistant athletic director and as an administrator in the school's ninth grade academy, Jackson coached the Fort Mill High School boys' basketball program for 8 seasons. In only four years, he delivered the school's first state basketball championship since 1974 by winning the title in 2007 after posting a 25-4 record. That same year he was named coach of the year by five different organizations, including the South Carolina Athletic Coaches Association and the National Federation of State High School Associations. This past season he was an assistant coach of the girls' varsity team at Clover that went 21-5, including a perfect 10-0 run in Region 3-AAAA.

"This is where I've wanted to be since I first started coaching," Jackson said. "It's special to be taking over for someone I respect and trying to build on what has been created by Coach Lybrand. It's a win-win situation for the program and the school and I'm looking forward to getting the ball rolling."

In 13 years as a head coach, Jackson has a career record of 196-137 at three schools. After serving as an assistant coach at Travelers Rest from 1995-1998, he nabbed his first head coaching position at Buford and led the school to its first playoff berth in his first season. In his only year at Chesnee, his team upset top-ranked West Oak in the class AA playoffs.

From 2006-2011, he also served as athletic director at Fort Mill where, in 2011, he was named SCAA Athletic Director of the Year.

Jackson's roots run deep in Clover. He is originally from the town and is a 1991 graduate of Clover High. Both of his parents worked in the district; his father, Ed, in the maintenance department for 20-plus years and his mom, Susan, as a middle school teacher for 30 years. His wife, Jaye, completed her 10<sup>th</sup> year as a teacher in Clover this year. Jackson holds degrees from Clemson University, the United States Sports Academy, and Grand Canyon University.

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After being involved with the basketball program for 19 years, Lybrand sees this move as an opportunity to spend more time with his family, yet still be involved with all athletics teams at the high school. He will continue in his teaching responsibilities at Clover High where he teaches math. In 12 years as head coach of the Blue Eagles, his teams captured region championships in 2005 and 2006. The same two years Lybrand was named region coach of the year.

Lybrand amassed a career record of 203-165 in 14 seasons, including two years at Gilbert. At both schools he has been heavily involved in the athletics program having coached baseball, football, golf, and track. He came to Clover in 1993 as an assistant football coach under Marty Woolbright.

“This is not an easy decision to walk away, but I look forward to being able to better balance time with my young family and watch my two kids play basketball,” he said. “I will maintain a strong interest in the program and look forward to my expanded role within the athletics department at Clover High.”

CHS principal Mark Hopkins and athletic director Carroll Hester are thankful for Lybrand’s commitments to helping his students not only excel in the classroom, but on the court as well. They both believe his highly organized and thorough approach to teaching and coaching will be assets to his new position.