

Tim Strange

2003 Girls Head Coach

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Strange has been at the helm of the McKendree women's soccer program since its transition to Division II in 2013 and has helped build the program from the ground up. In his fourth year after the transition, (2016) he led the team to a Great Lakes Valley Conference (GLVC) Tournament Championship and to the second round of the NCAA Tournament. In 2017, the Bearcats won their second straight GLVC Tournament Championship with Strange at the helm.

Since the transition to the NCAA, Strange has coached one All-American, Five-All Region, and numerous All-Academic players.

In addition to coach Strange's McKendree accolades, he is a certified Olympic Development Program (ODP) Missouri and Illinois Coach as well as an ODP Region II Coach

Coach Strange has been involved with the McKendree soccer program for more than 20 years. He previously served as the head coach for both programs for 13 seasons.

Strange joined the Bearcat coaching staff in 1989 as an assistant coach with the men's soccer team. He held that position for five seasons before being named the head coach in 1994. In his 18 seasons as head coach of the men's team, Strange guided the program to 16 double-digit win seasons, including American Midwest Conference (AMC) championships in 2007, 2008 and 2009. Strange was also named AMC Men's Coach of the Year in 2007 and 2008.

In January 1999, Strange was named the head coach of the McKendree University women's soccer program. Strange went on to build one of the top women's programs in the area, amassing 206 wins in just 14 seasons. In 2010, Strange led the Bearcats to their eighth consecutive AMC championship and 10th overall in program history. Strange was named the AMC Women's Coach of the Year, his eighth consecutive and 10th overall AMC Women's Coach of the Year award. Strange is also a two-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America Region Women's Coach of the Year, earning the Midwest Region award in 2007 and the northwest region honor in 2008. Strange earned his 200th women's soccer win at McKendree following a 1-0 win over University of Indianapolis on Sep. 21, 2012.

Strange began his coaching career at McKendree shortly after his graduation from Saint Louis University in 1989.

On the playing field, Strange enjoyed a stellar career at both the high school and collegiate levels. He was an All-State and All-District performer while at Rosary High School in St. Louis. Strange capped his high school career by earning All-America honors from Parade magazine. Strange followed that with a successful career at Saint Louis University. He was a three-year starter at forward, and helped lead the Billikens to a berth in the NCAA Final Eight in 1986. Strange graduated from Saint Louis with a bachelor's degree in communications. One of Strange's career highlights came during his playing days with St. Louis Youth Soccer Organization. He was a member of the Scott Gallagher team that captured the national championship for the under-19 division in 1984.

Strange currently resides in Granite City, Ill., with his wife Roxanne. Strange has three children; Olivia, Moxley, and Remy.