

South Tahoe basketball star to coach Alabama-Birmingham

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Jerod Haase, who led South Tahoe High to a state basketball championship in 1992, was named the head coach at Alabama-Birmingham on Monday night.

Haase, who was officially announced as UAB's coach Tuesday afternoon, has worked under Roy Williams for the past 13 seasons at North Carolina and Kansas.



Jerod Haase

"I want to thank (UAB President) Dr. (Carol) Garrison and (athletic director) Mr. (Brian) Mackin for this opportunity," Haase said in a release. "It's a tremendous leap of faith, and I will do everything in my power to prove that this is the right hire at the right time. I will work tirelessly to ensure that this decision on your behalf is a great one.

"I also want to thank Coach Williams. Without getting into too much detail, when I left his office yesterday I told him I have to leave and not talk because I can't do it (emotionally). He's been great to me."

Haase replaces Mike Davis, who was fired after six seasons. He agreed to a five-year contract worth \$475,000 annually plus incentives. The contract must still be approved by the Alabama

university system.

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