

MU Scrambling to Replace Wrestling Coach Who Resigned



Assistant Coach Chad Cook

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The Spartans wrestling program is in flux this fall after the recent resignation of Head Coach Matt Burlingame. Burlingame led the Spartans for nine consecutive seasons, finishing with a 5-8 record in the 2014-15 season.

“(Burlingame) has such a great relationship with everyone here,” said Assistant Coach Chad Cook, who joined the Spartan wrestling staff in August 2014. “He has left the program in great shape and on the path to achieve some great

success this year.” Spartan wrestlers will remember Coach Burlingame’s coaching philosophy well beyond the wrestling mat. “I will be missing Coach; he was a great coach and an even better person,” said junior wrestler Collin Wise.

Burlingame has accepted a head wrestling coach position at Whitko High School, only minutes away from Manchester University, along with a teaching position in biology.

With wrestling season just months away, the Spartans are seeking a head wrestling coach while Chad Cook takes the lead in the meantime. Cook is looking forward to the future of the Spartans wrestling program, despite the loss of Burlingame. “We have a great group of leaders that are hard-working, and I am confident that they are leading the team in the right direction,” he said.

The Head Wrestling Coach job is posted on the MU Human Resources website. The new coach will also teach, according to the job listing.

“I’m sure all the guys on the team want a coach who pushes us to the limit and who will make us become better wrestlers and better people off the mat,” Wise said.