

Jaime welcomes Dad's help with Lions

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It was just a couple of weeks before the Linn-Mar girls basketball season started when first-year head coach Jaime (Printy) Brandt introduced the team to her newest assistant.

"This is my dad," she said. "And that's probably going to be the last time you hear me call him that."

Since then, he's simply known as "Coach Printy," the same as her other assistant is "Coach Suther."

"And I call her 'Coach,'" says Jaime's dad Jeff of the unique daughter/father coaching relationship. "Oh, we slip occasionally. But it's her team. She runs the show. I'm just on board to help out in any way I can."

It isn't something that had been in the works for a long time.

Jaime does say, however, "I used to joke that if someday I ever became a head coach I'd hire Dad as my assistant."

"Why not? He's taught me everything I know."

She never dreamed the chance would come so soon.

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Having served last year along with longtime assistant Mike Suther on the staff of head veteran Coach Michael Brandt, her own mentor in an illustrious prep playing career, the 2009 Linn-Mar alum was tabbed last May to the top job when Brandt somewhat surprisingly resigned.

"I hadn't thought about it," she says. "I'm young (24) and have no experience. All I'd ever coached was at basketball camps. But I do know a lot about the game."

While her sophomore high school year was wiped out by the first of two serious knee injuries, Printy was a first-team all-stater for three years and scored 1,391 points. She was named the state's Gatorade Player of the Year in her final season.

Recruited by (among many others) Iowa's Lisa Bluder, who coincidentally grew up just a few doors down from the Printy family's home in Marion and was a star on her own at Linn-Mar, the dead-eye shooting guard was named Big 10 Freshman of the Year in 2010.

She was an honorable mention All-American the next year. Hindered by another torn ACL in her junior season, she still ranks third on the

Hawkeyes' all-time scoring list with 1,841 points and led her team to four NCCA tournaments.

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