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GLORY STALWART HARNWELL JOINS FOOTBALL WEST FULL-TIME AND NAMED GIRLS NTC COACH

Former Perth Glory captain Jamie Harnwell has joined Football West full-time as a Development Officer, at the same time as being appointed coach of the Women's Senior National Training Centre (NTC) team for the rest of the 2011 season.

Whilst being involved previously with Football West in a part-time capacity, his retirement from the A-League at the end of the 2010-11 season sees him able to commit to more time in imparting his knowledge and experience to the many youngsters playing the game.

Already his schedule sees him visiting Kalgoorlie and Broome in the next few months.

The Women's NTC team play in the Football West Under 14 Boys Premier League as part of the overall Football Federation Australia national program and claimed the 2010 Top Four Final after a 3-1 victory over Forrestfield United.

"I'm very proud to be appointed as coach and it is a massive opportunity to put my thoughts and philosophies of the game into practice," said Harnwell.

"It is also a great responsibility to continue producing great female footballers for this State and hopefully Australia.

"I spoke with previous coaches who have been involved in the women's game such as Alistair Edwards and Scott Miller before registering my interest, and they were all very positive about their experience in women's football.

"The aim for the remainder of this year is to continue the player's development and give them the best possible chance of representing Perth Glory in season four of the Westfield W-League and hopefully representing Australia in future Matilda's squads."

Football West Chief Executive Peter Hugg says: "It is a commitment of Football West to provide a real career path as elite players begin their transition of playing in to coaching, administration or some other component of the game.

"The addition of Jamie to the Football West team is complemented by the appointments of Tanya Oxtoby and Elisa D'Ovidio of the Perth Glory Women's teams and hopefully in future there will be further opportunities for well-known and interested players to begin a career after football playing days.

"With respect to Jamie, I would also like to acknowledge Perth Glory and in particular Tony Sage and Paul Kelly for financially contributing to his appointment.

"This is further recognition of the two bodies working together for the overall benefit of the sport."

The Women's Senior NTC currently sits fourth on the table.

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