

## Shealy named 1st Head Coach at Houston Baptist

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Former University of Kansas Jayhawks defensive coordinator Vic Shealy was introduced as the 1st head football coach at Houston Baptist University.

Shealy, 50, who won a national championship while head coach at Azusa Pacific University, was introduced by HBU Director of Athletics Steve Moniaci.

“I am especially encouraged by Coach Shealy’s commitment not only to football, but to the academic and spiritual mission of Houston Baptist University, “ HBU president Dr. Robert B. Sloan Jr. stated. “His outstanding coaching career and his commitment to college football will be a great asset in recruiting student-athletes and coaches for our football program, and I believe Coach Shealy will provide great leadership both on and off the playing field as HBU’s first football coach.”

Shealy, who is married to Holly and they have four children, is excited about the opportunity to start something new at Houston Baptist. During his interview session, he came in with a plan of action and disclosed how he would take each step in building every facet of the Huskies football team.

“Our goal is to take Greater Houston and make that our backyard,” Coach Shealy said. “I’ll work out of my car right now and if I need to put a needle in a ball and pump it up, then I’m not too good to do that too.”

The son of a football coach doesn’t have an office right now, but that’s not stopping his

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determination and enthusiasm. His goal is to make the start-up HBU-program competitive and an eventual contender that will pursue championships as a member of the Southland Conference.



HBU will begin play in the Southland Conference , which competes in the Football Championship Subdivision, in 2014. The team hopes to play an “exhibition type” schedule against Division I and II schools, junior colleges, and even a team from Monterrey, Mexico next year.

Shealy, who was selected from a pool of nearly 100 applicants, served as defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Kansas last season and was the secondary coach for the Jayhawks in 2010. Five finalists were interviewed during the past couple of weeks, but he was the one who stood out.

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