



NEW ORLEANS BLAZE WOMEN'S TACKLE FOOTBALL TEAM

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Blaze Head Coach Resigns

Kenner, LA — The New Orleans Blaze announced the resignation of Head Coach William Jelks following the conclusion of the 2008 past season. Jelks had been with the team as Head Coach since the Blaze's first season in 2002. The reason for Jelks resignation was undisclosed except to say that it was for personal reasons.

The Blaze record under Jelks was a combined 27 wins and 21 losses over six years. Yet the team could not get over the 5-3 mark that it has posted each year beginning in 2003. New Orleans finished this past season at 5 wins and 3 losses after an up and down campaign. The result left the Blaze in second place in the Southeast Division of the Southern Conference of the NWFA and out of the playoffs for the first time since 2004. New Orleans did not field a team in 2006.

The team announced that it will begin looking for a replacement immediately for the 2009 season. Anyone interested in the position should contact team owner Lisa Lunsford at 504-431-7491.

The New Orleans Blaze competes as a franchise of the National Women's Football Association. The Blaze offers women the chance to participate in the growing national interest in women's tackle football. More information on the New Orleans Blaze can be obtained by visiting the team's website at www.neworleansblaze.com, while information on the NWFA and any of its other affiliated teams is available at www.womensfootballassociation.com.

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