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## UIS coach Gamble talks with Providence about new job

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University of Illinois at Springfield men's basketball coach Kevin Gamble has talked to Providence College about an assistant coaching position but hasn't taken a job with the NCAA Division I Friars, UIS assistant athletic director for communications Scott Reed said Thursday.

"Nothing has been offered," Reed said.

Neither Gamble nor UIS athletic director Rodger Jehlicka returned phone messages seeking comment.

Reed pointed out that Gamble's connection to the Friars is head coach Keno Davis, who took over at the Providence, R.I., school in 2008. Gamble played for Davis' father, Tom Davis, at the University of Iowa from 1985 to 1987.

Providence ended the 2009-10 season with a 109-106 loss to Seton Hall in the first round of the Big East Conference tournament and had a 12-19 overall record. The Friars finished next-to-last in the 16-team conference with a 4-14 mark.

Gamble guided UIS to an 11-13 overall record and 7-11 Great Lakes Valley Conference mark in the Stars' first year competing in NCAA Division II.

Gamble is the only men's basketball coach UIS has had. The Lanphier High School standout was hired to start the program in 2002. His career record at the school is 130-79.

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