



Coach Chris Steiner-Leak Reaches 700 Career Wins with Lady Bison Softball**

Southern Union Lady Bison Softball made history today, securing two impressive victories over Reid State. With those wins, Head Coach Chris Steiner-Leak reached a remarkable milestone: career win #700. Her journey through 25 seasons of coaching at both the high school and collegiate levels has been nothing short of extraordinary, and this achievement serves as a testament to her passion, dedication, and deep love for the game.

Steiner-Leak's coaching success is rooted in a stellar playing career that began long before she became a coach. A standout at Auburn University from 1996 to 1999, she made history by hitting the program's first-ever home run and playing on the first-ever Auburn softball team. Her contributions helped lay the foundation for the powerhouse program Auburn would later become. Steiner-Leak also spent one season at Huntingdon College, where she excelled in both volleyball and softball, and her high school days at Robertsdale High School were equally impressive. As an All-State, All-Area performer, and 2007 Robertsdale Hall of Fame inductee, she was a multi-sport athlete who excelled in softball, volleyball, basketball, and track.

Her passion for playing evolved into a passion for coaching. Over the course of her career, Steiner-Leak has built championship-caliber programs everywhere she's been. As a high school coach, she amassed a stellar 214-52 record, with stops at Eufaula High School, Palmetto High School in Florida, and Brewtech High School, where she led the team to a 5A State Championship and was named 5A Coach of the Year. Her journey in college coaching began in 2004 when she helped launch the Reinhardt College softball program, followed by stints at AUM, Alabama State, and FIU. At AUM, she led the team to a National Championship and five national tournament appearances with a 234-97 record.

In 2023, Steiner-Leak took over the Southern Union softball program and led them to an incredible turnaround. After a 15-31 first season, she propelled the Lady Bison to a runner-

up finish in the ACCC Championship, an achievement that set the stage for even greater things. The Lady Bison have continued their success into the 2024 season, currently riding a 9-game winning streak and holding an impressive 13-2 record.

Steiner-Leak's ability to build programs into championship contenders is legendary. From national titles to state championships and conference victories, her track record speaks for itself. As she enters her 25th season as a head coach, the future looks incredibly bright for Southern Union, with the Lady Bison already on track for another successful campaign.

With a career collegiate record of 486-396-2, Coach Steiner-Leak could soon reach another major milestone: her 500th collegiate win, which is just around the corner. The Lady Bison will continue their quest for greatness this weekend at the JUCO Extravaganza in Oxford, and who knows? That 500th win may come sooner than we think!

Congratulations, Coach Steiner-Leak, on your incredible achievement of 700 wins! The Southern Union community is proud to have you leading the Lady Bison. Here's to many more wins and milestones in the seasons to come!



