

ARIZONA ST SUN DEVILS ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Offensive Coordinator/QB's: Rich Olson, 3rd year

Olson returned to the state of AZ in '07 after spending 2006 as the OC at Miami, Fl. This will mark the 11th yr of his career that he will be spending with HC Dennis Erickson. He followed Erickson from Miami, FL to the Seahawks in '94 and then spent 10 yrs in the NFL. During his time there he was with SF, SEA, WAS, ARI and MIN. In his career he has coached QB, RB, WR and OL and has been the OC with 3 different teams.

Running Backs: Bryce Erickson, 3rd year

Bryce, the son of HC Dennis, takes over the RB's for his 1st season as a full-time assistant after apending the last 2 seasons as a Graduate Assistant here.

Wide Receivers: Eric Yarber, 3rd year

Yarber joined the ASU staff after spending 2 seasons at Wash (WR's). This year marks his 9th season with Erickson in both the college and pro ranks. Yarber was also a Kodak AA and the Big Sky Conf MVP as a Sr at Idaho under Erickson during his playing days.

Tight Ends/ ST's: Jamie Christian, 3rd year

Christian and Erickson reunited in '07 and will start their 8th year together in 2009. Christian was on Erickson's staff at Idaho, with the 49ers and at Oregon St. Christian also has had stops at N Ariz ('02) and Sacramento St ('05).

Offensive Line: Gregg Smith, 3rd year

Smith brings in 39 yrs of coaching experience and joined ASU after a 1 yr stint as the Asst HC/OL at Idaho. Smith has coached with Erickson for 26 yrs. He had stops in the NFL with the 49ers ('03-'04) & Seahawks ('95-'98) as well as NCAA stops at Oregon St, Miami (FL), Wash St, Wyoming & Idaho ('82-'85).

DEFENSE

Def Coordinator/LB's: Craig Bray, 3rd year

Bray is a 35 yr coaching veteran who has also reunited with Erickson. Bray spent '00-'02 as the secondary and DC under Erickson at Oregon St. He was also with Erickson in '87-'88 at Wash St. He came to ASU after spending 2006 as the secondary coach at Minny. Prior to his stop at Minny, he was the secondary coach at Colo ('04-'05) and LB's coach at Ariz ('03). During his time at Oreg St, his '00 unit was #1 in the Pac-10 in both total and scoring D. In '01 they ranked #3 in the conf and in '02 they moved up to #9 in the NCAA in rush D.

Defensive Line: Grady Stretz, 4th year

Stretz started his coaching career at his alma mater, UCLA ('96-'97), before moving on to New Mexico for 8 seasons. This is his fourth year as a member of the Sun Devils coaching staff.

Cornerbacks: Greg Burns, 2nd year

Burns joined the ASU staff after spending '07 as the secondary coach for Kansas State. He has spent 11 seasons as an assistant coach at the collegiate level including being a part of four BCS bowls and winning National Championships with USC in 2003 and 2004.

Safeties/Recruiting Coordinator: Matt Lubick, 3rd year

Lubick comes from a football family and began his career at Colorado St working with his father, Sonny. He also spent time at SJSt (WR's) and Cal St-Northridge (CB's). He joined Erickson's staff as a secondary coach at Oregon St from '99-'00. He returned to CSU to coach with his dad for 4 yrs before coaching WR's at Ole Miss in 2005 and 2006.