# COACHES & STAFF



# HEAD COACH BRET BIELEMA

The University of Arkansas captivated the college football world by naming Bret Bielema the 32nd head coach in Razorback history on December 2012. Since arriving in Fayetteville, Bielema, who enters his fourth season on The Hill, has in turn captivated the passionate Razorback fan base and the state with the culture he is creating and the standards he is holding the program to.

Throughout his head coaching career, Bielema has won three conference championships and coached 13 first-team All-Americans, numerous award winners, 39 NFL Draft picks and NFL superstars. Among the NFL players coached by Bielema are three-time Defensive Player of the Year J.J. Watt, Super Bowl winning quarterback Russell Wilson and No. 1 overall draft pick and eight-time Pro Bowler Joe Thomas.

Backed by his "Five Edges" to success, Bielema represented the qualities Arkansas was looking for: a leader of young men who holds student-athletes responsible both on and off the field and a coach who has a proven record of winning championships.

Bielema's recruitment philosophy of building a program on "uncommon" men have yielded record-setting results in the classroom. Arkansas posted a 2.94 team GPA in the spring of 2015, the highest recorded mark on record. Helping build the record-setting team GPA were 40 student-athletes on the Southeastern Conference (SEC) Fall Academic Honor Roll, good for the most in the conference. During Bielema's three seasons, Arkansas leads the SEC with 100 student-athletes on the SEC Fall Academic Honor Roll, while the 40 honorees in 2015 is the most by one school since he joined the league.

In 2015, Arkansas' off the field success was accompanied by on the field results to the tune of winning six of its last seven games and finishing in a tie for third place in the SEC West with a 5-3 mark. The Razorbacks displayed the resolve of their head coach by bouncing back from a tough start to pick up three SEC road wins and two overtime victories in conference action. Arkansas' wins at Tennessee, Ole Miss and LSU marked the first time in program history that the Razorbacks won three road games against teams that finished in the final Associated Press Top 25 poll.

Arkansas' surge in late October through November set up a Liberty Bowl matchup with Kansas State and one of Bielema's mentors head coach Bill Snyder. For the second-straight year the Razorbacks capped the season with a win in front of a large contingent of Arkansas fans, defeating Kansas State 45-23. With the win, Bielema became the first coach in program history to win back-to-back bowl games while Arkansas is the only SEC West team to win a bowl game each of the last two years.

A key ingredient in Arkansas' success in 2015 was its balance and efficiency on offense. The Razorbacks led the SEC in scoring in conference games (34.4) while reaching 50+ points four times during the final six regular season games, breaking the previous program single-season record of three set in 1910, 1916 and 2007. Arkansas was the only school in the SEC and one of eight nationally to have both a 3,000-yard passer and 1,000-yard rusher during the regular season. Brandon Allen's 30 touchdowns through the air and Alex Collins' program record 20 scores on the ground made them the only duo in the nation to hit those statistical peaks.

Individual records and postseason accolades stacked up during and after the 2015 season, highlighted by junior tight end Hunter Henry winning the John Mackey Award. A consensus first-team All-American, Henry led all FBS tight ends with 739 yards receiving, as Arkansas became the first program to have two players win the John Mackey Award. Collins became just the third player in SEC history to start his career with three straight seasons of 1,000-yards rushing en route to earning All-America third team honors from Athlon. Paving the way for Collins was senior offensive lineman Sebastian Tretola, who was the co-recipient of the Jacobs Blocking trophy as the SEC's top blocker. Tretola was named a first-team All-American by Sports Illustrated and a second-team All-American by three other outlets.

Bielema is building Arkansas into a pro-style football program that prepares players for the NFL. He has had 39 draft picks in 10 seasons, good for the second-most among current head coaches with 10 years or less experience.

Since Bielema's arrival, a total of 14 Razorbacks have been selected in the NFL Draft which ranks as the fourth-most among SEC programs during that span. After having four defensive players chosen in the 2015 NFL Draft – the school's most since 1989 – Arkansas saw five offensive players find NFL homes during the 2016 draft. The five offensive players taken were the second-most from one school in the 2016 NFL Draft.

Henry was not only the first Razorback taken in the 2016 NFL Draft but also the first tight end selected when he went in the second round to the San Diego Chargers. Jonathan Williams (Buffalo Bills) and Collins (Seattle Seahawks) became just the second running back duo since Arkansas greats Darren McFadden and Felix Jones in 2008 to be picked in the top five rounds of the same NFL Draft when they both went in the fifth round. Less than 30 picks after Collins, both Tretola (Tennessee Titans) and Allen (Jacksonville Jaguars) came off the board in the sixth round to round out the program's most offensive players taken in the same draft since 2008.

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# PERSONAL

BORN: Jan. 13, 1970 HOMETOWN: Prophetstown, III. FAMILY: Wife, Jen COACHING RECORD AT ARKANSAS: 18-20 (4th Year) CAREER HEAD COACHING RECORD: 86-44 (.662)

## EDUCATION

Iowa - Bachelor's in Marketing, 1992

# JOINED UA STAFF: Dec. 4, 2012

Years of Collegiate Head Coaching Experience/Years at UA: 11/4 Years of Collegiate Coaching Experience/Years at UA: 23/4

### **COACHING HISTORY**

2013-Pres	Arkansas (Head Coach)
2006-12	Wisconsin (Head Coach)
2004-05	Wisconsin (Def. Coord./Linebackers)
2002-03	Kansas State (Co-Def. Coord./LB)
1996-2001	lowa (Linebackers)
1994-95	Iowa (Graduate Assistant)

### PLAYING HISTORY 1989-92

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.2006 Capital One Bowl

2005 Outback Bowl

2004 Fiesta Bowl

## **POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE**

HEAD COACH	
Arkansas	2016 Liberty Bowl
	2014 Texas Bowl
Wisconsin	2013 Rose Bowl
	2012 Rose Bowl
	2011 Rose Bowl
	2009 Champs Sports Bowl
	2008 Champs Sports Bowl
	2008 Outback Bowl
	2007 Capital One Bowl
ASSISTANT COACH	

# Wisconsin ......

	2002 Holiday Bow
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	1997 Sun Bow
	1996 Alamo Bow
	1995 Sun Bow
PLAYER	

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Arkansas closed 2014 and its second season under Bielema by winning three of its final four games against traditional powers LSU, Ole Miss and Texas. The victories marked the first time in school history the Hogs have defeated those three teams in the same season. The Razorbacks finished 7-6 with a 31-7 victory over Texas in the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl, marking Arkansas' first winning season since 2011.

Bielema has always prided himself on a balanced offensive attack and that is exactly what the Razorbacks accomplished in 2014. Running backs Williams and Collins were the only FBS teammates to rush for more than 1,000 yards each and both players finished in the top five of the SEC in rushing totals. Allen threw for 20 touchdowns, the sixthmost in a single season in school history, and his five interceptions, were the fewest by a Razorback guarterback since 1992.

Arkansas was the SEC's most improved defense in 2014, allowing just 19.2 points per game. With an 11.9 points per game improvement from the previous season, the Razorbacks had the seventh-most improved defense in the nation. Arkansas became the first unranked team in college football history to post back-to-back shutouts over ranked opponents after blanking No. 20 LSU and No. 8 Ole Miss. Senior linebacker and consensus first-team All-SEC selection Martrell Spaight was the first Razorback to ever lead the SEC with 128 total tackles.

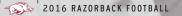
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In his first season at Arkansas (2013), the Razorbacks had five student-athletes named Freshmen All-Americans: Collins, offensive linemen Denver Kirkland and Dan Skipper, Henry and defensive tackle Darius Philon. Collins was named the SEC Freshman of the Year after he became the second Razorback freshman to rush for more than 1,000 yards in a season. Collins and Darren McFadden are the only Razorbacks in school history to accomplish this feat and the only two Razorbacks to be named SEC Freshman of the Year.

In Bielema's eight seasons as head coach at Wisconsin, he had 17 players earn All-America honors, including 11 first-team All-Americans. He also coached two Outland Trophy winners, one Doak Walker Award recipient, one winner of the Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and one Lott IMPACT Trophy winner as well as finalists for numerous other individual awards, including the Heisman Trophy. In his final six years at Wisconsin, 21 Badgers were taken in the NFL Draft, including three in the first round.

Bielema, who served as Wisconsin's defensive coordinator for two seasons before becoming head coach, was on staff as UW compiled a 55-6 record at Camp Randall Stadium in his nine years. The Badgers won their first 16 home games under Bielema, the second-longest home winning streak in school history.

In 2012, Bielema guided Wisconsin to its third straight Big Ten championship and the Badgers became the first team to represent the Big Ten in three straight Rose Bowls since Michigan qualified following the 1976-78 seasons. In his final game at Wisconsin, Bielema led the Badgers to a 70-31 win over No. 14 Nebraska in the Big Ten Championship Game. Wisconsin became the second team to score 70 points in a conference championship game, matching the number scored by Texas in the 2005



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Big 12 Championship Game. Wisconsin also had two 200-yard rushers in the same game for the first time in school history.

Also during the 2012 season, running back Montee Ball broke the NCAA career records for total touchdowns and rushing touchdowns. Ball finished his career with 82 total touchdowns, breaking the previous record of 78, and 76 rushing touchdowns, besting the old record of 73. As a team, the Badgers finished in the top 25 in the country in rushing offense, total defense, scoring defense, rushing defense, pass efficiency defense and pass defense.

In 2011, the Badgers won the inaugural Big Ten Championship Game, defeating Michigan State 42-39 to advance to the Rose Bowl for the second straight season. Wisconsin, winners of the Leaders Division, finished the season with an 11-3 record and recorded 11 regular-season victories for just the third time in school history, all under Bielema's watch.

Wisconsin's high-powered offense ranked sixth in the country in scoring in 2011 behind quarterback Wilson and Ball. They became the first teammates in FBS history to throw at least 30 touchdowns and run for at least 30 scores in the same season. Ball, a first-team All-American, was a finalist for the Heisman Trophy and tied Barry Sanders' FBS record for touchdowns scored in a season with 39. He also broke Sanders' NCAA single-season scoring record with 236 points. Offensive linemen Peter Konz and Kevin Zeitler also earned first-team All-America recognition.

In 2010, the Badgers won a share of the 12th Big Ten Championship in school history and its first since 1999. UW tied a school record with seven conference victories and earned its first trip to the Rose Bowl since 1999. Wisconsin nearly became the first team in FBS history to have three running backs gain 1,000 yards in the same season as James White finished with 1,052 yards, John Clay had 1,012 and Ball ran for 996.

Wisconsin players took home several national awards in 2010, including the Outland Trophy (Gabe Carimi), the Lott IMPACT Trophy (J.J. Watt) and the Unitas Golden Arm Award (Scott Tolzien). Carimi, Clay, Lance Kendricks, John Moffitt and Watt were all named All-Americans, giving Wisconsin its most All-America honorees since 1999.

Wisconsin's success under Bielema translated to the classroom as well with 131 academic allconference selections in seven seasons. UW had a school-record 25 members of the football team honored as Academic All-Big Ten in 2012, breaking the previous record of 22 set in 2009 and matched in 2010. Before 2009, the school record was 19, set in Bielema's second season.

Bielema guided Wisconsin to a 12-1 overall record and 7-1 mark in the Big Ten during his rookie year in

# YEAR-BY-YEAR COLLEGIATE HEAD COACHING RECORD

TOTALS	86-44	44-36		
2015	8-5	5-3, T-3rd West	Liberty, def. Kansas State 45-23	-
2014	7-6	2-6, 7th West	Texas, def. Texas 31-7	
2013	3-9	0-8, 7th West		
2012	8-5	4-4, 1st in Big Ten^	Rose, lost to No. 8 Stanford 20-14*	
2011	11-3	6-2, 1st in Big Ten^	Rose, lost to No. 6 Oregon 45-38	No. 10
2010	11-2	7-1, T1st in Big Ten	Rose, lost to No. 3 TCU 21-19	No.
2009	10-3	5-3, T4th in Big Ten	Champs Sports, def. No. 14 Miami (Fla.) 20-1	4 No. 16
2008	7-6	3-5, T6th in Big Ten	Champs Sports, lost to Florida St. 42-13	
2007	9-4	5-3, 4th in Big Ten	Outback, lost to No. 16 Tennessee 21-17	No. 24
2006	12-1	7-1, T2nd in Big Ten	Capital One, def. No. 12 Arkansas 17-14	No. T
YEAR	OVERALL	CONFERENCE	BOWL	FINAL RANKING

^Won Big Ten Championship Game

\*Did not coach Wisconsin in Rose Bowl, and loss is not reflected in record

# GROWING UP & FAMILY



Bret was born in Silvis, III., and the family lived in Moline, part of the Quad Cities, before moving to a farm outside ophetstown, which is 35 miles from Davenport, Iowa. Bret is the son of Arnie and Marilyn Bielema and he was born on Jan. 13, 1970. His parents have been married for more in 50 years. His hometown is Prophetstown, III., which has a population of 2,000 people. Bret's father (Arnie) ran a hog farm and worked at the Genesco Co-Op, while his mother (Marilyn) directed lay care center. The Bielema family's 2,500 hogs outnumbered the human population of their hometown of what have been family's 2,500 hogs outnumbered the human population of their hometown of

Bret's mother (Marilyn) has battled cancer and she is where he says he gets his toughness. While at Wisconsin, Bret the Football 101 for Women fundraiser here at Arkansas.

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Miami (Fla.)	
Michigan	
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Minnesota	7-0
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San Jose St.	
South Carolina	
South Dakota	
Southern Miss	
Tennessee	1-1
Texas	1-0
TCU	. 0-1
Texas A&M	.0-3
Texas Tech	1-1
The Citadel	1-0
Toledo	
UAB	
UNLV	
Utah St	
UTEP	
UT Martin	
Washington St	
Western Illinois	
Wofford	1-0

2016 opponents in **bold** 

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2006. Wisconsin capped that record-setting season with a 17-14 win over Arkansas in the 2007 Capital One Bowl. No previous Wisconsin team had won more than 11 games in a season. In addition, Bielema became just the third rookie head coach in NCAA FBS history to pilot his team to 12 victories. His efforts were rewarded when he was named the 2006 Dave McClain Big Ten Coach of the Year.

Bielema was Wisconsin's defensive coordinator in 2004 and 2005, a period in which the program produced a 19-6 record under Barry Alvarez. The 2004 Badgers were ranked sixth nationally in scoring defense and ninth in total defense. The 2005 club. which earned Wisconsin's first shutout since 1999. finished its 10-win season with a 24-10 victory over No. 7 Auburn in the 2006 Capital One Bowl, limiting the high-powered Tigers to just 236 yards of total offense.

Bielema was co-defensive coordinator at Kansas State under Bill Snyder in 2002 and 2003. The Wildcats were 22-6 during Bielema's time in Manhattan and finished in the top 10 nationally both seasons in scoring and total defense. The Wildcats won its first Big 12 title in 2003. Among Bielema's standout players at Kansas State were first-team All-American Josh Buhl, 2003 NFL second-round draft pick Terry Pierce and All-Big 12 second team selection Bryan Hickman.

Prior to his years at Kansas State, Bielema spent nine seasons as an assistant coach at his alma mater, lowa, where he worked for head coaches Hayden Fry and Kirk Ferentz. The 1997 Hawkeyes posted three shutouts and ranked No. 4 nationally in scoring defense.

Bielema lettered from 1989-92 at Iowa after joining the program as a walk-on. He earned a scholarship after his first year and was a member of Iowa's 1990 Big Ten championship team. A starter as a junior in 1991, he was a team co-captain as a senior. Bielema signed a free agent contract with the Seattle Seahawks and later completed his playing career with the Milwaukee Mustangs of the Arena Football League.

A 1992 graduate of Iowa with a degree in marketing, Bielema married his wife, Jen, on March 10, 2012.

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a drive to be successful. When he was in the third grade she went to a parent-teacher conference where his teacher told her Bret says he's going to be a pro football player and don't you ever doubt him. Bielema played college football as a defensive lineman at the University of lowa under legendary coach Hayden Fry from 1988 to 1992, serving as a team captain his senior season.

THE MENTORS: Hayden Fry, Kirk Ferentz, Bill Snyder, Barry Alvarez





Dan Enos enters his second season as Arkansas' offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

Enos came to Fayetteville on Jan. 22, 2015, after spending the previous five seasons as head coach at Central Michigan. He boasts more than 20 years of experience coaching skill position players and over 10 years of play-calling experience, including all five years at Central Michigan.

In his first season on The Hill, Enos helped Arkansas lead the SEC in scoring in conference games, averaging 34.4 points per conference game. The Razorbacks scored 50+ points four times over the final six regular season games, breaking the previous program single-season record of three set in 1910, 1916 and 2007.

The Razorback offense was wildly successful primarily due to the incredible balance between the passing and rushing attacks. Arkansas was the only school in the SEC and one of eight nationally to have both a 3,000-yard passer and 1,000-yard rusher during the regular season.

Under the direction of Enos in 2015, quarterback and Manning Award finalist Brandon Allen became the third player in program history to throw for 3,000 yards in a season and became the Razorbacks' all-time leader in touchdown passes (64). Behind a program-best three 400-yard games, Allen finished his senior campaign with 3,440 yards passing and 30 touchdowns. He went on to be drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the sixth round of the 2016 NFL Draft.

Enos has tutored and developed many NFL stars, including offensive tackle Eric Fisher, who became the first Mid-American Conference player to be selected No. 1 overall in the NFL Draft in 2013 by the Kansas City Chiefs. Enos also coached standout quarterback Drew Stanton and running back Javon Ringer at Michigan State. He was named one of Rivals.com's Top 25 recruiters in the nation in 2009.

Hired as Central Michigan's head coach in 2010, Enos led the Chippewas to bowl eligibility in each of his final three seasons. CMU passed for over 3,000 yards in four of his five seasons as head coach.

Ryan Radcliff was Enos' first starting quarterback at Central Michigan. Under Enos' tutelage, Radcliff became one of the best quarterbacks in CMU history as he passed for 9,917 yards and 63 touchdowns during his career. The signal-caller ranks second in school history in every major passing category.



Enos also helped develop wide receiver Titus Davis, who finished his career as one of the best wide outs in school history. He became the first player in Football Bowl Subdivision history to catch at least eight touchdown passes in each of his four collegiate seasons – all under Enos. Davis finished his career in 2014 as the school's all-time leader in career receiving yards (3,705), career touchdown receptions (37) and single-season touchdown receptions (13).

The 2014 season saw Central Michigan lead the MAC and rank eighth nationally in time of possession, controlling the clock for an average of 33:24 per game. The Chippewas were also very efficient in the passing game, ranking third in the MAC and 18th nationally with a 149.55 passing efficiency rating. Quarterback Cooper Rush set an FBS bowl record with seven passing touchdowns in the 2014 Popeye's Bahamas Bowl. Rush also passed for a school-record 493 yards in the contest.

In each of his final two seasons at CMU, Enos helped the Chippewas rank in the top half of the MAC in passing efficiency, third down conversion percentage and time of possession.

The Chippewas had a memorable 2012 campaign under Enos, winning its third bowl game in school history. Senior wide receiver Cody Wilson finished his career with 42 consecutive games with a reception and junior running back Zurlon Tipton rushed for 1,492 yards, the fourth-best single-season mark in school history.

Prior to Central Michigan, Enos spent four seasons in a variety of offensive roles at Michigan State. He served as the Spartans' running backs coach from 2007 to 2009 and coached quarterbacks in 2006.

At Michigan State, Enos was the position coach for three NFL running backs – Ringer, Edwin Baker and Jehuu Caulcrick. Ringer was selected in the fifth round of the 2009 NFL Draft by the Tennessee Titans. Baker was a seventh round draft pick by the San Diego Chargers in 2012 and Caulcrick played for the Buffalo Bills in 2010.

Ringer led the nation in carries (390), scoring (132 points) and touchdowns (22) and ranked fourth in rushing (125.9 yards per game) in 2008 and was named a consensus first-team All-American.

In 2006, Enos mentored Stanton, who earned team MVP honors after accounting for 2,252 total yards and 17 touchdowns as a senior. Following the season, Stanton was selected by the Detroit Lions in the second round of the NFL Draft.

Prior to that, Enos spent two years as quarterbacks coach at Cincinnati. In 2004, Enos helped senior Gino Guidugli finish his career as the school's all-time leading passer with 11,453 career yards, including 2,633 passing yards and 26 passing touchdowns as a senior.

Enos also spent time at North Dakota State (offensive coordinator and quarterbacks, 2003), Western Michigan (quarterbacks, 2000-02), Missouri State (offensive coordinator and quarterbacks, 1999), Southern Illinois (quarterbacks and wide receivers, 1997-98), Northern Michigan (offensive coordinator and offensive backs, 1996) and Lakeland College (offensive coordinator, quarterbacks and wide receivers, 1994-95). He served as a graduate assistant on Michigan State's staff from 1991 to 1993.

A standout quarterback at Michigan State from

# ENOS QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks BORN: July 1, 1968 FAMILY: Wife, Jane: Daughter, Lia; Son, Alex

# EDUCATION

Michigan State - B.S. in business administration, 1991 M.S in sports administration, 2006

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 22, 2015

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 26/2 Recruiting Territory: Michigan, Missouri

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2015-Pres Arkansas (Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks	5)
2010-14Central Michigan (Head Coach	)
2007-09 Michigan State (Running Backs	;)
2006Michigan State (Quarterbacks	;)
2004-05Cincinnati (Quarterbacks	;)
2003 North Dakota State (Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks	;)
2000-02 Western Michigan (Quarterbacks	;)
1999Missouri State (Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks	;)
1997-98 Southern Illinois (Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers	;)
1996Northern Michigan (Off. Coordinator/Offensive Backs	5)
1994-95Lakeland College (Off. Coordinator/QBs/WRs	5)
1991-93 Michigan State (Graduate Assistant	)

### **PLAYING EXPERIENCE**

1987-90 ......Michigan State (Quarterback)

### **POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE**

HEAD COACH	
C. Michigan	2014 Bahamas Bowl
	2012 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl
ASSISTANT COACH	
Michigan State	2010 Alamo Bowl
	2009 Capital One Bowl
	2007 Champs Sports Bowl
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PLAYER	
Michigan State	
	1989 Aloha Bowl
	1989 Gator Bowl
	1988 Rose Bowl

1987-90, Enos started two seasons and earned a 16-7-1 record (.688) as a starter, leading the Spartans to two bowl victories. He still ranks No. 13 in school history in passing yards (3,837) and completions (297). His .621 completion percentage still ranks fourth-best in Spartan history.

Enos graduated from Michigan State with a degree in business administration in 1991 and earned his master's in sports administration in 2006. The Dearborn, Mich. native is married to his wife, Jane. The couple has two children, Lia and Alex.



Robb Smith enters his third season as defensive coordinator and secondary coach.

Last season, Smith's defense was among the best in the nation against the run, holding 12 of 13 opponents below their season rushing average. Allowing only 116.46 yards per game on the ground, Arkansas ranked second in the Southeastern Conference and 12th nationally in rushing defense.

Most notably, the Razorback defense did not allow a running back to rush for more than 100 yards in regulation, which included both LSU's Leonard Fournette (91) and Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry (95) from national champion Alabama. Fournette and Henry averaged 162.75 and 147.93 yards rushing per game respectively.

Under Smith's direction, Arkansas has held its opponent to 28 points or less in 19 of 26 games played. The Razorbacks are 13-6 when allowing 28 points or less since Smith joined the program.

In 2014, Smith's first season on The Hill, the Arkansas defense ranked No. 10 in both scoring defense (19.2 points per game) and total defense (323.4 yards per game). It was the first time since Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992 that the Razorbacks had finished in the top 10 in either statistic.

In that same year, the Arkansas defense posted an improvement of 11.6 points allowed per game, the largest turnaround in the SEC and the seventh-best improvement in the nation. Arkansas became the first unranked team in college football history to post back-to-back shutouts of ranked opponents when the Razorbacks blanked No. 20 LSU and No. 8 Ole Miss.

Under Smith's leadership and vision, Martrell Spaight became one of the best linebackers in the nation in 2014. Despite starting just two games the previous year, Spaight became a consensus firstteam All-SEC linebacker and was the first Razorback in school history to lead the SEC with 128 total tackles. Spaight was selected by the Washington Redskins in the fifth round of the 2015 NFL Draft.

The Razorbacks had four defensive players chosen in the 2015 NFL Draft – the most in one year since 1989. Smith was also the college position coach for Devin McCourty, Logan Ryan and Duron Harmon, three members of the secondary for the New England Patriots' Super Bowl XLIX team.

Smith spent the 2013 season as linebackers coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers after 14 years of collegiate coaching experience, which included four seasons at Rutgers University where he was defensive coordinator and secondary coach in 2012.

In 2013 with the Buccaneers, Smith coached second-year linebacker Lavonte David. David was named a first-team All-Pro that season, one of just 12 defensive players in the NFL recognized on the first-team defense, after he started all 16 games and recorded 144 tackles, including 6.0 sacks, five interceptions, 10 passes defensed, two forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Since sacks became an official statistic in 1982, David was the first linebacker in NFL history and third player to register at least 100 tackles with at least six sacks and five or more interceptions in a season, joining Rodney Harrison in 2000 and Dave Duerson in 1986.

The 2012 season saw Rutgers claim its first conference title since 1961 and the fifth in school history. The Scarlet Knights finished the year ranked fourth in the nation in points allowed per game (14.2), sixth in rush yards allowed per game (95.2), 10th in total defense (311.6 yards per game) and tied for third in rushing touchdowns allowed (6). Rutgers allowed just 91 points against seven Big East opponents, ranking as the eighth-lowest total in conference history. The defense held opponents to 95.2 rushing yards per game, only the third time in school history the Scarlet Knights kept the opponent average below 100 yards.

While at Rutgers, Smith coached linebacker Khaseem Greene who became an All-American and was selected in the fourth round of the 2013 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears. As a junior in 2011, Greene switched from safety to weak side linebacker. He led the Big East Conference with 141 tackles, 3.5 sacks and two forced fumbles. As a senior in 2012, Greene recorded 136 tackles, including 12 for loss with six sacks, six forced fumbles, two interceptions and three fumble recoveries with two returned for touchdowns. He was named the Big East Defensive Player of the Year and was named a first-team All-American by ESPN.

Prior to 2012, Smith served in various capacities on the Rutgers staff including special teams coordinator and linebackers coach in 2011, special teams coordinator and cornerbacks coach in 2010 and special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach in 2009.

Under Smith's guidance, Rutgers became one of the best special teams units in college football. The Scarlet Knights ranked in the top 10 in blocked punts each of his three years coordinating the unit. Rutgers led the country in 2010 with nine blocked punts, tied for second in 2011 with nine and ranked eighth in 2009 with five. While Smith was at Rutgers, the Scarlet Knights led the nation with 31 blocked kicks. They were also one of the best in the nation in punt and kick returns for touchdowns, tying for fifth with five punt return touchdowns and tying for ninth with four kickoff return touchdowns. Their nine combined special teams touchdowns tied for the fifth-highest total in the NCAA during that time.

Before going to Rutgers, Smith worked at the University of Maine as assistant head coach and defensive coordinator (2006-08), special teams and linebackers coach (2005) and defensive backs coach (2002-04). Under Smith, Maine boasted one of the top defenses in the FCS, highlighted by the 2006 team that ranked first in rush defense, second in total defense, third in sacks and fourth in scoring defense.

A 1997 graduate of Allegheny (Pa.) College with a bachelor's degree in economics, Smith was a threeyear letterwinner at strong safety. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant with Iowa from 1999-2001 and earned his master's degree in communication studies from Iowa in 2002.

Smith and his wife Amy have two children: Charlie and Jack.

# SMITH QUICK FACTS

## PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Defensive Coordinator/Secondary BORN: May 10, 1975 FAMILY: Wife, Amy; Sons, Charlie and Jack

### EDUCATION

Allegheny College - B.S. in economics, 1997 Iowa - M.S. in communication studies, 2002

JOINED UA STAFF: Feb. 8, 2014

Years Of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 17/3 Years Of NFL Experience: 1 Recruiting Territory: Central and West Florida

### **COACHING HISTORY**

2014-Pres Arkansas (Defensive Coordinator/Secondary)
2013Tampa Bay Buccaneers (Linebackers)
2012 Rutgers (Defensive Coordinator/Secondary)
2011 Rutgers (Special Teams Coord./Linebackers)
2010 Rutgers (Special Teams Coord./Cornerbacks)
2009Rutgers (Special Teams Coord./Outside LB)
2006-08 Maine (Asst. HC/Defensive Coordinator)
2005Maine (Special Teams/Linebackers)
2002-04 Maine (Defensive Backs)
1999-2001 Iowa (Quality Control/Def. Grad. Assistant)

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1993-97 .....

# DOSTSEASON EXDEDIENCE

ASSISTANT COACH	2016 Liberty Devel
Arkansas	2016 Liberty Bowl
	2014 Texas Bowl
Rutgers	2012 Russell Athletic Bowl
	2011 New Era Pinstripe Bowl
	2009 St. Petersburg Bowl
Maine	
	2002 FCS Quarterfinal
lowa	2001 Alamo Bowl
PLAYER	

Allegheny College...... 1996 Division III First Round 1994 Division III First Round

. Allegheny College (Safety)



# **KURT ANDERSON**

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Kurt Anderson joined the Arkansas staff as offensive line coach on Jan. 9, 2016. Anderson takes over a Razorback offensive line unit that has helped pave the way for four 1,000-yard rushers in the last three seasons after spending the last three years with the Buffalo Bills as assistant offensive line coach.

This past season, the Bills led the NFL in rush yards per game (152.0) and yards per rush (4.8), and were fifth in the AFC in total offense (360.9). Anderson served as the team's primary offensive line coach for the first six weeks of the season, the organization's first under head coach Rex Ryan. Center Eric Wood and left guard Richie Incognito were both named to the Pro Bowl, anchoring the NFL's 12th-youngest offensive line while paving the way for Pro Bowl running back LeSean McCoy. McCoy was one of three Buffalo players to rush for 500-plus yards in 2015, marking the first time that feat has been accomplished by the Bills since 1962.

Prior to joining the Bills, Anderson spent five seasons at Eastern Michigan University, primarily as the run game coordinator (2010-12). His time at Eastern Michigan started in 2008 as the tight ends coach before moving to the offensive line and run game coordinator where the ground attack saw immediate results. The Eagles posted the 14th-best run game in the nation in 2011, after accumulating 2,620 yards and 16 touchdowns on the ground. It marked just the second time in program history that Eastern Michigan had rushed for more than 2,000 yards in back-to-back seasons (2010, 11). A native of Chicago, Anderson joined Eastern Michigan after a two-year stint at his alma mater Michigan. While on staff with the Wolverines, Anderson spent the 2007 campaign as a graduate assistant coach for the offensive line, helping develop All-America tackle and the overall No. 1 pick in the 2006 NFL Draft Jake Long. In 2006, Anderson was the defensive quality control assistant coach. He helped develop current NFL players Lamar Woodley and Alan Branch.

Prior to his stint at Michigan, Anderson was an assistant coach at Indiana State where he worked with the offensive tackles and tight ends.

A standout along the offensive line at the University of Michigan, Anderson graduated in 2001 with a degree in sport management and communication from the Division of Kinesiology. Anderson was a two-year letterwinner (2000-01) as the starting center and received the Hugh R. Rader Jr. Memorial Award as the team's top offensive lineman and was selected All-Big Ten honorable mention following the 2001 season. As a player and coach, Anderson has been involved in seven bowl games, highlighted by Michigan's 1998 Rose Bowl win that sealed the program's national championship.

Anderson and his wife Jennifer have five children: sons Hawken and Torin, daughter Dagny and twins Odin and Raina.



# ANDERSON QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Offensive Line BORN: August 8, 1978 FAMILY: Wife, Jennifer; Sons, Hawken, Odin and Torin; Daughters, Dagny and Raina

### **EDUCATION**

Michigan - B.S. in sport management/communication, 2001

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 9, 2016

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 9/1 Years Of NFL Experience: 3 Recruiting Territory: Illinois, East Texas, OL nationally

#### **COACHING HISTORY**

2016-Pres.	Arkansas (Offensive Line)
2013-15	Buffalo Bills (Asst. Offensive Line)
2008-12	Eastern Michigan (Offensive Line/Tight Ends)
2006-07	Michigan (Graduate Assistant)
2005	Indiana State (Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT COACH	
Michigan	
	2007 Rose Bowl
PLAYER	
Michigan	1998 Rose Bowl
	1999 Citrus Bowl
	2000 Orange Bowl
	2001 Citrus Bowl
	2002 Citrus Bowl

# **VERNON HARGREAVES**

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Vernon Hargreaves enters his second season on The Hill after being named linebackers coach on Jan. 20, 2015. He joined the Arkansas staff with 30 years of collegiate coaching experience, including the previous 17 years at the Football Bowl Subdivision level.

In those 17 seasons, Hargreaves' teams advanced to 14 bowl games, including two appearances in the BCS National Championship while at Miami. As the Hurricanes' linebackers coach, he helped Miami win the 2001 national championship and was the position coach for NFL stars Jonathan Vilma, Dan Morgan and D.J. Williams.

During his first season at Arkansas, Hargreaves helped develop Brooks Ellis and Dre Greenlaw into one of the SEC's top duos at linebacker in 2015. Ellis led the team in tackles with 102, which tied for ninth in the SEC. Greenlaw finished fifth nationally among FBS freshmen and tops among SEC rookies with 95 tackles and earned multiple freshman All-America honors for his efforts. Ellis and Greenlaw combined for 150 tackles over the last nine games. The duo finished the season as one of six pairs of teammates to rank in the SEC's top 20 in total tackles.

Prior to Arkansas, Hargreaves spent the previous two seasons at Houston where he coached linebackers. In 2014, he helped the Cougars finish 8-5, including a thrilling come-from-behind victory over Pittsburgh in the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl. The Cougars ranked second in The American Conference and 11th nationally with 30 forced turnovers and 15th nationally in scoring defense, allowing just 20.6 points per game.

In 2013, Hargreaves helped Houston rank as the third-most improved defense nationally after allowing just 21.8 points per game, 14.2 points per game lower than the previous season. Houston led the nation with 43 turnovers created and also led the country in turnover margin.

Prior to Houston, Hargreaves served as the special teams coordinator and defensive ends coach at South Florida. The Bulls finished second nationally in tackles for loss and fourth nationally in sacks during the 2011 season, in large part due to the outstanding play of Hargreaves' defensive ends. He helped South Florida claim its fourth bowl victory in school history with a win in the 2010 Meineke Car Care Bowl over Clemson.

In his first season at USF in 2011, Hargreaves guided a unit that helped the defense rank 17th in total defense, 22nd in scoring defense and 22nd in rushing defense. The Bulls led the league in tackles for loss and ranked fourth in the Big East in sacks.

Hargreaves also spent three seasons as the special teams coordinator and defensive ends coach at East Carolina from 2007 to 2009. He helped defensive end C.J. Wilson earn back-to-back Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year awards in 2008 and 2009. Wilson was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 2010 NFL Draft and started at defensive end for the Packers in Super Bowl XLV. The Pirates played in a bowl game in all three seasons Hargreaves was on the coaching staff.

From 1998 to 2005, Hargreaves was the linebackers coach at Miami, where he helped lead the Hurricanes to a BCS National Championship title in 2001 and another BCS National Championship game appearance in 2002. At Miami, Hargreaves helped mold Vilma, Morgan, Williams, Rocky McIntosh and Nate Webster into NFL linebackers. Seven of his linebackers at Miami were selected in the NFL Draft, including Morgan who won the Butkus Award, Nagurski Trophy and the Bednarik Award in 2000.

In 2003, Hargreaves tutored Vilma and Williams, who finished as two of the 11 semifinalists for the Butkus Award. Vilma finished the season as a first-team All-American and finalist for the Butkus Award.

The 2001 Hurricanes were one of the best defensive units in the history of college football, allowing just 9.4 points per game and only 138.2 passing yards per contest. Hargreaves helped Miami to a perfect 12-0 season, culminating in the 2002 BCS National Championship game win over Nebraska.

During the 2000 campaign, Hargreaves helped Morgan make the switch from outside linebacker to middle linebacker. The position change was wildly successful, as Morgan became the first player to ever sweep the Butkus, Nagurski and Bednarik Awards in the same season and was a consensus All-American selection.

His first coaching position was at his alma mater, Connecticut, where he spent 13 seasons coaching outside linebackers (1985-89) and inside linebackers (1989-97). There he mentored Paul Duckworth, who became the 15th Huskie to ever be selected in the NFL Draft.

Hargreaves finished his playing career at Connecticut in 1983 where he was a two-time All-American. He earned all-conference honors twice during his career and was selected a team captain as a senior. His 393 career tackles still ranks sixth all-time in school history. Hargreaves was named a member of UConn's 100th anniversary team.

The New Haven, Connecticut, native earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from Connecticut in 1986. He and his wife, Jackie, have three children: Carina, Vernon III and Chanelle. Vernon III played cornerback at Florida from 2013-15 and was selected by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the 11th pick in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft.

# HARGREAVES QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Linebackers BORN: April 8, 1962 FAMILY: Wife, Jackie; Daughters, Carina and Chanelle; Son, Vernon III

### **EDUCATION**

Connecticut - B.S. in sociology, 1986

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 20, 2015

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 32/2 Recruiting Territory: Dallas, South Florida

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2015-Pres	Arkansas (Linebackers)
2013-14	Houston (Linebackers)
2010-12	South Florida (Special Teams Coord./DEs)
2007-09	East Carolina (Special Teams Coord./DEs)
2006	FIU (Defensive Ends)
1998-2005	Miami (Linebackers)
1985-97	Connecticut (Linebackers)

# PLAYING EXPERIENCE

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1980-83.....Connecticut (Linebacker)

ASSISTANT CUACH	
Arkansas	
Houston	2014 Armed Forces Bowl
	2013 BBVA Compass Bowl
South Florida	2010 Meineke Car Care Bowl
	2009 Liberty Bowl
	2008 Liberty Bowl
	2007 Hawai'i Bowl
Miami	2005 Peach Bowl
	2004 Peach Bowl
	2004 Orange Bowl
	2003 Fiesta Bowl (BCS Nat'l Title)
	2002 Rose Bowl (BCS Nat'l Title)
	2001 Sugar Bowl
	2000 Gator Bowl
	1998 MicronPC Bowl



# BARRY LUNNEY JR.

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Barry Lunney Jr., a former Arkansas starting quarterback, is entering his fourth season as tight ends coach at his alma mater.

Over the past three seasons, Lunney helped develop Hunter Henry into the best tight end in the nation.

After earning All-SEC second team honors in 2013 and 2014, Henry won the John Mackey Award as the nation's top tight end and was a consensus first-team All-American as a junior in 2015. He led all Football Bowl Subdivision tight ends with 739 receiving yards on 51 receptions – each career highs – and hauled in three touchdown passes during the 2015 season. In addition, Henry and tight end mate Jeremy Sprinkle combined for a league-best 1,128 receiving yards and eight touchdowns. The 1,128 receiving yards are the most by an Arkansas tight end corps in program history.

During his career, Henry hauled in 116 passes for 1,661 yards and nine touchdowns. He is one of only eight tight ends in SEC history to reach the triple-digit mark in receptions while playing in the conference.

A fellow Arkansas native, Henry was selected with the 35th overall pick by the San Diego Chargers in the second round of the 2016 NFL Draft.

Lunney also oversaw the transition of AJ Derby from quarterback to tight end. Derby finished fifth in the SEC with 303 receiving yards during the 2014 season and was a sixth round draft choice of the New England Patriots despite playing the position for less than a year.

Lunney serves as the team's primary recruiter in the state of Arkansas. The Razorbacks landed four of the top five in-state prospects in 2016, after signing 10 players from the Natural State in the 2015 class, the most in-state signees since 2008. Arkansas' 2015 class also featured the nation's best class of tight ends. In his first season coaching the Razorback tight ends, Lunney led Henry to second-team All-SEC, Freshman All-America and SEC All-Freshman Team recognition. Henry made 28 receptions for 409 yards and a team-high-tying four touchdowns, including two at No. 15 LSU in the season finale. Henry's receiving yards ranked third in the nation among freshman tight ends, and he was the only freshman tight end in the SEC with a 100-yard receiving game, a number he hit with 109 yards vs. No. 10 Texas A&M. Henry also led SEC tight ends and ranked third in the conference by gaining a first down on 78.6 percent of his receptions.

Before returning to the Razorbacks, Lunney served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Bentonville High School from 2005-13.

In his eight years at Bentonville, the Tigers won 78 games, including 25 straight in 2010-11, played in four state championship games, claiming state titles in 2008 and 2010, and won six straight 7A West Conference crowns from 2007-12. Bentonville played in three straight 7A state championship games and won at least 12 games in four of his last five seasons.

Bentonville quarterback Dallas Hardison broke the Arkansas state single-season completion percentage record in 2010 and bettered the record in 2011 under the direct guidance of Lunney. In 2011 and 2012, the Tigers won their first 12 games to advance to the state championship game with an offense that averaged 42.5 and 36.8 points per game, respectively.

The 2010 Bentonville team finished the season 13-0 and won the 7A state championship. The offense averaged 47.0 points per game and scored at least 40 points nine times, including 49 points in the semifinal round and the state championship game.

Lunney's first state title at Bentonville came in 2008 as the Tigers won 12 games for the first time since 2001. The offense averaged 30.2 points per game and scored more than 30 points in seven of 13 games.

Before moving to the high school coaching ranks, Lunney compiled seven years of collegiate coaching experience.

Lunney spent two seasons as the co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at San Jose State. During his tenure, the offense produced six all-conference performers, and tight end Courtney Anderson was selected by the Oakland Raiders in the 2004 NFL Draft. In 2003, the Spartans ranked 17th in the NCAA in passing offense and quarterback Scott Rislov ranked third in the WAC in passing efficiency and total offense.

Prior to that, Lunney spent three seasons at Tulsa, first working with quarterbacks in 2000 and 2001 and then moving to wide receivers in 2002. In 2000, quarterback Josh Blankenship ranked fifth in the WAC in total offense and receiver Don Shoals led the conference and ranked 11th in the NCAA in receptions per game.

His coaching career began with two seasons as a graduate assistant at Arkansas. In 1998, Arkansas won its first eight games and rose to No. 9 in the national rankings on the way to sharing the SEC Western Division title and earning a berth in the Citrus Bowl. Lunney served as the Razorbacks' running backs coach for the bowl game and throughout the spring of 1999. Arkansas spent the majority of the 1999 season in the top 25 of the national rankings and finished the year with a 27-6 win over No. 14 Texas in the Cotton Bowl.

As a player for the Razorbacks, Lunney lettered from 1992-95, starting 40 games at quarterback, and was a team captain on the 1995 team that played in the SEC Championship Game for the first time in school history. In his first game as the starting quarterback, he led Arkansas to an upset win at No. 4 Tennessee. He left Arkansas holding school career records for passing yards, passing touchdowns, pass completions, pass attempts and total offense plays. Lunney also played baseball at Arkansas. He was drafted by the Montreal Expos out of high school in 1992 and by the Minnesota Twins in 1996 and played one season of minor league baseball in the Twins organization.

Lunney graduated from Arkansas in 1996 with a bachelor's degree in kinesiology. He and his wife, Janelle, have two sons, Luke and Levi. His grandfather, John lettered at Arkansas from 1946-49. His father, Barry Sr., recently retired after 28 years as a high school football coach in Arkansas, winning eight state championships at Bentonville HS and Fort Smith Southside HS.

# LUNNEY JR. QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Tight Ends BORN: September 11, 1974 FAMILY: Wife, Janelle; Sons, Luke and Levi

### EDUCATION

Arkansas - B.S. in kinesiology, 1996

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 15, 2013

Years Of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 11/4 Recruiting Territory: Arkansas

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2013-Pre	sArkansas (Tight Ends)
2005-12	Bentonville HS (Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2003-04	San Jose State (Co-Off. Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2002	Tulsa (Wide Receivers)
2000-01.	
1998-99	Arkansas (Graduate Assistant - Offense)

## PLAYING EXPERIENCE

POSTSEASON EXPER	IENCE
ASSISTANT COACH	
Arkansas	2016 Liberty Bow
	2014 Texas Bow
	2000 Cotton Bow
	1999 Florida Citrus Bow
PLAYER	
Arkansas	



# **REGGIE MITCHELL**

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Reggie Mitchell was named Arkansas' running backs coach on Feb. 12, 2016. A coaching veteran with over 30 years of experience, Mitchell spent the last six seasons at Kansas where he was the running backs coach and the program's recruiting coordinator the last two years.

Over his career, Mitchell has coached or recruited 33 players that have been selected in the NFL Draft, including six first round picks.

Under Mitchell's guidance, Kansas running back James Sims completed his career third on the KU all-time rushing chart with 3,592 yards and 34 touchdowns. He became the first player in Kansas history to rush for back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons (2012-13), highlighted by leading the Big 12 in rush yards per game (112.6) in 2012. Sims' 2012 performance led to All-Big 12 second team accolades before earning first team All-Big 12 honors as a senior in 2013 when he followed his breakout season with 1,110 yards. In 2012, Simms made up half of Kansas' All-Big 12 backfield, as Tony Pierson was also recognized by the Associated Press and league head coaches after totaling over 1,000 yards from scrimmage.

Prior to returning to Kansas, Mitchell was the assistant head coach/recruiting coordinator/running backs coach at Illinois (2005-09). He spent five years in Champaign, Illinois, helping the Illini win Big Ten rushing titles in 2006 and 2007, while the offense recorded consecutive seasons with 5,000 yards of total offense. The 2006 Illini led the Big Ten and ranked 10th in the NCAA with 188.8 rushing yards per game while the 2009 squad was 18th nationally at over 200 yards per contest on the ground.

In 2007 at Illinois, Mitchell's running backs room featured eventual NFL first round pick Rashard Mendenhall (Pittsburgh Steelers, 2008), who set school records for single-season rushing yards (1,681) and rushing touchdowns (17) en route to being named the Big Ten Offensive Player of the Year.

Mitchell was at Michigan State from 1999-2004, mentoring the wide receivers in 1999 and the running backs for five seasons. He also served as the Spartans' recruiting coordinator from 2000-04. While in East Lansing, Michigan, Mitchell tutored two NFL firstround draft picks in wide receiver Plaxico Burress (Pittsburgh Steelers, 2000) and running back T.J. Duckett (Atlanta Falcons, 2002), plus recruited a third in wide receiver Charles Rogers, the No. 2 selection overall by the Detroit Lions in the 2003 NFL Draft.

In 2001, Duckett rushed for 1,420 yards – the fifth-best single-season total in school history. Duckett, MSU's fifth all-time leading rusher with 3,379 career yards, became the first Spartan running back to be drafted in the first round (No. 18 overall) since Lorenzo White (Houston Oilers) in 1988. In 1999, Mitchell coached the wide receivers, including Burress, who set then-MSU single-season records for receptions (66), receiving yards (1,142) and touchdown catches (12).

The first of Mitchell's three straight Big Ten stops came at Minnesota where he coached the running backs in 1997 and 1998.

Mitchell worked with the Jayhawk defensive lineman during his first stint at Kansas, focusing on the defensive ends from 1991-94. He then switched to the offensive side of the ball to coach running backs in 1995 and 1996. While Mitchell was at KU, the Jayhawks played in the 1992 and 1995 Aloha Bowls. KU produced four winning seasons in his tenure, after recording just one in the previous 11 years.

He began his coaching career at Central Michigan (1983) before heading to Ferris State (1984), Michigan (1985), Western Michigan (1986) and Kent State (1987) before establishing himself at Kansas.

A four-year starter as a running back at Central Michigan from 1978-81, Mitchell rushed for 2,394 yards in his career and helped the Chippewas win back-to-back Mid-America Conference (MAC) titles in 1979 and 1980. He rushed for 1,068 yards as a senior.

Mitchell earned a bachelor's degree in parks and recreation from Central Michigan in 1984. He has four children, son Kaeman and daughters Karena, Jennifer and Deborah.

# MITCHELL QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Running Backs BORN: September 16, 1960 FAMILY: Son, Kaeman; Daughters, Karena and Jennifer

### EDUCATION

Central Michigan - B.S. in parks and recreation, 1984

JOINED UA STAFF: Feb. 12, 2016

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 35/1 Recruiting Territory: Dallas/Fort Worth, St. Louis

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2016-Pres	Arkansas (Running Backs)
2010-15	Kansas (Recruiting/RBs)
2005-09	Illinois (Asst. HC/RBs)
1999-2004	Michigan State (Recruiting/RBs/WRs)
1997-98	Minnesota (Running Backs)
1988-96	Kansas (RBs/DEs/DL/WRs)
1987	Kent State (Wide Receivers)
1986	Western Michigan (Running Backs)
1985	Michigan (Graduate Assistant)
1984	Ferris State (Wide Receivers)
1983	Central Michigan (Student Assistant)

#### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1978-81	Central	Michigan (I	Running I	Back)
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ASSISTANT COACH	
Illinois	2008 Rose Bowl
Michigan State	
	2001 Silicon Valley Classic
	2000 Citrus Bowl
Kansas	1995 Aloha Bowl
	1992 Aloha Bowl
Michigan	1986 Fiesta Bowl



# PAUL RHOADS



Paul Rhoads joined the Arkansas staff as defensive backs coach on Feb. 24, 2016. Rhoads comes to Fayetteville after spending the last 16 years as either a head coach or defensive coordinator at Iowa State, Pittsburgh and Auburn, including the last seven seasons as Iowa State's head coach.

Over his coaching career, Rhoads has been a part of nine bowl games and has mentored six defensive backs that have been selected in the NFL Draft, highlighted by seven-time Pro Bowl selection and 2009 AFC Defensive Player of the Year Darrelle Revis. Revis was the 14th overall pick by the New York Jets in 2007 after playing for coach Rhoads when he was the defensive coordinator at Pittsburgh.

In his seven seasons at Iowa State, Rhoads led the Cyclones to three bowl game appearances. He recorded four wins over ranked opponents, including three on the road — half of the school's all-time road victories over ranked teams.

Taking over a program that had gone a combined 8-27 the previous three seasons, Rhoads' success in his first season at Iowa State was underscored by his place as the first Cyclone football coach to win seven games in his initial campaign since 1907 and the first ISU coach since 1931 to post a winning record in his initial season. His first season as head coach was highlighted by the program's first win at Nebraska in 32 years and a victory over Minnesota in the Insight Bowl.

In addition, the Cyclones registered six Big 12 road victories under Rhoads. Prior to his arrival, the Cyclones had won just nine conference road games in the previous 17 seasons. Under Rhoads' direction, four linebackers garnered All-Big 12 first team honors, while two also received All-America accolades.

A native of Ankeny, Iowa, Rhoads is no stranger to the SEC. Prior to returning to Iowa State, he spent the 2008 season as the defensive coordinator at Auburn under former head coach Tommy Tuberville, where his defense ranked 18th nationally in scoring, allowing 18.0 points per game and 178.8 yards passing to rank 22nd nationally.

From 2000-07, Rhoads served as defense coordinator at Pittsburgh for eight seasons. Five of his defenses ranked in the nation's top 30 for scoring and three in the NCAA's top 12 for fewest yards allowed. Additionally, 14 of his Panther defenders earned All-Big East first team acclaim. In 2006. The Sporting News named him the Big East's best defensive coordinator. His 2004 defense ranked ninth nationally with 17 interceptions and four defensive touchdowns, helping propel the Panthers to a Big East Conference championship and an appearance in the 2005 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl. Rhoads had five players selected to NFL drafts, including Revis (2007, Jets), Bernard "Josh" Lay (2006, New Orleans Saints), Shawntae Spencer (2004, San Francisco 49ers), Torrie Cox (2003, Tampa Bay Buccaneers), Ramon Walker (2002, Houston Texans).

Under Rhoads' guidance, Revis was a two-time All-American, two-time All-Big East selection and a 2006 Jim Thorpe Award semifinalist. Revis has spent a majority of his career with the Jets while also spending one season with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and one with the New England Patriots. In 2014, Revis helped the Patriots win Super Bowl XLIX before returning

# RHOADS QUICK FACTS

## PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Defensive Backs BORN: February 2, 1967 FAMILY: Wife, Vickie; Sons, Jake and Wyatt

### EDUCATION

Missouri Western - B.S. in economics, 1989

JOINED UA STAFF: Feb. 24, 2016

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 28/1 Recruiting Territory: Houston

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2016-Pres	Arkansas (Defensive Backs)
2009-15	Iowa State (Head Coach)
2008	Auburn (Defensive Coordinator/DBs)
2000-07	Pittsburgh (Defensive Coordinator)
1995-99	Iowa State (Defensive Backs/ILBs)
1992-94	Pacific (Pass Game Coordinator/DBs)
1991	Ohio State (Graduate Assistant)
1989-90	

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1986-88Missouri Western (Defensive Back)	1986-88	Missouri W	estern (D	efensive Back)
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# **POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE**

HEAD COACH	
Iowa State	2012 Liberty Bowl
	2011 Pinstripe Bowl
	2009 Insight Bowl
ASSISTANT COACH	
Pittsburgh	2005 Fiesta Bowl
	2003 Continental Tire Bowl
	2002 Insight Bowl
	2001 Citrus Bowl
	2000 Insight Bowl
Ohio State	1992 Hall of Fame Bowl

to the Jets in 2015 as the highest-paid cornerback in NFL history with a five-year \$70 million contract. Revis has made over \$125 million in his career.

During Rhoads' first stint at Iowa State (1995-99), he served as the secondary coach his last four years after coaching the inside linebackers in 1995. He also assisted with the Cyclones' special teams.

Prior to Iowa State, Rhoads spent three years at Pacific (1992-94). In his first three seasons he served as the defensive backs coach. The Tigers' defense ranked 20th nationally, allowing just 152 yards passing per game in 1993. In his final season, Rhoads coordinated the Tigers' pass defense.

Rhoads began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Ohio State (1991) and Utah State (1989-90), working with the secondary at both schools.

A three-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Missouri Western, Rhoads earned a bachelor's degree in economics in 1989. He and his wife Vickie have two sons: Jake and Wyatt.



Rory Segrest, who has several years of coaching experience at the college and NFL level, enters his third season as defensive line and specialists coach.

In his second season on The Hill, Segrest helped the Razorbacks rank second in the Southeastern Conference and 12th nationally in rushing defense (116.46). He also helped develop Deatrich Wise Jr. into one of the SEC's best pass rushers during the 2015 season. The SEC leader with eight sacks during conference play, Wise tallied 31 tackles, including 10.5 for loss, in 13 games played. He recorded seven sacks over the last four regular-season contests, which paced the SEC and ranked second nationally during that stretch. Under Segrest's direction, kicker Cole Hedlund tied a school record with 58 made PATs during the season. Segrest also coached punter Toby Baker into a Ray Guy Award nominee.

During his first season in 2014, Segrest helped the Razorbacks rank in the top 10 in both scoring and total defense for the first time since Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992. The Razorback defense became the first unit in college football history to shutout back-toback ranked opponents as an unranked team when Arkansas blanked No. 20 LSU and No. 8 Ole Miss. Arkansas finished No. 2 in the SEC and No. 12 nationally with just 114.6 rushing yards allowed per game.

Segrest was the position coach for Trey Flowers, who finished his career with 47.5 career tackles for loss, second-most in school history. Two of his four starters earned second-team All-SEC honors, including Flowers and Darius Philon and both were selected in the 2015 NFL Draft. Flowers went in the fourth round to the New England Patriots while Philon was selected in the sixth round by the San Diego Chargers.

Segrest also coached the Razorback specialists, kickoff and kickoff return units in 2014. Under his direction, Arkansas improved from the No. 67 kickoff return unit in 2013 to No. 5 in the nation and second in the SEC averaging 23.84 yards per kickoff return in 2014. Punter Sam Irwin-Hill finished the campaign as one of the nation's hottest specialists, landing 18 punts inside the 20 in the final five games of the season as Arkansas defeated LSU, Ole Miss and Texas. It was the first time in program history the Razorbacks defeated those three schools in the same season.



In the AdvoCare V100 Texas Bowl in Houston, nose guard Taiwan Johnson, a Houston native, scored his first career touchdown, recovering a fumble in the end zone.

Segrest came to Arkansas after his second stint on the Samford coaching staff, where he was the team's defensive line coach and special teams coordinator from 2011-13. He previously coached at Samford from 2002-05 when he was defensive line coach, special teams coordinator and recruiting coordinator.

Samford finished the 2013 season ranked 18th in the final coaches poll after earning the program's first FCS playoff berth since 1992. Fabian Truss was named to the AFCA FCS Coaches' All-America Team as an all-purpose player as he ranked second nationally in kickoff return average at 32.1 yards per return. The Samford defense also led the SoCon in sacks and tackles for loss.

In 2012, Samford defensive lineman Nick Williams was named first-team all-conference and finished second in the Southern Conference and 36th nationally (FCS) with seven sacks. Williams was drafted by the Pittsburgh Steelers in the seventh round of the NFL Draft. Samford's defense tied for first in the SoCon and finished 27th in the FBS in sacks with 27. Additionally, Samford ranked 29th in the FCS in total defense.

Segrest's special teams units also had success in 2012 finishing sixth in kickoff returns with a 24.91 yards per return average and first in the SoCon in kickoff coverage. Punt returner Riley Hawkins finished first in the SoCon and 14th in the FCS in punt return average, and Truss finished 13th in the FCS in kick return average. Kicker Cameron Yam was named first-team All American as well as first-team all-conference.

In 2011, Samford's special teams improved in every category over the previous season. The kickoff return unit was ranked 12th in the FCS, Truss ranked seventh in the FCS in kick return average and the punt return unit was ranked 19th in the FCS. Redshirt freshman punter Greg Peranich ranked 24th in the FCS and was named to the SoCon All-Freshman Team. Yam ranked second in the FCS in field goals, connecting on 23-of-28, and was tied for eighth in total scoring.

Segrest returned to Samford after coaching with the Philadelphia Eagles from 2006-10. While with the Eagles, Segrest was the special teams quality control/ assistant defensive line coach (2006-07), special teams coordinator (2007-09) and defensive line coach (2009-10). In 2006 and 2010, the Eagles won the NFC East and made it to the NFC Championship game in 2008. Segrest also coached in the 2009 Pro Bowl.

In 2009 and 2010, the Eagles' defensive line units ranked second and fourth, respectively, in the NFL in sacks by defensive linemen. They ranked third (2010) and ninth (2009) in the league in tackles for loss by defensive linemen. In 2010, they were ranked second in the NFL in quarterback knockdowns and hurries by defensive linemen. Segrest also coached two-time Pro Bowler Trent Cole (2007, 2009) while with the Eagles.

Philadelphia's special teams finished third in the NFL in 2008 in field goals made and Pro Bowl kicker David Akers broke franchise records with 33 field goals and 144 points scored. Akers set his career high that year with 17 touchbacks. Punter Sav Rocca set a franchise record with his single-season net punt average of 37.9. Rocca and Akers were both named NFL's Special Teams Player of the month.

# SEGREST QUICK FACTS

## PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Defensive Line/Specialists BORN: May 20, 1973 FAMILY: Wife, Jackie; Son, James

### EDUCATION

Alabama - B.S. in health care management, 1996

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 8, 2014

Years Of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 18/3 Years of NFL Experience: 5 Recruiting Territory: Georgia

### **COACHING HISTORY**

2014-Pres. ..... .... Arkansas (Defensive Line/Specialists) 2009-10..... ....Philadelphia Eagles (Defensive Line) 2007-08....Philadelphia Eagles (Special Teams Coordinator) 2006......Philadelphia Eagles (Special Teams QC/Asst. DL) 2002-05.....Samford (Def. Line/Special Teams Coord.) 2001... Southeast Missouri State (Off. Tackles/TE/Recruiting Coord.) 2000.....SoutheastMissouriState(Def.Line/RecruitingCoordinator) 1999..... .....Southeast Missouri State (Defensive Line) 1997-98.... ..... Auburn (Graduate Assistant) ...... Alabama (Strength and Conditioning GA) 1996 .... 1994-95 ..... Alabama (Student Assistant Coach)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE 1991-93.....Alabama (Offensive Lineman)

### **POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE**

ASSISTANT COACH

Arkansas	2016 Liberty Bowl
	2014 Texas Bowl
Samford	2013 FCS First Round
Philadelphia	2011 NFC Wild Card Round
	2010 NFC Wild Card Round
	2009 NFC Championship Game
	2009 Pro Bowl
	2007 NFC Divisional Round
	1998 Peach Bowl
Alabama	1997 Outback Bowl
	1995 Citrus Bowl
PLAYER	
Alabama	
	1993 Sugar Bowl (Nat'l Champions)
	1991 Blockbuster Bowl

Segrest's previous coaching stops include Southeast Missouri State where he began in 1999 and added recruiting coordinator duties for 2000-01. He was also the defensive graduate assistant at Auburn University from 1997-99 working with the defensive line and special teams units.

His coaching career began under Gene Stallings as a student assistant at Alabama in 1994 after his playing career was cut short by an injury. He was a member of the Crimson Tide's 1992 National Championship Team and was also awarded the team's 1995 Co-Leadership Award. Collegiately, Segrest has been part of seven bowl games as either a player or coach.

A native of Waycross, Ga., and a graduate of Waycross High School, he earned his bachelor's degree in health-care management from Alabama in 1996 where he met his wife, Jackie. They have one son, James.

# MICHAEL SMITH



Michael Smith, a record-setting receiver at Kansas State who went on to earn a reputation as one of the best recruiters in college football, enters his fourth season as Arkansas' wide receivers coach.

Smith, who was named one of the top 10 recruiters in the Big 12 Conference in 2012 by Rivals, spent the first 11 years of his coaching career at Kansas State. He also coached running backs at Rice in 2006 before moving to Arizona, where he coached running backs in 2007 and inside receivers in 2008. He returned to Kansas State in 2009 as the Wildcats' wide receivers coach before joining the Arkansas staff in 2013.

Since his arrival in 2014, Smith has been very instrumental in making Arkansas a top choice for high school football players from Louisiana. Six players have signed with Arkansas from the Pelican State from the last two recruiting classes, which is more than the classes from 2012-14 combined.

Last year for the Razorbacks, Smith's wide receivers unit totaled 22 touchdowns and more than 2,000 yards, despite numerous injuries throughout the year. In addition, 10 different receivers started at least one game in the 2015 season and 14 players caught at least one pass.

Known for getting the most out of each of his players, Smith was able to coach Drew Morgan into one of the top receivers in the conference. Morgan opened the 2015 campaign as the No. 3 or No. 4 wide receiver, but went on to total three 100-yard receiving games during SEC play away from home and lead the conference with 10 touchdown catches during the regular season. Arkansas' leading receiver, Morgan finished with 63 receptions for 843 yards.

In 2014, the wide receivers unit made big improvements from year one. Keon Hatcher had a breakout season, leading the team with 43 receptions for 558 yards (13.0 avg.) and six touchdowns. The position group caught 106 passes on the season, 29 more than the previous season.

When Smith arrived at Arkansas in 2013, he took over a group that had seen four wide receivers selected in the last two NFL Drafts. Javontee Herndon enjoyed a breakout senior season, leading the team with 31 receptions and 437 yards and tying for the team lead with four receiving touchdowns.

At Kansas State, Smith helped the Wildcats capture their second Big 12 title and play in the Fiesta Bowl in 2012, as the Wildcats posted an 11-2 record and finished the year ranked No. 12 in the AP poll. Chris Harper led the Wildcats with 58 receptions for 857 yards and three touchdowns and earned second-team All-Big 12 honors. In 2011, true freshman Tyler Lockett earned All-America honors as a kick returner and made an immediate impact at the wide receiver position. He set the Big 12 and Kansas State single-season record for kickoff-return average at 35.2 yards per return.

In 2009, Smith coached All-American Brandon Banks, who set school and Big 12 records in kickoff returns as well as leading the squad in receptions. Banks led the Big 12 and was eighth nationally with his average of 174.8 all-purpose yards per game and ranks fourth in school history with 3,828 career all-purpose yards. At wide receiver, Banks also led the team in receptions (56) and receiving yards (705) and also ranks ninth in Kansas State history with 123 career receptions and 10th



in career receiving yards with 1,754.

Smith helped lead Arizona to a 2008 Las Vegas Bowl win over BYU while he mentored Mike Thomas, who became the Pac-10 career receptions record holder with 259 grabs.

At Rice, Smith helped the Owls to a 7-6 record in 2006, advancing to their first bowl game in 45 seasons. He coached senior Quinton Smith to 1,096 yards in 2006, making him only the sixth Owls' running back to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark.

Smith has coached three of the top 10 career rushing leaders in Kansas State history in Darren Sproles, Eric Hickson and Mike Lawrence. He also directed a running back to the single-season rushing record in three of his last five seasons at Kansas State during his first tenure, including Sproles, a first team All-American. Sproles surpassed the mark during the 2003 season with 1,986 yards, which ranked as the 10th-best rushing total in NCAA history. At the conclusion of the 2003 regular season, Sproles finished fifth in Heisman Trophy voting and was the runner-up for the Doak Walker Award.

A second-team All-Big 12 pick in 2002, Sproles rushed for 1,465 yards and 17 touchdowns. Sproles concluded his four-year career as the Big 12's leader in all-purpose yards with 6,812 and the Wildcats' career rushing leader with 4,979 yards, a record he still holds today. In 2001, Josh Scobey set the single-season rushing record with 1,263 yards and also broke the school's career rushing touchdown record with 31.

After his playing career, Smith returned to Kansas State as a student assistant. As a graduate assistant in 1995 and 1996, Smith assisted Greg Peterson with the receivers and helped tutor wideouts Kevin Lockett and Mitch Running, who became just the fifth receiving tandem in Big Eight history to snag at least 50 passes in the same season.

Throughout his coaching career, Smith has been the position coach for 12 NFL players, including the Pro Bowler Sproles.

As a player, Smith was one of the Big Eight's all-time great receivers. He concluded his playing career as the Big Eight's second-leading receiver with 179 receptions, trailing just All-American Hart Lee Dykes. The total of 179 catches ranked 40th in NCAA history at the time.

# SMITH QUICK FACTS

# PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Wide Receivers BORN: November 21, 1970 FAMILY: Wife, Karyn; Daughters, Kylie, Kenzie, Kamryn; Son, Kason

### **EDUCATION**

Kansas State - B.S. in social science, 1995

JOINED UA STAFF: Jan. 17, 2013

Years Of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 23/4 Recruiting Territory: Louisiana

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2013-Pres	Arkansas (Wide Receivers)
2009-12	Kansas State (Wide Receivers)
2008	Arizona (Inside Wide Receivers)
2007	Arizona (Running Backs)
2006	Rice (Running Backs)
1997-2005	Kansas State (Running Backs)
1995-96	Kansas State (Graduate Assistant)
1993	Kansas State (Student Assistant Coach)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1988-91..... Kansas State (Wide Receiver)

# POSTSEASON EXPERIENCE

ASSISTANT COACH	
Arkansas	2016 Liberty Bow
	2014 Texas Bow
Kansas State	2013 Fiesta Bow
	2012 Cotton Bow
	2010 Pinstripe Bow
Arizona	2008 Las Vegas Bow
Rice	2006 New Orleans Bow
Kansas State	2004 Fiesta Bow
	2002 Holiday Bow
	2001 Insight Bow
	1999 Holiday bow
	1998 Alamo Bow
	1997 Fiesta Bow
	1997 Cotton Bow
	1995 Holiday Bow
	1993 Copper Bow

Smith was named a third-team All-American in 1991, honorable mention All-American in 1989 and a two-time All-Big Eight selection (1989 and 1991). He played for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1992.

His career total of 2,457 receiving yards was thirdbest in Big Eight history behind Dykes and 1972 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers. The total was bolstered by nine 100-yard receiving games, which was a school record at the time. He led the Big Eight as a sophomore in 1989 and was seventh in the nation with 70 catches for 816 yards.

Smith graduated from Kansas State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in social science. He and his wife, Karyn, have four children: Kylie, Kenzie, Kason and Kamryn. Kylie is an outfielder on the Razorback softball team.

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A critical piece to head coach Bret Bielema's vision for the Arkansas football program, Ben Herbert enters his fourth season as head strength and conditioning coach. In just three years, Herbert's passion and relentless desire to get the best out of his student-athletes has impacted results in the weight room and on the field.

With a focus on preparing Arkansas studentathletes for the next level, Herbert has helped develop 14 Razorbacks who were selected in the last three NFL Drafts, good for the fourth-most in the SEC during that span.

Herbert has worked with four All-Americans and 15 All-SEC selections since arriving in Fayetteville, including 2015 John Mackey Award winner Hunter Henry as the nation's top tight end and offensive lineman Sebastian Tretola who was the recipient of the Jacobs Blocking Trophy presented to the SEC's best blocker in 2015.

The results of Herbert's training regimens have been evident in the latter stretches of each of the last two seasons, as Arkansas closed the 2015 campaign by winning six of its last seven games and three of its last four in 2014. Included in those late season surges are a pair of dominating bowl wins over Texas (Texas Bowl) and Kansas State (Liberty Bowl) in which the Razorbacks outscored their opponents by a combined 76-30 margin. Arkansas is the only SEC West program to win a bowl game in 2014 and 2015.

Herbert helped grow the 2014 and 2015 Arkansas starting offensive lines into the largest in any level of football, including the NFL. Behind their devastating offensive lines, the Razorbacks became the only FBS team with a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in 2014 and the only SEC program in 2015 with a 3,000-yard passer and 1,000-yard rusher. In addition, Arkansas



has given up the fewest sacks during each of the last three seasons.

Herbert joined the Razorbacks after spending 11 seasons working in strength and conditioning at Wisconsin, including the last four as head strength and conditioning coach. He started his career as an intern during the 2002 season following his playing days at Wisconsin and was promoted to assistant strength and conditioning coach in 2003. He was involved in all aspects of sports conditioning for the football team during his time with the Badgers.

In his 15 total seasons at Wisconsin, he was part of 14 bowl appearances and five Big Ten championships. The Badgers claimed three straight Big Ten titles and became the first Big Ten team to appear in three straight Rose Bowls since Michigan following the 1976-78 seasons by making the trip to Pasadena following the 2010, 2011 and 2012 seasons.

During his time with Wisconsin, Herbert helped develop 41 NFL draft picks, including six first round selections. Defensive end J.J. Watt and offensive tackle Gabe Carmini were both taken in the first round of the 2011 draft, and offensive guard Kevin Zeitler was picked 27th overall by the Cincinnati Bengals in 2012. The Badgers also produced five national individual award winners, including 2012 Doak Walker Award recipient Montee Ball, 28 All-America honors and 48 All-Big Ten first team selections in his 11 seasons on staff in Madison.

Wisconsin's work with Herbert was evident in the fourth quarters of games, when the Badgers outscored opponents 435-309 from 2009-12. The team's strength and conditioning work also was apparent late in the season, as Wisconsin was 15-5 in games played in the month of November or later during Herbert's four years as head strength and conditioning coach. The Badgers also outscored its opponents 856-442 in games played in November, December and January.

Herbert was a four-year letterman on the defensive line at Wisconsin, which won two Rose Bowls during his time as a student-athlete. He holds the Wisconsin bowl record for most tackle for loss and sacks yardage and is tied for the school's bowl record for sacks after collecting 2.0 sacks for 20 yards lost in the 2000 Rose Bowl victory over Stanford.

In 2015, Herbert earned the profession's highest honor when he was named Master Strength and Conditioning Coach (MSCC) by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches association (CSCCa). At age 35, Herbert became the youngest coach to ever earn the MSCC honor.

A native of Pittsburgh, Herbert earned his bachelor's degree from Wisconsin in 2002. He is a certified member of the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) and the CSCCa.

Herbert and his wife, Kelly, have two sons, Charlie and Thomas.

# HERBERT QUICK FACTS

## PERSONAL

COACHING DUTIES: Head Strength and Conditioning Coach BORN: Nov. 30, 1979 FAMILY: Wife, Kelly; Sons, Charlie and Thomas

### EDUCATION

Wisconsin - B.S. in history, 2002

JOINED UA STAFF: Dec. 18, 2012

Years of Collegiate Experience/Years At UA: 15/4

## **COACHING HISTORY**

2013-Pres	Arkansas
	(Head Strength & Conditioning Coach)
2009-12	Wisconsin
	(Head Strength & Conditioning Coach)
2003-08	Wisconsin
	(Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach)
2002	Wisconsin
	(Strength & Conditioning Intern)

### PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1998-2001..... Wisconsin (Defensive Lineman)

COACH	
Arkansas,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	2015 Liberty Bow
	2014 Texas Bow
Wisconsin ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
	2012 Rose Bow
	2011 Rose Bow
	2009 Champs Sports Bow
	2008 Champs Sports Bow
	2008 Outback Bow
	2007 Capital One Bow
	2006 Capital One Bow
	2005 Outback Bow
	2003 Music City Bow
	2002 Alamo Bow
PLAYER	
Wisconsin ,	
	2000 Rose Bow
	1999 Rose Bow

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# MARK TAURISANI ASSISTANT AD OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Mark Taurisani enters his fourth season at Arkansas. He was promoted to Assistant AD of Football Operations in 2014 and sits on the athletic department's senior and executive staffs.



As Assistant AD of Football Operations, Taurisani oversees every aspect of the Razorback football team

including team travel, budget, personnel, staffing, day-to-day operations, footballrelated events and bowl game travel. He also serves as the football program's liaison to university administration and all other units within the athletic department.

Taurisani has served as a member of the Rose Bowl Advisory Committee since 2010. Throughout his career, Taurisani has coordinated nine bowl trips, including

Arkansas' trips to the 2014 Texas Bowl, 2016 Liberty Bowl and three consecutive Rose Bowls at Wisconsin. He also organized trips to the Outback Bowl, Capital One Bowl and two Champs Sports Bowls.

Prior to Arkansas, Taurisani spent seven seasons working in football operations at Wisconsin, including the last three as the Badgers' director of football operations. He also served as football operations coordinator for two seasons after being a football operations assistant in 2006 and 2007.

Taurisani spent the summer of 2005 as a training camp assistant with the Seattle Seahawks. In that role, he helped with setup and operational duties, transportation and scheduling.

A native of Utica, New York, Taurisani graduated from SUNY Fredonia with a bachelor's degree in sociology/sports in 2003. At SUNY Fredonia, he was a captain on the baseball team and was a first-team all-conference performer. He earned a master's degree in sport administration from Louisville in December 2005.

# E.K. FRANKS DIRECTOR OF RECRUITING

E.K. Franks is in his third season as Arkansas' director of recruiting.

For the second straight year, the Razorbacks' signing class ranked in the top 25. The 2016 class, which included four in-state signees and was highlighted by the 11th-best player overall nationally, checked in at No. 24 in the ESPN team rankings. The Razorbacks' 20-person class also

featured four prospects from Texas – including the nation's sixth-best running back by ESPN – and two from Florida.

In Franks' first year, the Razorbacks' signing class was one of the best in program history, ranking No. 21 in the ESPN team rankings.

The 2015 class included 10 players from Arkansas – the most since 2008. Under Franks, the Razorbacks were also very successful in Florida, signing five prospects. It was the second-most Floridians in one class for Arkansas since joining the SEC in 1992. Overall, the 2015 class included seven four-star signees.

Franks came to Fayetteville with 10 years of collegiate experience, most recently serving as associate head coach and running backs coach at Southeastern Louisiana. He has coached or trained multiple professional athletes, including Wes Welker, Terence Newman and Darren Sproles, and also has extensive recruiting ties to Texas, Florida, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Kansas and Mississippi. He worked with Coach Bielema during stints at Wisconsin and Kansas State.

Franks has a keen eye for talent and a diverse background. He has experience as an assistant coach, strength coach, academic counselor and director of minority relations. In addition, he is active in youth programs and community service outreach, serving on the board of the Kansas-based non-profit S.A.F.E., Success Achieved in Future Environments, which helps mentor youth through athletics.

At Southeastern Louisiana, he tutored Xavier Roberson to multiple All-America honors as a sophomore running back and kick returner. In 2012, Roberson and Rasheed Harrell teamed to make up one of the top freshmen running back duos in the country under Franks' leadership. Before Southeastern Louisiana, Franks spent two seasons as defensive line coach and head strength coach at Delta State. There, he coached a pair of first-team All-Gulf South Conference selections in 2011.

Franks was a defensive graduate assistant at Wisconsin for two seasons while Coach Bielema was the Badgers' defensive coordinator. Prior to Wisconsin, Franks coached the defensive line at Texas State for the 2003 season and was an academic counselor and director of minority relations at Kansas State from 2001-03.

His first collegiate coaching experience came at Kansas State, where he was a strength and conditioning coach for the football team during the 2000 season and 2001 offseason. His first coaching position was at Heritage High School in Oklahoma City, where he tutored defensive backs and was a strength coach for the school from 1996-2000.

The Kansas native earned his bachelor's degree in 2000 and a master's degree in adult education from Kansas State in 2002.

# BOBBY ALLEN DIRECTOR OF HIGH SCHOOL AND NFL RELATIONS

Bobby Allen is in his 19th year on the staff at Arkansas and fourth as director of high school and NFL relations.

Allen served two separate stints as defensive coordinator for the Razorbacks in 1998 and 2000. He has also coached the defensive line, linebackers, cornerbacks and free safeties. In 1998, Allen directed



a Razorback defensive unit that ranked sixth nationally in rushing defense, 10th in turnover margin and 13th in scoring defense. In 2000, Allen helped guide a Razorback defense that allowed just 292.1 yards per game to lead the SEC and rank 12th nationally in total defense.

During the 2011 season, he oversaw a defensive tackles group that contributed 132 tackles, led by Byran Jones' 47 that ranked eighth on the team. The position group also added 9.5 tackles for loss and 11 quarterback hurries. Jones was named to the SEC All-Freshman Team. The defense ranked second in the SEC in sacks with an average of 2.85 per game that tied for eighth nationally.

Under Allen's guidance, the Razorback secondary ranked among the best units in the nation in defending the pass in 2007. Arkansas led the SEC and was second in the nation in pass efficiency defense with a rating of 97.8 and ranked second in the SEC with 20 interceptions, including 11 by Allen's cornerback unit. In addition, Michael Grant and Jerell Norton ranked in the top four of the conference's passes defended category.

Allen began his coaching career at Colorado, where he served as a graduate assistant during the 1983 and 1984 seasons. After helping Minnesota to an Independence Bowl berth as a defensive secondary graduate assistant in 1985, Allen landed his first full-time position at Drake where he was the defensive coordinator from 1986-88.

Allen was a standout prep quarterback at Seneca Valley High School in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and earned the Washington, D.C., area Player of the Year award as a senior. He also excelled in baseball and basketball. Allen went on to earn three varsity letters while playing three positions — kicker, quarterback and outside linebacker — at Virginia Tech. He earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Virginia Tech in 1983.

Allen is married to the former Marcela Garcia. The couple has one daughter, Daniela, and three sons, Christian, Brandon and Austin. Brandon recently finished his collegiate career as Arkansas' all-time leader with 64 touchdown passes while starting his final 34 games as a Razorback. Brandon became the fifth Razorback selected in the 2016 NFL Draft when he was taken by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the sixth round with the 201st overall pick. Austin is currently a junior quarterback for Arkansas.

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Matthew Engelbert, who has 28 years of collegiate experience, is in his fourth season as Arkansas' director of video.

Engelbert oversees the video department responsible for ensuring the Razorback coaches and studentathletes are able to utilize video to study themselves and opponents. He is also responsible for making video of recruits available to the coaching staff.

Engelbert has been instrumental in bringing to Fayetteville college football's first virtual reality technology that utilizes real practice footage. Arkansas was one of just a handful of schools to adopt the system from STRIVR Labs, Inc., prior to the 2015 season. Engelbert has trained his staff, coaches and student-athletes to use the technology most effectively so the Razorbacks earn a competitive advantage on the field.

The first 24 years of Engelbert's career were spent at Iowa, where he earned conference and national recognition for leading the Hawkeyes' video department to a premier level. He was named Big Ten Conference Video Coordinator of the Year three times, most recently in 2010-11, when he also was recognized as the National Video Coordinator of the Year.

Engelbert oversaw many technological upgrades during his time at Iowa. In 2011, he headed a Big Ten committee to develop an improved standard of acquiring game video. The Hawkeyes were one of the first college football programs in the country to shoot in high definition beginning with the 2011 season. He also had Iowa ahead of the curve in 1999 when it was the first program in the nation to use Beta SX and in 2004 when the Hawkeyes adopted Smart Acquisition Technology that allowed for shooting video directly to portable drives and eliminated most tapes. In addition, he also created the Iowa Football Fan Fest.

In his 24 seasons at Iowa, the Hawkeyes claimed three Big Ten championships, won 166 games and advanced to 16 bowl games, including two Orange Bowls and one Rose Bowl. During that time, Iowa also produced 36 All-Americans, nine consensus first-team All-Americans and 77 NFL Draft picks.

Engelbert earned his bachelor's degree in sports management from Iowa in 1993. He and his wife Dana, have two sons, Colin and Andrew.

# PETER WEIDEN ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Peter Weiden is in his fourth season as the assistant director of football operations for the Razorbacks and seventh season with Coach Bielema.

His duties include coordinating advance team travel, student-athlete housing on and off campus, senior banquet, community outreach, training table meals and

representing the football program on the athletic department diversity committee. As the Director of Arkansas Football Summer Camps, he has oversight of the camp budget and organizes all aspects of the camps.

Prior to Arkansas, Weiden spent three years on the Wisconsin football staff, including two seasons as the assistant director of football operations. His responsibilities included advance team travel, coordinating community service appearances with the players, organizing the senior banquet and running summer football.

Weiden also spent time working with the Baltimore Ravens in multiple capacities, including an operations internship during the 2007 season.

Originally from Madison, Wisconsin, Weiden received his master's in sports administration from the University of Wisconsin - La Crosse and bachelor's degree in sports management from St. Cloud State University.

# BREY COOK GRADUATE ASSISTANT - OFFENSE

Brey Cook is in his first season as offensive graduate assistant at his alma mater after lettering for the Razorbacks from 2011-14.

Cook started 30 of 48 career games played on the offensive line, including his final 25 as a Razorback.

As a senior, he participated in more than 850 snaps, tallied more than 40 knockdowns and blocked



for running backs Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams, who were the only FBS teammates to each rush for 1,000-plus yards in the 2014 season. The Razorback offensive line also led the SEC in fewest sacks allowed with 14.

During his junior campaign, Cook played a pivotal role on an offensive line that helped Collins become the 10th true freshman in SEC history to rush for 1,000 yards. The offensive line also broke the single-season school record by only allowing 8.0 sacks. Arkansas led the SEC and tied for second in the NCAA with an average of 0.67 sacks allowed per game.

Cook, a native of Springdale, Arkansas, earned his bachelor's degree in communication from Arkansas in 2014. He was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll for his work in the classroom in the fall of 2011 and 2013.

# ALFRED DAVIS GRADUATE ASSISTANT – DEFENSE

Alfred Davis is in his third season as defensive graduate assistant at his alma mater after lettering for the Razorbacks from 2009-12.

Davis has worked closely with the defensive line during his two seasons in Fayetteville. Last season, the Razorbacks' front four helped the defense hold 12 of 13 opponents below their season rushing average.



Arkansas allowed only 116.46 yards rushing per game, which ranked second in the SEC and 12th nationally.

During his first season as a graduate assistant, the Arkansas defense posted one of its best seasons ever. He helped the Razorbacks finish in the top 10 in both scoring and total defense for the first time since Arkansas joined the SEC in 1992. Davis also worked with two NFL Draft selections - Trey Flowers (4th round, New England) and Darius Philon (6th round, San Diego).

As a player, Davis appeared in 49 games, including the final 44 of his career, with 16 starts and collected 78 tackles, 5.0 for loss with 1.0 sack, two quarterback hurries, one pass breakup and one forced fumble. He made eight starts in his senior season and recorded 38 tackles, including 2.5 for loss, two quarterback hurries, one forced fumble and one pass breakup.

As a junior, Davis played in all 13 games and recorded 14 tackles while helping lead Arkansas to an 11-2 final record and a No. 5 ranking in the final AP poll of the year, the Razorbacks' first top-five finish since 1977. The 11 wins matched the most in school history and Arkansas finished the season with a win in the Cotton Bowl. In 2010, he made seven starts in 13 appearances and finished the season with 24 tackles, including 2.0 for loss with 1.0 sack while Arkansas won 10 games and made the program's first BCS appearance with an invitation to the Allstate Sugar Bowl. Davis also played in the Liberty Bowl as a freshman.

After his playing career, Davis interned at Fayetteville High School in 2012 and was a volunteer coach for the Fayetteville HS football team in 2013.

Davis, a native of College Park, Georgia, earned his bachelor's degree in sports management with a minor in communication in 2012. He was named to the SEC Academic Honor Roll in 2010, 2011 and 2012 as well as the Athletic Department Honor Roll in the fall of 2009 and the Athletic Director's List in the fall of 2012. He was also nominated for the 2013 Brad Davis SEC Community Service Postgraduate Scholarship.

# TAYLOR REED GRADUATE ASSISTANT - OFFENSE

Taylor Reed enters his first season at Arkansas as offensive graduate assistant.

He joins the Razorbacks after lettering at Central Arkansas at quarterback from 2013-15. During his career with the Bears, he completed 189 of 277 passes for 1,798 yards and 14 touchdowns in 22 games.



Reed began his college career in 2011 at the University

of Memphis, where he started 9 of 11 games, threw for 1,690 yards and 10 touchdowns. Following the season, he transferred to the University of Arkansas. Reed sat out the 2012 season due to NCAA transfer rules and went on to join Central Arkansas in August 2013.

A native of El Dorado, Arkansas, Reed graduated from Central Arkansas with a bachelor's degree in business administration.

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# MARK SHERIDAN GRADUATE ASSISTANT DEFENSE

Mark Sheridan enters his first season at Arkansas as defensive graduate assistant. Before arriving in

Fayetteville, Sheridan spent

the 2015 season as defensive graduate assistant at Purdue, where he worked primarily with the secondary.

Sheridan joined the Boilermakers' staff after serving as cornerbacks coach at his alma mater Albion College during the 2014 season. He was a four-year letterwinner at safety for the Britons from 2010-13 and elected team captain by his teammates as a senior in 2013. Sheridan also helped Albion to MIAA conference championships in both 2011 and 2013.

A native of Ann Arbor, Michigan, Sheridan earned his bachelor's degree in exercise science from Albion in 2013.

# **TANNER BURNS** QUALITY CONTROL - SPECIAL TEAMS

Tanner Burns is in his third season as a quality control coach working with Arkansas' special teams.

Last season, Burns helped coach Toby Baker into a Ray



Guy Award nominee, which goes to the nation's best punter. Baker showed tremendous accuracy as he placed 23 punts inside the 20-yard line. Baker also boomed six punts 50-plus yards, allowed only 125 yards on 18 returns and did not have a punt blocked. In addition, Arkansas made 58 of 58 PAT attempts, which ranked second in the SEC. Cole Hedlund, who was responsible for all 58 PAT kicks, was 9 of 9 against UT Martin, which tied the program record.

In 2014, Burns was instrumental in helping the Razorbacks' special teams improve in several areas. Arkansas finished fifth nationally in kickoff return



average (25.71 yards per return) and led the SEC in punt return coverage (3.06 yards allowed per return).

Burns worked with punter Sam Irwin-Hill, who earned SEC Special Teams Player of the Week honors for the Nov. 22 win against Ole Miss. In that game, Irwin-Hill punted six times for 243 yards (40.5 avg.) and landed three inside the 20. Irwin-Hill dropped 18 of his 26 punts (69.2 percent) inside the 20 during the final five games of the season.

Burns spent the 2013 season as a coaching intern with the Oakland Raiders. He was an integral part of the Raiders' special teams, assisting with quality control, scouting reports and game plans. As a team, Oakland ranked second in the AFC and tied for third in the NFL with an average of 47.8 yards per punt.

Burns wrapped up his collegiate playing career at Ole Miss, where he played free safety and contributed on special teams and was elected team captain. He began his collegiate career at San Jose State and was an honorable mention All-WAC selection as a sophomore in 2009 after starting all 12 games and leading the team with 96 tackles in addition to recording two interceptions, one pass breakup, four forced fumbles and one fumble recovery.

The San Jose, California, native graduated from the University of Mississippi with a bachelor's degree in general studies while minoring in history, sociology and parks and rec management.

# JOHN ROBERTS QUALITY CONTROL – OFFENSE

John Roberts enters his second season as a quality control coach for the Razorbacks' offense.

During his first season in Fayetteville, Roberts

worked primarily with wide receivers. He assisted with a group that helped the Razorbacks rank second in the SEC with 465.5 yards per game by hauling in 148 passes for more than 2,000 yards and 22 touchdowns.

Prior to Arkansas, he served as a quality control coach and graduate assistant at Central Michigan from 2010-14.

In 2014, Roberts assisted a Central Michigan offense that efficiently controlled the football game. The Chippewas offense ranked third in the MAC and 18th nationally in pass efficiency (149.55) and led the MAC in time of possession (33:24). Central Michigan won seven games and advanced to its second bowl game in three years -- the 2014 Bahamas Bowl.

Roberts served as an offensive graduate assistant for Central Michigan during the 2012 season. Wide receiver Cody Wilson finished his career with 42 consecutive games with a reception and running back Zurlon Tipton rushed for 1,492 yards, ranking him fourth in the school's record book. The Chippewas won the Little Caesars Bowl, the third bowl victory in program history.

Roberts was a four-year letterwinner at wide receiver at Alma College where he never had a losing season during his career.

The Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, native graduated from Alma College with a bachelor's degree in business administration in 2010. He earned his master's degree in sport administration from Central Michigan in 2013.

# **DAVID PARKER** QUALITY CONTROL DEFENSE

David Parker enters his first season as a quality control coach for the Razorbacks' defense.

Parker served on the Arkansas football staff as a

student assistant from 2012-15, working primarily with running backs as well as the offensive and special teams scout teams. He also assisted with the creation

Parker graduated from Arkansas in 2015 with a bachelor's degree in political science.



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