

CHAD MORRIS HEAD COACH FIRST SEASON

SMU TURNAROUND

During his three seasons at SMU (2015-17), Morris used his Texas recruiting roots and offensive prowess to take the Mustangs from a 1-11 campaign in 2013 before he took over to the program's first bowl bid since 2012 with a 7-5 mark in 2017.

Morris' offensive scheme was exactly what SMU needed, as it increased the team's scoring output by 16.7 points per game in his first season - the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015. Even more impressive, Morris inherited an offense that ranked last (128th) in the FBS in scoring in 2014 (11.8) and turned it into the nation's eighth-highest scoring offense (40.1) in 2017.

The 2017 SMU offense marked the fourth time and third different program that Morris has either been the head coach or offensive coordinator of that has finished in the top 10 in the FBS in scoring average at more than 40 points per game. The Mustangs were one just two FBS teams that featured a 3,000-yard passer, 1000-yard rusher and multiple 1,000-yard receivers in 2017.

CLEMSON OFFENSIVE EXPLOSION

Morris' impact during his four years at Clemson as offensive coordinator helped result in a 41-11 record, the 2011 ACC Championship and four bowl berths, including two BCS Orange Bowl appearances. Under Morris' scheme, the Tigers established 127 offensive records (89 individual/38 team) and posted the top three scoring seasons in school history, as well as four of the top five passing seasons at Clemson.

The Clemson offense in its second season under Morris with ACC Player of the Year Tajh Boyd at quarterback set school records for total yards per game (512.7) and points per game (41.0), ranking sixth in the nation in scoring and ninth in the nation in total offense. The 2013 squad backed up those numbers with 508.5 yards and 40.2 points per game, figures that ranked ninth and eighth nationally.

Morris' record-setting offense in 2012 and 2013 marked the first time in ACC history that an active member of the conference had averaged more than 40 points per game in back-to-back seasons. Clemson was also one of just two FBS schools with a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and 1,000-yard receiver every year from 2011-13.

For his work, Morris was named AFCA National Assistant Coach of the Year and one of five finalists for National Offensive Coordinator of the Year by 247Sports in 2013, and the National Offensive Coordinator of the Year by Rivals in 2011.

Morris' offensive brilliance also helped attract and develop some of the best offensive players in Clemson history into current NFL stars. From the 2012 NFL Draft to 2015 NFL Draft, Morris saw seven of his offensive players drafted, including four wide receivers, tied for the most from any school over that span. Included in the quartet of wide receivers drafted were first round picks DeAndre Hopkins (Houston Texans) and Sammy Watkins (Los Angeles Rams). Morris also recruited All-Americans Deshaun Watson and Shaq Lawson, who both went on to be first round NFL draft picks.

INSTANT IMPACT

After a legendary 16 years as a head coach on the Texas prep level, Morris' collegiate debut came as the associate head coach/offensive coordinator at Tulsa in 2010. In his one season as offensive coordinator working specifically with the quarterbacks, Morris helped the Golden Hurricane average 41.4 points per game, good for sixth nationally, and finish with seven straight wins for a 10-3 record following a 5-7 mark in 2009. Tulsa scored 40 or more points seven times, including 50+ in four games, and finished as one of five FBS teams with over 30 rushing and 30 passing touchdowns.

TEXAS LEGEND

A native of Dallas, Morris became a legend in the state of Texas during his 16 years as a head coach at the high school level, posting a 169-38 record overall and winning back-to-back undefeated state championships in his final two seasons at Lake Travis High School. Over his 16 seasons, Morris led six of his teams to the Texas State Championship game, highlighted by three titles, and he earned Coach of the Year honors 11 times.

Morris earned his bachelor's degree in mathematics with a minor in statistics from Texas A&M University in 1992. He and his wife, Paula, have two children, daughter Mackenzie and son Chandler.



Chad Morris was named the 33rd head coach in Arkansas football history on December 6, 2017. Morris was head coach at SMU from 2015-17 after a four-year stint as the offensive coordinator at Clemson, a season as OC/QB coach at Tulsa and 16 years as a head high school coach in Texas.

THE MORRIS FILE

Born: Dec. 4, 1968
Hometown: Edgewood, Texas
Alma Mater: Texas A&M (1992)
Wife: Paula
Children: Mackenzie, Chandler
Date Named Head Coach at Arkansas: Dec. 6, 2017

COACHING HISTORY

1994-97.....Eustace (Texas) High School, Head Coach
 1998-99.....Elysian Fields (Texas) High School, Head Coach
 2000-02.....Bay City (Texas) High School, Head Coach
 2003-07.....Stephenville (Texas) High School, Head Coach
 2008-09.....Lake Travis (Texas) High School, Head Coach
 2010.....Tulsa, Associate Head Coach/OC/QB
 2011-14.....Clemson, Offensive Coordinator/QB
 2015-17.....SMU, Head Coach
 2018-present.....Arkansas, Head Coach

BOWL GAMES AS A COACH

2010.....Hawaii Bowl
 2011.....Orange Bowl
 2012.....Chick-fil-A Bowl
 2013.....Orange Bowl
 2014.....Russell Athletic Bowl
 2017.....Frisco Bowl



NUMBERS TO KNOW

Over 8 seasons as a head coach or offensive coordinator, Chad Morris' offenses have . . .

46,975

Racked up 46,975 yards of total offense, averaging 460.5 yards per game.

3,611

Scored 3,611 total points, averaging 35.4 points per game.

431

Totaled 431 total touchdowns (242 passing, 189 rushing).

40

Averaged 40+ points per game in four seasons, at least once at each of his three stops.

19

Logged 19 games with 50-plus points and 42 games with 40-plus points.

10

Finished in the top 10 nationally in scoring offense 4 times, at least once at each of his three stops.

5

Passed for 3,000+ yards and rushed for 2,000+ yards in the same season 5 times.

WHAT THEY'RE SAYING...

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS VICE CHANCELLOR FOR ATHLETICS **HUNTER YURACHEK**

"The future is tremendously bright at the University of Arkansas with the addition of Chad Morris. I am confident that Chad will bring an exciting brand of football, phenomenal student-athletes and championships to Fayetteville, and do it all with high integrity."

HOUSTON TEXANS QB **DESHAUN WATSON**

"Arkansas got a great coach in Chad Morris. What I love about him the most is he's a very loyal man. He's been there since Day 1 for me and been that father figure that I never had in my life. He's very energetic, very truthful and very honest. He makes everyone around him better and has a bright future. Arkansas hired the right man to lead their football program. All love to the Morris Family!"

CLEMSON HEAD FOOTBALL COACH **DABO SWINNEY**

"I am incredibly happy for Chad Morris and his wife Paula. It has been fun to see someone who coached here blossom in his career. He did a phenomenal job in his four years at Clemson and it has been exciting to see what he has done at SMU. I believe he will be a great fit at Arkansas and I am excited to see what he will do with that program."

ESPN COLLEGE FOOTBALL ANALYST **KIRK HERBSTREIT**

"Arkansas made a great hire. Chad's experience and success as a high school coach in Texas and SMU will open valuable recruiting opportunities for the Hogs! He is also one of the true innovative offensive minds in the game today."

CLEMSON DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR **BRENT VENABLES**

"Chad Morris is an outside-the-box thinker and an incredible football coach."

ESPN TALK SHOW HOST **IAN FITZSIMMONS**

"All that guy does is win. I think that was a home run hire."

USA TODAY REPORTER **DANNY SHERIDAN**

"The sky is the limit for Arkansas with Chad Morris."

FOOTBALL STAFF



JOHN CHAVIS

Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers
First Season at Arkansas

Arkansas added nearly 30 years of SEC experience to its coaching staff when it announced the hiring of John Chavis as the program's defensive coordinator on Jan. 9, 2018. Chavis spent the last 23 years as a defensive coordinator at Tennessee (1995-2008), LSU (2009-14) and Texas A&M (2015-17).

The 2011 winner of the Broyles Award as the top assistant coach in college football, Chavis has been part of 21 bowl games, 12 10-win seasons and appeared in the SEC Championship game six times over his 23 years as a defensive coordinator in the SEC.

Chavis, who has 29 years of experience in the rugged SEC, has produced a defense that has ranked among the top four in the league in total defense 15 times during his 23 seasons as a coordinator.

During his time at Texas A&M as associate head coach and defensive coordinator, the Aggies were one of five FBS programs (Alabama, Clemson, Penn State & Washington) to rank in the top 25 in sacks each season from 2015-17, highlighted by an SEC-best 43 this past fall. A key contributor to those sack totals was Myles Garrett, who led the SEC in sacks in 2015, and was a unanimous first-team All-American in 2016 en route to being the No. 1 overall pick in the 2017 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

Prior to his three seasons at Texas A&M, Chavis was a key piece to a successful six-year run at LSU that saw the Tiger defense finish in the top 15 nationally in total defense five times (2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014). During Chavis' tenure in Baton Rouge, the Tigers forced 152 turnovers and accounted for 14 touchdowns and two safeties. In 79 total games, Chavis' defenses held the opponent under 100 yards rushing 32 times.

LSU had its best year under Chavis in 2011, as the Tigers capped the year ranked in the top five in the nation in four categories including total defense (No. 2 at 261.5), scoring defense (No. 2 at 11.29), pass efficiency defense (No. 3 with 95.58 rating) and rushing defense (No. 5 at 90.1). LSU also ranked No. 8 nationally in pass defense with 171.43 yards allowed per game. LSU's 2011 defense featured a young and explosive defensive front along with arguably the nation's top secondary with two national award winners in Tyrann Mathieu and Morris Claiborne. LSU allowed only six first-half touchdowns, including just two in the first quarter all season, as the Tigers rode their dominant defense's style of play to a 13-0 regular season mark, the SEC title and a spot in the BCS National Championship Game.

In both 2010 and 2011, Chavis and the Tigers defense featured the Thorpe Award winner (nation's top defensive back) in Patrick Peterson in 2010 and Claiborne in 2011, as well as the Bednarik Award winner (nation's top defender) in Peterson and Mathieu in 2011. LSU was also home to the SEC Defensive Player of the Year in Peterson (2010), Mathieu (2011 by AP) and Claiborne (2011 by Coaches).

Over Chavis' six years at LSU, the Tigers and Alabama were the only two SEC programs to rank in the league's top four in scoring defense every year from 2009-14. LSU finished in the top 12 nationally in scoring defense five of six years under Chavis, highlighted by No. 2 and No. 4 in 2011 and 2014, respectively. The Tigers led the SEC in passing defense twice (2010, 2014) in his six years while they led the league in total defense his final season in 2014.

Prior to his arrival in Baton Rouge in 2009, Chavis spent 14 seasons as the defensive coordinator at Tennessee, helping the Vols win at least nine games in a season 11 times. The Vols reached the 10-win mark eight times during his time as defensive coordinator, which included a school-record 13 victories during their national championship season in 1998. The Vols had 11 wins in 1995, 1997 and 2001, and they won 10 games in 1996, 2003, 2004 and 2007. With Chavis as the defensive coordinator, Tennessee made five appearances in the SEC



Championship game, winning the league title in 1997 and 1998. The Volunteers were also invited to three BCS bowl games.

Behind a recruiting belief that there is no substitute for speed and an aggressive defensive philosophy, Chavis has coached and mentored 70 NFL Draft picks, including 15 first rounders, during his time as a defensive coordinator in the SEC.

Chavis has seen one of his defensive standouts taken in 22 straight NFL Drafts as a defensive coordinator and 26 consecutive years dating back to his time as the defensive line/linebackers coach at Tennessee. Out of the 70 players selected, 42 have been taken in the top three rounds.

Over a run of eight NFL Drafts from 2006-13, Chavis saw eight players taken in the first round with at least one going in seven of them. In 2013, LSU became the first school in NFL Draft history to have six defensive players selected during the first three rounds. LSU finished with eight defenders selected in the 2013 NFL Draft, including the second straight year with a pair of first rounders.

In all, Chavis has coached 81 players taken in the NFL Draft during his time as a defensive coordinator or from his position room as an assistant coach. Over his 29 years in the SEC, he has seen a player taken in 27 of a possible 28 drafts.

Chavis, who is originally from Dillon, South Carolina, is married to the former Diane Crisp. They are the parents of sons John and Jason. He graduated from Tennessee in 1978, as a three-year letter winner at middle guard for head coach Johnny Majors.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
1979	Tennessee	Graduate Asst.
1980-83	Alabama A&M	Defensive Line
1984-85	Alabama State	Defensive Coord.
1986-88	Alabama A&M	Defensive Coord.
1989-94	Tennessee	Defensive Line/Linebackers
1995-2008	Tennessee	Defensive Coord./Linebackers
2009-14	LSU	Defensive Coord./Linebackers
2015-17	Texas A&M	Assoc. Head Coach/Defensive Coord./Linebackers
2018-present	Arkansas	Defensive Coord./Linebackers

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JOE CRADDOCK IV

Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks
First Season at Arkansas

Joe Craddock IV was named the program's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach on Jan. 9, 2018.

Craddock comes to Fayetteville after spending the past three seasons (2015-17) as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at SMU. Prior to SMU, he coached at Clemson for three seasons as an offensive graduate assistant (2013-14) and a player development coach (2012).

Over his three seasons with the Mustangs, Craddock's offense produced a 3,000-yard passer (Ben Hicks, 2017), two 1,000-yard rushers (Xavier Jones, 2017; Braeden West, 2016), and two 1,000-yard receivers (Courtland Sutton, 2017 and 2016; Trey Quinn, 2017).

Sutton, a second-round pick in the 2018 NFL Draft, posted career receiving totals of 3,152 yards and 31 touchdowns on 189 receptions in four seasons at SMU. He averaged 16.4 yards per catch in each of his last two seasons and finished third on the Mustangs' all-time receiving list.

During the 2017 regular season, Craddock's unit ranked No. 8 in the FBS in scoring offense (40.2 points), No. 13 in total offense (493.8 yards) and No. 16 in passing yards (308.0 yards) and was one of just two in the country that featured a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and multiple 1,000-yard receivers in All-Americans Sutton and Quinn.

Two of the most dynamic receivers in college football, Sutton and Quinn were the only pair of teammates to rank in the top 10 in touchdown receptions during the 2017 regular season. Quinn finished the year with 13 TD catches, while Sutton had 12. The duo also combined for 12 100-yard receiving games with six apiece.

A Biletnikoff Award and Earl Campbell Tyler Rose semifinalist, Quinn led the nation in receptions with 114 and ranked inside the top 15 nationally in receiving touchdowns (No. 4, 13), receiving yards per game (No. 10, 95.1) and receiving yards (No. 11, 1,236). He turned in two of the three top reception performances in the FBS during the 2017 regular season with 17 catches twice and became the only player this century to register 15-plus catches in three straight games.

Hicks finished his sophomore season with 3,569 passing yards (No. 18 in FBS) and 33 touchdown passes (No. 9 in FBS).

In 2016, SMU had a 1,000-yard rusher (West, 1,036) and 1,000-yard receiver (Sutton, 1,246) for the first time since 2011 and three players with at least 1,000 all-purpose yards for the first time since 2011 (Sutton, West, James Proche). As a freshman, Hicks threw for 2,930 yards, third-best among all freshmen and eighth-best in a season at SMU.

In Craddock's first year at SMU, the Mustangs increased their scoring output by 16.7 points per game – the second-largest increase in the nation in 2015. He also helped develop two of the nation's top freshmen in Sutton and Jones. Sutton was named a Freshman All-American in 2015 after ranking No. 1 among freshmen with nine touchdown catches.

During his time at Clemson, Craddock, alongside Morris who was offensive coordinator, aided in the development of quarterback Deshaun Watson. In 2014, the Tigers' offense averaged 448.2 yards of total offense per game, ranked No. 21 in scoring offense (35.4) and was one of just 14 teams in the FBS to average both 200 yards rushing and passing per game.

Prior to his collegiate coaching career, Craddock was the offensive coordinator at Briarwood Christian School in Birmingham, Alabama, during the 2010 and 2011 seasons. Briarwood Christian went 25-4 during Craddock's tenure and finished as the state runner-up in 2010.



Following the 2011 season, he was hired as an offensive player development coach at Clemson by coach Dabo Swinney. After the 2012 season, Craddock was given on-field graduate assistant duties working with the quarterbacks, a role he held until December 2014. Craddock played at Middle Tennessee from 2004-08 and was a team captain his senior year. He also played baseball for the Blue Raiders in 2008.

A native of Chelsea, Alabama, Craddock earned a bachelor's degree in liberal arts at Middle Tennessee in 2008. He and his wife, Abby, have one daughter, Charlie.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
2010-11	Briarwood Christian School (Ala.)	Offensive Coord.
2012	Clemson	Player Development Coach
2013-14	Clemson	Graduate Asst.
2015-17	SMU	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks
2018-present	Arkansas	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks

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STEVE CALDWELL

Defensive Line
First Season at Arkansas

Steve Caldwell comes to Fayetteville for the second time in his career with more than 30 years of coaching experience, highlighted by a 1998 national championship alongside John Chavis at Tennessee, and 20 bowl games appearances.

From 2014-17, Caldwell served as associate head coach at Boise State while overseeing the defensive line room. Over his four seasons, Boise State accumulated a record of 42-12 with three bowl wins in four appearances while his defensive line unit helped hold 24 of 54 opponents to under 100 yards rushing over that span.

Caldwell mentored an All-Mountain West first team selection in each of his four seasons at Boise State, including defensive end Sam McCaskill and nose tackle David Moa in 2016. In 2017, Caldwell coached defensive lineman Curtis Weaver, who became the first freshman in Mountain West history to earn first-team honors as a freshman. Weaver led the conference and all FBS freshmen with 11.0 sacks (T-6th nationally) en route to being named to the *USA TODAY* Freshman All-America team.

In 2017, Boise State tied for the Mountain West lead in sacks and was the only program to finish in the top four in the conference in sacks each of Caldwell's four seasons (2014-17). The Broncos also ranked second in the Mountain West in rushing defense in 2017, highlighted by holding an explosive Oregon offense to a season-low 47 yards on the ground during their 38-28 win over the Ducks in the Las Vegas Bowl. It also marked the fourth time in Caldwell's four years that Boise State finished in the top four in the conference in rushing defense.

Caldwell oversaw one of the most dominant defensive lines in the country in 2015, as his front four was the Mountain West standard and ranked fifth in FBS in rushing defense, allowing just 108.2 rushing yards per game. The stubbornness against the run helped the Bronco defensive unit rank second in the conference and 18th in the country in scoring defense with 20.2 points allowed per game.

Among the numerous standouts in the trenches in 2015 was junior Kamalei Correa, who racked up a team-best 11.0 sacks and 7.0 tackles-for-loss and was selected by the Baltimore Ravens with the 11th pick of the second round (42nd overall) in the 2016 NFL Draft. Correa finished his collegiate career with a Defensive MVP performance during a Poinsettia Bowl victory over Northern Illinois after recording 2.0 sacks and 2.5 tackles-for-loss.

Prior to Boise State, Caldwell rejoined his alma mater Arkansas State for the 2013 campaign. The Red Wolves captured a share of the Sun Belt Conference Championship in 2013 and won the 2013 GoDaddy Bowl. Under Caldwell's tutelage, Ryan Carrethers garnered first-team All-Sun Belt Conference honors, and went on to be selected by the San Diego Chargers in the 2014 NFL Draft.

Caldwell's first stint at Arkansas came from 2010-12, when he was in charge of the defensive line. During his time with the Razorbacks, Arkansas posted back-to-back 10-win seasons (2010-11) and played in the Sugar Bowl. Arkansas ranked No. 36 or better nationally in sacks in each of Caldwell's three seasons, highlighted by finishing the 2010 campaign tied for eighth nationally in sacks.

In 2011, Arkansas' defensive end group of Jake Bequette, Tenarius Wright, Trey Flowers and Chris Smith combined for 27.0 tackles for loss and 16.0 sacks. Bequette earned All-SEC first team honors after leading the SEC with 10.0 sacks, a mark that was good for ninth nationally. Bequette was named the Defensive MVP of the Cotton Bowl after two sacks and a forced fumble and went on to be selected by the New England Patriots in the third round of the 2012 NFL Draft.



Caldwell spent the 1995-2008 seasons coaching defensive ends at Tennessee alongside Chavis. Over 14 seasons, the Volunteers won the 1998 National Championship, made 13 bowl appearances and finished 10 seasons ranked in the top 25.

Tennessee ranked in the top four among SEC schools in total defense 10 times and led the league in rushing defense three times. In 2008, the Vols ranked third nationally in total defense (263.5), and in 2005 the team's rushing defense ranked second nationally (82.5).

A dean's list student at Arkansas State, Caldwell played four years of football as a defensive end and linebacker. The start of his coaching career came over three seasons at his alma mater from 1978-80. Caldwell then moved on to Northwest Mississippi Community College, where he coached the offensive line for four seasons and was part of a national championship team in 1982.

Caldwell rejoined Arkansas State in 1985 as linebackers coach and was with the Red Wolves through 1989. The school won back-to-back league championships (1985-86) and made three-straight trips to the NCAA Division I-AA Playoffs from 1985-87.

He worked as a graduate assistant at Tennessee in 1990, before moving on to Pacific from 1991-93. He was the linebackers coach in 1991 and added co-defensive coordinator responsibilities in 1992 and 1993.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
1978-79	Arkansas State	Graduate Asst.
1980	Arkansas State	Offensive Line
1981-84	Northwest (Miss.) CC	Offensive Line
1985-89	Arkansas State	Linebackers
1990	Tennessee	Graduate Asst.
1991-93	Pacific	Co-Defensive Coord.
1994	Nevada	Co-Defensive Coord.
1994-95	Ole Miss	Defensive Ends
1995-2008	Tennessee	Defensive Ends
2010	Arkansas	Defensive Ends
2011-12	Arkansas	Defensive Ends/Special Teams
2013	Arkansas State	Defensive Line
2014-17	Boise State	Assoc. Head Coach/Defensive Line
2018-present	Arkansas	Defensive Line

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RON COOPER

Secondary
First Season at Arkansas

Ron Cooper brings more than 30 years of coaching experience to Arkansas, including 10 as a head coach on the collegiate level, and he has served four stints as a defensive coordinator. He has also worked one year in the NFL as a defensive backs coach while making stops at four other SEC schools during his career.

Cooper took over a youthful secondary room at Texas A&M, as seven different underclassmen, including four freshmen, started in the defensive backfield for the Aggies during the 2017 season. One of the mainstays in the lineup was junior Armani Watts, who finished the season with 87 tackles, four interceptions, two fumble recoveries and one touchdown en route to being named to Associated Press (AP) All-America third team and the All-SEC first team (Coaches & AP).

Prior to Texas A&M, Cooper served as the interim head coach at FIU for the final eight games of the 2016 season. Cooper also served as head coach at Eastern Michigan (1993-94), Louisville (1995-97) and Alabama A&M (1998-2001).

Cooper spent two seasons at FIU with the first as the team's assistant head coach and defensive backs coach in 2015. He was elevated to the Panthers' defensive coordinator in 2016 before leading FIU to a 4-4 record as the interim head coach.

Prior to FIU, Cooper served as the assistant head coach and defensive backs coach at South Florida from 2013-14. He helped lead the Bulls to a team record 20-plus takeaways each season and the defense scored four touchdowns.

He coached one season in the NFL as the defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 2012.

Cooper has deep ties to Arkansas defensive coordinator John Chavis, having served as the LSU secondary coach under Chavis from 2009-11. He mentored one of the top secondary rooms in the country, highlighted by national award winners Morris Claiborne, Patrick Peterson and Tyrann Mathieu. In both 2010 and 2011, Cooper and the Tigers defense featured the Thorpe Award winner (nation's top defensive back) in Patrick Peterson in 2010 and Claiborne in 2011, as well as the Bednarik Award winner (nation's top defender) in Peterson and Mathieu in 2011. LSU was also home to the SEC Defensive Player of the Year in Peterson (2010), Mathieu (2011 by AP) and Claiborne (2011 by Coaches).

Cooper also made stops in the SEC at South Carolina (2004-08) and Mississippi State (2003). In 2008, Cooper assisted with a defense that ranked No. 1 in the SEC and No. 2 in the nation in pass defense, allowing just 160 yards per game. With the Gamecocks, Cooper helped lead the team to appearances in the 2005 Independence Bowl, 2006 Liberty Bowl and 2009 Outback Bowl.

He broke into the head coaching ranks with Eastern Michigan and went on to become head coach at Louisville and Alabama A&M. Cooper's 1995 Louisville team led the nation in takeaways and finished No. 9 nationally in scoring defense. The following season, the Cardinals ranked No. 4 in both total defense and rushing defense.

At Alabama A&M, Cooper guided the Bulldogs to the Southwestern Athletic Conference Championship Game in 2000. His squad led the nation in rushing defense and they ranked No. 8 nationally in scoring defense. He also discovered defensive end Robert Mathis and coached him in his first three collegiate seasons. Mathis went on to a 14-year NFL career with the Colts, making six Pro Bowls and earning AFC Defensive Player of the Year honors in 2013. Before becoming the head coach at Eastern Michigan, Cooper served as an assistant coach at Notre Dame (1991-92), helping the Irish to victories in the 1992 Sugar Bowl and 1993 Cotton Bowl.



Cooper also served coaching stints at UNLV (1990), East Carolina (1989), Murray State (1987-88), Austin Peay (1985-86), Minnesota (1984) and Appalachian State (1983).

As a player, Cooper was a four-year letterman at Jacksonville State, where he helped the Gamecocks to Gulf South Conference titles in 1981 and 1982. Cooper played in the NCAA Div. II playoffs three times during his career, including a semifinal run in 1982.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	POSITION
1983	Appalachian State	Graduate Asst.
1984	Minnesota	Graduate Asst.
1985-86	Austin Peay	Asst. Coach
1987-88	Murray State	Defensive Coord.
1989	East Carolina	Asst. Coach
1990	UNLV	Defensive Coord.
1991-92	Notre Dame	Asst. Head Coach
1993-94	Eastern Michigan	Head Coach
1995-97	Louisville	Head Coach
1998-2001	Alabama A&M	Head Coach
2002	Wisconsin	Asst. Coach
2003	Mississippi State	Defensive Coord.
2004	South Carolina	Defensive Backs
2005	South Carolina	Outside Linebackers/Special Teams
2006-07	South Carolina	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Backs
2008	South Carolina	Safeties
2009-11	LSU	Defensive Backs
2012	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Defensive Backs
2013-14	USF	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Backs
2015	FIU	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord./Defensive Backs
2016	FIU	Asst. Head Coach/Defensive Coord./Linebackers
2016	FIU	Interim Head Coach
2017	Texas A&M	Defensive Backs
2018-present	Arkansas	Secondary

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DUSTIN FRY

Offensive Line/Run Game Coordinator
First Season at Arkansas

Dustin Fry joins the Razorback staff after spending three seasons at SMU (2015-17) as offensive line coach. Prior to his stint in Dallas, he served as an offensive graduate assistant at Clemson from 2012-14.

At SMU, Fry's offensive line cleared paths for a 1,000-yard rusher in both 2016 and 2017. His 2017 unit blocked for the Mustangs' offense to produce 3,000-plus passing yards and 2,000-plus rushing yards. The Mustangs averaged 5.0 yards per carry and were one of 18 FBS programs, including one of three in the American Athletic Conference, to accomplish that feat during the regular season. SMU's 2,230 rushing yards were its most in a regular season in 10 years.

According to Sport Source Analytics, Fry's offensive line in 2017 ranked No. 14 nationally in efficiency (79.6), based on tackle for loss percentage, sack percentage and third and fourth down run percentage.

In his three years at Clemson, he helped the Tigers to a 31-7 record with two top-10 finishes. He was a player development coach with the offensive line and helped center Dalton Freeman earn first-team All-America honors in 2012.

Fry lettered four years with Clemson and was a first-team All-ACC center and a National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA) All-American on the 2006 offense that averaged a school-record 6.5 yards per play. He played in the Senior Bowl and was a fifth-round draft pick of the Rams, playing for St. Louis in 2007 and 2008. He also spent time with the Cleveland Browns, Denver Broncos and Carolina Panthers.



COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
2012-14	Clemson	Graduate Asst.
2015-17	SMU	Offensive Line
2018-present	Arkansas	Offensive Line/Run Game Coord.

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BARRY LUNNEY JR.

Tight Ends
Sixth Season at Arkansas

Barry Lunney Jr., a former Arkansas starting quarterback, is entering his sixth season as tight ends coach at his alma mater. Lunney has strengthened the program's reputation as #TEU over his five years.

Lunney's work has not only resulted in success for the Razorbacks, but also caught the interest of NFL personnel. Highlighted by Hunter Henry being the first tight end taken off the board in the 2016 NFL Draft, Arkansas is the only program in the country to have a tight end taken in each of the last three drafts dating back to 2015.

From 2014 to 2016, Lunney helped develop Henry into the best tight end in the nation. On Dec. 9, 2015, that became official when Henry was named the John Mackey Award winner following his junior season. Henry joined D.J. Williams as former Razorbacks to win the award to make Arkansas the only program to have multiple winners in the award's history.

Lunney serves as the team's primary recruiter in the state of Arkansas. The Razorbacks signed 10 players from the Natural State in the 2015 recruiting class, the most in-state signees since 2008. Arkansas' haul also featured the nation's best class of tight ends.

After earning All-SEC second team honors in 2013 and 2014, Henry won the John Mackey Award 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. 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. Of the eight, he is one of four to tally more than 1,500 receiving yards. In addition, his 1,661 career receiving yards rank second in program history among tight ends, only trailing Williams (1,855, 2007-10). His 116 receptions and 1,661 receiving yards through the past three seasons were both tops in the SEC among tight ends.

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. A year later, Sprinkle followed Henry's footsteps and was taken by the Washington Redskins in the fifth round of the 2017 NFL Draft. During his senior season, Sprinkle set the Arkansas record for career TDs by a tight end with 11 and was also invited to play in the Reese's Senior Bowl.

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.

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'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. 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 7A state championship games and won at least 12 games in four of his last five seasons.

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 offensive 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.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
1998-99	Arkansas	Graduate Asst.
2000-01	Tulsa	Quarterbacks
2002	Tulsa	Wide Receivers
2003-04	San Jose State	Co-Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks
2005-12	Bentonville (Ark.) High School	Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks
2013-present	Arkansas	Tight Ends

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JOHN SCOTT JR.

Defensive Line
Second Season at Arkansas

John Scott Jr. will enter his second season with the Razorbacks after serving as defensive line coach in 2017.

Scott Jr. spent the 2015 and 2016 seasons with the New York Jets, beginning as a defensive quality control coach in 2015 before being promoted to defensive line assistant coach. Prior to his time in the NFL, Scott Jr. spent time as a defensive line or outside linebackers coach at Texas Tech, Georgia Southern, Missouri State, Norfolk State and his alma mater Western Carolina.

The Jets led the NFL in rushing touchdowns allowed and red zone defense in 2015, while finishing second in rushing defense and fourth in total defense. Both defensive tackle Muhammad Wilkerson and cornerback Darrelle Revis earned Pro Bowl Honors. Scott Jr. was promoted to defensive line assistant prior to the 2016 season in which the Jets finished fifth in the AFC in rush defense and rushing touchdowns allowed. Defensive tackle Leonard Williams earned a Pro Bowl nod.

Scott mentored and coached a trio of defensive linemen at Texas Tech that worked their way into the NFL. In his first season, he tutored Kerry Hyder to All-Big 12 honors and an invite to the NFL Scouting Combine. In his first full season with the Detroit Lions in 2016, Hyder led the team with 8.0 sacks to go along with 36 tackles. Branden Jackson had his best season under Scott Jr. in 2014 as a junior before getting an invite to the 2016 NFL Scouting Combine. Jackson recently finished his rookie season with the Oakland Raiders.

Prior to joining Texas Tech, Scott Jr. spent three seasons (2010-12) as the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator on three Georgia Southern teams that advanced to the semifinals of the FCS Playoffs. Along the defensive line, he mentored two All-Americans, including Brent Russell, who was an All-American all three years under Scott Jr. and finished as the program's all-time sack leader. In 2011, the Georgia Southern defensive line featured Russell, All-American Roderick Tinsley and All-Southern Conference selection John Douglas. In 2010, Russell was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award for the nation's top defensive player at the Championship Subdivision level.

Scott Jr. was named defensive line coach at Georgia Southern in January 2010 after one season coaching outside linebackers at Missouri State and three seasons at Western Carolina coaching defensive ends and outside linebackers. As defensive line coach at Norfolk State for the 2005 season, Scott Jr. helped the Spartans achieve a No. 12 national ranking in pass defense. That season, Norfolk State allowed just over 158 yards per game. The Greer, South Carolina, native attended the NCAA's Minority Coaches Academy in 2008 after being selected from a pool of 400 applicants.

A 2000 graduate of Western Carolina and four-year Catamount letterman, Scott returned to coach at his alma mater in 2006. An All-Southern Conference choice at defensive end in 1998, Scott Jr. had 17 tackles for loss. His career total of 31 tackles for loss ranks 10th in Western Carolina history.

After earning his bachelor's degree in communications from Western Carolina, Scott Jr. played three years of professional football, including two years with the Greensboro (N.C.) Prowlers of the Arena Football League 2. He was named the team's Defensive Player of the Year in 2000.



While playing for the Greensboro Prowlers, Scott Jr. gained coaching experience at the high school level as defensive line coach at West Davidson High School in 2001. Scott Jr. then went to Louisiana-Lafayette as a graduate assistant for two years, serving as a defensive line graduate assistant. He completed his master's degree in education at Louisiana-Lafayette in 2006.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL/ORGANIZATION	POSITION
2001	West Davidson (N.C.) High School	Defensive Line
2002-04	Louisiana-Lafayette	Graduate Asst.
2005	Norfolk State	Defensive Line
2006-07	Western Carolina	Defensive Ends/Outside Linebackers
2008	Western Carolina	Defensive Line
2009	Missouri State	Defensive Ends
2010-12	Georgia Southern	Defensive Line/Special Teams
2013-14	Texas Tech	Defensive Line
2015	New York Jets	Defensive Quality Control
2016	New York Jets	Asst. Defensive Line
2017-present	Arkansas	Defensive Line

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JEFF TRAYLOR

**Associate Head Coach/Running Backs
First Season at Arkansas**

Jeff Traylor joined the Razorbacks from SMU, where he spent the 2017 season as associate head coach/running backs. He served as the Mustangs' interim coach following the Razorbacks' hiring of Morris in December 2017.

Traylor's SMU unit totaled 2,223 yards rushing in 2017, highlighted by three players who rushed for 500-plus yards with sophomore Xavier Jones leading the group at 1,075. The Mustangs topped the 200-yard mark on the ground six times with a season-best 311 in a win against Arkansas State.

Before SMU, Traylor spent two seasons at the University of Texas (2015-16). In his first season in Austin, he coached tight ends and was named Scout.com's Big 12 Recruiter of the Year. In 2016, Traylor coached tight ends and wide receivers for the Longhorns, who boasted the nation's No. 16 ranked offense that averaged 491.3 yards per game.

During his time in Austin, Traylor recruited punter Michael Dickson, who went on to earn multiple All-America honors, win Big 12 Conference Special Teams Player of the Year in 2016 and 2017 as well as the 2017 Ray Guy Award.

At Texas, Traylor recruited punter Michael Dickson, who earned All-Big 12 honorable mention honors, while the tight ends unit caught 22 passes for over 300 yards and two touchdowns. Dickson averaged 41.3 yards per punt on 77 attempts.

Prior to Texas, Traylor spent 15 seasons (2000-14) as head coach at Gilmer High School in east Texas, where he had a 175-26 record with three state championships and two state runner-up finishes.

Under Traylor, Gilmer High School reached the 10-win mark 11 times, while also recording seven 13-win campaigns. The Buckeyes posted 15 wins three times, all of which resulted in undefeated state championship years, including two 16-0 seasons in 2004 and 2014.

In 2014, the Gilmer offense put up the second-most points in the history of Texas high school football with 950 in 16 games for an average of 59.4 points per game and won the 4A Division 2 state title. The Buckeyes scored 60-plus points nine times, including two 80-point performances. Gilmer also averaged 536.1 total yards per game (8,577) behind a balanced 293.9 passing yards and 242.1 rushing yards per contest. The defense was equally dominant, allowing only 276 points (17.3) with five single-digit efforts and two shutouts, while recording 23 interceptions and forcing 17 fumbles. Gilmer closed out the season with a win over West Orange-Stark at AT&T Stadium in Arlington, Texas, and had eight different players earn 4A All-State honors from either the Associated Press or Texas Sports Writers Association.

Gilmer's two other state titles under Traylor both came in 3A in 2004 (Division 2) and 2009 (Division 1), before the change in class structure in Texas high school football moved the school into 4A. After 15 years on its sidelines, Gilmer renamed Buckeye stadium to Jeff Traylor Stadium in Traylor's honor.

Prior to Gilmer, Traylor was an assistant coach at Jacksonville High School (1993-99) in Texas, where he served as passing coordinator, defensive backs coach, receivers coach and special teams coordinator.



Traylor began his coaching career at Big Sandy High School in Texas, where he spent four years as an assistant coach from 1990-93. After graduating from Gilmer High School in 1986, Traylor played football at Stephen F. Austin as a walk-on.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
1989-92	Big Sandy (Texas) High School	Asst. Coach
1993-99	Jacksonville (Texas) High School	Asst. Coach
2000-14	Gilmer (Texas) High School	Head Coach/Athletic Director
2015-16	Texas	Tight Ends/Special Teams
2017	SMU	Associate Head Coach/Running Backs
2018-present	Arkansas	Associate Head Coach/Running Backs

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MARK SMITH

Secondary
First Season at Arkansas

One of the assistants that helped recruit Arkansas' early signing class in December, Smith will help lead the secondary. Along with his three seasons at SMU, Smith also has college experience as defensive quality control coach at Oklahoma.

Smith arrived at SMU as Director of Recruiting in 2015 and added defensive analyst to his duties for 2017 season. He arrived at SMU with experience at both the college and high school levels.

Prior to SMU, he served at Hurst L.D. Bell from 2009 to 2014, earning a promotion to head coach in early 2011. With Smith at the helm, Bell made the playoffs for three straight seasons. He also served as an assistant at Irving MacArthur and Colleyville Heritage high schools in Texas.

Smith was a member of the Board of Directors for the Texas High School Coaches Association and served as the President of the North Texas Football Coaches Association.



COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
2000-03	Colleyville Heritage (Texas) High School	Assistant Coach
2004-07	MacArthur (Texas) High School	Defensive Coordinator
2008-09	Oklahoma	Defensive QC
2009-10	L.D. Bell (Texas) High School	Defensive Coordinator
2011-14	L.D. Bell (Texas) High School	Head Coach
2015-17	SMU	Director of Recruiting
2018-present	Arkansas	Secondary

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JUSTIN STEPP

Wide Receivers
First Season at Arkansas

Justin Stepp joined the Razorbacks after spending six seasons as a wide receivers coach at SMU (2015-17) and Appalachian State (2012-14). Prior to Appalachian State, he spent three seasons at Clemson as an offensive graduate assistant coach (2011) and an offensive video graduate assistant (2009-10).

Last December, he was selected to participate in the 2018 AFCA 35 Under 35 Coaches Leadership Institute, a prestigious program aimed at identifying and developing premier, future leaders in the football coaching profession. He was also named a finalist for the 2017 FootballScoop Wide Receivers Coach of the Year award.

During Stepp's six seasons as a wide receivers coach, he's tutored three different players who have combined for four 1,000-yard receiving seasons.

Stepp's protégés Courtland Sutton and Trey Quinn at SMU were two of the most dynamic wide receivers in college football in 2017 and each went on to be selected in the 2018 NFL Draft. The Mustangs boasted one of the most prolific passing attacks in the nation on the strength of All-Americans Sutton and Quinn each posting 1,000-yard receiving seasons. SMU was one of only two schools with multiple 1,000-yard receivers in 2017. In addition, Sutton and Quinn were the only pair of teammates to rank in the top 10 in touchdown receptions and combined for 12 100-yard receiving games with six apiece. Quinn finished the year with 13 TD catches, while Sutton had 12.

A Biletnikoff Award and Earl Campbell Tyler Rose semifinalist, Quinn led the nation in receptions with 114 and ranked inside the top 15 nationally in receiving touchdowns (No. 4, 13), receiving yards per game (No. 10, 95.1) and receiving yards (No. 11, 1,236). He turned in two of the three top reception performances in the FBS during the 2017 regular season with 17 catches twice and became the only player this century to register 15-plus catches in three straight games. The Lake Charles, Louisiana, native was selected by the Washington Redskins with the 256th and final selection of the 2018 draft.

Sutton, a second-round pick to the Denver Broncos, posted career receiving totals of 3,152 yards and 31 touchdowns on 189 receptions in four seasons at SMU. He averaged 16.4 yards per catch in each of his last two seasons and finished third on the Mustangs' all-time receiving chart behind Emmanuel Sanders and Aldrick Robinson.

In 2016, Sutton led the SMU offense for the second straight season, hauling in 76 passes for 1,246 yards and 10 TDs to become SMU's first 1,000-yard receiver since 2013. Sutton was not the Mustangs' only threat through the air, though, as James Proche, caught 57 passes for 709 yards and six scores on his way to Freshman All-America honors.

Stepp's first season at SMU saw him develop Sutton into one of the country's top freshman. Sutton was named a Freshman All-American in 2015 after leading all FBS freshmen with nine receiving touchdowns. He set an SMU freshman record for receiving yards with 862 and tied Sanders for most touchdowns by a freshman.

Over Stepp's first two seasons at Appalachian State, he coached three players who combined to earn five All-Southern Conference honors, including All-American Sean Price who set NCAA Division I FCS freshman records with 81 receptions and 1,196 receiving yards in 2012.



In 2011, Stepp played a key role in Clemson's offense, alongside Morris who was offensive coordinator. Stepp worked directly with the Tigers' running backs, quarterbacks, wide receivers and tight ends, while assisting in game-planning and in-game play-calling adjustments. With Stepp on the sideline, Clemson ranked second in the ACC and in the top 30 nationally in scoring (33.6) and total offense (440.8) and boasted a pair of All-Americans on the offensive side of the ball.

Stepp got his coaching start as the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator at NCAA Division II North Greenville in 2008. He also served as wide receivers and strength coach at Fort Mill (S.C.) High School in 2007.

Stepp was a standout wide receiver and punt returner at Furman from 2003-06. He earned All-SoCon recognition as a junior and senior and finished his playing career with 1,568 yards, 10 touchdown catches and 118 receptions, good for No. 4 on the school's career list at the time.

Stepp and his wife, Brooke, have a newborn son, Courtland Spencer Stepp, and a dog, Holi.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
2007	Fort Mill (S.C.) High School	Wide Receivers/Strength & Conditioning
2008	North Greenville	Wide Receivers/Recruiting Coord.
2009-10	Clemson	Graduate Asst./Offensive Video
2011	Clemson	Graduate Asst.
2012-14	Appalachian State	Wide Receivers
2015-17	SMU	Wide Receivers
2018-present	Arkansas	Wide Receivers

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TRUMAIN CARROLL

Strength & Conditioning First Season at Arkansas

Trumain Carroll was named the program's head strength and conditioning coach on Jan. 9, 2018.

Carroll most recently worked with Morris at SMU, where he was the Mustangs' strength and conditioning coach for the last three seasons (2015-17).

Carroll joined the SMU staff after two seasons (2013-14) as assistant strength and conditioning coach at his alma mater Oklahoma State, his second stint with the Cowboys.

During his tenure at SMU, Carroll's efforts in the weight room aided in the development of wide receivers Courtland Sutton and Trey Quinn into All-Americans and NFL Draft selections. Sutton and Quinn were two of the most dynamic wide receivers in college football in 2017, each turning in 1,000-yard receiving seasons to become one of only two pairs of teammates in the FBS to accomplish that feat.

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Prior to Oklahoma State, Carroll was director of strength and conditioning South Carolina State (2011-12) after serving in the same role at the University of Missouri-Kansas City (2008-11).

Carroll joined UMKC from Oklahoma State, where he was the assistant strength and conditioning coach from 2006-08. While in Stillwater, Carroll designed and directed the strength program for the Oklahoma State women's basketball program that advanced to the Sweet 16 in the 2007 NCAA Tournament. He also assisted in the strength and conditioning program with the Oklahoma State football team that won the 2006 Independence Bowl and the 2007 Insight.com Bowl.

Carroll was a defensive end at Oklahoma State from 2001 to 2005. During his playing career, he helped guide the Cowboys to three consecutive bowl games, including a victory in the 2002 Houston Bowl and appearances in the 2003 Cotton Bowl and 2004 Alamo Bowl.

Carroll received his Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coach Certification in May 2007 and his USA Weightlifting Sports Performance Certification in February 2008.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Oklahoma State in December 2005.

Carroll and his wife, Jarne, have a son, Trumain "Deuce" Carroll, and a dog, Bo.



COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
2006-08	Oklahoma State	Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach
2008-11	UMKC	Director of Strength & Conditioning
2011-12	South Carolina State	Director of Strength & Conditioning
2013-14	Oklahoma State	Asst. Strength & Conditioning Coach
2015-17	SMU	Strength & Conditioning Coach
2018-present	Arkansas	Head Strength & Conditioning Coach

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RANDY ROSS

Director of Football Operations
First Season at Arkansas

A veteran in coaching and administration with more than 30 years of experience in college football, Randy Ross serves as coach Chad Morris' Director of Football Operations.

Prior to coming to Fayetteville, Ross spent 11 years at SMU, where he served as the Sr. Associate Director of Football Operations, including three seasons under Coach Morris.

In his role, Ross coordinates team travel, office management and administration, handles game-day responsibilities and serves as a liaison with athletics and university departments.

Ross is no stranger to SEC football having spent 17 seasons at Alabama, including the last four as Director of Football Operations. He was an assistant coach from 1993-96 under Gene Stallings as well as the Crimson Tide's recruiting coordinator from 1990-98. He then spent one season in Alabama's development office before moving back to the football office in 2000 as the Director of High School Relations.

Prior to his time in Tuscaloosa, Ross was quarterbacks coach at Vanderbilt for three seasons.

Following his collegiate career at St. Bernard College, where he played baseball and earned All-Southern States Conference honors in 1975, Ross began his coaching career at Gaston High School before moving to Gadsden' Southside High School in 1976.

He served as Southside's head coach for nine seasons and then moved as head coach at Scottsboro High from 1985-86. He coached 15 players who later played college football, including former Tide quarterback David Smith. Ross was selected his area's Coach of the Year in 1980 and 1983. His 1980 squad finished 12-1 and was ranked third in the state.

Ross is married to the former Ann Lowe.

COACHING HISTORY

YEARS	SCHOOL	POSITION
1976	Gaston (Ala.) High School	Asst. Coach
1976-84	Southside (Ala.) High School	Asst. Coach
1985-86	Scottsboro (Ala.) High School	Head Coach
1987-89	Vanderbilt	Quarterbacks
1990-98	Alabama	Asst. Coach/Recruiting Coord.
2002-06	Alabama	Director of Football Operations
2007-17	SMU	Director of Football Operations
2018-present	Arkansas	Director of Football Operations



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