

# MINNESOTA GOLDEN GOPHERS

## ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

### OFFENSE

#### **Offensive Coor/QB's: Jedd Fisch, 1st year**

Fisch, who has never been a coordinator, makes his collegiate debut after serving as the Denver Broncos' WR coach in '08. He also was an assistant with the Baltimore Ravens from '04-07 and with the Houston Texans from '01-03.

#### **Running Backs: Thomas Hammock, 3rd year**

Hammock joined Brewster's staff after two successful seasons coaching the RB's at his alma mater N Illinois. Hammock's prize pupil Garrett Wolfe was a 3rd round DC by the Chicago Bears in '07. Hammock previously served as a grad assistant at Wisconsin in '03-04.

**Wide Receivers: Richard Hightower, 1st year** Hightower is one of 3 first year offensive assistants and makes his Big Ten coaching debut after spending the previous 4 years as an assistant with the Houston Texans.

#### **Tight Ends: Derek Lewis, 3rd year**

Lewis, who also works with the Gophers' special teams, came over to UM after being N Texas' DL coach in '06. Lewis got his coaching start as a grad assistant at Texas in '05-06. Lewis is 1 of 2 offensive assistants to play at Texas when Brewster coached there. He was an All Big 12 TE for the 'Horns in '98 and spent 2 years in the NFL with the St Louis Rams ('99-00).

#### **Offensive Line/Running Game Coord: Tim Davis, 1st year**

Davis joined Brewster's staff after the regular season ended in November '08. He coached the OL in the bowl while moving the unit from a smaller, quicker front wall to larger, more powerful downhill run blockers. Davis came over from Alabama where he served as the director of player personnel in '07-08 under Nick Saban. He also served on Saban's Miami Dolphin staff ('05-06). Prior to that he was the OL coach at USC ('02-04), the TE/OT's coach at Wisconsin ('97-01) and the OL coach at Utah ('90-96).

### DEFENSE

#### **Co-Defensive Coor: Kevin Cosgrove, 1st year**

Cosgrove returns to the Big Ten where he has 22 years of coaching experience after spending '04-07 as Nebraska's DC. He served on Barry Alvarez's Wisconsin staff for 14 seasons including as his DC from '95-03. His other FBS stops include Illinois and Colorado St.

#### **Associate HC/DL: Tim Cross, 3rd year**

Cross joined the staff after serving as Syracuse's DL coach in '05-06. He was also a member of Mack Brown's Texas staff serving as an Assistant Strength coach from '01-04.

#### **Special Teams/LB: John Butler, 3rd year**

In '07 Butler crossed over from the Ivy League to the Big Ten after serving as Harvard's linebackers and Special Teams Coach from '03-06. He also was the Safeties/Special Teams Coordinator at South West Texas State from '01-02.

#### **Co-Defensive Coor/DB's: Ronnie Lee, 3rd year**

In the winter of '09 Lee added the title of Co-DC when Ted Roof left for Auburn. Minnesota is Lee's third Big Ten program after serving as Michigan's DB coach in '06 and as Wisconsin's DB coach from '03-05. Lee has experience as a DC serving a dual role as DC/DB coach at San Jose St in '01-02. He also coached DB's at Colorado St from '93-00.

#### **Strength and Conditioning: Mark Hill, 3rd year**

Hill previously served as Arizona's Associate Director of Performance Enhancement from '04-06. Hill also was an Assistant Strength and Conditioning coach at Oklahoma from '00-03 where he worked with 11 NFL draft picks.