

OKLAHOMA SOONERS

ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

OFFENSE

Co-Off Coordinator/WR: Jay Norvell, 2nd year

Norvell enters his 2nd season at OU after a season with UCLA as the OC. He spent 2004-'06 as the OC/QB cch at Nebraska. Norvell was going to join the OU staff in '02, but opted out and coached TE's for the NFL's Oakland Raiders from 2002-'03. He was the WR cch with the Colts from 1998-'01. Norvell started off as a graduate asst at his alma mater Iowa in '86 & '87 while also making stops at N Iowa, Wisconsin and Iowa St before the NFL.

Co-Off Coordinator/TE/FB: Kevin Wilson, 8th year

Wilson (also run game coordinator) begins his 8th season at OU. He was promoted to co-OC along with coaching TE's/FB's after coaching the OL 4 years ago. He started coaching the OL at Winston Salem St in 1987 then was N Carolina A&T's OC & DL coach for a year. At Miami, Oh he was only the OL coach for his first 2 seasons there. He added on the OC responsibilities for the next 6 seasons and in a final year with the Redhawks handled the QB's instead of the OL. He then spent 3 years at Northwestern as the OC/QB coach before coming to Norman.

Quarterbacks: Josh Heupel, 5th year

Heupel enters his 5th season at OU. During 2005 he spent part of the year at Arizona (other part here) coaching TE's. He was a Graduate Asst here in 2004. Heupel was an AA QB at Oklahoma compiling a 20-5 record as a starter passing for 7,456 yds and tossing 53 TD's in his career. He was the Heisman Trophy runner-up in 2000.

Running Backs: Cale Gundy, 11th year

Gundy enters his 11th year with the Sooners and he also is the recruiting coordinator. He was the QB's coach at UAB in 1995 then the Blazers' RB's coach for the next 3 seasons before returning to Norman. He had held most of the QB career records before Heupel, White and Bradford came along, with the four of them being the only QB's to throw for 4,000+ yds in school history.

Offensive Line: James Patton, 4th year

Patton will enter his fourth year at OU after spending 2001-'05 as the OL coach at Northwestern. He coached TE's at Miami, Oh from 1999-'00 and Rhode Island from 1995-'98. Patton was a 4 year letterman at Miami, Oh and was a graduate asst there from 1993-'95.

DEFENSE

Assoc HC/Co-DC/LB: Brent Venables, 11th year

Venables begins his 11th year at Oklahoma. He is also the co-Defensive Coordinator and LB's Coach. He played LB at Kansas St then was a graduate assistant there from 1993 to 1995. He became the Wildcats' LB coach for the three years prior to coming to Norman also handling the Defensive Run Game Coordinator responsibilities in his last 3 years.

Asst HC/Co-DC/DB: Bobby Jack Wright, 11th year

Wright enters his 11th season with OU. His responsibilities changed 4 season's ago going from being the DE's coach to being an Asst Head Coach, the team's co-Defensive Coordinator and is also in charge of the DB's. He came here after being an Assistant Coach at Texas for 12 years.

Defensive Line: Jackie Shipp, 11th year

Shipp begins his 11th year here. He began his career coaching LB's at Langston, his only year not coaching the DL. He ran the DL's at Central Missouri St, UT-Martin and Southern Illinois before spending 3 yrs in the NFL with GB & MIN as a coaching intern. He was the DL coach at NE Louisiana and Alabama for 1 year each before coming here. He was a LB for the Sooners and his 477 career tackles is 2nd all-time in school history and still holds the single season record for tackles with 182. He played in the NFL for the MIA Dolphins (5 yrs) & OAK Raiders (1).

Defensive Ends/ST: Chris Wilson, 5th year

Wilson enters his 5th season with OU and LY added ST to his duties. He came over from Colorado where he was the DL coach from 2000-'04. He handled the DL for 2 years at Illinois St and in 1996 was the DC for NE Oklahoma A&M while also handling the DL. He coached LB's at Indiana St & N Illinois. He was a four year letterwinner for Oklahoma at LB from 1988-'91.