

east carolina assistant coaching staff

OFFENSE

Co-Offensive Coor/OL: Steve Shankweiler, 5th yr
Third tour here at EC and 15th year overall as a Pirate coach (1987-'91) & (1998-'02). In 2005 he guided the offense to 2,816 pass yards the most since 1996. He has had stops at South Carolina ('04) and Cincinnati ('03) in his 30+ years of coaching experience.

Co-Offensive Coor/QB: Todd Fitch, 3rd year
Prior to East Carolina Fitch, spent 3 years as the QB coach at Iowa St tutoring AA Bret Meyer who set most of the passing records at ISU. Fitch has coached with Skip Holtz for 13 years at Connecticut and South Carolina.

Running Backs: Wardell "Junior" Smith, 5th year
Smith was a 3-time AA RB for the Pirates from 1991-'94 and is still the Pirates' all-time leading rusher. This is his 2nd stint here as he was a Graduate Asst in '94. Smith was the RB coach at Army from 2000-'03. He was the RB coach at ULM in '04 before returning to EC.

WRs/Recruiting Coor: Donnie Kirkpatrick, 5th year
Kirkpatrick recruited and tutored Aundrae Allison who set EC single season records in catches and yds in '06. Prior to EC he served as WR coach at Western Carolina for 2 yrs. From 2000-'02 he was the HC at Tenn-Chattanooga.

Tight Ends: Phil Petty, 5th year
Moved to TE coach in '07 after coaching the QBs in '05 & '06. Grad Asst at South Carolina in '04. Three year starting QB at South Carolina under Holtz.

DEFENSE

Defensive Coor/LB's: Greg Hudson, 5th year
Hudson's 2008 squad led CUSA in scoring (21.0 ppg) and total defense (333 ypg). In Hudson's 1st season ('06) the Pirates had one of the top 10 most improved rush defenses shaving 76 yards per game rush off the 2005 defense he inherited. Prior to EC he was the DC at Minnesota. Prior to UM he spent 4 years as the Asst HC & LB coach at Cincinnati.

DE's/Sp Teams: Vernon Hargreaves, 3rd year
Hargreaves returns for his 3rd season at EC after being reunited with HC Holtz prior to last season. Hargreaves coached under Holtz at Conn from 1994-'97 before moving to Miami, FL where he coached linebackers from '98-'05.

Defensive Tackles: Thomas "Rock" Roggement, 5th yr
Enters his 2nd year as DT coach here after coaching LBs in '05 & '06. DL coach at Alabama St from '02-'04. Coached at Alabama A&M from '98-'01 and was DC there in '00 & '01. Also coached at Murray St ('87-'90) and UNLV.

Asst HC/DB's: Rick Smith, 5th year
The Pirates tied for #5 in the FBS with 22 int in 2008. EC also collected 16 int in '06 and 17 in '07 as a direct result of the schemes that Smith employs. Prior to EC, he was the DB coach for the Thunder of NFL Europe. Smith has had coaching stops at Alabama, GT, Tulane, Cincinnati, Kentucky. Smith has 6 years of experience as a IA DC in his career.