

rice

assistant coaching staff

OFFENSE

Offensive Coord/QBs: Ed Zaunbrecher, 1st year

Prior to Rice, Zaunbrecher served as the OC & QB coach at Purdue for the past 3 seasons. He has also been the OC at Florida ('02-'03) & Marshall ('00-'01). Zaunbrecher was also the HC at ULM from '94-'98, compiling a 20-36 record. Zaunbrecher has coached 42 NFL draft picks, including 6 first round picks.

Offensive Line: Ronnie Vinklerek, 1st year

Vinklerek was the OL coach for Edmonton of the CFL last season. Prior to the CFL, he was the OL coach at SMU from 2004-'07. Vinklerek also coached in the NFL for 3 seasons. He was the LB coach & ST Coord for Tenn in 2000 & coached the OL in Buffalo from '01-'02. He has also coached the OL at Okla St ('98 & '99), Valdosta St ('97) & Houston ('88-'93).

Running Backs: Darrell Patterson, 3rd year

Prior to Rice, Patterson coached linebackers at Stanford for 2 seasons. Patterson has also coached linebackers at SMU (2003-'04), Baylor ('02), Arkansas State ('01) and Kentucky ('97-'00).

Wide Receivers: Larry Edmondson, 1st year

Edmondson comes to Rice after serving as the OC at Katy Taylor High School (TX) last year. He brings 19 years of college coaching experience. He most recently coached WR's at SMU ('04-'07). He was also the OC & QB's coach at SMU from '02-'03 and served in the same capacity at Louisiana from '99-'01. He has also coached at Aub, Miss St & LSU.

DEFENSE

Asst HC/Co-DC/ LBs: Chuck Driesbach, 3rd year

Driesbach is entering his 31st year of coaching, 17 of which have been as a DC. He spent the 2005-'06 seasons as the secondary coach at Michigan St. Driesbach also served as DC at Ole Miss from 2002-'04. He was the DC at TCU in 2001 after spending 4 years in the same capacity at Western Michigan.

Co-Def Coord/Safeties: Craig Naivar, 3rd year

Naivar spent 3 seasons as the DC at Texas State before he followed HC Bailiff to Rice in 2007. Naivar also coached at Sam Houston State from 2002-'03 in the same capacity. While at TSU his defense led the SLC or ranked 2nd in every defensive category.

Defensive Line: Darin Eliot, 3rd year

Eliot came to Rice in 2007 and is also the recruiting coord. He spent the 2006 season as the LB coach at Tulsa. Prior to that he worked with HC Bailiff at Texas State from 2003-'05, coaching the secondary in 2003 and linebackers from 2004-'05.

Cornerbacks: Jason Washington, 3rd year

Washington previously served 3 years in the same capacity at Texas State under HC Bailiff. Washington lettered and played his college ball at Texas State.