

# MISSISSIPPI ST ASSISTANT COACHING STAFF

## OFFENSE

### **Offensive Coor/QB's: Les Koenning, 1st year**

Offensive Coordinator/QB coach for South Alabama in 2008. OC/QB coach at Texas A&M from 2003-07. OC/QB coach at Alabama from 2001-02. Passing Game Coor/QB coach at TCU in 2000. OC/QB coach at Houston in 1999. OC/QB coach at Duke in 1998. Offensive Asst with Miami Dolphins in 1997. Had a prior stint at Miss St from 1986-89 as the RB/WR coach under Rockey Felker.

### **Running Backs: Greg Knox, 1st year**

WR coach and Recruiting Coordinator at Auburn from 1999-2008. WR coach at Ole Miss from 1995-98 and Recruiting Coor there from 1996-98. WR/Special Teams coach at Stephen F Austin from 1992-94.

### **Passing Gm Coor/WRs: Mark Hudspeth, 1st year**

Head Coach at North Alabama from 2002-08 with a 66-21 record in that span. Hudspeth led the Lions to two Gulf South Conference Championships and five NCAA playoff appearances. Offensive Coordinator at Navy in 2001. OC at Delta St from 1999-2000. DB coach at Central Arkansas in 1998.

### **Tight Ends: Scott Sallach, 1st year**

WR/QB coach at Princeton from 2003-08 and elevated to Pass Game Coordinator in 2008. WR/Sp Teams Coach at Dartmouth from 1998-2002. HC Mullen's college teammate at Ursinus College.

### **Run Gm Coor/OL: John Hevesy, 1st year**

Tight Ends coach and Assistant OL coach at Florida from 2005-08, OL coach at Utah from 2003-04, Offensive Tackles/Tight Ends coach at Bowling Green from 2001-02 all under Urban Meyer and Dan Mullen. OL coach at Brown from 1998-2000 and OT/TE coach there in 1996.

## DEFENSE

### **Defensive Coor/LBs: Carl Torbush, 1st year**

Asst HC/LB coach at Carson Newman from 2006-2008. Defensive Coordinator/LB coach at Texas A&M from 2003-05. DC/LB coach at Alabama from 2001-02. Head Coach of North Carolina from 1998-2000 with a record of 17-18. DC/LB coach at UNC from 1988-98 under Mack Brown. Head Coach of Louisiana Tech in 1987 with a record of 3-8. DC at Ole Miss from 1983-86.

### **Defensive Line: David Turner, 3rd year**

One of only 2 returning on-field coaches this year. Helped develop 2nd Tm SEC DE Titus Brown in 2007. DE coach at Alabama in '06. DL coach/Recruiting Coordinator at Vanderbilt in '03-'05. DE coach at Minnesota in 2001. DT/LB coach at Virginia from '97-'00 and Sp Tms Coordinator there in 2000.

### **Cornerbacks/Nickles: Melvin Smith, 4th year**

One of only 2 returning on-field coaches this year. DB coach at MSU in '06, but concentrated on CBs in '07 and '08. Safeties coach at Texas A&M from '03-'05. Secondary coach at MSU from '96-'01.

### **Safeties/Recruiting Coor: Tony Hughes, 1st year**

Secondary Coach at Southern Miss in 2008. Tight Ends coach at Ole Miss in 2007. Defensive Backs coach at Ole Miss from 2005-06. Spent 2 years at Louisiana Tech as the OLB coach in '04 and DB coach in '03.

### **Strength & Conditioning: Matt Balis, 1st year**

Director of Strength and Conditioning at Virginia from 2007-08. Asst Director of Strength and Conditioning at Florida from 2005-06. HC Mullen calls him the "best strength coach in the country."