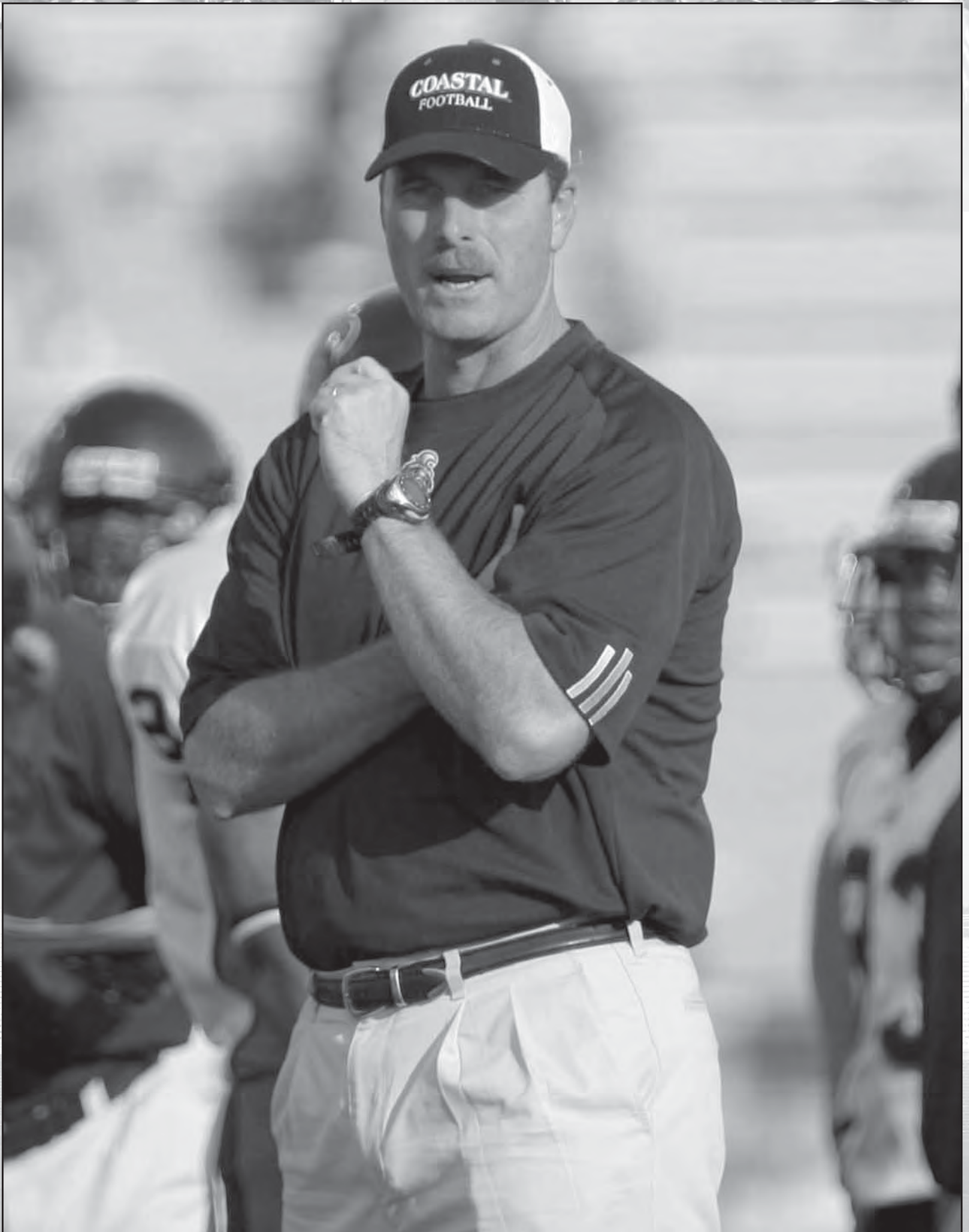


COASTAL CAROLINA FOOTBALL
2008 COACHING STAFF



COASTAL CAROLINA FOOTBALL HEAD COACH DAVID BENNETT



102-34 IN 12 SEASONS AS A HEAD COACH OVERALL
39-17 IN FIVE SEASONS AT COASTAL CAROLINA
PRESBYTERIAN '84 - SEVENTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

David Bennett is starting his seventh season as the head football coach at Coastal Carolina University, his sixth as the on-field leader. With the Chanticleers, he has amassed a 39-17 record, including 15-5 (.750) in the Big South Conference.

In 2007, Bennett recorded his 100th career coaching victory in a 42-35 Big South win over visiting VMI at Coastal Carolina's Homecoming. The highlights continued following the season, as wide receiver Jerome Simpson became the second league player ever taken in the National Football League draft, as he was a second round selection of the Cincinnati Bengals. In addition, fullback Mike Tolbert was signed as a free agent by the San Diego Chargers, putting four CCU alums in 2008 NFL training camps.

The 2006 season was a historic one for Bennett's young Coastal program, as the squad became the third fastest in history to reach the Division I Football Championships in just its fourth season. After winning their third straight Big South Conference title with a 4-0 mark, the team finished with a 9-2 regular season record, including non-conference wins over No. 3 Furman and at Wofford. That earned Coastal Carolina a match-up with eventual national champion Appalachian State, where the Chants scored more points on the host Mountaineers than any other team during the 2006 season in the playoffs. For his efforts, Bennett was named National Football Championship Subdivision Coach of the Year by Sportex.



Coastal Carolina had numerous conference and national honors among the 2006 players, including the Big South's first-ever NFL draft pick as All-American quarterback Tyler Thigpen was selected in the seventh round by the Minnesota Vikings and eventually spent the season on the Kansas City Chiefs' active roster. Thigpen was also seventh in the voting for the Walter Payton Award as the nation's top player, the first player from the league ever to make the ballot. Also joining Thigpen in earning All-American honors from various organizations were defensive back Quinton Teal, offensive lineman Brad Poston and wide receiver Jerome Simpson. Teal also joined Thigpen in the NFL, as he was signed by the Carolina Panthers as a free agent and made the team's roster for the season. Within the Big South, 12 players earned All-Conference accolades, while kicker Josh Hoke earned *ESPN The Magazine*

Academic All-America First Team honors as presented by CoSIDA for the second consecutive year.

In 2005, the Chanticleers posted a 9-2 mark overall, including a win over defending national champion James Madison, and a 3-1 record in the Big South to earn Big South Co-Champions. Coastal Carolina had 13 players earn All-Conference accolades, as well as having Hoke earn *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America First Team honors, the first Coastal Carolina football player to achieve that honor.

During the historic 2004 season, Bennett had 14 players earn All-Big South Conference accolades, including Offensive Player of the Year Patrick Hall and Freshman of the Year Jerome Simpson. Bennett

also earned the Big South's Coach of the Year honor and was named American Football Coaches' Association Region 2 Coach of the Year for the first time at the I-AA level and fourth time in his career. He was also honored for his efforts by the All-American Football Foundation with the Johnny Vaught Outstanding Head Coach Award.

Bennett serves on the AFCA All-American Selection Committee and chairs the AFCA Meeting Room Committee. Prior to the 2006 season, he was selected for the NCAA's I-AA Football Head Coaches Steering Committee. He also serves in the local community on the Board of Directors of the United Way and The Jackson Center for Values and Ethics. Additionally, he is the honorary chairman for the local March of Dimes Walk America.

Bennett, born in Greer, South Carolina, came to Coastal Carolina after serving seven years as the Head Coach at Catawba College in Salisbury, North Carolina. In seven years as the head coach at Catawba, Bennett posted an overall record of 63-17, leading the Indians to three consecutive appearances in the NCAA Division II playoffs, including a run into the national semifinal round in 2001.

Bennett, 46, joined the Catawba staff in 1990 as an assistant coach and was promoted to head coach on November 14, 1994. In his first season, he led the Indians to a 7-3 record, earning both South Atlantic Conference and AFCA Coach of the Year honors. The 1996 Indians' squad posted a 9-2 record and captured the SAC Championship.



Head Coach David Bennett (center) at the signing of his 10-year contract with then Board of Trustees chairman Charles Hodge (left) and Athletics Director Warren Koegel (standing) looking on as then President Ronald Ingle signs for the University.

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The 1997 and 1998 teams posted records of 8-3 and 6-4, respectively, before Coach Bennett's program made its assault on the NCAA Division II national football scene. The 1999 season saw Catawba post an 11-2 record and earn the first of three NCAA Division II playoff berths. An 11-1 record and another SAC Championship came in 2000, but the best was yet to come. In 2001, Catawba went 11-2 to give Bennett a 33-5 record over the past three seasons. The



Indians won the SAC Championship and the South Region Championship before falling to Grand Valley State in the national semifinals. In addition to the incredible seven-year record as a head coach, Bennett earned four SAC Coach of the Year honors and three AFCA South Region Coach of the Year honors during his career with the Indians.

Raised in Cheraw, South Carolina, Bennett earned 10 varsity letters at Cheraw High School, where he was named All-Conference in football, basketball, tennis and track. A three-

year-starter in football, including the final two at quarterback, he led the Braves to a 20-4 record his final two seasons, including the 1979 AAA State Championship.

A 1984 graduate of Presbyterian College, Bennett lettered in football and golf while earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and social studies with a minor in coaching. He earned the Unsung Hero Award from his teammates for his play during the 1983 season. He also began his coaching career at Presbyterian, working with the wide receivers as a student assistant.

Bennett earned his master's degree in guidance and counseling from Clemson University in 1986, where he worked with the running backs on the Tigers' 1986 Atlantic Coast Conference Championship squad. While at Clemson, he coached in the Independence and Gator Bowls.

In 1987, he served as the offensive coordinator at Goose Creek High School, a AAAA program in Charleston, South Carolina. The Gators boasted the top rushing offense in the state that season. Bennett then coached at Newberry College before accepting the position at Catawba.

He and his wife Melanie have a daughter, Hayes (15) and a son, Jeb (12).



Bennett's Coaching Year-by-Year

Assistant Coach

1984	Presbyterian College
1985-86	Clemson (Graduate Assistant)
1987	Goose Creek High School
1988-89	Newberry College
1990-94	Catawba College

Head Coach

Year	School	Record	Highlights
1995	Catawba	7-3	SAC & AFCA Coach of the Year
1996	Catawba	9-2	SAC Championship
1997	Catawba	8-3	
1998	Catawba	6-4	
1999	Catawba	11-2	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs, SAC Coach of the Year
2000	Catawba	11-1	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs, SAC Coach of the Year, AFCA Region Coach of the Year
2001	Catawba	11-2	SAC Championship; NCAA D-II Playoffs and South Region Championship, advanced to national semifinals, SAC Coach of the Year, AFCA Region Coach of the Year
2002	Coastal Carolina	n/a	Developed program as first-ever coach
2003	Coastal Carolina	6-5	Winning record in school's inaugural season
2004	Coastal Carolina	10-1	Big South Championship; Big South Coach of the Year; AFCA Region Coach of the Year
2005	Coastal Carolina	9-2	Big South Co-Championship
2006	Coastal Carolina	9-3	Big South Championships, NCAA I-FCS Playoffs, Sportex National FCS Coach of the Year
2007	Coastal Carolina	5-6	Picked up 100th career coaching victory with 42-35 win over VMI, Oct. 27, 2007
Overall 12 Years at Coastal Carolina		102-34 39-17	7 Titles, 5 Coach of the Year Awards 3 Titles, 1 Big South Coach of the Year

During his coaching career, Bennett has coached:

- 130 All-Conference players
- 48 NCAA All-Region players
- 23 All-Americans
- Six consecutive conference Defensive Players of the Year
- Seven players signed by the NFL, including the first two NFL Draft choices in the history of the Big South Conference

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Jamie Snider is in his seventh year on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, where he works with the offensive line and serves as the co-offensive coordinator.

Snider helped guide the Chanticleers, in just five seasons of play, to three consecutive Big South Conference Championships, the program's first appearance in the Division I Playoffs, a combined 28-6 overall record in the last three years and top-25 rankings in three major national polls in 2004, 2005 and 2006. He also has three CCU players currently in the National Football League, with Tyler Thigpen (Kansas City Chiefs) joined by 2008 second round pick Jerome Simpson (Cincinnati Bengals) and free agent signee Mike Tolbert (San Diego Chargers) on rosters heading into training camp.

The 2006 squad set Big South records in 11 different categories, including total offense, offensive touchdowns, passing yards and passing yards per completion. Additionally, he coached Tyler Thigpen, who earned First Team All-American honors at quarterback and was the Big South's first-ever NFL draft pick, going to the Minnesota Vikings.

In 2004, CCU ranked fifth in I-AA in rushing offense, fifth in scoring offense and first in turnover margin. Snider's offense also set numerous Big South Conference single-season team and individual records during the 2004 season, including points scored, scoring average, rushing offense, offensive touchdowns, red zone offense and fewest sacks allowed. Coastal's offense became the first offense in league history to rush for more than 3,000 yards, finishing the season with 3,058. Individually, 2004 Big South Offensive Player of the Year Patrick Hall finished 25th nationally in rushing yards per game at 100.64 and 44th in scoring at 7.09 points a contest. For his efforts, Snider, along with defensive coordinator Curtis Walker, was honored by the All-American Football Foundation with the 2004 Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coaches Award.

The 39-year-old Snider has direct ties with CCU Head Coach David Bennett, serving on the football staff at Catawba College for 14 seasons prior to joining the

staff at Coastal Carolina. Snider started his tenure at Catawba as a student assistant from 1988-91, after playing one season for the Indians. After leaving the program for a year, he returned as an assistant offensive line coach for one year and then was the offensive line coach for three seasons, before adding the offensive coordinator role in 1995.

In his final six seasons at Catawba as the coordinator, he helped guide the program to three NCAA Division II playoff appearances and a berth in the national semifinal in 2001. His offense ranked 25th in the nation in scoring in 2000 and 27th nationally in 2001, while helping the program to three South Atlantic Conference titles in 1996, 2000 and 2001. He also served as recruiting coordinator for four years, bringing in classes that improved the program from 2-9 in 1994 to a combined 30-11 for the 1995-98 seasons.

A 1991 graduate of Catawba, Snider earned his bachelor's degree in history with a secondary education certification. As a student, he was a member of the Dean's List and also Kappa Delta Pi, the education honor society.



A native of Yadkinville, N.C., Snider was a three-sport standout at Forbush High School, earning letters in football, wrestling and track, earning All-Conference accolades in football and wrestling. As a senior, he was named the Most Valuable Player on the football and wrestling teams and earned the school's Male Athlete of the Year honor in 1987.

Snider and his wife Rebecca live in Conway with their daughters McKenna (7) and Brynne (2).



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CURTIS WALKER
DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR/LINEBACKERS
CATAWBA '92 - SEVENTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Curtis Walker is in his seventh year as the defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for Coastal Carolina's football program.

Under Walker's tutelage, the Coastal Carolina

defense helped the Chanticleers capture three consecutive Big South Conference titles in just the program's second, third and fourth seasons of play, with a combined record of 28-6 in that period, a berth in the 2006 NCAA Division I Football Championships and final top-25 rankings in three national polls all three years. He also coached Quinton Teal, who made the NFL's Carolina Panthers active roster as a free agent in 2007 and played in 15 games his rookie season.

In 2006, the CCU defense tied for the national lead with 19 interceptions. Walker's defense led the nation in pass efficiency defense and contributed to the top turnover margin in the country, setting a new Big South record at plus-22 in 2004. That season, the defense also ranked in the top 30 in the country in scoring defense (5th), total defense (21st) and pass defense (22nd). Individually, defensive back Quinton Teal led the Big South and ranked in the top 15 nationally in interceptions per game the last three years, earning Second Team All-American honors from the *Associated Press*. Walker was honored by the All-America Football Foundation with the 2004 Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coaches Award, along with offensive coordinator Jamie Snider.

In the 2004 season, CCU's defense set new Big South records in 14 categories and tied the record in another. Among the more significant records set were scoring defense (176), scoring

defense average (16.0), total defense per game (313.6 ypg), rushing defense (1,541 yards), fewest rushing touchdowns allowed (9), lowest completion percentage allowed (44.3 percent) and pass efficiency defense (86.8).

Walker has served on David Bennett's coaching staff for the past 12 years, spending seven years on the staff at Catawba College. He was the linebackers coach from 1995-2000 and was promoted to defensive coordinator in 2001, where he served for his final season. As defensive coordinator, the Indians ranked first in the nation in scoring defense, 11th in rushing defense and 22nd in total defense. During his tenure at Catawba, the program made the NCAA Division II playoffs three straight seasons, including a 2001 semifinal berth. Prior to his time at Catawba, Walker got his coaching start at Salisbury High School as the linebackers coach.

The 37-year-old native of Burlington, N.C. was a four-year starter and letterwinner at Catawba College. A 2004 inductee into Catawba's Sports Hall of Fame and 2008 inductee into the South Atlantic Conference Hall of Fame, Walker earned All-American honors his final three seasons, including first-team accolades as a senior in 1992 and three-times on the All-South Atlantic Conference First Team. He was named the team's Most Valuable Player in 1991 and served as team captain his senior season. He earned his bachelor's degree in December 1992, majoring in sociology.

Walker was a two-time All-Conference selection at Graham High School, earning Mid-State Defensive Player of the Year honors in 1987. A 1988 graduate of the school, he held the school's record for career tackles for 14 years.

Walker, his wife, Sheka and sons Jalon (4) and Curtis Jr. (1) live in Conway.



COASTAL CAROLINA FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES



GARY SMALLEN
CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/TIGHT ENDS
FURMAN '72 - THIRD YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Gary Smallen is in his third year as co-offensive coordinator for Coastal Carolina University's football program.

Prior to his two years at Strom Thurmond, Smallen was the Head Football Coach at Lower Richland High School, where he was an assistant coach for the South Carolina team at the Shrine Bowl of the Carolinas. He was the first head coach and Athletic Director in South Aiken's history and has also served as a head coach at

three other programs in the state, Batesburg-Leesville, Langley-Bath-Clearwater and Ridge Spring-Monetta, as well as working on the staffs at Airport, Broome, Strom Thurmond and Fairfield Central High Schools.

Smallen helped immediately with the Coastal offense in 2006. The Chanticleer offense broke Big South records in 11 different categories, including total offense, offensive touchdowns, passing yards and passing yards per completion, while helping the program to its first-ever berth in the NCAA Division I Football Championships.

Smallen comes from a distinguished high school coaching career in South Carolina. He has been a coach for more than 30 years, serving in numerous capacities.

Most recently, he was the athletic director and offensive coordinator at Strom Thurmond High School for the 2004-05 and 2005-06 seasons. He took over both positions in 2004 when Lee Sawyer became the head coach and helped convert the Rebels' offense from a run-oriented game to a spread offense. That conversion led to 10 wins and a region title in 2004. The Rebels then surpassed that last season, posting a 14-1 mark and winning the regional title and the South Carolina Class AAA State Championship.



Smallen is very familiar with CCU head coach David Bennett, as the two worked together on the football coaching staff at Newberry in the late 1980s, but in reversed roles with Smallen as the head coach from 1988-90.

A 1972 graduate of Furman University, Smallen was a two-sport letterman for the Paladins. He earned three letters in football as a defensive back and kick returner and four letters in track as a sprinter during his collegiate career. He also earned his master's in teaching from South Carolina in 1975. Both of these followed his graduation in 1968 from Dentsville High School

in Columbia, S.C.

Smallen and his wife of 31 years, Lynda, have one son Jason, 28, and reside in Myrtle Beach.



COASTAL CAROLINA FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES



ANTOINE RIVENS

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/DEFENSIVE LINE
SOUTH CAROLINA '92 - SIXTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Antoine Rivens is in his sixth season as assistant head coach and will also handle the defensive line.

During his tenure at Coastal, Rivens has worked with four First Team and seven Second Team All-

least one all-conference lineman each season.

A three-year starter and letterwinner at South Carolina on the offensive line, he was selected Freshman Player of the Year in 1989 and as a team captain for his senior season. Rivens graduated in 1992 with a degree in criminal justice.

Following his collegiate career, Rivens played professionally with the former Charlotte Rage of the Arena Football League (1994) and the Shreveport Pirates in the Canadian Football League (1995).

Born in Charlotte, North Carolina, Rivens attended West Charlotte High School, earning letters in football, basketball and track. He graduated in 1988 and was honored as the school's Athlete of the Year as a senior.

Rivens lives in Conway with his wife Tuletia and daughters Ariana (12) and Taryn (4).

Big South performers, including CCU's all-time sack leader Adrain Grady. In addition, three of his athletes have garnered league weekly honors for their play.

The 38-year-old Rivens arrived at Coastal from North Carolina Central University, where he was the assistant head coach offensive line coach for four seasons. Prior to that, he was the offensive line and special teams coach at Livingstone College, helping the Blue Bears to the 1997 and 1998 CIAA Conference titles. During his five seasons at Livingstone, he had at



DREW WATSON

RECRUITING COORDINATOR/SAFETIES
NEWBERRY '89 - SEVENTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Drew Watson is in his seventh year on the football staff at Coastal Carolina University, coaching the safeties. He also serves as the football program's recruiting coordinator.

The 41-year-old Watson previously was on the coaching staff at Wofford College for 12 seasons. For six seasons, he served as the running backs coach and was the offensive line coach for six seasons. During his tenure at Wofford, the team led the nation in rushing offense and made the NCAA Division II Playoffs two separate occasions. Prior to that, he served as the secondary coach at Newberry College for the 1989 and 1990 seasons.

A 1989 graduate of Newberry College with a bachelor's in business administration, Watson was a four-year

letterwinner and three year starter at cornerback for the Indians. He earned Second Team NAIA All-American honors and First Team All-South Atlantic Conference honors as a senior, as well as the team's Most Valuable Player award. As a junior, he was also named Honorable Mention All-American. He attended T.L. Hanna High School, where he played football and ran track prior to graduating in 1984.

A native of Anderson, South Carolina, Watson resides in Conway with his wife Melanie and their son Cole (14) and daughters Cate (7) and Anna (4).



COASTAL CAROLINA FOOTBALL ASSISTANT COACHES



KEVIN BROWN
PASSING GAME COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
CATAWBA '98 - SEVENTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

Kevin Brown is in his seventh season on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, working as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator.

From 2003-06, Brown worked with quarterback Tyler Thigpen, who made history for the program. Under his tutelage, Thigpen ranked second in the nation in total offense and fourth in passing yards, while also setting a new Big South record for rushing yards by a quarterback. Thigpen ended his career as Coastal's first-ever NFL draft choice, taken by the Minnesota Vikings and is now with the Kansas City Chiefs.

The 33-year-old Brown is well known to CCU Head Coach David Bennett, as he was both a player and a coach for Bennett at Catawba from 1993-2001. As an assistant coach at Catawba for four seasons, he helped lead the program from a 6-4 record his first season to three NCAA Division II Playoff appearances, including a 12-2 record in 2001 and a berth in the NCAA semifinals.

As a player, Brown was the 1996 South Atlantic Conference Player of the Year after leading Catawba to a 9-2 record and the No. 4 ranking in NCAA Division II. A four-year starter at quarterback, Brown is the program's leader in touchdown passes for a single season with 18 and a career with 53. He also ranks second all-time with 4,807 passing yards and earned his bachelors in physical education in 1998.

As a three-sport letterwinner at Berkeley High School, Brown was named All-Conference and the team's Most Valuable Player in football. He also earned All-Conference honors in baseball and lettered in basketball.

Born in Charleston, South Carolina, Brown lives in Conway.



HUNTER SPIVEY
WIDE RECEIVERS
NEWBERRY '97 - SEVENTH YEAR AT COASTAL CAROLINA

A local coach come home, Hunter Spivey is in his seventh season on the coaching staff at Coastal Carolina University, coaching the wide receivers.

For the last four years, Spivey worked with Jerome Simpson, who was a second round draft choice of the NFL's Cincinnati Bengals. Spivey arrived at Coastal Carolina after spending the last four years coaching at Newberry College. He remained at the school on the coaching staff after starting for three years for the Indians.

The 33-year-old Spivey earned four letters at Newberry, earning the team's Most Valuable Player honors as a senior, as well as being rated one of the top 20 quarterbacks in Division II. He left the Indians ranked third all-time in passing yardage, while earning his bachelor's in physical education in 1997.

Spivey was a standout at Conway High School in three sports, earning letters in football baseball and basketball. He was named "Toast of the Coast", as well as an All-Area and All-Region First

Team quarterback. He was the team's Most Valuable Player as a senior and holds numerous quarterback records at Conway.

Spivey was married in the summer of 2004 to the former Amy Zion, and the couple resides in Conway with their son Zion (2).

