

2009 Coaches

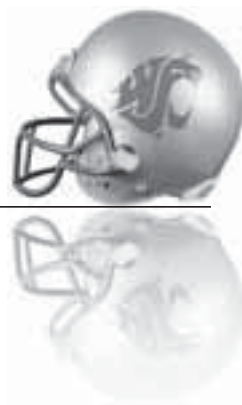




Paul Wulff

Head Coach

Second Season



Paul Wulff enters his second spring season on the Cougar sideline after being named Washington's State's 31st head coach, Dec. 10, 2007. With his appointment Wulff became the first WSU football letterwinner and graduate to lead the Cougars since Phil Sarboe served as head coach from 1945-49.

A 1990 graduate of WSU and a four-year letterwinner, Wulff's first season leading the Cougars proved difficult as the transition to a new head coach combined with numerous injuries resulting in a 2-11 record. WSU's lone conference win came in dramatic fashion as the Cougars needed a last second field goal in regulation and two overtimes to defeat Washington 16-13 in the Apple Cup.

Wulff spent the previous 15 seasons at Eastern Washington University, the final eight as head coach. There he amassed a record of 53-40. During his eight-year head coaching tenure Wulff was named Big Sky Conference Coach of the Year three times (2001, 2004, 2005) and led the Eagles into the Football Championship Subdivision playoffs three times in the last four years. He enters the 2009 campaign with a 55-51 career head coaching record in nine seasons.

In 2007 he guided the Eagles to a 9-4 mark, including a quarterfinal appearance at the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs, falling to two-time defending champion Appalachian State. It marked the seventh time in his eight years at Eastern that his teams posted winning records.

"Obviously this has been a dream of mine since I joined the coaching profession," said Wulff upon his hiring. "It is my alma mater, a university with great tradition and a program I feel very strongly about. WSU is an important place in my development as a human being with respect to the university culture. Being named head coach is the biggest honor I have ever received and I am excited about the opportunity.

"Twenty-two years ago, in February of 1985, I signed a letter of intent to Washington State University. I was obligated to that, and I committed to it, and I chose this university over five other Pac-10 schools at that time. I am back 22 years later, and I am committed for another five years. I will make the most of it and do everything in my power to create an environment that everyone who is a Cougar can be proud of.

"It's going to take some work," Wulff continued. "There is some building we need to do and some culture changes we need to make. We need to put ourselves in a position where everybody can be proud of the student-athletes in this program both on and off the field on a consistent basis."

Wulff began his coaching career at EWU in 1993 as a volunteer assistant working with the offensive line. He was named offensive line/strength coach the following season and spent four years in the position before being promoted to offensive coordinator/offensive line/strength coach in 1998.



Following two seasons as the team's offensive coordinator, Wulff was named head coach at Eastern prior to the 2000 season. He guided the Eagles to six straight winning seasons and seven overall during his eight-year tenure.

Wulff's 2005 team was loaded with experience, talent and leadership, featuring a group of seniors that included the Big Sky's Offensive and Defensive MVP's (Erik Meyer and Joey Cwik), and featured a trio of All-Americans (Meyer, Eric Kimble and Matt Alfred). Meyer would go on to win the Walter Payton Award as the best football player in the Football Championship Subdivision. Together, Meyer and Kimble rewrote Eastern's record book as they combined for 27 school records and four Big Sky marks. Meyer set a FCS record for passing efficiency rating (166.47 with 10,261 yards, 84 touchdowns, just 17 interceptions and a .657 completion rate), while Kimble's 46 touchdown grabs ranked second in FCS history behind the 50 of legendary Jerry Rice. The Eagles finished 7-5 and won the Big Sky title with a 5-2 record before losing to eventual national runner-up Northern Iowa in the first round of the playoffs.

The 2004 season was also special, even after the Eagles opened the season 0-2. Eastern won eight of its next nine games - most by substantial margins - as the Eagles closed the year with a 51-44 overtime victory at Montana State to secure a place in the playoffs. Quarterback Erik Meyer was named the league's Offensive Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Walter Payton Award. Senior offensive tackle Michael Roos joined Meyer, wide receiver Eric Kimble and guard Rocky Hanni as All-Americans, with Roos eventually being taken in the second round of the NFL draft by the Tennessee Titans.

In 2004, Wulff's squad finished 9-4 and advanced to the quarterfinals of the playoffs. The crowning glory came when the

Eagles knocked off No. 1-ranked and top-seeded Southern Illinois in the first round.

Statistically, the 2004 and 2005 teams were nearly identical with each finishing the year ranked fourth in FCS in total offense. In 2005 the Eagles averaged 477.8 yards per game, and were 14th in scoring (35.0). A year earlier the Eagles averaged 475.5 yards and 37.5 points per game to rank sixth.

Wulff coached 21 players to 54 Football Championship Subdivision (formerly Division I-AA) All-America honors in his first

WULFF COACHING CAREER

YEAR	SCHOOL	POSITION	OVERALL/CONFERENCE	POSTSEASON
2008	Washington State	Head Coach	2-11/1-8	--
2007	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	9-4/7-2	FCS Quarterfinals
2006	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	3-8/3-5	--
2005	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	7-5/5-2	FCS First Round
2004	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	9-4/6-1	FCS Quarterfinals
2003	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	6-5/3-4	--
2002	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	6-5/3-4	--
2001	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	7-4/3-4	--
2000	Eastern Washington	Head Coach	6-5/5-3	--
1999	Eastern Washington	Off. Coordinator	7-4/6-2	--
1998	Eastern Washington	Off. Coordinator	5-6/4-4	--
1997	Eastern Washington	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	12-2/7-1	FCS Semifinals
1996	Eastern Washington	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	6-5/4-4	--
1995	Eastern Washington	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	3-8/1-6	--
1994	Eastern Washington	Offensive Line/Strength Coach	4-7/2-5	--
1993	Eastern Washington	Volunteer Assistant/Offensive Line	7-3/5-2	--



seven years at the helm of the EWU program, and two more of his players were named to the Sports Network's 2007 FCS All-America team at the conclusion of last year. Of the 21 players to earn All-America recognition, 15 have been offensive lineman.

Additionally, Wulff has mentored 15 players who have earned 18 total CoSIDA Academic All-District VIII honors and a total of 131 All-Big Sky Conference Academic team members.

As a student-athlete and four-year starter at center for the Cougars from 1986-89, Wulff was an All-America honoree himself as a senior, earning honorable mention accolades from *The Sporting News*. Wulff started at center under three different coaches after redshirting in 1985. He played for Jim Walden in 1986, Dennis Erickson from 1987-88 and Mike Price in 1989. He was also the starting center on WSU's 1988 Aloha Bowl championship team.

After a successful collegiate career Wulff had a brief pro career as a center after graduating from Washington State University in 1990. He signed a free agent contract with the New York Jets, but was released after injuring an ankle and a rib in the preseason. He played in spring 1991 with Raleigh-Durham of the World League, then played in spring 1992 with New York-New Jersey.

A 1985 graduate of Davis High School in Davis, Calif., Wulff played for three different coaches while he was at WSU. He redshirted in 1985 and started four games at guard in 1986 under Jim Walden.

Dennis Erickson directed the program in 1987 and 1988 with Wulff as his starting center both years. In 1988, the Cougars were victorious in the Aloha Bowl as Wulff earned honorable mention All-Pacific-10 Conference honors.

Under Mike Price in 1989, Wulff earned second-team all-conference honors and was an honorable mention selection on *The Sporting News* All-America squad. He was also WSU's long snapper during his stay there.

Wulff was born Feb. 25, 1967, in Woodland, Calif. He and his wife Sherry have a 14-year-old daughter, Katie, and two sons, six-year-old Max and three-year-old Sam.

Paul Wulff

Born: February 25, 1967 (42), Woodland, Calif.

Hometown: Woodland, Calif.

High School: Davis High School (Davis, Calif.), 1985 – Earned two varsity letters in football...junior year earned all-league first team honors as team went 10-1...senior year suffered season-ending knee injury in third game, yet still named all-league honorable mention...played in Northern California Optimist game and Solono all-star game in Napa.

College: Washington State University, 1990 – Graduated with a general studies degree...four-year starter at center for the Cougars from 1986-89...as a senior earned honorable mention All-America accolades from *The Sporting News*...started at center under three different coaches after redshirting in 1985...played for Jim Walden in 1986, Dennis Erickson from 1987-88 and Mike Price in 1989...member of WSU's 1988 Aloha Bowl championship team.

Coaching Experience:

Washington State University, 2007-Present – Head Coach.

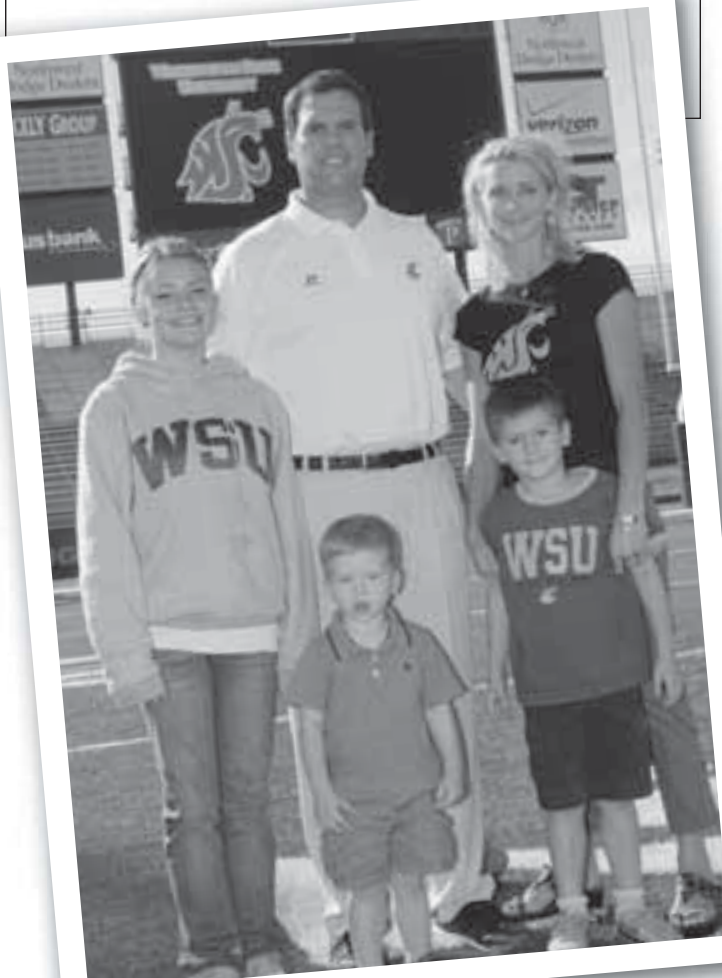
Eastern Washington University, 1993-2007 – Served one season as volunteer coach under Dick Zornes...in 1994, named offensive line/strength coach under first-year coach Mike Kramer...served in that capacity for four seasons before being promoted to offensive coordinator in 1998...Named head coach prior to 2000 season.

WSU Appointment: December 11, 2007.

Outstanding Players Coached: Michael Roos/Tennessee Titans, Erik Meyer/Oakland Raiders, Jesse Chatman/New York Jets, Keith Grennan/San Diego Chargers.

Wife: Sherry

Children: Katie (14), Max (6), Sam (3).





Chris Ball

Assistant Head Coach
Co-Defensive Coordinator
Safeties

Second Season

Chris Ball is in his second year as Washington State's Assistant Head Coach and Co-Defensive Coordinator. Ball, in his third coaching stint in Pullman, also works with WSU's safeties.

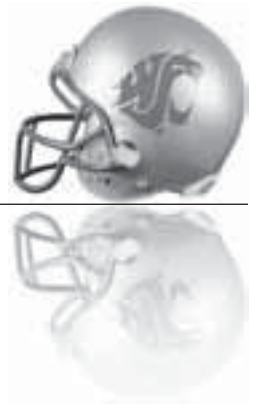
Ball returned to Pullman after spending the 2007 season as secondary coach at the University of Pittsburgh under head coach Dave Wannstedt. During his only campaign the Panthers ranked fourth nationally in pass defense (167.3 ypg) and seventh in total defense (297.7 ypg).

Prior to that Ball served four seasons coaching the secondary at Alabama, having moved from Pullman when Mike Price was named head coach at Alabama following the 2002 season. While at Alabama, Ball coached a Crimson Tide secondary that in 2004 led the nation in pass defense, allowing just 113.1 passing yards per game. That same year Alabama ranked second in pass efficiency defense.

The following season the Alabama secondary ranked fifth in both pass defense (160.8 ypg) and pass efficiency defense (97.8 rating), and the Crimson Tide ranked second nationally in total defense. In 2006 Ball oversaw the progress of free safety Roman Harper, who earned All-SEC honors and was a semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award, presented annually to the nation's top defensive back. That year he was also named one of *Rivals.com's* Top 10 recruiters in the country.

From 2000-02 Ball served under Price coaching WSU's defensive backs, mentoring such Cougar greats as Lamont Thompson, Jason David, Marcus Trufant and Erik Coleman. During his three seasons WSU's defense compiled 56 interceptions, including 26 during the 2001 campaign, which tied for second nationally. That season Thompson set a WSU single-season record and led the Pacific-10 Conference with 10 interceptions en route to All-America honors.

The following season Trufant earned first-team All-Pac-10 and second-team All-America honors under the tutelage of Ball. Trufant, who was drafted 11th overall by the Seahawks in 2003, was part of a secondary that included three other current NFL players: David (New Orleans), Coleman (Atlanta) and Hamza Abdullah (Cleveland).



The St. Louis, Mo., native and 1981 graduate of Webster Grove High played football at Missouri Western State College and later served as a graduate assistant and defensive coordinator at his alma mater.

The 1985 All-American defensive back coached at both Northeast Missouri State (1986-87) and Akron (1987-88) before joining Price's staff in 1989. He coached at Coffeyville Community College (1990-94), Western Oregon State College (1995-96) and Missouri Western State (1997-98). Prior to joining the Cougar staff in 2000, Ball spent the 1999 season as defensive coordinator for Idaho State Head Coach Larry Lewis.

Ball and his wife Tandi have two children, son Brennan (16) and daughter Abigail (5).



CHRIS BALL FILE

Born: May 7, 1963, Kirksville, Mo.

Education: B.S. in health, physical education and recreation from Missouri Western State College, 1986; Master's degree in physical education from University of Akron, 1990.

Personal: Wife, Tandi, son Brennan and daughter Abigail.

Coaching Experience – 23rd season. Assistant Head Coach/Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties, Washington State (2008-Present); Secondary, University of Pittsburgh (2007); Secondary, University of Alabama (2003-06); Defensive Backs, Washington State University (2000-02); Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, Idaho State University (1999); Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, Missouri Western State (1997-98); Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Backs, Western Oregon State College (1995-96); Secondary Coach, Coffeyville College (1990-94); Graduate Assistant/Cornerbacks, Washington State University (1989); Graduate Assistant/Defensive Backs/Special Teams, University of Akron (1987-88); Assistant coach/Secondary, Northeast Missouri State (1986-87); Student Assistant, Missouri Western State (1986).





Steve Broussard

Running Backs
Special Teams

Third Season

One of WSU's all-time great running backs, Steve Broussard returned to his alma mater in January of 2007 as running backs coach under then head coach Bill Doba. Broussard added special teams coordinator to his title when former teammate Paul Wulff was named head coach in December 2007, and he is in his second season working in the same capacity.

Broussard arrived at WSU after spending the previous three seasons at Portland State, the first as running backs coach and the following two in charge of wide receivers. In 2004 the Vikings led the Big Sky in rushing, averaging 204.4 yards per game. The following season he coached Shaun Bodiford to All-Big Sky honors while developing a young group of receivers.

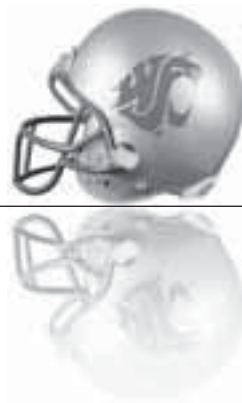
Prior to Portland State, Broussard spent four years as a high school coach, the final two as head coach at Diamond Ranch High School in Pomona, Calif. Broussard's coaching career began in 2000 as offensive coordinator at Don Lugo High School in Chino, Calif., before moving to a similar role at Diamond Ranch in 2001.

Broussard was the 20th overall pick in the 1990 draft by the Atlanta Falcons where he spent the first four years of his NFL career. He spent the 1994 season with the Cincinnati Bengals then the final four years of his career with the Seattle Seahawks. Over his nine-year career, Broussard rushed for 2,625 yards and 19 touchdowns while catching 126 passes for 882 yards and three scores.

During his four-year Cougar career, Broussard was known as the most versatile back in WSU history. He completed his career third on the all-time rushing list, fifth on the career receiving list and owned two of the top three single-season rushing marks. At one point he held nine WSU career or single-season records and finished seventh on the Pac-10 career list with 4,635 all-purpose yards.

Broussard rushed for 100-plus yards 14 times in his WSU career, third most in school history. That included a career-high 205 yards against Oregon in 1989.

Broussard is the father of daughter Talin, son Steve Jr., and one-year-old daughter Kendra.



STEVE BROUSSARD FILE

Born: February 22, 1967 Los Angeles, Calif.

Education: B.A. in social science from Washington State University, 2001.

Personal: Children include daughters Talin and Kendra, and son Steve Jr.

Coaching Experience – 10th Season. Running Backs/Special Teams, Washington State University (2007-Present); Running Backs/Wide Receivers, Portland State University (2004-06); Offensive Coordinator, Diamond Ranch High School, Calif. (2001-03); Offensive Coordinator, Don Lugo High School, Calif. (2000).



Harold Etheridge

Offensive Line

Second Season

Harold Etheridge is in his 20th year in the collegiate coaching ranks, and his second as Washington State's offensive line coach.

Before joining the WSU staff, Etheridge served as the offensive line coach at Northern Illinois during the 2007 season. There he coached tackle John Brost, an All-Mid American Conference and MAC All-Academic selection.

Prior to Northern Illinois, Etheridge spent three seasons as the offensive line coach at the University of North Texas. During his first season the Mean Green led the Sun Belt Conference and ranked 23rd nationally in rushing offense at 196.3 ypg, paced by nation's leader Jamario Thomas at 180.1 ypg and 2004 NCAA rushing leader Patrick Cobbs. In 2005 Thomas again rushed for 1,000 yards while the offensive line ranked among the league leaders in fewest sacks allowed. North Texas linemen earned five all-conference honors in his three seasons at the school.

Etheridge is no stranger to members of the Cougar staff, having served alongside current Cougar assistants Sears and Niekamp while all three were on Todd Berry's staff at Army. Etheridge spent four seasons as the Black Knights' offensive line coach (2000-03), where in 2001 and 2002 Army led Conference USA in fewest sacks allowed. In 2000, the offensive line paced the way for Michael Wallace, whose 115.7 ypg were tops in Conference USA and 16th nationally.

From 1991-99 Etheridge served as the offensive line coach at Illinois State under head coach Jim Heacock (1991-95) and Todd Berry (1996-99). The 1998 squad reached the Football Championship Subdivision Playoffs while the 1999 team advanced to the national semifinals after capturing the Gateway Conference title. That team finished the year ranked No. 3. During his nine seasons Etheridge coached eight players to 12 all-conference honors and two players, Mike Rodbro and Andy Ziebarth, to All-America status.

Throughout his coaching career Etheridge has coached four All-Americans, 10 all-conference performers and two current NFL players.

The Gallup, N.M., native began his Division I coaching career in 1989

at Kentucky, where he spent three seasons as a graduate assistant coach working with the offensive tackles.

He spent seven seasons in the prep coaching ranks at Gallup (N.M.) HS (1983-86) and Louisville's Ballard (Ky.) HS (1987-89). At Gallup, his teams made four playoff appearances and were district champs each year.

Etheridge was a four-year starting offensive guard for Western New Mexico (1979-82), garnering all-conference honors after his junior and senior seasons. Following graduation, Etheridge had free agent tryouts with the Houston Oilers and Detroit Lions, before spending two seasons as the offensive line coach at Western New Mexico in 1982 and 1983. He earned a bachelor's degree in marketing and management from the school in 1982.

Etheridge and his wife, Jeanne, are the parents of twins Clayton and Eliza (12).



HAROLD ETHERIDGE FILE

Born: September 12, 1959, Gallup, N.M.

Education: B.A. in marketing and management from Western New Mexico, 1982.

Personal: Wife, Jeanne, son Clayton and daughter Eliza.

Coaching Experience – 28th Season. Offensive Line, Washington State University (2008-Present); Offensive Line, Northern Illinois (2007); Offensive Line, North Texas (2004-06); Offensive Line, United State Military Academy (2000-03); Offensive Line, Illinois State (1991-99); Graduate Assistant/Offensive Tackles, Kentucky (1989-91); Ballard High School, Louisville, Ky. (1987-89); Gallup High School, N.M. (1983-86); Offensive Line, Western New Mexico (1982-83).





Mike Levenseller

Wide Receivers

18th Season

The senior statesman on the Washington State coaching staff, Mike Levenseller is in his 18th year on the Cougar sideline, where he serves as wide receivers coach on Paul Wulff's staff.

Levenseller has been with WSU since the beginning of the 1992 season, when he began working with Cougar wide receivers under then-head coach Mike Price. Prior to the 2001 season, Levenseller added offensive coordinator duties to his day-to-day work with wide receivers. As the offensive coordinator, the Cougar pass offense finished in the top 21 nationally each season, including eighth in 2007, 10th in 2001 and 13th in 2002. WSU finished in the top 20 nationally in total offense in each of his first two years as coordinator, including an eighth-place finish in 2005.

Levenseller and eight other receivers he has coached comprise WSU's single-season top 10 receiving yardage list, including Brandon Gibson, who set the single-season record with 1,180 receiving yards in 2007. Under Levenseller's guidance, Jason Hill broke the 1,000-yard mark twice (2005-06), becoming the only WSU receiver with two 1,000-yard campaigns.

Additionally, five different receivers have recorded 1,000-yard seasons under Levenseller, while 11 different players have spent time with NFL clubs.

Prior to returning to Washington State, Levenseller coached wide receivers for the Toronto Argonauts of the Canadian Football League (1990-91), where he mentored the league's receiver of the year in 1990 (Darrell Smith) and 1991 (Raghib Ismail). He began his coaching career in 1986 with the British Columbia Lions of the CFL, working with wide receivers as a guest coach.

A sixth-round draft pick by the Oakland Raiders of the 1978 NFL Draft, Levenseller spent three years in the NFL with Buffalo, Tampa Bay and Cincinnati, was a member of the Grey Cup-winning Edmonton Eskimos in 1982 and concluded his playing career with Calgary, 1983-85, of the CFL.

Levenseller completed his WSU playing career by being selected to the Pacific-8 First Team, the AP All-West Coast First Team and the AP All-America honorable mention squad in 1978. A two-time All-Pac-8 and AP All-West Coach First Team selection, Levenseller caught 121 passes in his career, which ranked third on WSU's all-time list and eighth on the league list. His 2,061 career receiving yards ranked second on WSU's all-time list, as he was one of only seven receivers to top 2,000 yards in Pac-8 history.

In 1992 he was inducted into the WSU Athletic Hall of Fame, and in 2006 was inducted into the Pacific Northwest Football Hall of Fame. Levenseller and his wife, Allison, have a son J.T., who is a sophomore quarterback at WSU, and daughter Jordan (17).



MIKE LEVENSELLER FILE

Born: February 21, 1957, Bremerton, Wash.

Personal: Wife, Allison, son J.T. and daughter Jordan.

Coaching Experience – 20th Season. Wide Receivers/Offensive Coordinator, Washington State University (1992-Present); Wide Receivers, Toronto Argonauts (1990-91).

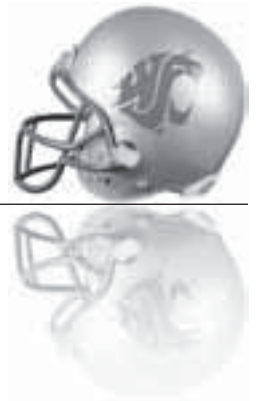




Travis Niekamp

Linebackers

Second Season



When Paul Wulff began putting his staff together after being named Washington State University's head football coach in December 2007, he didn't have to look far for his linebackers coach. Travis Niekamp, who coached linebackers on Wulff's staff at Eastern Washington University from 2004-07, arrived with Wulff in Pullman in a similar role. Niekamp, now in his second year at WSU, is one of five former EWU coaches from Wulff's staff at Eastern Washington now serving on the Cougars' coaching staff.

In his first year in Pullman, Niekamp coached Louis Bland to Phil Steele's Freshman All-America Third Team honors and Greg Trent to his second mention on the All-Pacific-10 Conference Team.

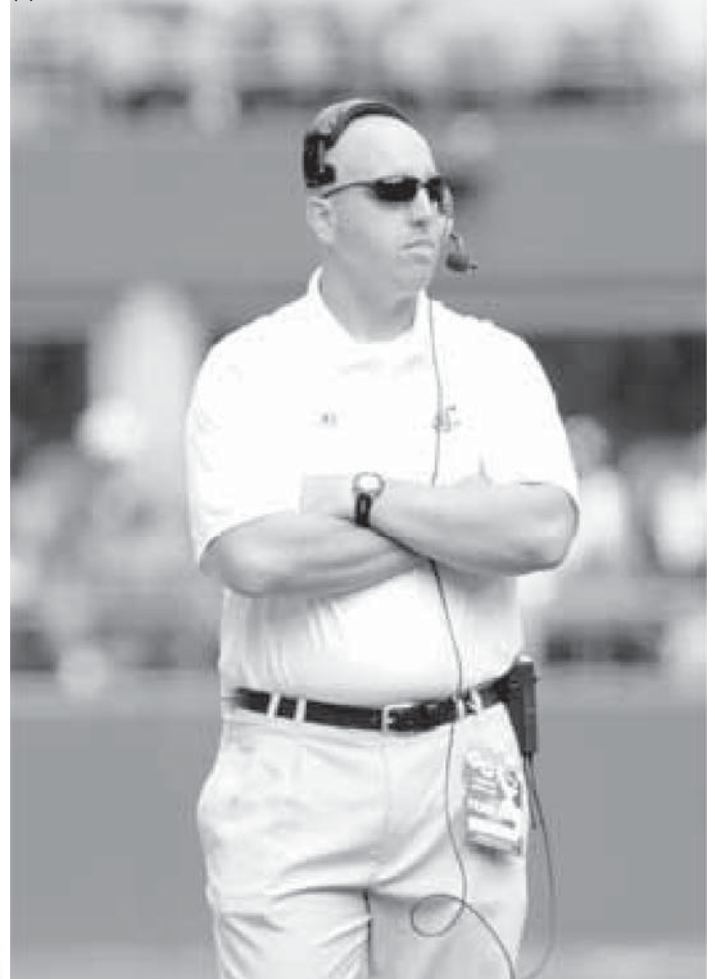
In his first year at Eastern he coached a pair of All-Big Sky Conference linebackers in Joey Cwik (first team) and Doug Vincent (honorable mention). In 2005 Cwik repeated as a first team all-conference pick and was named the Big Sky Defensive Player of the Year, capping a career that saw him register 331 tackles, fourth-best in school history. Also in 2005 David Eneberg was an all-conference honorable mention selection, which he repeated in 2006. In all Niekamp coached eight different players to 10 All-Big Sky Conference honors

Before joining the Eastern Washington staff in 2004, Niekamp spent the previous four years at the United States Military Academy, where he coached tight ends. While with the Black Knights, he coached with current WSU co-defensive coordinator Jody Sears for three seasons.

Prior to his stint at Army, Niekamp spent two seasons at his alma mater Illinois State, coaching outside linebackers in 1999 and defensive tackles in 1998. He was an All-Gateway Conference selection in 1996 and 1997, when he played as a defensive lineman, finishing his career with 170 tackles. That figure included eight quarterback sacks and 22 total tackles-for-loss.

Niekamp was team captain as a senior and was a regular member of the Athletic Director's Honor Roll during his undergraduate days at Illinois State. He graduated from Illinois State in 1998 with a bachelor's degree in exercise science.

A native of Stevens Point, Wis., Niekamp was selected as a National Strength and Conditioning All-American in 1997. In high school, he played in the Wisconsin All-Star Shrine Classic. He and his wife Tracy have two sons, Tye Dalton (5) and Dexter Kole (3), and daughter Brooke Ryan (2).



TRAVIS NIEKAMP FILE

Born: November 30, 1974, St. Henry, Ohio

Education: B.S. in exercise science from Illinois State, 1998.

Personal: Wife, Tracy, sons Tye and Dexter, daughter Brooke.

Coaching Experience – 12th Season. Linebackers, Washington State University (2008-Present); Linebackers, Eastern Washington University (2004-07); Tight Ends, United State Military Academy (2000-03); Linebackers/Defensive Tackles, Illinois State (1998-99).





Rich Rasmussen

Tight Ends
Recruiting Coordinator

Second Season

Rich Rasmussen made the move to Washington State with Cougar Head Coach Paul Wulff in December 2007, after the two worked together as members of the Eastern Washington Eagles staff for 12 years. Rasmussen, now in his second year at WSU serving as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator, had spent the previous eight years as an assistant for Wulff.

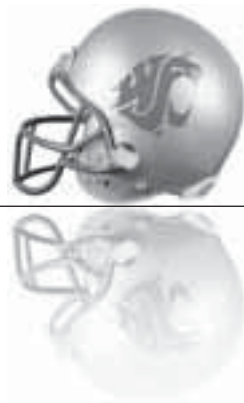
Rasmussen began coaching at Eastern Washington in 1996 as a student assistant coach on defense, then helped with the offensive line in 1997. He coached running backs in 1998 before taking over as tight ends coach in 1999, a position he held through the 2007 season. During his stint at Eastern Washington he spent time as director of football operations, recruiting coordinator, team travel coordinator and summer camp coordinator, in addition to his coaching duties.

Throughout his tenure overseeing tight ends at Eastern Washington, Rasmussen coached six different players to All-Big Sky honors, including Tim Calhoun, who was a three-time honoree, including the 2002 Big Sky Freshman of the Year by Dopke.com. He oversaw the development of Dan Curley, a 2002 All-America honorable mention by Football Gazette and was a fifth round draft pick (148th overall) by the St. Louis Rams in the 2003 NFL Draft.

While at Eastern Washington, Rasmussen earned both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. He received his bachelors of science degree in physical education in 1998, and then completed his master's degree in athletic administration in 2000.

Rasmussen received an associate degree from Tacoma Community College in 1997 and is a 1983 graduate of Lincoln High School in Tacoma, Wash. He coached at Bellarmine Prep and Mt. Tahoma High Schools prior to joining the EWU staff.

A native of Tacoma, Wash., Rasmussen and his wife, Teri, have two sons, Josh (13) and Jacob (10).



RICH RASMUSSEN FILE

Born: May 6, 1965, Tacoma, Wash.

Education: B.S. in physical education from Eastern Washington, 1998; master's in athletic administration from Eastern Washington, 2000.

Personal: Wife, Teri, and sons Josh and Jacob.

Coaching Experience – 14th Season. Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator, Washington State University (2008-Present); Tight Ends/Recruiting Coordinator (1999-2007), Running Backs (1998), Offensive Line (1997), Student Assistant/Defense (1996), all at Eastern Washington University.



Malik Roberson

Defensive Line

Second Season

Malik Roberson made the move to Washington State University with Cougar Head Coach Paul Wulff in December 2007, after spending eight years with Wulff at Eastern Washington University, and is in his second season working with the Cougar defensive linemen.

He spent his first two seasons as an Eagle student assistant working with defensive linemen, then six years as the defensive line coach.

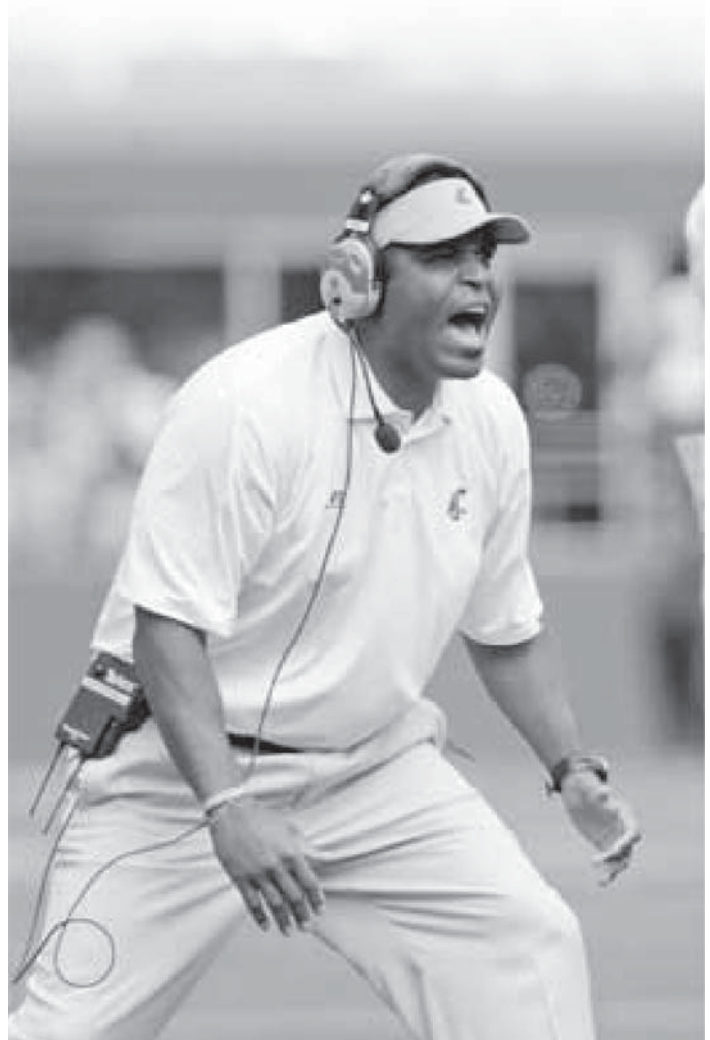
Throughout his time at EWU, Roberson coached nine players to All-Big Sky Conference honors, including 2006 defensive tackle Keith Grennan, who signed a free agent contract with the San Diego Chargers following his time at Eastern Washington. In 2007 all four starting defensive linemen earned all-conference honors, including second team All-American Greg Peach. In 2004 three of his defensive linemen earned All-Big Sky Conference honors, including first team selection Tom Finnerty. EWU finished that season ranked 38th in the NCAA Football Championship Subdivision in rushing defense, allowing just 137.0 yards per game.

Roberson is no stranger to the WSU campus, spending three seasons in Pullman before transferring to Central Washington. He redshirted at WSU as a freshman in 1989, then played for the Cougars during the 1990 and 1991 seasons, seeing action as both a linebacker and defensive lineman. He was a teammate of current Cougar co-defensive coordinator Jody Sears during his first two years in Pullman. At Central Washington, he earned first-team all-conference honors in 1994 and was co-captain of the 1995 squad that won the NAIA Championships, finishing 10-3-1.

Injuries late in his career impacted Roberson's opportunity to continue his football career. He was oft-injured during his senior year at CWU and attended the NFL combine following his final season, but a neck injury ended his professional aspirations.

Roberson is a 1989 graduate of Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane and spent three seasons coaching the Tigers linebackers, first in 1992 and 1993 between his Cougar and Wildcat careers, then again in the fall of 1999 before joining the EWU staff.

Roberson, who finished his degree at Eastern Washington, was born in Spokane, Wash. He and his wife Ondria have one son, Nick (19), and twin daughters Madison and Makayla, who were born in December 2008.



MALIK ROBERSON FILE

Born: April 30, 1971 in Spokane, Wash.

Education: B.S. in individual studies: youth lifestyle management from Central Washington, 2001.

Personal: Wife, Ondria, son Nick and twin daughters Madison and Makayla.

Coaching Experience – 13th Season. Defensive Line, Washington State University (2008-Present); Defensive Line (2002-07), Student Assistant/Defensive Line (2000-01), both at Eastern Washington University; Lewis and Clark High School, Spokane (1992-93, 1999).





Jody Sears

Co-Defensive Coordinator Cornerbacks

Second Season

Jody Sears, a 1991 graduate of Washington State University and former college teammate of Cougar head coach Paul Wulff, is in his second year as co-defensive coordinator and cornerbacks coach. Sears returned to his alma mater after five years at Eastern Washington University, where he was Wulff's defensive coordinator.

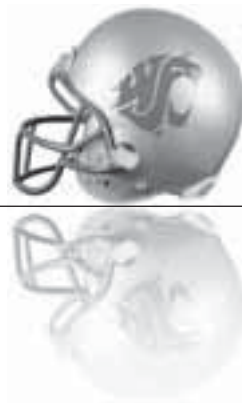
During his stint with the Eagles, he coached safeties, linebackers and defensive ends. In 2005 Eastern's defense finished 15th nationally in pass efficiency defense and spending most of the year in the top five. The Eagles were 45th in scoring defense in 2005 and his 2004 defense set a school record with nine sacks against Weber State.

During his EWU tenure, Sears coached seven players to All-Big Sky Conference honors, including 2007 first-team pick defensive end Greg Peach. Peach, who ranked 11th nationally in sacks, was also a second-team All-America selection.

Prior to uniting with Wulff at EWU, Sears was an assistant coach at the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. He served three years on the Black Knight staff, including the 2001 and 2002 season as cornerbacks coach. In 2000, during his rookie year with Army, he assisted with the defensive line.

Sears lettered twice for the Cougars after walking on as a wide receiver. Like Wulff, he played under head coaches Jim Walden, Dennis Erickson and Mike Price during his tenure with the Cougars. He saw limited field duty during the early portion of his Cougar career, then lettered his final two years and finished with 11 career receptions for 118 yards. Sears also served as the holder for All-America placekicker Jason Hansen on field goal and extra point attempts during his senior year.

Following a brief coaching stint at the high school level, Sears served as a graduate assistant at Iowa State University, where he helped coach defensive backs and wide receivers from 1994-96. There he was reunited with former WSU coach Jim Walden, who was in his final season coaching the Cyclones. Sears received his master's degree at Iowa State in 1996.



Sears coached at St. Ambrose University in 1998 and 1999, assuming responsibilities as the defensive coordinator for the Fighting Bees, who were coached by Todd Sturdy, now WSU's offensive coordinator. Also serving on that staff was former Cougar assistant coach Timm Rosenbach.

Sears was born Oct. 21, 1967. He is from Pullman, Wash., and graduated from Pullman High School in 1986. He and his wife Molly have five children, Weston (19), Hannah Jo (7), J.T. (6), Kylee Ann (4) and Charlie Ray (3).



JODY SEARS FILE

Born: October 21, 1967, Pullman, Wash.

Education: B.A. from Washington State, 1991; masters from Iowa State, 1996.

Personal: Wife, Molly, sons Weston, J.T., and Charley, daughters Hannah and Kylee.

Coaching Experience – 15th Season. Co-Defensive Coordinator/Cornerbacks, Washington State University (2008-Present), Defensive Ends/Linebackers/Safeties, Eastern Washington University (2003-07); Cornerbacks (2001-02), Defensive Line (2000), University State Military Academy; Defensive Coordinator, St. Ambrose University (1998-99); Graduate Assistant/Defensive Backs/Wide Receivers, Iowa State University (1994-96).



Todd Sturdy

Offensive Coordinator Quarterbacks

Second Season

Todd Sturdy is in his second season as Washington State's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach. A former head coach at St. Ambrose University, Sturdy joined the WSU staff in 2008 after serving as Paul Wulff's offensive coordinator at Eastern Washington during the 2007 season.

During his one year at EWU, where the Eagles went 9-4 and reached the 2008 FCS quarterfinals before falling to eventual champion Appalachian State, Sturdy guided an offense that set school records for pass completions (287) and touchdown passes (36). EWU finished the 2007 campaign fifth nationally in total offense and eighth in passing offense. Quarterback Matt Nichols was named the Big Sky Offensive Player of the Year while wide receiver Aaron Boyce and offensive lineman Matt Alfred each garnered All-America honors, with Boyce being named to the second team and Alfred the third team.

Prior to EWU, Sturdy was 85-40 in 12 seasons as head coach for his alma mater, St. Ambrose University, in Davenport, Iowa. The winningest coach in the program's history, his teams won five Mid-States Football Association-Midwest League championships and had a 42-8 league record in his last seven seasons at the helm, including six straight playoff appearances. In 2006 he was NAIA Region 2 Coach of the Year, with the team going a perfect 10-0 before a first-round, 38-31 double-overtime loss to Morningside in the NAIA Championship playoffs.

His accomplishments at St. Ambrose began in his first season as he guided his team to a 9-1 season with the only loss coming at the hands of eventual national champion Findlay. During his 12 seasons Sturdy coached 64 first-team all-conference players and 28 All-Americans. His players rewrote the offense school records in virtually every category.

Sturdy began his coaching career after his freshman year of college, taking over the Tipton High School sophomore baseball team in the summer of 1987. He continued to coach Tipton baseball for the next four seasons as the head sophomore coach and assistant varsity coach.

Sturdy began coaching football in 1990 as a graduate assistant for St. Ambrose University while student teaching at Assumption High School. In the spring of 1991 Sturdy was named the director of facilities at St.

Ambrose University. He then coached the secondary and special teams under Mike Woodley in 1992 and 1993 and was defensive coordinator in 1994.

In 1995, Sturdy was defensive coordinator at SAU under head coach Chuck Schrader. With seven games remaining in the season, Sturdy became interim head coach and was named the permanent head coach in December.

As a player, Sturdy was a quarterback for St. Ambrose University from 1987-90, while he earned a bachelor's degree in history education. In 1988 he was named the team's MVP and as team captain in 1989, he received the coach's appreciation award.

Sturdy attended Tipton High School, where he played four sports and accumulated 14 varsity letters. He was named all-state as a quarterback and started at quarterback for the South team in the 1986 Shrine Bowl.

Sturdy and his wife, Gina, are the parents of sons Keegan Joseph (9) and Carson (6).



TODD STURDY FILE

Born: May 31, 1967, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Education: B.A. history education from St. Ambrose University (1990).

Personal: Wife, Gina, sons Keegan and Carson.

Coaching Experience – 20th Season. Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Washington State University (2008-Present); Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Eastern Washington University (2007); Head Coach, St. Ambrose University (1995-2006); Defensive Coordinator (1994), Secondary/Special Teams (1992-93), Graduate Assistant (1990-91), all at St. Ambrose University.

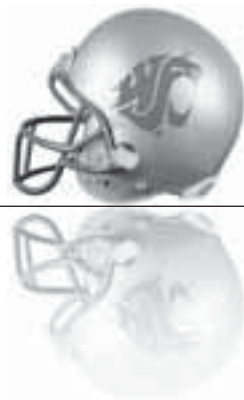




Shawn Deeds

Coordinator of Football Operations

10th Season



Shawn Deeds is in his 10th season as Washington State's Coordinator of Football Operations. His responsibilities include future scheduling, team travel arrangements and the management of the football budget.

Deeds also coordinates preseason camp and serves as assistant director of Cougar Football Camp each summer, assists with all on-campus recruiting arrangements and serves as the staff liaison with WSU's Athletic Foundation, compliance, financial aid, academic services, business, marketing and ticket offices along with any outside agencies involved with the football program.

Deeds began his career as office assistant and assistant to then-head coach Mike Price in 1996, and was promoted to administrative assistant after one year.

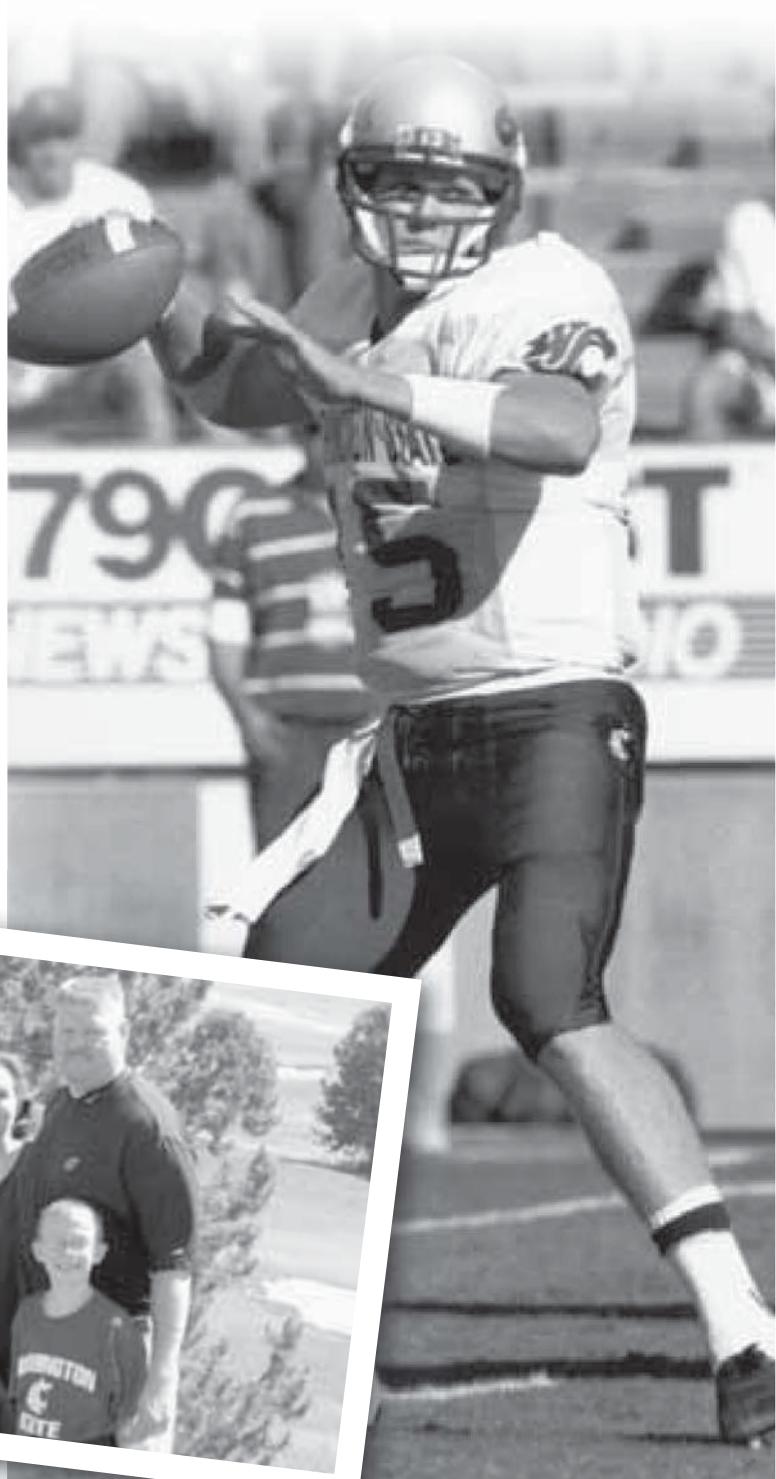
A former quarterback for the Cougar football team, Deeds earned two varsity letters playing for Price. After redshirting as a freshman and playing in one varsity game (Temple) the following year, he saw action in eight games as a redshirt sophomore, completing 41-of-100 passes for 599 yards and two touchdowns, and making one start against Arizona. Deeds led WSU to a 30-7 win over California after replacing injured starter Mike Pattinson.

During his senior season Deeds suffered a shoulder injury on the fourth play of the game against Stanford, ending his career. Deeds completed 42-of-102 passes for 619 yards and two touchdowns over the course of his Cougar career.

Deeds is a 1991 graduate of North Kitsap High School, where he earned 10 varsity letters including three in football for head coach Jerry Parrish. He also lettered four times as a forward in basketball and three times as a pitcher/first baseman in baseball.

As a senior at North Kitsap, Deeds completed 85-of-163 passes for a completion percentage of 52.1. He racked up 1,310 yards and 13 touchdowns, tossing only six interceptions. He was named a Seattle Times Red Chip prospect and garnered Northwest Nugget Second Team honors from the Tacoma News Tribune. He was also named All-Olympic League.

A native of Poulsbo, Wash., Deeds and his wife Amber have two sons, Ty and Trevor.





Nick Lucey

Graduate Assistant

Second Season

Nick Lucey, in his second season as offensive graduate assistant with Washington State, works primarily with wide receivers and quarterbacks. Lucey also served as a student assistant with the Cougars from 2006-07, working with the offensive line.

Lucey coaches WSU's offensive scout team, breaks down both WSU and opponent game film and charts opponent information on game days. Lucey has also coached at the high school level, working as an assistant coach at both Pullman High School (2003-05) and at Curtis High School (2002). He helped lead Pullman to the Washington State 2A Championship in 2005 and a runner-up finish in 2003.

A three-sport letterman and 1999 graduate of Curtis High School in University Place, Wash., Lucey went on to play college football for one season at Western State College of Colorado in Gunnison, Colo., before transferring to the University of Puget Sound. He played two seasons at UPS.

Lucey earned his bachelor's in health and fitness, and is currently pursuing a master's in higher education administration.



Ryan Smaha

Graduate Assistant

Second Season

Ryan Smaha, a graduate of Pullman High School, returned to the Palouse in 2007 and is in his second year as defensive graduate assistant with Washington State. He also served as a student assistant with the Cougars in 2007.

Smaha assists in the coaching of WSU's linebackers, and coaches the defensive and special teams scout teams. Smaha is also active in the Cougars' recruiting efforts, and breaks down both WSU and opponent game film, develops scout team depth charts and charts opponent information on game days.

Prior to his return to Pullman, Smaha served as tight ends coach and assistant recruiting coordinator at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho, where he coached tight end Brandon Mennear to All-Big Sky honors in both 2005 and 2006.

He also worked as an assistant defensive coach at Eastern Oregon University in La Grande, Ore., working primarily with defensive backs and defensive and special teams scout.

Smaha, whose father Mark was a long-time athletic trainer at Washington State University, played defensive back for Eastern Oregon, where he earned his bachelor's in business marketing. He married the former Hanna Long July 26, 2008.



Kevin Night Pipe

Video Coordinator

Ninth Season

Kevin Night Pipe is in his ninth season as multimedia services coordinator for Washington State. Night Pipe coordinates videotaping of all WSU athletics, specializing mainly in football practices and game day. Night Pipe is also responsible for tape exchanges, weekly highlights for football and recruiting purposes and supervising six student assistants.

Prior to joining the WSU staff in July of 2001, Night Pipe worked at Northern Arizona as the Lumberjacks' video coordinator from 1999-2001. He was responsible for video production of men's and women's basketball, women's soccer, volleyball and track and field. He also worked with football coaches to produce breakdowns, editing, highlights and special videos.

Other responsibilities while at NAU included producing highlight and drill tapes used for recruiting, coordinating game tape exchanges with

opponent video staffs in accordance with NCAA and Big Sky Conference rules and hiring and supervising all student staff.

From 1992-95 Night Pipe served as a student assistant video coordinator at the University of South Dakota. He was responsible for football breakdowns, editing, highlights and special needs, as well as game and practice video production, game tape coordination with opponents in the NCC and video equipment maintenance and care.

Night Pipe earned his bachelor's of science in political science and minored in mass communication at South Dakota. He worked on his master's in educational leadership at Northern Arizona from 1999-2001.

A 1987 graduate of Madison High School in Madison, S.D., Night Pipe was voted his team's defensive most valuable player in football in 1986. He and his wife, Jackie, were married in June, 2008, and they have a daughter, Krystal. Additionally they have two boxers, Brutis and Buster.





Darin Lovat

Football Head Strength Coach

Second Season

Darin Lovat, a native of Albuquerque, N.M., is in his second season as the Cougar Football Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, where he oversees all facets of physical development for the WSU football team.

Going on his 12th season as a strength and conditioning coach at the Division I level, Lovat is certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (C.S.C.S.) and the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (S.C.C.C.), and is a USA Weightlifting Level 1 Club Coach.

Prior to joining the Cougar family, Lovat spent the 2007-08 season with Boston College as the Eagles' Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach. He was the top assistant for the Boston College football program, coordinated all injury rehabilitation programs and developed programs for all first-year student-athletes.

From 2002-07 Lovat served as the Head Strength and Conditioning Coach for each of Eastern Washington University's 14 varsity sports. He assisted in the development of five Big Sky Conference Championship teams, an NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament appearance and back-to-back Football Championship Division playoff appearances with then-EWU football head coach Paul Wulff.

Lovat also spent time at UCLA from 1999-2002 as the Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach, serving as the top assistant for the football program. He oversaw all aspects of the training programs for 10 nationally-competitive Division I teams, two of which won NCAA titles.

Serving as a graduate assistant at Austin Peay State University from 1998-99, Lovat oversaw all aspects of the training programs for each of the school's 14 varsity sports. He also served as an intern with the Carolina Panthers and as a Student Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach at UNLV, assisting with a variety of sports under Mark Phillippi, the US Strongest Man winner in 1996.

Lovat earned his bachelor's degree in fitness management at UNLV, and his master's in exercise science from Austin Peay. He was a four-year letterwinner with the Rebels, playing in 47 consecutive games. He was a two-time member of the Big West Conference All-Academic Team, a two-time recipient of the Rebels' Special Teams Player of the Year award and was a member of the Las Vegas Bowl Championship team in 1994.

Lovat and his wife Ann, a native of Cheney, Wash., have been married for five years. His uncle Tom Lovat was a coach in the NFL for 25 years, and his cousin Mark Lovat is currently an Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach with the Green Bay Packers.



Marco Candido

Strength Coach

Second Season

Marco Candido begins his second season as a member of the Washington State University Strength and Conditioning staff, though he is no stranger to the Cougar staff. Prior to spending 2006-08 as Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach at Drake University, Candido worked at WSU during the 2005-06 season as Intern/Interim Assistant Strength and Conditioning Coach.

Many other strength and conditioning positions fill Candido's resume, including stints with the University of Alabama at Birmingham, Arizona State University, Birmingham Steeldogs (Arena Football 2), the University of La Verne and Occidental College.

In 2003 Candido earned a bachelor's degree in kinesiology from Occidental College in Los Angeles, Calif., where he also played running back for the football team and led the Tigers to a conference championship. He earned his master's degree in exercise physiology in 2005 from the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Candido is a member of and certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association - C.S.C.S., Collegiate Strength & Conditioning Coaches Association - S.C.C.C., and U.S.A. Weightlifting - S.P.C.C.

