

## Blackhawks set coaching staff

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The Iowa Blackhawks, Council Bluffs' indoor professional football team, has announced several coaching signings for the upcoming American Professional Football League season.

Mike Wolff returns for his fourth season as the Blackhawks head coach and his eighth year with the Blackhawks. Wolff will also serve as the defensive coordinator.

Justin Kammrad enters his first year as the Blackhawks offensive coordinator after spending the previous two seasons as their starting running back. A knee injury last year against the Missouri Minutemen ended his playing career.

"I will take the same approach to coaching as I did as a player," said Kammrad. "I will be prepared each week and I expect the same from the players as well. I want them to be comfortable with my style, and being prepared will make it easier for them."

Now coaching at his high school alma mater, Thomas Jefferson, Kammrad was a standout performer at the University of Nebraska-Omaha where he was a Harlon Hill finalist, the Division II equivalent to the Heisman Trophy.

Ted Hennings is the Blackhawks new defensive line coach and brings a wealth of knowledge and playing experience to the organization, especially with the indoor game.

A product of Northern Illinois University, Hennings spent time in the Chicago Bears camp, and briefly with the Birmingham Fire of the World League of American Football before playing in the Arena Football League with the Detroit Drive and Dallas Texans before a spinal injury ended his career.

"I want to make my group the best defensive line in the entire league," said Hennings, who won an Arena Bowl Championship in 1991 with Detroit. "We have some potential there; now it's up to me to show them what I've learned and make them better football players."

Hennings also coaches at Abraham Lincoln and has 11-years of experience as a coach.

"I'm really excited about being a part of the Blackhawks organization," said Hennings, "It's like the AFL used to be. Our ownership is tremendous and the players enthusiastic. It should be a great season."

Brett Ryan, an Underwood product and former Blackhawks offensive lineman, returns for his second season as the club's offensive line coach. A knee injury in 2005 ended Ryan's playing days, where he was a two-year starter.

Special teams coach Tony Doremus returns for his third season with the Blackhawks, and second as the club's special teams leader. The Blackhawks also have team assistants Dave Coberly and Mike Paulson back from last season.

Team owner and general manager Jake Hiffernan, is very excited about this season's staff.

"I believe we have assembled one of the best coaching staffs in the country," said Hiffernan, "and to make this group even more special is that they are all from Council Bluffs."

