

## Blackhawks, Wolff agree to contract extension

*The Iowa Blackhawks and head coach Mike Wolff have agreed to a two-year extension of his contract that will keep him with the city's indoor professional football team through the 2007 season.*

Published: Tuesday, December 6, 2005 2:00 AM CST

The Iowa Blackhawks and head coach Mike Wolff have agreed to a two-year extension of his contract that will keep him with the city's indoor professional football team through the 2007 season.

Wolff, a Thomas Jefferson High School graduate, has been with the Blackhawks since their inception in 2004. He began as offensive coordinator and took over as head coach earlier this year, leading the team to its first American Professional Football League Conference Championship and APFL Championship appearance.

Owner Jake Hiffernan said he feels secure knowing Wolff has made a commitment to the team.

"He is just as much a part of the team's future as I am," Hiffernan said.

The Blackhawks also announced the signing of former players Demetrius Richards and Brett Ryan to the coaching staff. Richards, last year's starting linebacker and a former UNO and Omaha Beef star, signed a one-year contract as defensive coordinator. Ryan, an Underwood High School graduate and starting offensive lineman the past two seasons, is the new offensive line coach.

"I anticipate that to positively impact our players and current coaches," Hiffernan said.

Iowa also resigned Craig Dew, defensive line coach, and Tony Doremus, offensive assistant through the 2006 season.

Season tickets are on sale. For more information about the 2006 season, call (712) 366-9326.