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Ryan Grubb Named EMU Football Assistant Coach

Grubb will be the offensive line coach



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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — [Ryan Grubb](#), the offensive coordinator for the University of Sioux Falls football team for the past four seasons, has been named an assistant football coach at Eastern Michigan University, Head Coach [Chris Creighton](#) announced today, Jan. 22. He will serve as the team's offensive line coach.

"Coach Grubb is a perfect fit for our program," said Creighton. "He has worked closely with Coach DeBoer in the past and will help get our offense running at full speed quickly. Not only is he a great on-the-field coach, but he wants to be at Eastern for all the right reasons."

Grubb spent the past four seasons as offensive coordinator for the Cougars after a three year stint as the run game coordinator and offensive line coach. During his time at Sioux Falls, the team posted an astonishing 75-13 (.852) record and helped guide USF to two national championships and four Great Plains Athletic Conference championships.

During the 2013 campaign, the Cougars' offense averaged 33.0 points and 467.9 yards of total offense per game. The USF rushing attack was extremely potent, racking up 2,705 yards on the ground and 31 touchdowns. That number ranked 18th in Division II and was an increase of more than 1,300 yards from the previous season. In total, the offense rushed for four games with 300-or-more yards, including a season-best 467 yards and six scores against the University of Minnesota -Crookston.

Carrington Hanna was named the 2013 Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference South Offensive Preseason Player

of the Year. Splitting time between wide receiver and quarterback, Hanna became the first player in the history of the conference to be selected as both an all-conference wide receiver and all-conference quarterback in the same year.

Grubb's 2012 quick-strike offense played a vital role in USF's inaugural NCAA success. Nationally, the Cougar offense ranked 40th in passing efficiency (141.78), 47th in passing offense (253.50) and 49th in scoring (31.3 ppg). Within the conference, USF ranked sixth in passing offense. His high-powered unit scored 40 points or more on four occasions, including a 54-point explosion against Upper Iowa University, while tallying an impressive 60 plays of 25 yards or more, 15 of which resulted in a touchdown. Grubb mentored five all-conference selections and two Don Hansen All-Region honorees in 2012.

In 2011, Grubb's youthful offense posted 347 total yards per game en route to 31.2 points per contest. The Cougar scoring attack was especially efficient in the red-zone, where they converted 89 percent of their chances, 66 percent of which resulted in a touchdown.

The Cougar offense thrived in its first year under the command of Grubb. During the 2010 season, the USF offense led the GPAC in pass offense (271.5 yds/gm), scoring offense (41.2 pts/gm), and total offense (432.6). In the NAIA, USF's offense ranked third in scoring offense (577 pts) and fourth in pass offense (3,821 yds). Under Grubb, senior receiver Jon Ryan was named the NAIA Football Player of the Year and the GPAC Offensive Player of the Year. Coach Grubb saw 15 offensive players grab GPAC All-Conference honors, three of which were honored on the first team.

Entering the 2010 season, the USF offense had the tough task of replacing seven starters from the previous season, including the quarterback position. Transfer Jon Eastman stepped into the quarterback position and filled the void exceptionally. During the 2010 season he connected with Jon Ryan for 24 touchdowns, setting a school and NAIA record for touchdown receptions in a season. Eastman made his mark in the USF record books by taking over the sixth spot in career touchdowns with 45 touchdown tosses in just one season.

The 2009 offensive line provided spectacular blocking for both USF's running backs and NAIA Player of the Year quarterback Lorenzo Brown on the way to the program's fourth national title. The Cougar offense set school records for points in a game (80), points per game (51.6), points in a season (775), total offense (7,313 yards) and rush offense (3,842), the most rushing yards by a team in the NAIA. Seniors TJ Wendt and Kyle Staudt earned first team All-GPAC honors, while the Cougars three other starting offensive linemen, Travis Beaver, Kyle Wasson and Casey Peters, found themselves on either the second team or honorable mention list for the conference. The unit only gave up 14 sacks in 15 games.

In 2008, the offensive line paved the way to the sixth ranked rushing attack (235.6 yards per game) and 10th-best scoring attack (36.5) in the country, while only giving up 10 sacks in 14 games. Shawn Flanagan, Kyle Staudt and TJ Wendt earned all-conference recognition, while Wendt was named a first team All-American and Flanagan was named second team All-American. Flanagan signed a NFL free-agent contract in the spring.

Grubb also served as the strength and conditioning coordinator for the USF football program and was named *American Football Monthly's* NAIA National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year for the 2008 season.

Prior to coaching at USF, Grubb coached wide receivers and running backs at South Dakota State University in 2005 and 2006, earning four team rushing records, four All-Great West selections, an ESPN All-American, one Hula Bowl selection, and tutored wide receiver JaRon Harris who went on to play for the Green Bay Packers.

Prior to coaching at SDSU, Grubb was the offensive coordinator at Kingsley-Pierson High School in Iowa, producing

six all-state selections and was named 2004 Class 1A Assistant Coach of the Year.

Grubb is a 1999 graduate of Buena Vista University where he was a four-year starter and team captain. Grubb earned his master's in Sports Administration at South Dakota State University in 2006.

The Ryan Grubb File

Name: [Ryan Grubb](#)

High School: Kingsley-Pierson H.S. - Kingsley, Iowa

College: Buena Vista University - Bachelor's degree in Business Administration - 1999
South Dakota State University - Master's degree in Sports Administration - 2006

Family: Wife-Amber

Coaching Experience

Year School Position

2010-13 University of Sioux Falls Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator

2007-10 University of Sioux Falls Assistant Coach/Run Game Coordinator/OL

2005-06 South Dakota State University Assistant Coach/Wide receivers/Running backs

2003-04 Kingsley-Pierson (Iowa) High School Assistant Coach/Offensive Coordinator

1996-99 Buena Vista University Four-year starter and team captain

Coaching Honors

2008 *American Football Monthly's* NAIA National Strength and Conditioning Coach of the Year

2004 Class 1A Assistant Coach of the Year