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# Todd Frakes Named EMU Football Assistant Coach

Frakes will be the secondary coach



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**YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com)** — [Todd Frakes](#), the defensive backs coach for the Drake University football team for the past two seasons, has been named an assistant football coach at Eastern Michigan University, Head Coach [Chris Creighton](#) announced today, Jan. 29. He will serve as the team's secondary coach.

"Coach Frakes has worked with Coach McCaslin for the past two season and they work extremely well together," said Creighton. "He has been a collegiate defensive coordinator and brings a ton of knowledge to the table. His leadership as recruiting coordinator will take our sophistication to another level.

Frakes brings significant experience both as a player and coach at many different levels of football, including 11 years as a collegiate coach. He joined the Drake football coaching staff in March 2012 as the defensive backs coach and recruiting coordinator.

Last year, Frakes' defensive backs helped the Bulldogs top a top 15 national ranking in first down defense (third - 173), rushing defense (fifth - 94.9 yds/gm), scoring defense (10th - 19.5 ppg) and total defense (11th - 319.6 yds/gm). In the team's final four games of 2013, Drake's defense allowed just 14.3 points per game and 241 yards per game. Additionally, the defense forced 12 turnovers during that span while holding opponents to just 33.3 rushing yards per game.

Defensive back Mike Ratelle earned All-Pioneer Football League First-Team honors in 2013. Ratelle reprised his role as one of the top safeties in the PFL with 65 tackles, the second-most on the team, and a team-high three interceptions and eight passes broken up. His 11 total passes defended ranked fourth in the PFL while his three interceptions were tied for sixth.

In his first season with the Bulldogs' defense backs, Frakes helped engineer a pass defense that ranked second in the Pioneer Football League by allowing just 185 passing yards per game. Individually, three of Drake's defensive backs earned All-PFL honors as the team shared the conference championship.

Frakes has experienced success at every stop in his career. Prior to joining the staff at Drake, he was an assistant coach at San Francisco's St. Ignatius College Prep in 2011. As the running backs coach, he helped lead St. Ignatius to just the second Central Coastal Section title in school history.

Before his season at St. Ignatius, Frakes spent time overseas as head coach of the Kirchdorf Wildcats of the South Bavarian League in Germany. In his only season with Kirchdorf, he also handled defensive coordinator duties while leading his team to a 14-1 record and a SBL championship.

Frakes began his coaching career after playing football at Centre College in Danville, Ky. He started for three seasons at defensive back, serving as a captain and earning all-conference honors as a senior in 1998.

Frakes joined the coaching staff following his successful playing career, eventually serving as special teams coordinator, defensive coordinator, and recruiting coordinator at different times. In his nine seasons as an assistant at Centre his teams went 59-30, including a Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference championship in 2003. Frakes coached 20 All-SCAC performers in the defensive backfield during his time on staff.

Frakes earned his bachelor of arts degree in economics from Centre College in 1998. He received the David F. Hughes Memorial Scholarship and was granted a University Graduate Scholarship to attend the University of Cincinnati. There, he received a master of applied economics degree in 2001 with a concentration in business.

Frakes and his wife, Meghan, have a daughter, Hadley.

### **The Todd Frakes File**

Name: [Todd Frakes](#)  
High School: Indiana Hill H.S. - Cincinnati, Ohio  
College: Centre College - Bachelor's degree in Economics - 1998  
University of Cincinnati - Master's degree in Applied Economics - 2001  
Family: Wife-Meghan; Children - Hadley

### **Coaching Experience**

#### **Year School Position**

2012-13 Drake University Assistant Coach/DBs/Recruiting Coordinator  
2011 San Francisco St. Ignatius College Prep Assistant Coach/Running Backs  
2010 Kirchdorf Wildcats (Germany) Head Coach/Defensive coordinator  
2000-09 Centre College Assistant Coach  
1995-98 Centre College Student-athlete