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Taylor Stubblefield Named EMU Football Assistant Coach

Stubblefield will be the wide receivers coach



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YPSILANTI, Mich. (EMUEagles.com) — [Taylor Stubblefield](#), the wide receivers coach for the Wake Forest University football team last season, has been named an assistant football coach at Eastern Michigan University, Head Coach [Chris Creighton](#) announced today, Feb. 6. He will serve as the team's wide receivers coach.

"Coach Stubblefield was one of the greatest wide receivers to play college football," noted Coach Creighton. "He is now an experienced coach and has a passion for making players better on and off the field. He is going to be a main factor in taking our program to the next level."

One of the most prolific wide receivers in NCAA history, Stubblefield returns for his second tour of duty in Ypsilanti. He was a graduate assistant working with the receivers at EMU in 2008. In the 56-52 victory over Central Michigan University that season, the Eagles rolled up a school record for offensive plays with 105 for 610 total yards.

During the contest with CMU, wide receiver Tyler Jones caught an EMU single-game record 23 passes for 170 yards. Those 23 receptions mark tied UNLV's Randy Gatewood for the NCAA record. Gatewood caught his 23 passes against Idaho, Sept. 17, 1994.

Last season at Wake Forest, Stubblefield's wide receiving corps hauled in 219 passes for 2,359 yards and 14 touchdowns. Senior wide receiver Michael Campanaro earned second team All-Atlantic Coast Conference honors for

the second-straight season. Despite playing in just eight games, Campanaro was one of the top receivers in the conference. He hauled in 67 passes for 803 yards and six touchdowns as he broke the school-record for career receptions with 229 grabs.

Stubblefield arrived in Winston-Salem, N.C. after one season at the University of New Mexico. In 2012, Stubblefield got his receivers to buy into UNM's heavy run philosophy, not only as blockers but also as ball carriers. The Lobo wideouts combined for 565 rushing yards and three touchdowns. That, coupled with the unit's downfield blocking, helped the offense rank fifth in the nation in rushing with an average of 301.3 yards per game.

As a Central Michigan assistant in 2011, Stubblefield mentored a group that included one of the top freshman receiving tandems in the country in Titus Davis and Courtney Williams. Davis earned All-Mid-American Conference Third Team accolades and Freshman All-America honors from Phil Steele's magazine after catching 40 passes for 751 yards and eight touchdowns; his eight touchdown catches were a CMU freshman record and tied for the sixth most in a season in CMU history. Both Davis and Williams scored touchdowns on their first career receptions, and they combined for 13 TDs on the season. Stubblefield also coached All-MAC Third Team selection Cody Wilson who led the Chippewas with 48 receptions in 2011.

Prior to CMU, Stubblefield was at Illinois State University, where he coached the Redbirds' receivers for two seasons. Stubblefield worked directly with three All-Missouri Valley Football Conference honorees and two All-MVFC All-Newcomer selections during his two seasons at Illinois State.

In 2009, Stubblefield coached Eyad Salem, who broke the school's single-season receptions record (92 catches) and twice tied the single-game receptions record with back-to-back 14-catch efforts. Salem was an All-MVFC First-Team selection.

Stubblefield began his coaching career as the receivers coach at Central Washington University in 2007.

As a player at Purdue University, Stubblefield was a consensus All-American and a 2004 finalist for the Biletnikoff Award. He finished his career (2001-04) with an NCAA record 316 receptions and ranks second in Big Ten history with 3,629 receiving yards. Stubblefield's performance against Washington State in the 2001 Sun Bowl (nine receptions, Sun Bowl-record 196 yards, two touchdowns, Sun Bowl-record 244 all-purpose yards) earned him a spot on the Sun Bowl's 75th anniversary team. His 16 receiving touchdowns in 2004 are a Purdue single-season record.

After graduating from Purdue in 2005, Stubblefield had professional stints with the NFL's Carolina Panthers and St. Louis Rams as well as the Canadian Football League's Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Stubblefield is married to Lisa "Georgia" Stubblefield.

The Taylor Stubblefield File

Name: [Taylor Stubblefield](#)

High School: A. C. Davis H.S. - Yakima, Wash.

College: Purdue University - Bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership and Supervision - 2005

Family: Wife-Georgia

Coaching Experience

Year School Position

2013 Wake Forest University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers

2012 University of New Mexico Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers

2011 Central Michigan University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers
2009-10 Illinois State University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers
2008 Eastern Michigan University Graduate Assistant/Wide Receivers
2007 Central Washington University Assistant Coach/Wide Receivers