

## ASSISTANT COACHES



**DARRELL PERKINS**  
DEFENSIVE BACKS/  
SPECIAL TEAMS  
COORDINATOR  
(Wyoming, 1990)

**D**arrell Perkins is back for his second season at Ferris State coaching the Bulldogs' defensive backs and will continue serving as the special teams coordinator. Prior to FSU, Perkins had spent the last two seasons (2000-01) at Purdue University.

Perkins served in a graduate assistant capacity at Purdue, coaching the defensive backs and assisted with the scout team. He

helped Purdue claim the Big Ten Conference title in 2000 en route to the Boilermakers' first Rose Bowl appearance in 33 years.

Prior to Purdue, Perkins was an owner/operator of a Chick-Fil-A restaurant franchise in Fort Collins, Colo., from 1990-96 and was the concessionaire for Colorado State University Athletics during that period. In September 1996, he was a general manager of the Bennigan's Corporation in Denver, Colo., for three-plus years.

A native of Denver, Colo., Perkins' other coaching experience was as the head varsity basketball coach at Legacy High School in Fort Collins, Colo., from 1993-96. He spent two seasons (1998-99) as an assistant varsity football coach at his alma mater Gateway High School in Aurora, Colo.

Perkins' collegiate playing experience was at the University of Wyoming (1986-89) where he

was a two-year starter and a three-year letterwinner at running back. In his career, Wyoming won back-to-back Western Athletic Conference (WAC) Championships in 1987-88 and competed two consecutive years (1987-88) in the Holiday Bowl. Perkins earned a bachelor of science degree in business from Wyoming in 1990.

A standout athlete at Gateway High School, Perkins earned all-state recognition in football and was a USA *Today* All-America Honorable Mention pick in track. He was chosen both the school's and conference's track athlete of the year during his senior year in 1985.

Perkins, the son of Vinson and Jackie Perkins of Aurora, Colo., is married to the former Elena Zbitskaya. He's a member of both the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) and the Black Coaches Association (BCA).



**JOE CURRY**  
DEFENSIVE LINE  
(St. Francis, 2001)

**J**oe Curry returns for his second year at FSU as defensive line coach. He previously served as an assistant at the University of St. Francis (Ill.) in the 2001 season. His primary responsibility was coaching the Fighting Saints' defensive line.

Prior to Ferris State, the 24-year old Curry spent four years (1998-01) as the defensive line coach at

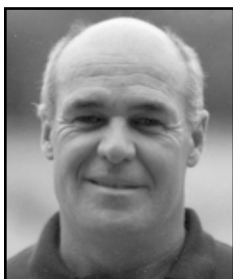
Aurora (Ill.) Central Catholic High School and also served as head coach of the school's freshmen baseball squad in 2001. While at Aurora, Curry also held the position of weight training supervisor.

Curry, who graduated with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Education (history concentration) from St. Francis in 2001, was a three-year (1998-00) letterwinner at defensive tackle where he received MIFC Honorable Mention laurels in 1998 and Mid-States Football Association-Midwest League Second-Team honors in 2000. Curry was also named a 2000 preseason All-American by *Don Hansen's National Weekly Football Gazette*. Curry initially started his college playing career at Indiana State University and was a two-year member

(1996-97) of the Sycamores' football program.

A 1996 graduate of Aurora Central Catholic High School, Curry was both a three-time (1993-95) all-Private School League and all-area honoree in football. He concluded his prep varsity career as the school's all-time leading tackler and was named to the *Chicago Sun-Times'* All-State Football squad in 1995. He also earned baseball all-state honorable mention accolades in 1995.

The son of Mike and Liane Curry of Aurora, Ill., Curry is a member of the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA). His father has been a prep football coach for almost 30 years, winning two state championships at Freeport (Ill.) Aquin High School before coaching the last 15 years at Aurora Central Catholic.



**RICK WILLIAMS**  
KICKERS/PUNTERS  
(Michigan St., 1977)

**E**ntering his 11th year as Ferris State's placekicking and punting coach is Rick Williams, who assumed his current duties in August 1992.

In his tenure, Williams has tutored two All-Americans along with several all-conference performers. Most recently, he played an instrumental role in orchestrating the devel-

opment of two-time (1998-99) All-America and All-Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (GLIAC) kicker-punter Doc Proctor. Williams also holds the distinction of helping former FSU standout kicker Jason Lipke achieve All-America and all-conference first-team status in 1995. Williams also coached first-team all-league punter Eric Stevens during the 1995 season.

A Class A-I golf pro, Williams is the golf pro and general manager at Meceola Country Club near Big Rapids. The Alma, Mich., native graduated from Greenville (Mich.) High School where he served as team captain in both football and basketball while achieving Most Valuable Player recognition in track.

Rick and his wife, Jan, have two children – a son (Rick) and a daughter (Shawn), who's married to current FSU assistant coach Ken Conlin.

### GRADUATE ASSISTANT COACH



**KYLE PARK**  
Tight Ends/  
Receivers

Kyle Park enters his first year with the Bulldogs, assisting with the tight ends and receivers.

Park was a two-year starter at quarterback for Ferris State and received three letters during his career. He earned conference all-academic honors twice (2000-01) and ranks sixth in FSU career passing (3,474 yds.).

He was an all-state and academic all-state quarterback at Goshen (Ind.) High School under his father, Brad Park.



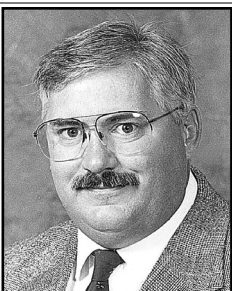
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