

Jeff Jamrog named head Maverick football coach

16 years of collegiate coaching experience

Mankato, Minn. --- Director of Athletics Kevin Buisman has announced that Western Illinois defensive coordinator and inside linebacker coach Jeff Jamrog has been named Minnesota State University, Mankato's head football coach.

Jamrog, 39, spent four years on the staff at the University of Nebraska prior to joining Western Illinois this spring. He was the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator for Nebraska in 2003 and was the defensive tackles coach for the Cornhuskers from 2000 through 2002. During his tenure at Nebraska, the Cornhuskers played in the national championship game in 2002, the 2003 Nebraska defense led the country in turnovers caused, led the Big XII in scoring defense and totalled 21 blocked kicks in four years.

Jamrog also spent three years at New Mexico State University (1997-99) as the defensive coordinator, was the defensive coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Omaha for three years (1994-96) and the inside linebackers coach and special teams coordinator at the University of South Dakota from 1990-93. He served as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Nebraska for two years (1988 and 1989).

A three-year letterman at Nebraska where he was a starting outside linebacker in 1987, Jamrog earned a bachelor of science degree in 1987 and graduated with a master's degree in business administration (both from Nebraska) in 1990. He was named a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American in 1987 and was a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient.

Jamrog and his wife, Connie, have three children - Elizabeth, Brett and Jared.

"We are incredibly fortunate to hire someone of Coach Jamrog's caliber, particularly at this time of the year," said Buisman. "His pedigree includes an interesting mix of experiences that will prove to be invaluable as he takes this next step in his coaching career. Jeff has not only coached in this league, but played and coached at the University of Nebraska, which is arguably one of the most storied programs in the history of college football. I am more than confident that our ability to tap into that kind of expertise will make us a much better football program."

MSU has had varsity football since 1922 and Jamrog is the 13th head coach in the history of the program.