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NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP ATTRACTS 79 PARTICIPANTS

-- THREE NFL HEAD COACHES -- EDWARDS, LEWIS & SMITH -- ARE FELLOWSHIP GRADS --

A total of 79 African-American coaches took part in this summer's NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program that included participation by all 32 NFL teams.

Three of the NFL's six African-American head coaches and 31 assistant coaches are graduates of the program.

Head coaches **HERMAN EDWARDS** of the New York Jets (fellowship in 1989 with Kansas City), **MARVIN LEWIS** of Cincinnati (San Francisco, 1988; Kansas City, 1991), and **LOVIE SMITH** (Arizona, 1988) interned in the program.

Smith says the fellowship is effective in many ways.

"The NFL's Minority Coaching program is very valuable," he says. "Many of the NFL's black head coaches have had the opportunity to participate in the fellowship and now help facilitate it. The program is successful because it is beneficial not just to the participating coaches, but also the teams.

"As a participant in the program, it gives you an opportunity to further your football knowledge and see the game at its highest level. It was my first chance to get an up-close look at the NFL.

"As an organization, you have the opportunity to get a look at talented young coaches and see what they can do. I have met some very impressive individuals over our past two training camps, many of which I expect to be coaching in the NFL in the future."

One of the fellowship interns this summer was former NFL wide receiver **ERNIE MILLS**, who played for Pittsburgh, Carolina and Dallas from 1991-99. Mills tutored with the Buffalo Bills under special teams coordinator **BOBBY APRIL**, for whom he played on special teams with the Steelers in 1994-95.

"It's a good chance to get good experience and meet other coaches and learn things from them," says Mills of the fellowship. "I learned quite a bit about the organization behind the scenes. Of course, when you play for years you just go out and play. You don't get the chance to see the hours the coaches go through. It's just a matter of learning different terminologies and how different coaches treat different things."

Mills was a volunteer coach at a Charlotte high school last year. "That's as basic as it gets because you have to do everything – set up the field, etc.," he says. "I wanted to involve myself with that and move up along the way."

As part of training camp coaching staffs, the fellowship coaches perform duties that mirror those of full-time NFL assistant coaches. They become working members of NFL staffs for the summer and are responsible for specific assignments, including planning and directing workouts, formulating scrimmage and preseason-game strategies, breaking down videotape, and evaluating players.

Nearly 1,100 coaches have worked in the training camps of NFL teams since the program's inception in 1987.

Another graduate of the program – **RUBIN CARTER**, a member of the famed "Orange Crush" defense of the Denver Broncos in the 1970s-'80s – recently was appointed to his first head-coaching position. Carter, who was in the fellowship with New England in 1992, was appointed head coach of Florida A&M.

He joins another Coaching Fellowship graduate as a college head coach. UCLA's **KARL DORRELL** interned with the Denver Broncos in 1993 and 1999.

Following is a list of some NFL coaches who have participated in the NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program:

NFL GRADUATES OF NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

| CLUB | COACH | POSITION |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Atlanta | Ollie Wilson | Running backs |
| Baltimore | Johnnie Lynn | Defensive backs |
| | Dennis Thurman | Defensive backs |
| Buffalo | Eric Studesville | Running backs |
| | Tyke Tolbert | Wide receivers |
| Chicago | Lovie Smith | Head coach |
| Cincinnati | Jay Hayes | Defensive line |
| | Ricky Hunley | Linebackers |
| | Hue Jackson | Wide receivers |
| | Marvin Lewis | Head coach |
| Denver | Thomas McGaughey | Ass't. special teams |
| Green Bay | James Franklin | Wide receivers |
| Houston | Tony Oden | Ass't. defensive backs |
| Indianapolis | Gene Huey | Running backs |
| Jacksonville | Todd Howard | Defensive assistant |
| Kansas City | Vernon Dean | Ass't. defensive backs |
| | James Saxon | Running backs |
| Miami | Keith Armstrong | Special teams |
| Minnesota | Kevin Ross | Ass't. secondary |
| New England | Pepper Johnson | Defensive line |
| New Orleans | Ty Knott | Def. quality control ass't. |
| NY Jets | Herman Edwards | Head coach |
| Oakland | Martin Bayless | Special teams ass't. |
| | Sam Clancy | Defensive line |
| Philadelphia | Mike Reed | Def. ass't. quality control |
| Pittsburgh | James Daniel | Tight ends |
| San Diego | Wayne Nunnely | Defensive line |
| | Brian Stewart | Defensive backs |
| San Francisco | Gary Emanuel | Defensive line |
| Tampa Bay | Ron Middleton | Tight ends |
| | Raheem Morris | Ass't. defensive backs |
| | Art Valero | Running backs |
| Tennessee | Sherman Smith | Running backs |
| Washington | DeWayne Walker | Defensive backs |

2005 NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

| NFL TEAM | COACH (BACKGROUND & PRESENT AFFILIATION) |
|-------------------|---|
| Arizona | Antonio Banks (Former NFL player, NFLEL player & coach); D'Marco Farr (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Amp Lee (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Marshun Middleton (Edward Waters College); Shan Williams (Unaffiliated) |
| Atlanta | Gary Downs (Former NFL player; Riverside Military Academy) |
| Baltimore | Darryl Sims (former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Lorenzo Ward (Virginia Tech) |
| Buffalo | Broderick Lee Fobbs (Northwestern State); Antonio Goss (Former NFL player; University at Buffalo); Ernie Mills (former NFL player) |
| Carolina | Eddie Johnson (Rhyne College); Charles Jones (Unaffiliated); Vincent Williams (Delaware State) |
| Chicago | George McDonald (Western Michigan); Eric Washington (Northwestern) |
| Cincinnati | Stan Davis (Arena Football League) |
| Cleveland | Stanley Connor (Alabama A&M); Ernie Logan (Former NFL player; Jacksonville University); George Small (Former NFL player; North Carolina A&T) |
| Dallas | Vincent Brown (Former NFL player); Lewis Tillman (Former NFL player) |
| Denver | Malik Roberson (Eastern Washington) |
| Detroit | E.J. Henderson (Wayne State); Shawn Jefferson (Former NFL player); Adrian White (former NFL player & NFLEL coach) |
| Green Bay | James Lott (Former NFL player) |
| Houston | Leonard "Bubba" McDowell (Former NFL player); Jeffrey Sowell (Rice) |

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| Indianapolis | Lloyd Burruss (Former NFL player); Willie Davis (Former NFL player); John Randle (Former NFL player) |
| Jacksonville | Don Holmes (Former NFL player; Mesa State College); E.J. Junior (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Reginald Moore (Former NFL player; North Dakota State) |
| Kansas City | Tracy Simien (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Charles Smith (Unaffiliated); J.J. Smith (Former NFL player; Mid-American Nazarene) |
| Miami | Harlon Barnett (Former NFL player; University of Cincinnati); Bo Davis (LSU); Michael Dumas (Former NFL player); Stevon Moore (Former NFL player; Mississippi Gulf Coast CC) |
| Minnesota | Derrick Burroughs (Former NFL player; Clark Atlanta University); Regis Eller (Unaffiliated); Will Reed (Texas College) |
| New England | Charles London (Duke) |
| New Orleans | Cortez Kennedy (Former NFL player); Marvin Marshall (Former NFL player, NFLEL player & coach) |
| NY Giants | Gary Brown (Former NFL player; Lycoming College); Dana Stubblefield (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach) |
| NY Jets | Corey Harris (Former NFL player); Cedric Pearl (Alabama A & M) |
| Oakland | John Allen (Former NFLEL coach); Cris Dishman (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Henry Frazier (Prairie View); Joe Wade (Eastern Washington) |
| Philadelphia | Christopher Hewitt (Former NFL player; Rutgers); Duval Love (Former NFL player); Buzz Preston (Notre Dame); Darrell Wyatt (Oklahoma); Theo Young (Former NFL player; Rice) |
| Pittsburgh | Andrew Dees (Buffalo); Larry McDaniel (Kent State); Darrius Gerrod Smith (Northeastern) |
| St. Louis | Reggie Brown (Former NFL player); Scott Larkee (Boston College) |
| San Diego | Chennis Berry (North Carolina A&T); Cedric Calhoun (Alabama A&M); Shawn Gregory (Samford) |
| San Francisco | Thomas Broderick (Former NFL player); Vantz Singletary (Hawaii) |
| Seattle | Gregory Butler (Morgan State); Bryant Thomas (Idaho State) |
| Tampa Bay | Richie Anderson (Former NFL player); Eric Green (Former NFL player, NFLEL player & coach); James Jones (Dartmouth) |
| Tennessee | Stanley Clayton (Former NFL player; Princeton) |
| Washington | Joe Bowden (Former NFL player & NFLEL coach); Jimmie Johnson (Former NFL player; South Texas) |

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