



IN 25TH YEAR, NFL MINORITY COACHING FELLOWSHIP ATTRACTS RECORD 86 PARTICIPANTS

-- CHIEFS' EDWARDS BECOMES FIRST COACH TO LEAD TEAM WHERE HE INTERNEED --

A record 86 minorities took part in this summer's NFL Minority Coaching Fellowship Program in the 25th year of the program's existence, the NFL announced today.

Also this year, the Minority Coaching Program produced its first graduate to be named head coach of the team where he interned.

The graduate is new Kansas City Chiefs head coach **HERM EDWARDS**, who interned with the team in 1989. In 2001, he became the first graduate of the program to be named an NFL head coach when he was appointed by the New York Jets.

"I am a head coach in the NFL today because of the opportunity the Coaching Fellowship provided me," says Edwards. "The program is really the thing that jump-starts your career. It really worked perfectly for me. I was in the right place at the right time."

Two other NFL head coaches are graduates of the program – **MARVIN LEWIS** of Cincinnati and **LOVIE SMITH** of Chicago.

The fellowship, instituted by the NFL in 1981, provides training-camp coaching positions for minority coaches at NFL clubs. More than 1,000 minority coaches have participated since the program's inception.

The fellowship had additional head-coaching success this past offseason. Two of its graduates were appointed head coaches in colleges and another received a lengthy contract extension.

RON PRINCE, who participated in the program for four years in the late '90s, was appointed head coach of Kansas State and believes the fellowship was of immeasurable help to him.

"The NFL Fellowship Program was invaluable for me," says Prince, who appointed another fellowship grad, **RAHEEM MORRIS**, as his defensive coordinator. "The program gave me a great understanding of how to put an organization together. I was exposed to everything from the position coaches to the scouting departments to the general managers and I studied every aspect of it. In the end, it gave me the opportunity to advance past where I might have been as a coach at that particular point."

Joining Prince as a fellowship grad in the college head-coaching ranks this year is **NORRIES WILSON** at Columbia University, who was appointed last December. Wilson spent three summers with NFL clubs in the 1990s and, like Prince, says the program was a big help to his career.

"All three of my internships were great experiences," says Wilson. "They were at different points in my career. I learned a lot about the game, particularly at the NFL level, and a lot about football administration. It was very valuable for me."

Yet another fellowship graduate who is now a college head coach, **KARL DORRELL** of UCLA, recently received a contract extension through the 2010 season. He took the Bruins to a 10-2 record last year.

Tampa Bay Buccaneers head coach **JON GRUDEN**, who had three minority coaches in his camp this summer, believes in the program's efficacy.

"The coaches come in to learn and be a second sound for our players, whether that's encouraging them or talking about basic fundamentals or techniques that maybe they've used," says Gruden. "They help with team enthusiasm and in a lot of ways that might not be so glamorous. I really love the program."

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	Dennis Thurman	Defensive backs
Buffalo	Eric Studesville	Running backs
	Tyke Tolbert	Wide receivers
Chicago	Don Johnson	Defensive line
	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	Ty Knott	Off. quality control
Houston	Martin Bayless	Ass't. defensive backs
Indianapolis	Gene Huey	Running backs
Kansas City	Herman Edwards	Head coach
	James Saxon	Running backs
Miami	Keith Armstrong	Special teams
	Bo Davis	Ass't. strength & conditioning
New England	Pepper Johnson	Defensive line
New Orleans	Tony Oden	Def. ass't./secondary
NY Giants	Andre Curtis	Def. quality control
Oakland	Robert Ford	Off. quality control
	Darryl Sims	Ass't. defensive line
Philadelphia	Mike Reed	Def. ass't. quality control
Pittsburgh	James Daniel	Tight ends
San Diego	Wayne Nunnely	Defensive line
	Brian Stewart	Secondary
San Francisco	Gary Emanuel	Defensive line
	Johnnie Lynn	Defensive backs
Tampa Bay	Jethro Franklin	Defensive line
	Ron Middleton	Tight ends
	Art Valero	Ass't. head coach
Tennessee	Sherman Smith	Ass't. head coach/running backs

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CLUB	COACH (BACKGROUND & PRESENT AFFILIATION)
Arizona	James Harris (Former NFL player), George Hawthorne (Former NFL player), Chris Walsh (Former NFL player)
Atlanta	Ashley Ambrose (Former NFL player), Rodney Bivens (UAB), Natrone Means (Former NFL player), Tom Williams (San Jose State)
Baltimore	Bernardo Harris (Former NFL player), Chris Hewitt (Rutgers)
Buffalo	Steve Little (Trinity International), Adrian White (NFLEL, Former NFL player)
Carolina	Lonnie Galloway (Appalachian State), Charles Jones (NFLEL), Richard Shelton (Florida A&M, Former NFL player)
Chicago	Robbie Long (DePauw), Chris Wilson (Oklahoma)
Cincinnati	Stan Davis (Grand Rapids Rampage-AFL)
Cleveland	John Allen (NFLEL), Jimmy Lindsey (Gardner-Webb)
Dallas	Larry Brinson (Former NFL player), Steve Smith (Unaffiliated)
Detroit	Malik Hall (Fordham), EJ Jones (Aurora, Former NFL player), Marcel Yates (Boise State)
Green Bay	Gary Brown (Susquehanna, Former NFL player), Chris Simpson (Wisconsin-White Water)
Houston	Perry Carter (NFLEL, Former NFL player), Henry Frazier (Prairie View A&M), Manny Martinez (Texas Southern), Michael Sinclair (West Texas A&M, Former NFL player)
Indianapolis	Eugene Rafael Robinson (Former NFL player), Detron Smith (Former NFL player), David Kelly (Duke)

Jacksonville	William Bell (Edward Waters College, Former NFL player), Cheston Blackshear (Columbia), Rick Comegy (Jackson State)
Kansas City	Kimble Ambers (Avila College, Former NFL player), William Jones (Pearl River CC), Wandja Muller (NFLEL coach, NFLEL intern)
Miami	Cornell Brown (NFLEL, Former NFL player), Cris Dishman (Former NFL player), Eric Green (Former NFL player)
Minnesota	Henry Lusk (Weber State, Former NFL player), Kanavis McGhee (NFLEL, Former NFL player), Corey Raymond (LSU, Former NFL player)
New England	Fred Baxter (Former NFL player), Otis Smith (Former NFL player),
New Orleans	Andrew Dees (Temple, Former NFL player), Tim Watson (Former NFL player)
New York Giants	Fred Armstrong (Unaffiliated)
New York Jets	George McDonald (Western Michigan), Sean Spencer (Hofstra)
Oakland	Radames Carrillo (International - Mexico), David Duggan (NFLEL), Patrick Esume (NFLEL), Derek Mason (Ohio University), Cedric Pearl (Alabama A&M), Tang Hai-Yan (International - China)
Philadelphia	Eugene Chung (Former NFL player), Frank Gonzalez (Monterey Tech), Alonzo M. Hampton (Arkansas-Pine Bluff), Willie Taggart (Western Kentucky), Chris Vaughn (Arkansas)
Pittsburgh	Kedrick "Ricky" Brumfield (Fairmont State), James Martin, Jr. (Alabama A&M), Curtis Modkins (Georgia Tech)
St. Louis	Thomas Balkcom (Central Florida), Ron Cox (Lake Forest College), James Lott (Independence College),
San Diego	Marvin Marshall (Former NFL player), Wilfred Martin (College of the Desert), Thurmond Moore (Unaffiliated), Larry Porter (LSU)
San Francisco	Eugene Lockhart (Former NFL player), Broderick Thomas (Former NFL player)
Seattle	Shelton Gandy (Louisiana Tech), O'Neill Gilbert (Unaffiliated)
Tampa Bay	Shawn Gregory (Samford), Tracy Rocker (Arkansas, Former NFL player), Tyrone Wheatley (Former NFL player)
Tennessee	Granville Eastman (Austin Peay State), Lemanski Hall (Christ Presbyterian Academy, Former NFL player)
Washington	Michael Bryant (Prairie View A&M), Corey Chamblin (NFLEL, Tennessee Tech), Eddie Robinson, Jr. (Former NFL player), Erik Ware (College of DuPage)

NFLEL = NFL Europe League

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