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Ron Hudson Named Offensive Line Coach at Georgia Southern

Veteran coach has over 25 years of coaching experience

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STATESBORO - [Ron Hudson](#), who has over 25 years of coaching experience, has been announced as Georgia Southern's new offensive line coach by head coach [Chad Lunsford](#). Hudson comes to Statesboro with a wealth of experience at the collegiate level, most recently serving as the offensive line coach at Charleston Southern in 2017.

"I'm fired up to add [Ron Hudson](#) on staff as our offensive line coach," Lunsford said. "Coach Hudson brings to Georgia Southern a great knowledge of offensive line play and a background that will fit our system. Throughout the interview process, Coach Hudson demonstrated the blue-collar work ethic and a commitment to what is expected at Southern. He is another great addition to an already big-time coaching staff!"

"I am very familiar with the history of Georgia Southern football," Hudson said. "I know about the success they've had and the championships they've won, but also how they won those championships and that was by running the football. "Georgia Southern is a unique and special place that is known throughout college football. Everyone knows about Georgia Southern and I couldn't be happier to be a part of it moving forward. The staff Coach Lunsford has put together is a fantastic staff, but working with him is what I'm really looking forward to. He is a heck of a coach, a first-class man and I'm excited to be part of his staff."

Hudson made an impact as the offensive line coach at Nevada from 2013-2015. As one of the first hires to head coach Brian Polian's staff, Hudson brought experience from 12 collegiate programs to Reno. He helped Joel Bitonio cement his legacy as one of the top linemen in program history in his first season in Reno. Bitonio went on to earn first-team All-Mountain West honors in 2013, become the second-highest NFL draft pick in program history and start all 16 games for the Cleveland Browns in his rookie season.

Hudson's offensive line helped Nevada over 200 yards rushing per game in 2014, marking the seventh time in the past nine seasons the Union reached that milestone. Hudson's line was young in 2014, but it undoubtedly improved as the season went on, culminating with a 408-yard rushing game against UNLV to close the regular season. Hudson helped Nevada post a 7-6 record in 2014 on its way to a trip to the R L Carriers New Orleans Bowl.

The Pack ranked fifth in the Mountain West and 38th in the nation in rushing in 2013, averaging over 205 yards per game. Hudson helped mentor senior center Matt Galas, who started every game and earned second-team All-MW accolades, and senior Kyle Roberts, who was signed as an undrafted free agent by the Broncos.

Hudson went to Nevada after one season as the run game coordinator and offensive line coach at Massachusetts. Prior to that, he served in the same capacity at New Mexico. Hudson spent six seasons at Louisiana, serving as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and offensive line coach during his tenure with the Ragin' Cajuns. Under Hudson, the Cajuns produced one of the nation's most dominating running games as UL finished top-15 nationally in rushing offense four times, ranking seventh in 2005 and 2007. The Cajuns were also in the top-15 in fewest sacks allowed on three different occasions.

During the 2005 Sun Belt championship season, Hudson tutored an offensive line that paved the way for a school-record 2,797 rushing yards and 34 rushing touchdowns. UL allowed just nine sacks on the season. The rushing mark was broken two years later as UL topped the 3,000-yard mark in 2007 (the first Sun Belt team to ever do so) with a pair of 1,000-yard rushers.

A national finalist for 2008 offensive line coach of the year, Hudson tutored seven All-Sun Belt performers from 2006-08, including three-time All-SBC tackle Jesse Newman. Hudson came to UL after serving as the offensive line coach at Texas A&M-Kingsville. He coached three all-conference players, including Roy Stroud, who was a Division II All-American.

Before arriving at Louisiana, Hudson spent three seasons at UTEP. He was tight ends coach from 2001-2002 and then served as defensive line coach and recruiting coordinator in 2003.

Hudson began his coaching career in 1991, with the first of a two-year stint as a graduate assistant at Louisville. He coached tight ends at Illinois State in 1993 before spending the 1994 season as the offensive coordinator at Urbana University in Ohio. Hudson had a short stint at Alabama State in 2017 and also served as an offensive analyst and consultant at Penn State in 2016 and the Nittany Lions went 11-3 and earned a berth in the Rose Bowl against USC.

He coached tight ends at The Citadel in 1995 and was the offensive line coach at Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1996 before becoming the special teams coordinator and tight ends coach at Kent State in 1997. He moved on to two seasons as the offensive line coach at Southeast Missouri State in 1998-99 before spending one season at Bowling Green in 2000 before landing the job at UTEP.

A native of Columbus, Ohio, Hudson was a four-year starter at center at Muskingum College from 1983-86. He graduated from Muskingum in 1987 with degrees and physical education and history and earned a Master's degree from Louisville in 1992 in physical education. He and his wife, Melissa, have a daughter named Mackenzie and two sons, Spencer and David.

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