Stockstill adds Wade to offensive staff

Newest Blue Raider will coach offensive line

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MURFREESBORO, Tenn. - Middle Tennessee Head Coach Rick Stockstill announced today the hiring of Geep Wade as the Blue Raiders' offensive line coach.

"Geep is a tremendous addition to our offensive staff," added Stockstill. "He is a great teacher, recruiter and brings a lot of energy and passion to our program. I look forward to having him on the field."

Wade makes his way to Murfreesboro from Marshall where he coached the offensive guards and Centers in 2012. His 2012 unit helped Marshall register 365.0 passing yards per game (first in FBS), 534.2 yards of total offense (sixth in FBS) and 40.9 points a game (seventh in FBS), all C-USA highs. His line also withstood the pounding of an FBS-high 90.6 plays per game, and paved the way for 24 rushing touchdowns. The offense also produced just over 20 plays of 10 yards or longer per game to lead the nation.

Wade spent two seasons leading the offensive line at Tennessee-Chattanooga, his alma mater (2002 graduate), while also serving as the recruiting coordinator. He returned to the sidelines for his second stint as an assistant coach at UTC after serving on the Mocs' staff in 2002 following his graduation.

Wade was in charge of the tackles and tight ends during the 2010 campaign, helping Chris Harr (OT) and Garrett Hughes (TE) to first team All-SoCon honors. The play of the offensive line allowed the Mocs to finish 11th nationally in total offense (430 yards per game), while the unit threw for an average of 277 yards, second in the SoCon and eighth nationally.

Wade spent the previous four seasons as an assistant coach at Tennessee-Martin, serving as the offensive coordinator in 2009. In 2008, the Skyhawks posted an 8-4 overall record, ranking fourth in the nation in scoring offense (37.33).

In 2007, Wade and the Skyhawk offense ranked No. 1 in the Ohio Valley Conference in total offense (433 yards per game) and points scored per game (33.36). The team finished first in rushing offense (218.5) in the OVC, 12th in the nation.

Before coming to UT Martin in 2006 with head coach Jason Simpson, Wade was an offensive line coach at Western Carolina and Midwestern State in Texas. He also enjoyed a stint at Tennessee where he was an offensive line grad assistant for the Volunteers in 2004, the same year the team won the Southeastern Conference East Division title and the Cotton Bowl. In 2003, Wade coached the offensive line and served as the recruiting coordinator at Mars Hill College.

Wade was a team captain and an offensive lineman at UTC from 1999 to 2001, earning his degree in Business Management in 2002. He is married to the former Amy Howell of McKenzie, Tenn. They have one daughter, Emma Kate.

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