

The Coaching Staff



BILL LYNCH

Head Coach

Bill Lynch enters his first season as DePauw's head football coach and is just the ninth man to lead the Tigers in the last 75 seasons. Lynch was named the head coach on December 23, 2003, and replaced Nick Mourouzis who coached the Tigers for 23 seasons.

"I'm really excited to have the opportunity to be the head football coach at DePauw," Lynch said at the time of his hiring. "Going back to my

days as an undergraduate at Butler, I've always had a great respect for DePauw."

"It's an honor to work for a University with the tremendous academic reputation throughout Indiana and across the country," Lynch said. "I've coached in Indiana 25 years and have been around DePauw University and the program and there's great respect for it."

Lynch brings over 25 years of coaching experience including 13 as a collegiate head coach. The 1977 Butler University graduate earned a bachelor of science degree in education and then a master of science in education from Butler in 1979.

Lynch began his career at his alma mater where he served as quarterback and receivers coach, recruiting coordinator and offensive coordinator.

In 1984 Lynch was named the quarterback coach and offensive coordinator at Northern Illinois University before moving on to coach quarterbacks with the Orlando Renegades of the United States Football League.

Lynch then returned to Butler in 1985 when he was named the Bulldogs' head coach. While at the then NCAA Division II program, his teams compiled a 36-12-3 record including Heartland Collegiate Conference championships in 1985, 1987, 1988 and 1989.

He was named the conference's coach of the year in 1985, 1987 and 1988 and the American Football Coaches Association Region 3 Coach of the Year in 1985 and 1988. Lynch directed the Bulldogs to the Division II postseason in 1988 and into the top 20 rankings four times.

Lynch then moved on to Ball State University where he served as assistant head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterback coach for the Cardinals from 1990 through 1992. He served as quarterback coach for Indiana University in 1993 and 1994 and the Hoosiers played in the 1993 Independence Bowl while compiling a 15-8 record in those two seasons.

In 1995, Lynch was named the head coach at Ball State and began an eight-year stint that included a Mid-American Conference championship in 1996 and an appearance in the Las Vegas Bowl. He also directed the Cardinals to the MAC West Division co-championship in 2001. His teams were recognized by the AFCA for outstanding graduation rates in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

In September of 2003 he was named the associate athletic director for community relations at Ball State and served as a liaison with University Development and the Cardinal Varsity Club among several duties.

As a student-athlete at Butler, Lynch earned Associated Press Little All-America honors at quarterback in 1974, 1975 and 1976 and was the Indiana Collegiate Conference Player of the Year and ICC Back of the Year all three seasons. A captain as a senior, he still holds the school record with 60 career touchdown passes and ranks second with 5,909 career passing yards. He also captained the basketball team and led the team in assists in 1975-76.

He was inducted into the Butler Athletic Hall of Fame in 2000 and joined Mourouzis in the class of 2004 for induction into the Indiana Football Hall of Fame.

Lynch and his wife, Linda, are the parents of daughter Kelly and sons Billy, Joey and Kevin.

Bill Lynch's Coaching Experience

Years	School/Team	Position (s)
1977-83	Butler Univ.	Offensive coordinator quarterback/receiver coach recruiting coordinator
1984	Northern Illinois Univ.	Quarterback Coach offensive coordinator
1985	Orlando Renegades (USFL)	Quarterback coach
1985-89	Butler Univ.	Head Coach
1990-92	Ball State Univ.	Offensive coordinator quarterback coach
1993-94	Indiana Univ.	Quarterback coach
1995-2002	Ball State Univ.	Head coach

Bill Lynch's Year-by-Year Head Coaching Record

Year	School	W	L	T	Pct.
1985	Butler University	8	2	0	.800
1986	Butler University	5	5	0	.500
1987	Butler University	8	1	1	.850
1988	Butler University	8	2	1	.773
1989	Butler University	7	2	1	.750
	Butler Totals	36	12	3	.735
1995	Ball State University	7	4	0	.636
1996	Ball State University	8	4	0	.667
1997	Ball State University	5	6	0	.455
1998	Ball State University	1	10	0	.091
1999	Ball State University	0	11	0	.000
2000	Ball State University	5	6	0	.455
2001	Ball State University	5	6	0	.455
2002	Ball State University	6	6	0	.500
	Ball State Totals	37	53	0	.411
	CAREER TOTALS	73	65	3	.528

Assistant Coaches



DAVID HILL
Defensive Backs

A native of southern California's Orange County, David Hill enters his eighth year as an assistant coach. He served from 1995-2001 and again last year. Hill also serves as the director of student-athlete recruitment for the University. He will coach the defensive backs.

Previously, he served as a senior assistant director of admission and coordinator of athletic recruitment and was an assistant director of athletics from 1996-2001. Hill left DePauw in August 2001 for the membership services department at the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

Upon graduation from Servite High School in Anaheim, Hill attended Penn State University where he was a walk-on defensive back for the Nittany Lions. He earned his bachelor of arts in communications degree in 1985. Hill previously served as an assistant football coach and coordinator of athletic recruiting at Chapman University and as a secondary coach at Pomona College.

Hill earned a master's degree from Indiana State University in 1998. He and his wife, Tiffany, have three children, Karr, Kennedy and Kaya. They reside in Plainfield.



TIM HREHA
Defensive Linemen

Tim Hreha (RAY-ha), now in his 27th year as assistant football coach at DePauw, serves as defensive line coach. He also serves as an assistant track and field coach.

Throughout the years, the Tigers' defense has been ranked among the nation's leaders. The Tigers led the Indiana Collegiate Athletic Conference in rushing, total and scoring defense in 1995. The 1983 Tigers led all of Division III in rushing defense by allowing just 41.6 yards on the ground.

Hreha was a three-year letterman in football for DePauw and co-captain during his senior year. A three-year starter at defensive tackle, Hreha earned the team's spirit award as a junior. After graduating in 1973 with a B.A. degree in history, he earned the M.A.T. degree in physical education in 1976 while serving as graduate assistant football coach. Hreha has also served as head men's and women's track and field coach at DePauw and coached Alan Hill to a national championship in the pole vault as well as two additional all-America awards.



NEIL KAZMIERCZAK
Defensive Coordinator/
Linebackers

Neil Kazmierczak begins his fifth year with the Tigers and serves as defensive coordinator as well as linebackers coach. He also serves as the University's strength and conditioning coordinator.

A 1988 graduate of Michigan State University, Kazmierczak was a tight end and outside linebacker for the Spartans and was a member of the 1984 Cherry Bowl team. The five-semester Academic Honor Roll Scholar recipient went on to receive his master's degree in policy analysis and evaluation from Stanford University and another in physical education from Azusa Pacific.

Kazmierczak started his coaching career at John Marshall High School in Los Angeles, then became the head coach at Oxnard High School in California. After a two-year stint at Oxnard, Kazmierczak was named the assistant strength coach at Stanford and later was named a graduate assistant defensive backs coach for the Cardinal.

During his tenure at Stanford, he coached in both the Sun and Liberty Bowls. Kazmierczak then took over as the defensive coordinator for the Ritsumeikan University in Kyoto, Japan. Ritsumeikan went undefeated, won the Japanese National Collegiate Championship and had the top-ranked defense in Japan. Kazmierczak returned to California after being named the linebacker coach at NCAA Division I St. Mary's College.

Kazmierczak and his wife, Frae, are the parents of Zach and Caleb and reside in Plainfield.



ROBBY LONG
Offensive Linemen

Robby Long enters his first season as offensive line coach for the Tigers.

Long served as a graduate assistant on the defensive line at the University of Illinois each of the last two seasons.

He assisted the defensive line coach in planning and conducting practices in addition to organizing and coaching the defensive and special teams scout teams.

Long, a native of Champaign, Ill., earned a bachelor of science of applied life degree from Illinois and then earned a masters in education and organizational leadership.

A three-year varsity letterman for the Fighting Illini, Long played on the 2001 outright Big Ten champion squad that finished with a 10-2 record and competed in the 2002 Sugar Bowl. He also played on the squad that won the 1999 Micron PC Bowl and finished with an 8-4 record.

Long was the team's defensive player of the week after the California game in 2001.



MATT WALKER
Receivers/Tight Ends

Matt Walker begins his fifth season as an assistant coach for the Tigers. The 1999 DePauw graduate will coach the receivers and tight ends.

Walker was a three-year member of the DePauw football team, earned a varsity letter during his senior season and was a starter at quarterback as well as a special teams player. As a member of the DePauw baseball team, Walker set the single-season school record with 79 strikeouts in 1999 on the way to winning 10 games which stands as the second-highest season total by a DePauw pitcher.

The Crawfordsville, Ind., native also serves as head baseball coach and led the 2001 Tigers to the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference title and their first appearance in the NCAA tournament in 22 years. He joined the DePauw staff as an assistant baseball coach in the fall of 1999 and was named interim head baseball coach in mid-March, 2000. Taking over for veteran coach Edward Meyer, who was on medical leave from the University, Walker's teams have posted a 122-82 record in his five seasons. His 122 victories already rank second in school history.

Walker earned a master's degree from Indiana State University. He and his wife, Jana, reside in Greencastle.



DUSTIN WARD
Running Backs

Dustin Ward begins his first season as the running backs coach at DePauw.

A 2003 graduate of the University of Illinois, Ward earned a bachelor of science degree in leisure studies/sports management.

The Champaign, Ill., native played 22 games at quarterback and started nine during his Illini career. He completed just over 54 percent of his career passes for nearly 2,000 yards and 13 touchdowns.

In his first season as quarterback in 2000, he earned a start in the Illini's season finale against Northwestern and completed 20 of 37 passes for 246 yards which were all career highs. Ward served as a backup for one season to all-American and current NFL signal caller Kurt Kittner.