

Bears Announce Additions To Coaching Staff

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The Lenoir-Rhyne University Football Team has announced the hiring of Sam Perryman as its new wide receivers coach. Tripp Merritt, who was hired in

February, is now the team's secondary coach.

Perryman comes to Lenoir-Rhyne after one season as Secondary Coach at Lock Haven (Pa.) University in 2012.

Prior to Lock Haven, Perryman coached two years at Beloit (Wis.) College where he was Defensive Coordinator (2011) and Defensive Line Coach and Recruiting Coordinator (2010). Perryman also made coaching stops at Bucknell (2009) and Penn State (2005-08). At Bucknell, Perryman was the Wide Receivers Coach and worked with current L-R Offensive Coordinator, Brent Thompson.

During his four seasons at Penn State, Perryman was part of two Big Ten Championship Teams (2005 and 2008) and three squads who won bowls including the 2006 Orange Bowl.

Perryman, who started his coaching career at Muhlenburg (Pa.) College in 2004, was a four-year letterwinner at Lehigh University.

As a collegiate player, Perryman was part of three Patriot League Championship squads and competed in track and field.

Perryman earned his undergraduate degree in psychology and sociology in 2004 from Lehigh. Merritt was the Head Coach at Davidson College for the past eight seasons (2005-12), where he finished with 31 wins and was named the 2006 Pioneer Football League Co-Coach Of The Year.

Merritt also served as a Defensive Coordinator at Davidson for seven years (1993-99) and made coaching stops at St. Mary's (Calif.) (2000-02) and Bucknell (2003-04) as well.

Lenoir-Rhyne is coming off back-to-back South Atlantic Conference Championships and earned its first playoff berth in 50 years last fall.

L-R also went 9-3 in 2012 and won its first postseason game since 1962 with a 21-6 victory over Fort Valley State in the First Round of the NCAA Division II Playoffs.

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