

Buffalo Fires Former ASU Assistant

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The Buffalo Bills have fired defensive coordinator George Edwards. Head coach Chan Gailey made the announcement on Monday. Assistant head coach

Dave Wannstedt will replace Edwards.

The Bills finished the season ranked 26th in the National Football League in total defense; they were 28th against the run and 19th against the pass. The Bills were also ranked 30th in points allowed and 26th in yards allowed.

Wannstedt was brought in last offseason to coach the inside linebackers. Reports surfaced late in the season that he had taken over play-calling duties, but Gailey denied those reports. Gailey and Wannstedt spent two years together with the Miami Dolphins. Wannstedt came to Buffalo after five seasons as the head coach of the University of Pittsburgh. Wannstedt has also been in the NFL for 17 years and was a head coach for 11 years---five with Dolphins and six with the Chicago Bears.

The move comes in the wake of the Bills' 6-10 finish, following a 5-2 start. Edwards, a native of Siler City, NC, played college football at Duke University and he was also an assistant coach at Appalachian State University from 1992-95. He joined the Buffalo Bills as a defensive coordinator in 2010.

He has also been a defensive coordinator with the Cleveland Browns (2004) and with the Washington Redskins (2003). Edwards has been coaching in the NFL for 14 years. He got his start as a defensive line coach with the Dallas Cowboys in 1998.