

## Anderson Named Head Coach at Arkansas State

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Offensive coordinator Blake Anderson is leaving the University of North Carolina and will be named the new head football coach at Arkansas State in

the Sun Belt Conference.

Anderson leaves the Tar Heels after two seasons, replacing Bryan Harsin, who left Arkansas State last week to replace Chris Petersen at Boise State. Anderson becomes the fifth coach in five seasons for the Red Wolves, who won at least a share of the Sun Belt Conference championship for the third straight season this year.

Auburn coach Gus Malzahn left Arkansas State after one season last year, just as Mississippi coach Hugh Freeze had done a year earlier.

During his stay with the Tar Heels, Anderson led them to a number of school records. The Tar Heels averaged 40.6 points per game and ranked 14th nationally in yards per game in 2012. North Carolina took a step back this past season after losing a handful of players to the NFL and graduation, posting a 6-6 record and ranking just 48th in scoring.

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Prior to joining UNC, Anderson spent three years coaching at Southern Miss. He also served as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Louisiana-Lafayette in 2007.