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CHARLESTON, IL--Mike Faulkner, 34, former assistant football coach in the NFL and CFL, has been named offensive coordinator at Eastern Illinois University.

His appointment fills the last remaining vacancy on the Panther coaching staff, and completes the realignment of the offensive assignments.

Greg Dubinetz will handle the offensive line, Mike Williams will coach the running backs, Tom Venturi the receivers and Faulkner the quarterbacks plus overall responsibility.

The newest staff member was most recently the head coach of the Carolina Chargers of the semi-pro American Football Association. Previously he was an assistant coach with the New York Giants (1980), Toronto Argonauts (1979) and Washington Redskins (1974-78).

He worked with the defense in New York, coordinated the passing game at Toronto and was a scout while assisting with the receivers under Jack Pardee and George Allen at Washington.

"Mike has the excellent and varied background which makes him a strong addition to our staff," said EIU coach Darrell Mudra. "He has coached both sides of the ball, seen it from the prep, collegiate and professional perspective as both an assistant and head coach plus shares our belief in the passing game."

Faulkner coached prep football at Walton (W.Va.), Cameron (W.Va.), Riverside (Ga.) Military Academy and Hollywood (Fl.).

He graduated from West Virginia Tech in 1969, captaining the football team as a quarterback and safety. He graduated from Cameron (W.Va.) HS, and is married to the former Heather Howitt of Toronto, Canada.