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# Panther Sports News

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CHARLESTON, IL--Cal Jones, 38, most recently head coach at Lincoln (MO) University, has been named assistant football coach at Eastern Illinois University, head coach Darrell Mudra announced.

Jones, who has been connected previously with Mudra as both a coach and player, will be in charge of the defensive line and coordinate the defense.

Assistant head coach Chuck Dickerson will become the offensive coordinator, specifically coaching the offensive line.

"This may be the best thing to happen to us since our early days here at Eastern," said Mudra, who enters his fifth season with a 36-14 record.

"I have known Cal Jones for a number of years and he's one of the top men in the business . . . an all-around strong person.

"By adding an experienced person to the staff and moving someone with Chuck's abilities to offense, we have strengthened both sides of the ball," Mudra explained.

Prior to the head coaching position at Lincoln, Jones was the defensive line coach at the University of Minnesota from 1977-80. During that period they participated in the Hall of Fame Bowl and also defeated then No. 1 ranked Michigan in a regular season game.

He was the defensive coordinator at Southern University in Baton Rouge in 1976, and assisted on Mudra's staffs at both Florida State (1974-75) and Western Illinois (1971-73).

From 1965-70 he was the head coach at Central Union High School in El Centro, CA, winning the conference championship and qualifying for the state playoffs each season.

He was a two-year All-American and team captain as a defensive and offensive lineman under Mudra at Adams State College, graduating in 1965 and earning a masters in 1968.

He also is a member of the NAIA Distinguished Athlete Hall of Fame. Originally from Pittsburgh, he and his wife, Elaine, are the parents of two children, Cynthia, 13, and Emanuel, 10.