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Blackhawks announce 2010 coaching staff

Council Bluffs, Ia. – Iowa Blackhawks, who finished 9-2 last season winning their first ever American Professional Football League (APFL) championship with a convincing 63-17 victory over long-time rival Kansas Koyotes, are pleased to announce the return of five coaches from the 2009 season.

Mike Wolff, entering his seventh season at the helm as the Blackhawks head coach, will return. In six seasons as the Blackhawks coach, Wolff has recorded a 69-31 record, including three trips to the APFL championship game.

Brett Ryan, who has been a member of the organization since 2005 as a player and coach, will take over as offensive coordinator after coaching the offensive line for the past three seasons. Last season, Ryan's offensive line helped pave the way for 42 rushing touchdowns.

Two defensive coaches return to the sidelines after highly successful performances in 2009.

Ted Hennings, who has been with the Blackhawks since 2007, will lead the defensive lineman. Hennings who played several years professionally, will lend his expertise to a Iowa defensive line, that at times last season dominated the entire game, with speed, size and toughness.

Dontae Allen, a former Blackhawks defensive back, will return for his second season as the linebackers and defensive backs coach. The former Blackhawks standout, Allen will be looking to improve an already strong unit for the Blackhawks.

Mike Paulson, who has been with the Blackhawks since 2006, will also return as a team assistant to the coaching staff.

Two longtime associates of the Blackhawks, Justin Kammrad, who is the head football coach at Abraham Lincoln, and Dave Coberly, who is the head coach at Heartland Christian, have stepped down to focus their energy on their high school teams.

The Blackhawks are hosting an open tryout this Saturday and Sunday at the Mid-America Center in Council Bluffs. They will begin defending their 2009 American Professional League Championship in mid-April. For more information you can visit their website at www.iowablackhawks.com or by calling their office at (712) 326.2290.