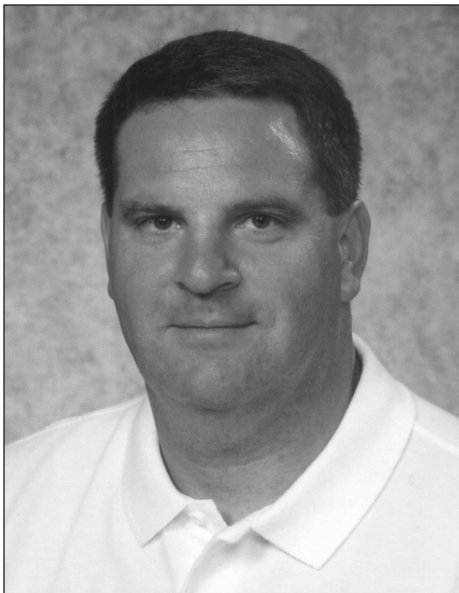




2007 MINNESOTA STATE FOOTBALL

HEAD COACH JEFF JAMROG



Architect of the greatest single-season turnaround in Minnesota State history and one of the best in NCAA Division II history, **Jeff Jamrog** returns for his fourth season at the helm of the Maverick program.

Jamrog, 42, has guided MSU to a record of 12-21 over the past two seasons, including a 6-5 mark in 2004 that was the program's first winning season since 1994.

Last season, Jamrog guided the Mavericks to a 4-7 record. The season ended with a push into the 2007 campaign as the squad won two of its final three games, including a thrilling 44-39 victory against then No. 11 South Dakota.

Several Mavericks earned accolades for their success in the classroom and on the football field last season, highlighted by defensive lineman Spencer Dickinson who earned a spot on the ESPN The Magazine Academic All-America Second Team.

Also earning All-American honors last season was senior Melvin Matlock who was named First-Team All-America by the Football Gazette.

The Mavericks also had a presence in the NCAA and NCC stats.

As a team, they finished atop the nation in kick return yards, averaging 27.44 yards per return. The passing offense earned a fourth-place finish, averaging 285.7 yards per game.

Individually, senior quarterback Ben King finished third in passing yards per game (301.7), fourth in total offense (293.1) and seventh in passing yards (3,017).

Matlock finished third nationally in kickoff returns, averaging 31.7 yards per return, while junior wideout Bryan Dalton finished ninth in receptions per game, while graduated senior Tyrell Smith finished 14th with 6.2 receptions per game.

In the NCC, MSU finished atop the league in passing offense (298.2), kickoff returns (26.7) and first downs (164).

King led the league passing yards (301.7), while Matlock finished atop the league in kick return average (31.7). The Mavericks also saw six athletes named the North Central Conference Player of the Week a mark that ties the 2004 squad for the most under Jamrog.

Jamrog spent four years on the staff at the University of Nebraska prior to joining Western Illinois. He was the defensive line coach and special teams coordinator for Nebraska in 2003 and was the defensive tackles coach and defensive special teams coach for the Cornhuskers from 2000 through 2002. During his tenure at Nebraska, the Cornhuskers played in the national championship game in 2002. Also, the 2003 Nebraska defense led the country in turnovers caused, led the Big XII in scoring defense and totalled 21 blocked kicks and 11 punt returns for touchdowns in four years.

He also spent three years at New Mexico State University (1997-99) as the defensive coordinator, was the defensive coordinator at the University of Nebraska-Omaha for three years (1994-96) and worked as the inside linebackers coach and special

teams coordinator at the University of South Dakota from 1990-93. He served as a graduate assistant coach at the University of Nebraska for two years (1988 and 1989).

A three-year letterman at Nebraska where he was a starting outside linebacker in 1987, Jamrog earned a bachelor of science degree in 1987 and graduated with a master's degree in business administration (both from Nebraska) in 1990. He was named a CoSIDA First Team Academic All-American in 1987 and was a NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship recipient.

A proven winner throughout his playing and coaching career, Jamrog has been a part of 15 teams that have posted winning records out of 23 seasons, with 10 of those units reaching double-digits in victories. Included in those seasons are four conference championship clubs, 11 Bowl game participants, four Bowl game winners, one NCAA Division II playoff squad, and an overall combined winning percentage of 58.4% (157-112). Besides his gaudy success rate with programs, Jamrog has assisted in the rapid turnarounds of three programs that went from a combined four wins in his first three seasons at the schools to above .500 records within three years, not including 2004's historic improvement at Minnesota State.

Jamrog and his wife, Connie, have three children - Elizabeth (15), Brett (13) and Jared (11) - and the family resides in Madison Lake.

