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CENTRAL FOOTBALL COACHING STAFF

JEFF ZENISEK (Head Coach, 5th Year, 30-12-1)

Jeff Zenisek, who joined CWU's coaching staff in 1990 as its defensive coordinator and defensive backfield coach, begins his fifth season as head coach at his alma mater this fall. Last year he guided the Wildcats to a share of the NAIA Division 2 national football championship.

The Wildcats, after a 4-3 start, won six straight games to reach the championship game. They then tied Findlay, Ohio, 21-21 to earn a share of the national title. It was CWU's first-ever national title in a team sport.

In two playoff appearances, Zenisek has a 4-1-1 record. Two years ago he led the Wildcats to a 9-2 record and a third-place national ranking. He shared the Mt. Rainier League Coach-of-the-Year honor with Pacific Lutheran head coach Frosty Westering.

Zenisek, 37, is a former CWU player. He played offensive center in 1980 and 1981. He earned all-district honors and was CWU's Best Blocker award winner in the latter season.

A native of Dubois, Wyo., Zenisek graduated from Pinedale High School in Wyoming in 1977. At Pinedale, he lettered in football, basketball and track. In football, he earned all-conference honors at linebacker and was voted Team Captain and the Best Blocker award.

He played one season at Wenatchee Valley College and one season at Mt. Hood CC before enrolling at CWU where he earned BA and MA education degrees in 1983 and 1985, respectively.

Prior to joining the CWU staff, Zenisek was the head coach at Orcas Island High School for four years. He compiled a 19-17 won-loss record and twice (1987 and 1989) was voted Coach-of-the-Year. He also earned Coach-of-the-Year honors in girls basketball (1988-89). In four years his teams won 59 games and lost 31. His 1988-89 team won a league title and his 1989-90 team placed ninth in the state tournament.

He also previously served two seasons at CWU (1982-83) and two at Washington State University (1984-85) as a graduate assistant coach.

Misc.: Born 2-8-59 at Riverton. Married. Wife's name is Robin. They have a five-year-old daughter, Jordan. . .Named NAIA Division 2 National Coach-of-the-Year by two separate sports publications last year.

Zenisek Coaching Record

	W	L	T	W	L	T	Finish
1992	6	3	0	3	2	0	2nd-T
1993	9	2	0	4	1	0	2nd
1994	5	4	0	2	3	0	3rd-T
1995	10	3	1	4	1	0	2nd
Totals		30	12	1	13	7	0

JOHN PICHA (Offensive Coordinator, 8th year)

John Picha, 30, begins his second season this fall as a full-time member of CWU's football coaching staff. He will coach the offensive line and also serve as the offensive coordinator.

Last year, Picha coached the inside linebackers. He previously served as a graduate assistant or part-time coach for six seasons.

Picha, who played two seasons at CWU in 1986 and 1987, replaced Charles Chandler on the full-time staff prior to the 1995 season. He also replaced Chandler as CWU's men's and women's track-and-field coach.

Last spring Picha led CWU's men to the Pacific Northwest Athletic Conference track-and-field title and a 17th place finish in the NAIA National meet and was selected the PNWAC Men's Coach-of-the-Year.

Picha's women's team placed third in the conference meet. The men's team placed fourth and the women's team finished sixth in the Pacific Northwest regional meet.

Picha previously served as an assistant track-and-field coach for three seasons, first during the 1990 and 1991 campaigns and then again in 1993. He was in charge of the throwing events.

The CWU coach first joined the football coaching staff as a graduate assistant in 1988. In 1988 and 1989, he coached the tight ends. He then coached the defensive line in 1990, 1992 and 1993.

A 1984 graduate of Rogers High School in Puyallup, Picha is a former two-year letterman for the Wildcats. He earned honorable mention all-league honors in 1987 and was the recipient of CWU's Best Blocker award in 1986.

Picha played two seasons at Wenatchee Valley College before enrolling at CWU, earning second team NWAACC honors during his sophomore season.

In 1987 he started all 10 games at center for CWU as the Wildcats averaged 252.7 yards rushing and set a CFA record with 34 rushing touchdowns.

Misc: Born 2-9-66 at Puyallup. Earned B.A. degree in history in 1993. Brother Tom played football at UPS. Also has three sisters. Engaged to Brenda Heim.

JOHN GRAHAM (Defensive Coordinator, 2nd Year)

John Graham, 27, begins his second season on Central Washington University's coaching staff this fall. It will be his first year as the defensive coordinator.

For the previous two seasons, Graham, who also coaches the defensive backs, had been the head football coach at DeSales High School in Walla Walla.

At DeSales, Graham's teams compiled a won-loss record of 12-7, winning the 1993 conference championship and advancing to the semifinals of the Washington State Class B state playoffs.

Graham also served as an assistant basketball and assistant track-and-field coach at DeSales. Prior to joining the DeSales staff, he was an assistant coach for one year at Kent-Meridian High School in Kent.

Graham is a 1992 graduate of CWU, earning a bachelor of science degree in business education. He played two seasons for the Wildcats (1990 and 1991), earning honorable mention all-conference defensive back honors in his senior season. In the 1991 season, Graham intercepted three passes and also was credited with 30 tackles.

Prior to enrolling at CWU, he played two seasons at Walla Walla CC where he earned first team all-conference honors at defensive back.

Last year, under Graham's direction, the Wildcat secondary ranked fifth in the CFA in passing defense, allowing 198.0 yards per game.

Graham is a 1987 graduate of Reardan High School. At Reardan, he earned four letters each in football, basketball and track. He was a three-time all-league linebacker and two-time all-league quarterback and also was the team captain and Most Inspirational award winner.

Misc: Born 2-7-69 at Ellensburg. Single.

BEAU BALDWIN (Quarterbacks, 3rd Year)

Beau Baldwin begins his third season as CWU's quarterback coach this fall. It will be his first season as a full-time staff member. Baldwin replaces Bruce Walker, who left Central last spring to become the offensive line coach at the University of Toledo.

Prior to joining the coaching staff last fall as a graduate assistant, Baldwin played four seasons for the Wildcats, and ranks 13th in career passing despite the fact he was never a full-time starter.

Baldwin completed 121 of 197 passes for 1,655 yards and eight touchdowns. His 61.4 career passing percentage is a school record.

He engineered two of the greatest comebacks in school history. In 1991, he set school single-game marks for passing attempts (52), completions (32), yards (467), total plays (66) and total yards (550) in a 38-35 win over Simon Fraser. His six-yard touchdown pass to Eric Boles with four seconds left gave Central the win.

In 1992 he came off bench to lead CWU to the greatest fourth-quarter comeback in Columbia Football Association history. He completed 21 of 33 passes for 222 yards as the Wildcats scored 26 points in the period to overcome 28-3 deficit.

Baldwin graduated from Curtis High School in 1990 where he earned three letters in football and three in baseball. He led Curtis to the 1989 state football title.

Misc.: Born 5-21-72 at Santa Barbara, Calif. Graduated with education degree last spring. Single.

GRAD ASSISTANTS

THU AMENT (Wide Receivers, 3rd Year)

Thu Ament, a native of Viet Nam, will coach the wide receivers this fall. The past two seasons he has coached the running backs.

Ament, 27, is a 1991 graduate of CWU. He earned a B.S. degree in physical education and is now pursuing a teaching certificate.

He was a member of CWU's squad in the 1988 and 1989 seasons, but did not letter. After earning his degree in 1991, he coached the running backs with the Federal Way Jets, a semiprofessional team in 1992.

Ament also played baseball at the collegiate level, at both Tacoma CC and Washington State University.

A native of Saigon, Ament is a 1987 graduate of Foss High School where he earned three letters in football and baseball and one in basketball. He played flanker and cornerback in football and was an honorable mention all-league pick. He also earned all-league honors in baseball. Ament was the team captain in both sports.

Misc: Born 6-29-69 at Saigon. Single.

JOSH FETTER (Defensive Line, 1st Year)

Josh Fetter, who played four seasons at the University of Idaho, will coach CWU's defensive line this fall as he pursues a teaching certificate.

Fetter, 1991 graduate of White River High School, graduated from the University of Idaho last spring with a degree in general studies.

Fetter played linebacker for the Vandals between 1991 and 1994, starting the latter two seasons. He was a three-sport standout at White River in football, basketball and track.

Last fall, Fetter served as a student assistant on the Vandal coaching staff.

Misc: Born 12-6-72 at Tacoma. Single.

SHAWN JOHN (Running Backs, 2nd Year)

Shawn John, a 1993 honorable mention All-America offensive lineman, begins his second season on the Wildcat coaching staff this fall. Last year he assisted Bruce Walker with the offensive line. This year he will be in charge of the running backs.

John, a 1989 graduate of Wapato High School, earned a leisure services degree from CWU in 1994. He is currently pursuing a teaching certificate.

Prior to joining the CWU coaching staff, John was an assistant coach at White Swan High School. He also served as the head coach for the JV team, which posted a 4-3 won-loss record.

John made 30 career starts for the Wildcats and earned four letters. In 1993, he was voted CWU's Outstanding Blocker award winner and earned first team Mt. Rainier League and Little All-Northwest honors. He also earned four letters during his high school career.

Misc: Born 1-20-71 at Pendleton, Ore. Has three brothers and one sister. Married. Wife's name is Jamie.

SCOTT LEMASTER (Outside Linebackers, 1st year)

Scott LeMaster, who set a school single-season record for tackles last year, joins the Wildcat coaching staff this fall. He will coach the outside linebackers.

LeMaster led the Wildcats in tackles with 125, including 88 primaries and 11 for losses. He also tied for the team lead with three fumble recoveries.

The first-year Wildcat coach was named a NAIA honorable mention All-American as he finished his four-year career with 246 tackles to rank second on CWU's all-time tackle list.

LeMaster is a 1992 graduate of Columbia River High School in Vancouver where he lettered in football, track and wrestling.

A sociology major at CWU, LeMaster will complete his requirements for his undergraduate degree this year while also assisting with the Wildcat coaching staff.

Misc: Born 5-15-73 at Pullman. Has one brother and one sister. Single.

GARY MICHAEL (Defensive Backs, 1st Year)

Gary Michael, who made 27 starts at defensive back for Central during his four-year collegiate playing career, will join the Wildcat coaching staff this fall while he begins work on a master's degree in athletic administration. He will assist defensive coordinator John Graham with the defensive backs.

Michael is a 1991 graduate of Gig Harbor High School where he lettered in football and track.

Michael was twice selected CWU's Most Inspirational award winner and was also one of five team captains last fall.

The first-year Wildcat coach earned first team Columbia Football Association Mt. Rainier League honors last fall. He ranked third on the team in tackles with 79 and also had three interceptions.

He finished his career tied for 12th place on CWU's all-time career tackle list with 173. He also ranks third in career interceptions with 12.

Misc: Born 5-12-73 at Tacoma. Single. Had 3.4 GPA in high school and won two scholarships. Earned a B.A. degree in history last spring. Has one brother and one sister. Brother (Greg) played soccer at Seattle Pacific.

ED MORTIMER (Tight Ends, 1st Year)

Ed Mortimer, who played running back at Central Washington between 1985 and 1988, will coach CWU's tight ends this fall as he pursues a teaching certificate.

Mortimer graduated from CWU in 1989 with a degree in physical education. He was the running back and linebacker coach at Mt. Rainier High School for two seasons (1989-90). For the past six years, he has managed a health club in the Bellevue area.

Mortimer, who is a 1985 graduate of Newport High School, rushed for 523 yards and three touchdowns in his career with the Wildcats and won four letters.

At Newport, Mortimer played football, basketball and baseball. Twice he earned honorable mention all-league honors in football.

Misc: Born 1-29-67 at New Orleans, La. Single. Has one son, Chase, 3.

KEITH ROSS (Linebackers, 2nd Year)

Keith Ross, who is one of CWU's all-time career tackle leaders, begins his second season on CWU's coaching staff. He will be in charge of the linebackers.

Ross, who coached the outside linebackers last year, is working toward a degree in history and a teaching certificate in addition to assisting with the football program.

Ross earned four letters between 1987 and 1990 and ranks sixth in career tackles with 215. In 1990, he led the team in tackles with 85 and was named the winner of CWU's Best Tackler award. He also was named a NAIA honorable mention All-American after leading the Wildcats to a perfect 9-0 regular-season record and a No. 1 national ranking.

Ross, 29, graduated from Enumclaw High School in 1985 where he lettered in football, basketball and soccer, earning all-state honors in soccer and being nominated for the All-State football game.

He then redshirted one year at Washington State before transferring to CWU where he earned a B.A. degree in law and justice in 1991. For the previous three years prior to joining the CWU coaching staff, he had been the linebacker coach at Enumclaw.

Misc: Born 10-5-66 at Bellingham. Single. Was selected in the PSFL (Professional Spring Football League) draft, a league that folded prior to its first season.

DWANE SITLER (Offensive Line, 1st Year)

Dwane Sitler, who was selected CWU's Outstanding Blocker last season, will begin his first season on CWU's coaching staff this fall.

Sitler, who is working toward a degree in education, will assist offensive coordinator John Picha with the offensive line.

Sitler, a two-time Mt. Rainier League second team all-star, graduated from Kamiakin High School in Kennewick in 1991. At Kamiakin, he lettered in football and wrestling.

After graduating from Kamiakin, Sitler spent five years with the Wildcats, redshirting in 1992, then earning letters the past four seasons. He was one of five team co-captains last season.

Misc: Born 1-6-73 at Sacramento, Calif. Single. Had 3.4 high school GPA. Won Lynn Rosenbaugh Academic Scholarship at East-West Shrine game. Uncles Mike Stevenson and Larry Stevenson played football at Carroll College and Portland State, respectively. Has one sister.

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