

Former assistant taking over Dolphins

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Former Iowa offensive line coach Joe Philbin [was hired Friday as the new head coach of the Miami Dolphins](#), according to multiple reports from both Miami and nationally. Philbin had spent the last nine years as an assistant with the Green Bay Packers, including the last five as the team's offensive coordinator. During his stint with the Packers, Green Bay won Super Bowl XLV last season over the Pittsburgh Steelers, 31-25.

Before coaching in the NFL, Philbin was hired by head coach Kirk Ferentz when he took over prior to the start of the 1999 season. Philbin coached the offensive line for four seasons, with the last one culminating with a co-Big Ten championship and an appearance in the 2003 Orange Bowl, where Iowa lost 38-17 to USC.

During Philbin's time at Iowa, he coached two eventual first-round picks in Eric Steinbach and Robert Gallery, who won the Outland Trophy in 2003 after Philbin left for Green Bay and was the second overall pick of the Oakland Raiders in the 2004 NFL Draft.

Prior to his stint with the Hawkeyes, Philbin also worked for four seasons as an assistant to current Iowa offensive coordinator Ken O'Keefe at Alleghany College in Pennsylvania.

Philbin takes over a Miami Dolphins team that has made one playoff appearance in the last 10 seasons and has had four head coaches during that same timespan. He also takes this job less than two weeks after his 21-year-old son, Michael, was

found dead after his body was discovered in Wisconsin's Fox River.