

Parker promoted, other coaching changes announced

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Iowa named Phil Parker as its new defensive coordinator Tuesday after a search that lasted over a month. Parker takes over in place of Norm Parker after serving as the team's defensive backs coach for the past 13 seasons.

Also announced Tuesday were two other position changes among the coaching staff. Reese Morgan, who was coaching the offensive line, will now coach the defensive line, while Darrell Wilson will move over to take Parker's old post and coach the secondary. Morgan takes over for former defensive line coach Rick Kaczinski, who left in December to take a similar position at Nebraska. LeVar Woods, a former linebacker who served as an administrative assistant, filled in as the interim coach for the Hawkeyes' 31-14 loss in the Insight Bowl to Oklahoma.

"Phil, Darrell and Reese have all done an outstanding job in our program for a significant period of time," Iowa head coach Kirk Ferentz said in a statement Tuesday. "I am confident they will have a very positive effect on our team as we transition forward."

Ferentz is scheduled to hold a press conference Wednesday at 4 p.m. Central inside the Hayden Fry Football Complex to discuss the coaching moves among other topics.