

Ferentz names two more assistants

By Brendan Stiles

HawkeyeDrive.com

A pair of former Iowa football players were named assistant coaches on Saturday as former center Brian Ferentz and former linebacker LeVar Woods will be part of head coach Kirk Ferentz's staff in 2012.

Brian, who is Kirk's oldest son, joins the staff as the new offensive line coach two weeks after being in the Super Bowl as the tight ends coach for the New England Patriots. He not only replaces Reese Morgan, who was moved across the trenches to coach the defensive line, but will also have the chance to coach his brother, James, who has started at center each of the past two seasons.

As for Woods, he will coach the linebackers in place of Darrell Wilson, who is now coaching defensive backs. This announcement comes nearly two months after Woods served as the interim defensive line coach in the 2011 Insight Bowl after former defensive line coach Rick Kaczinski left for Nebraska.

The only position left to be filled is offensive coordinator after Ken O'Keefe resigned on Feb. 3 to become the wide receivers coach of the Miami Dolphins. No timetable has been given for when a new offensive coordinator will be named.