



Mark Spencer

Offensive Assistant Coach

Second Season

(Ohio, 1995)

Mark Spencer serves as an offensive assistant coach on the Youngstown State staff. Spencer, a former running back at Ohio, assists in all aspects of coaching the offense while working primarily with the tight ends and running backs, a group nicknamed the Superbacks.

Spencer joined the Penguins prior to fall camp in 2008 making an immediate contribution to the offensive staff. He helped with all aspects of the unit, including opponent and self scouting, film breakdown and recruiting.

Spencer had spent the 2007 season as the defensive backs coach at Iowa Wesleyan for Coach Jason Smelser. Prior to joining the Iowa Wesleyan coaching staff he was a graduate assistant coach at Bluffton in 2005. While at Bluffton he coached the running backs in 2005 and the defensive line in 2006 for coach Greg Brooks.

He served as a video intern for the Cincinnati Bearcats in 2003 and 2004. In 2004 Cincinnati was 7-5 winning the PlainsCapitol Fort Worth Bowl under head coach and former YSU assistant Mark Dantonio.

Spencer was a tailback at Ohio from 1991-1994. He joined the program as a walk-on and then earned letters in 1993 and 1994. As a senior he was awarded a full scholarship.

A native of Columbus, he was the team captain at Thomas Worthington High School in 1989. After graduation he remained with the program as running backs coach in 1990 before joining the Bobcats.

He earned a bachelor's degree in Sports Administration from Ohio in 1995 and received a second bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Franklin University in 1999. He picked up his master's degree in Business Administration at Bluffton in 2007.

Mark is married to the former Toya Alexander.