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TED CAIN RETURNS TO FURMAN FOOTBALL STAFF

GREENVILLE — Furman University head coach Bobby Johnson announced today that Ted Cain, a former Paladin assistant coach who later worked as an assistant at North Carolina State before serving two seasons as head coach at VMI, is returning to the Furman program as an assistant coach.

"We're extremely pleased to add Ted Cain to our coaching staff, and we feel fortunate that he is available at this time," said Johnson Wednesday afternoon.

According to Johnson, Cain's new position on Furman's football staff has not yet been determined but would be announced soon, along with other changes in responsibilities in the wake of the departure of defensive coordinator Steve Wilson, who announced on Tuesday that he was leaving the Paladin program to take a position in private business.

A 1974 Furman graduate, Cain served as an assistant coach at his alma mater for eight seasons, coaching the squad's tight ends and receivers. In 1982 added the responsibility of passing game coordinator, a position he held for four seasons under then Paladin head coach Dick Sheridan. In 1985 he moved on to North Carolina State, where he served as the Wolfpack's offensive coordinator for 11 seasons before accepting his first head coaching assignment at VMI in 1997.

During Cain's tenure as an assistant coach at Furman, the Paladins posted a 69-23-2 record, won six Southern Conference championships, and qualified for the I-AA playoffs three times, including the finals in 1985. During his 11 seasons at N.C. State, the Wolfpack went 74-42-2 and played in eight bowl games.

"I'm very happy that Ted Cain is back and once again part of our football program," said vice president for intercollegiate athletics Dr. John Block. "He was a fine student and player for us, and later proved himself to be a very fine football coach who was integral to our football success in the late 1970s and 80s. I'm also confident he will be a contributor to our future football success."

An Aiken, S.C., native and three-year letterman as a tight end at Furman in the early 1970s, Cain, 46, is married the former Susan Buko of Greenville. They have two children: Matthew, 15, and Erin, 12.

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