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Bill Conley joins ESPN

Former Ohio State recruiting coordinator and local media personality to serve as national recruiting analyst

Columbus, Ohio (October 11, 2007) – Former Ohio State assistant football coach and recruiting coordinator Bill Conley has joined ESPN as a national recruiting analyst. Conley will provide in-depth reviews of the nation’s top high school football talent for ESPN’s website and magazine, and radio and television broadcasts.

“This is a great opportunity to provide recruiting analysis on a national scale for America’s No. 1 authority in sports journalism,” said Conley. “I welcome the challenge.”

Conley served as an assistant coach at Ohio State for 17 years, working for head coaches Earle Bruce, John Cooper and Jim Tressel. All-American and/or eventual NFL players he coached included Cris Carter, Chris Spielman, Mike Vrabel, and Mike Nugent, to name a few.

Conley coached teams that included the 2002 National Champions, and others earning berths in numerous post-season bowl games.

As the Buckeyes recruiting coordinator under Cooper and Tressel, Conley gained national acclaim for consistently bringing “franchise” players to Ohio State. The list of players he recruited includes two Heisman Trophy winners in Eddie George and Troy Smith. Others include Dan “Big Daddy” Wilkinson, Orlando Pace, Terry Glenn, Andy Katzenmoyer, Chris Gamble, Nate Salley, Mike Nugent, and Ashton Youboty.

Since retiring from Ohio State in 2004, Conley has worked as a contributor and analyst for Columbus-area print and broadcast media, and as a professional speaker. He also published a book recounting his years as Buckeye recruiting coordinator, entitled, “Buckeye Bumper Crops.”

Conley is a graduate of The Ohio State University, where he was a member of three Big Ten championship teams, including the 1968 National Championship team, under legendary head coach Woody Hayes.