

New Full-Time Football Coach - Exercise Science Instructor

Dan Clauss – outside LBers (GC alumnus - 1st year as a Griff coach)



Dan Clauss is beginning his first season at Grossmont College. He will be in charge of the outside linebackers, while also serving as the Griffin video coordinator, recruiting coordinator, and academic liaison. He comes to

Grossmont after working at San Bernardino Valley College during 2005-08 as a full-time physical education instructor and assistant football coach. Prior to his time at SBVC, Clauss coached the defensive line and taught at

Cerritos College during 2003-05. Clauss first entered collegiate-level football coaching as a graduate assistant at Western Carolina University where he coached both linebackers and defensive line in 2001-03. While at WCU, Clauss received a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Two-Year College Physical Education.

A two-year letterman and team captain at Southeast Missouri State University, Coach Clauss played tight end and offensive tackle during 1996-98. He also received a Bachelor's

Degree in Health Management from SEMO. From 1994 to 1996, Clauss played tight end at Grossmont College where he earned All-Conference honors. Clauss began his football playing career at Santana High School in Santee where he was a two-way starter at defensive and tight end from 1990 to 1994.

Clauss now resides in the San Carlos area with his wife Lee of nine years and their 2-year-old son Elijah.

Coach Clauss will be teaching weight training, fitness and health classes.

Dave Jordan – returns to coach defense (37th year as a Griff Coach)



Coach Jordan returned to coaching shortly after retiring from a full-time exercise science instructor position in 2005. He coached LBers and special teams and has now been called on to be D-coordinator due to the

departure of Steve Johns to the Naval Academy.

Coach Jordan is a graduate of Whittier College, playing for two all-time great coaches, George Allen and Don Coryell in Whittier's biggest years. He was a product of the junior college system having played at Compton JC where he was a big part of a team that won the national JC title, playing before the largest JC crowd ever (59,000) and beating Jones Mississippi in the Jr. Rose Bowl. His many years of building programs into winners (73.5

winning percentage in four head coaching situations) make him a valuable resource in helping Mike Jordan keep the Griffin football program strong. He had two years as an offensive coach at Cal State Fullerton in the 70s under the direction of another famous coach, Dick Coury (Mater Dei, USC, Cardinals).

Among his many awards as head coach were eight times as Conference Coach of the Year and three times California Coach of the Year. However, his most proud moments were first, finishing his head coaching career in 2005 and being named National JC Coach of the Year, his receiving a Grossmont College historic award by the San Diego Press Club in '03 as "Headliner of the Year," and his being asked to speak at the prestigious '04 American Football Association convention in Orlando.

He lists his best accomplishments as follows: In his 2nd and 3rd year at Grossmont breaking a state record of 17 straight games without a loss, ending in a '74 state title. Last but not least, of course winning the national title in 2005. Coach Jordan spent most of his head coaching years coaching defenses and expects to bring the Griffs back to a high standard in 2008.

Coach Jordan's Honors while at Grossmont

- State CC Coach of the Year - 3 times
- National JC Coach of the Year - 2005
- Conference Coach of the Year - 8 times
- California Coaches Association Coach of the Year - 2001
- San Diego Press Club "Headliner of the Year" - 2003

Anuyell Goodwin, WR Coach (GC alumnus - 9th year as a Griff coach)



Todd Watkins (BYU, Cardinals), Donald Haynes (Oregon), Darren Hall (Colorado State, Titans), Bill Hammet (SDSU), K.O. Kealaluhi (BYU), Chris Lumpkin (New Mexico State), Mike Omar (U. of Mass.), Chris Johnson (Oregon State), Jamal Garland (Hawaii), Brian Allbrooks (Temple), Mike Bruner (Montana), Joel Griffin (BYU), and Derek Jeffrey (Utah State) are just a few of the wide receivers who have made it big

after two years with Grossmont in the past eight years under the leadership of Anuyell Goodwin.

What an impact he has had on Grossmont football!

Coach Anuyell, another alumnus coaching for the Griffs, is a graduate of Lincoln High School and Grossmont College. He was an All-Conference WR at both schools. He went on to New Mexico Hilands University where he once again had an illustrious two years catching footballs. He graduated and is now working on an MA degree in Exercise Science. In his eight years here, he has taken receivers who had garnered very little interest from colleges after high school and made scholarship players out of

them. The Griffs high powered offense sometimes throw the ball to eight receivers and 50+ times a game.

Great receivers Anuyell coached



Darran Hall
Colorado State
Tennessee Titans



Todd Watkins
BYU
Arizona Cardinals



Chris Johnson
Oregon State
Senior

Mark Deesing, DB Coach (GC alumnus - 19th year as a Griff coach)



2006 was another amazing success story for Grossmont College DBs. The starting four, possibly the best defensive backfields in the state, all earned a scholarship to DI universities. These men join an "army" of DBs

who have gone on to 4-year schools with full scholarships under the tutorage of Coach Mark. Thirty-one DBs have earned scholarships in the last ten years.

Coach Deesing played at Grossmont for Coach Dave Jordan in 1971 after graduating from Mt. Miguel High School. He was All-Conference

DB for the Griffs and later Humboldt State. He obtained his Master's degree in Exercise Science.

Coach Deesing has been a big part in Grossmont's tremendous winning tradition. He left the Griffs to be the head coach at Mt. Miguel High School for a 4-year period in the 80s, but for the better part of 20 years has been turning out great DBs and great defenses for Grossmont. One of Coach Mark's proudest moments was in 2005 when Grossmont won the national title. The defense had a record-breaking season of turnovers, which was "big" in winning it all. Forty-six total season turnovers, including 30 interceptions (12 in the

playoffs) were also big. Losing two key starters and having only freshmen hurt the Griffs in '07 but '08 recruiting is one of the best we've had.

Three of Coach Deesing's best



Mozique McCurtis
USC senior
Med school



Kevin McCadam
Virginia Tech and
Carolina Panthers



Brett Hudson
Arizona State
graduate

Ken Wilmesherr, OL Coach, 3rd year as a Griff coach



Coach **Ken Wilmesherr** has a great reputation of developing offensive linemen. He has 28 years of coaching experience at the high school and collegiate level. In Wilmesherr's two years at Grossmont College he has developed one JC All-American, had two Academic All-Americans, and three all conference linemen. In the last two years, seven of his linemen have received scholarships to four-year universities. Coach Wilmesherr wrote a book, which is in the process of being published, on offensive line play titled, "Living in the Trenches: Offensive Line Techniques and Fundamentals." He has had numerous articles on offensive line play published in Gridiron Strategies, American

Football Monthly, on The Coaches Learning Network, and on Hawgtuff.net. He had a DVD released in May of 2007 through Championship Production with Gridiron Strategies titled, "The Top Coaches in the Nation Series: Inside/Outside Zone Blocking Techniques." In the August 2008 issue of Scholastic Coach & Athletic Director an article Wilmesherr wrote on teaching the fold block will be published. He has been invited to speak at numerous clinics on offensive line play; the most recent clinic was the 2008 Saugus Clinic in Saugus, CA.

Wilmesherr graduated with Honors from Southwestern College where he obtained an Associate in Arts Degree in General Studies. He received a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in Social Science from Chapman University in

Orange, CA. At Chapman he received the Gray Key Award and Honors of Distinction in his area of study.

Coach Wilmesherr's philosophy is, "The strength and success of every team is based on the strength of the offensive line. Therefore, teach the fundamentals because fundamentals wins games."

What an impact Coach Wilmesherr has had



Landis Provancha Marshall



Cody Gocke Ft. Lewis (CO)



Charles Millenbah Louisville

Jim Colbert – returns to coach running backs (5 years as RB coach)



Our RBs are fortunate. Coach **Jim Colbert** has returned after taking a few years off to watch his sons playing and coaching football. He's been with the Griffs a total of five years, helping produce some of its best squads. What a career he's had! He was a great high school athlete and has just been voted into the Colorado Springs Hall of Fame. He attended Adams State and was an All American at the DII level as well as an All-Conference baseball player.

- Noted: Teacher of the Year at SDCC in '07 where he's a full-time faculty member
- 4-year coaching at Mesa College; 5 years at Southwestern; 5 years at Grossmont
- 2 years as secondary coach with the Green Bay Packers
- 5 years as secondary coach in the USFL pro league (Portland & Chicago)
- 2 years as secondary coach at San Jose State and 4 years at Fresno State
- 7 total years as D-coordinator at Missouri State and Southern University.

If that's not enough, he now teaches and participates in Tae Bo, salsa and zumba, as well as kickboxing.

Three of Coach Colbert's backs



Corey Ransom Washington State



Rainbow Mauga Sac State



Conan Smith New Mexico

Garrett Robinson – his 4th year as LBer coach



Garrett Robinson began coaching at Grossmont in '04 after starting his career at San Diego High School and a 2-year stay at Southwestern College. He's a grad of Nevada, Reno, where he starred as a SS. He is noted for his "tough love" with his LBers. His recruiting skills are legendary. He too is working on his MA degree and his coaching future looks good. Garrett is

an excellent recruiter and his linebackers have been quite successful in his four years here - Note Dolan, Mesa, Colorado, was "D-player of the Year" here in '06 Aveni Leung-Wai, BYU; Matt Westrick, E. Illinois; Jacob Tauanu'u, Alabama, Birmingham; Derek Hinkley, New Mexico; and Sosuna Sekona, BYU, were just a few Grossmont players helped along to DI and DIAA programs. Garrett, an avid golfer, teaches golf, as well as weight training classes, at Grossmont College.

Three of Coach Robinson's best



Matt Westrick E. Illinois



Aveni Leung-Wai BYU



Jacob Tauanu'u UAB

Matt Stern – D-line coach in his 3rd year (CC alumnus)



Matt Stern (Defensive Line), a Grossmont College and SDSU graduate, he has done a great job coaching the D-line in his second year with Grossmont, a position he played as a Griff. As a player, he helped Grossmont to an 11-1 season and a big win against

Bakersfield in the '01 Potato Bowl. In his second year of coaching here, two of his D-linemen made All-Conference. Three of this year's D-linemen scholarshiped to DI schools. Matt Moss made the starting rotation this spring at Texas A&M. Magnum Mauga is at Utah State and is expected to start in '08 and Ryan Glazer who signed with Louisiana, Lafayette.

Coach Stern's '07 "big timers"



Matt Moss Texas A&M



Magnum Mauga Utah State



Ryan Glazer Lafayette

Mike Yeager – Special teams coordinator - Safeties coach in his 5th year



Mike Yeager is now entering his fifth season at Grossmont. Since being hired to the staff after the 2003 State Championship game, Grossmont was won 3 out of the last 4 Foothill Conference Championships and the National Championship in 2005. During the 2005 championship run, the defense set school records for most interceptions (30), turnovers (54), and total defense. In 2006, while coaching the run-

ning backs, the offense was ranked #1 in the state in scoring offense (402 points) and #1 in the conference for rushing TDs (24). Coach Yeager has produced 9 All-Conference players, 3 Pac-10 players, and 3 All-Americans while coaching offense, defense and special teams. Coach Mike was a two-way player at the University of Houston 1998-2001, playing two years as wide receiver and two years as defensive back, and also contributing on special teams. He was twice named special teams Player

of the Week against #11 Southern Mississippi (2000) and the University of Cincinnati (2000).

Coach of the Year is Back



Terry Mixon WSU



Sharrod Davis Fresno State



Geof Howard UNLV

Our staff includes more than coaches

Jim Spillers, Associate Dean of Athletics - former Aztec - third year as a Griffin



event, wherever it's played, not just as a

Grossmont coaches have been proud of their new leader. In just three years as a Griff Jim Spillers has had a great impact on all the sports, helping each with critical needs and attending almost every

supervisor but a fan and supporter. He stepped into a problematic athletic program and through his positive demeanor has lifted up the Griffs in all sports. He's taken the pressure off the football coaches by doing a lot of the operational details. The 2005 football team made history with a STATE championship and a NATIONAL title in his inaugural year. This year the women's tennis won the state title. His leadership in hiring needed coaching replacements and working hard to meet our goal of a football stadium by

the 2010 season and helping with the exercise science leaders to completely replenish the athletic facilities has been impressive, indeed. Jim is an SDSU graduate, where he competed in track and field returning after graduation to become an associate AD for the Aztecs, in charge of facilities and operations. He is the leader of 16 intercollegiate teams with an annual million dollar budget at Grossmont. He has been a real plus for the Griffin football program, as well as the other 15 intercollegiate sports.



Cynthia Echaves
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Heidi Holmquist
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Equipment
Manager

Donivan Marthis and Chris Ray - Athletic trainers 23 years as Griffins (both alumni)



Donivan Marthis

The Grossmont College Athletic Training Room is headed up by Co-Head Athletic Trainers Donivan Marthis and Chris Ray. Donivan and Chris have provided care for the Griffin football program for over 21 years.



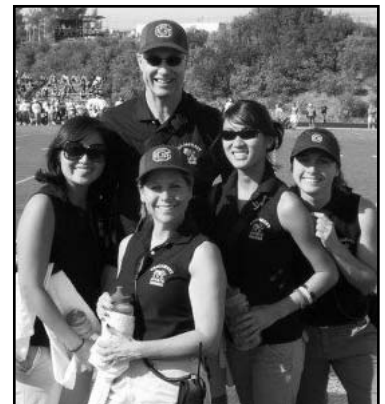
Chris Ray

Both were former Griffin athletes. Donivan competed in track as a 440 hurdler and anchored the mile relay, Chris competed on the gymnastics team which won the state championship.

Donivan and Chris are N.A.T.A.

Certified Athletic Trainers and both have college degrees. Donivan received his BS from San Jose State University and his MS from the University of Arizona. Chris received her BA from San Diego State University.

The Grossmont College Athletic Training Room is an affiliate site for the San Diego State University NATA Athletic Training Program. Athletic training students serve a two-year internship at Grossmont College learning about sports medicine. This is a valuable experience for them and they are a valuable asset to our program.



GRIFFIN PHILOSOPHY

Offensive Philosophy

Grossmont College offenses are known as being among the best in JC football over the past 20 years - usually in the top 5 in statistics in California. They were honored in 1998 and 2005 as the best. The Griffs were rated as #1 in passing in '98 and total offense in '05. **Grossmont offenses are not built on copying others.** Rather, they are built around the fact that the players are here for only one or two seasons so **simplicity** and **flexibility** are imperative due to the constant changeover in personnel. **WE BELIEVE THAT COACHING AT THIS LEVEL CAN BE EQUATED TO COACHING AN ALL STAR TEAM - HERE TODAY AND MOVING ON UP TOMORROW.**

Defensive Philosophy

Defense, as offense, is based on the old "kiss" theory of keeping it simple. Last season due to injuries and youth, there was a defensive breakdown - the first in 20 years. In '06 the Griffs had the 2nd best defense in the state. We build around quickness and aggressiveness. We don't care what size you are. Three years ago our D-end was 6'3" - 235 lbs. and scholarshiped to San Diego State, and a few years before that a 6'2" - 245 DE to Arizona State. The defense, as the offense, is "**home made**" - **not copies** of others. We build around the personnel that come in. For example, we may run a 4-man front if 4 great D-linemen come in. If 5 tough, quick LBers come in, we may go a 3-man front. However, we normally have enough good defensive personnel to use both 4-3 and 3-5 effectively with simple calls.

Strength & Conditioning

All but two of our coaches have Masters degrees in exercise science and health, and the majority played the positions they are coaching. We work as a group, but we also expect our position coaches to condition and strength build according to the position needs.

WE OPENED OUR NEW WEIGHT FACILITY IN JULY. IT'S A GOOD ONE.

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