Prince to coach WRs, coordinate pass game

Colorado also announces hiring of Ambrose

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Colorado officials formally announced the hiring of assistant football coaches Robert Prince and Ashley Ambrose on Friday, completing Dan Hawkins' staff for the 2010 season.

Prince, whose hiring was reported Thursday by the Camera, will take over the duties of passing game coordinator and receivers coach.

Ambrose, who last year served as a defensive technical intern, will take over as secondary coach, replacing Greg Brown, who left at season's end to take a co-coordinator position at Arizona.

The 44-year-old Prince most recently coached wide receivers with the Seattle Seahawks. He also coached with the Jacksonville Jaguars and Atlanta Falcons, and previously worked with Hawkins at Boise State from 2001-03. His other coaching stops include Humboldt State (his alma mater), Montana State, Sacramento State and Fort Lewis.

He owns a bachelor's degree in mathematics and a master's in physical education, both from Humboldt State. He is married and the father of three.

"Robert Prince has great experience and will bring a positive energetic style that fits well with our staff," Hawkins said. "RP has a great understanding of the entire offensive structure and not only possesses tremendous technical experience at the receiver position, but also has coordinator type abilities and talents. He is a great family man, and will be a great role model and mentor for our student athletes."

Ambrose, a 13-year NFL veteran, joined CU's staff in March 2008. He played four seasons with the Indianapolis Colts after being drafted out of Mississippi Valley State in 1992, then spent three seasons with the Bengals, three with New Orleans and three with Atlanta. He earned All-Pro honors with Cincinnati in 1996, and finished his career with 42 interceptions.

"I have been extremely impressed with Ashley since the time he became our defensive technical intern," Hawkins said. "Ashley is an extremely intelligent and professional person who has a great rapport with our players. His vast knowledge of the defensive back position and his ability to relate to others make him a great addition to our staff."

Both will make their "on-field" coaching debuts with the Buffaloes on March 6, the first day of spring football practice. The drills conclude April 10 with the annual spring game at Folsom Field.

Walters to join

Brown at Arizona

Ryan Walters, a three-year starter at safety for Colorado and 2008 team co-captain, will follow former CU secondary coach Greg Brown to Arizona.

Walters last year served as an equipment manager for the Buffs. Earlier this month, Hawkins announced that Walters would assist Ambrose as a defensive technical intern.

But, Walters told cubuffs.com that Brown called him recently to inform him of a graduate assistant's opening at Arizona.

"It was an opportunity for me to get my masters and for my wife and family to get out on our own," Walters said. "We've been in Colorado so long, it's just something we wanted to do."

Also leaving CU is Bush Hamdan, who also served as an equipment manager last year. Hamdan will be going to Maryland to work as an offensive technical intern.

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