

Ohio State To Add Two More Defensive Staffers In Off-Field Roles



Ohio State head coach Ryan Day made significant changes to his defensive staff when he hired Jim Knowles to be his defensive coordinator. On Thursday, he continued the overhaul, bringing in former Cincinnati cornerbacks coach Perry Eliano and former Jaguars secondary coach Tim Walton.

The Buckeyes will add two more additions with Oklahoma State ties, according to FootballScoop. Michael Hunter and Koy McFarland are expected to join Ohio State's staff in unspecified off-the-field roles.

Hunter played collegiately at Indiana and Oklahoma State and served in key roles for both programs. McFarland is the son of longtime college assistant coach Robert McFarland and played at Arkansas-Monticello before joining the Cowboys' staff as a graduate assistant.

McFarland took over the Oklahoma State linebacker room after Knowles departed for Ohio State before Oklahoma State's Fiesta Bowl appearance against Notre Dame, earning praise from head coach Mike Gundy for his exceptional coaching performance.

Day could make more changes to his defense throughout the offseason. With 10 full-time positions at Ohio State, only four are on that side of the ball, including defensive line coach Larry Johnson, Knowles, Eliano and Walton.