

Mike Daniels Returns Home; Tabbed Head Football Coach

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The Princeton City School District announced Mike Daniels as the Varsity Football Coach during a press conference on Thursday, March 22 at Princeton High School.

The 2003 Princeton graduate joins the Vikings after leaving his position as the wide receivers coach at Kennesaw State University in Georgia. At KSU, the wide receiver core tallied 178 receptions and 27 touchdown catches in a dynamic offense that averaged 33.9 points per game in two seasons.

Prior to Kennesaw State, Daniels spent three seasons (2011-13) at Statesboro High School in Georgia. He coached defensive linebackers and running backs before being named the offensive coordinator. At Statesboro, Coach Daniels compiled a three-year record of 28-6 and advanced to the state playoffs each season.

In 2010, Daniels was offered the running backs coach and academic liaison at the University of Buffalo. During the season, the Bulls rushed for 113.42 yards per game.

Prior to arriving at Buffalo, Daniels was a graduate assistant/ wide receivers coach at his alma mater, the University of Cincinnati. That season, the Bearcats went 12-0 in the regular season, captured the 2009 Big East Conference title and received a BCS Bowl berth to the 2010 Allstate Sugar Bowl. He began his coaching career at Alcorn State, working with tight ends from December 2007 to June 2008.

Coach was a four-year letterwinner at the University of Cincinnati (2003-07) where he was a triple threat as a wide receiver, running back, and return man.

He served as team captain and earned the Jim Kelly Spirit Award in 2007 under head coach Brian Kelly. He was a multiple year honoree on the Bearcats Academic Honor Roll en route to earning his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice in 2007.

A 2003 Princeton graduate, Daniels dazzled the Princeton Community on and off the field during his high school career. He was named the 2002 Ohio Division I Offensive Player of the Year and Cincinnati Enquirer Player of the Year. Daniels holds and shares school records in Most Passing Attempts (51), Most Yards Gained Passing (448), Most Touchdown Passes Thrown (5), Most Touchdown Scored (5), Most Regular Season Passing Attempts (355), Most Regular Season Passes Completed (191), Most Regular Season Gained Passing (2,564), Most Regular Season Touchdown Passes Thrown (21), Most Regular Season Touchdowns Scored (24), and Most Regular Season Total Yards Offense (3, 951).

The Princeton Athletic Department inducted Mike in the Class of 2013 Athletic Hall of Fame.

Mike is married to Dr. Yelandra Daniels, a family physician, whose father is former Cincinnati Reds first baseman, Lee May. He is stepfather to Simon, a PhD student at Northwestern University; Paul, an assistant manager for Enterprise, and Arielle, a chemical engineer currently doing research at the University of Cincinnati. He is a father figure to his nephew Keith, who will graduate from high school this Spring.

