## Los Angeles Rams Finalize 2023 Coaching Staff

**LOS ANGELES** – The Los Angeles Rams announced today their 2023 coaching staff has been finalized.

## 2023 Los Angeles Rams Coaching Staff

Assistant Head Coach	Jimmy Lake*
Defensive Coordinator	Raheem Morris
Offensive Coordinator	Mike LaFleur*
Secondary Coach	Chris Beake <sup>^</sup>
Assistant Defensive Line Coach	Andrew Carter*
Outside Linebackers Coach	Joe Coniglio*
Defensive Assistant	Mike Harris*
Defensive Line Coach/Run Game Coordinator	Eric Henderson
Defensive Backs/Pass Game Coordinator	Aubrey Pleasant*
Inside Linebackers/Pass Rush Coordinator	Chris Shula <sup>^</sup>
Offensive Assistant	K.J. Black <sup>^</sup>
Tight Ends Coach	Nick Caley*
Offensive Assistant	Nick Jones
Assistant Offensive Line Coach	Zak Kromer^
Pass Game Specialist	Jake Peetz^
Quarterbacks Coach/Pass Game Coordinator	Zac Robinson
Offensive Line Coach	Ryan Wendell*
Wide Receivers Coach	Eric Yarber
Running Backs Coach	Ron Gould*
Special Teams Coordinator	Chase Blackburn*
Assistant Special Teams Coach	Jeremy Springer

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes new to Rams coaching staff this season. ^Denotes new title entering 2023 Season.

The Rams will welcome nine new coaches to their staff along with Defensive Backs/Pass Game Coordinator **AUBREY PLEASANT**, who is entering his second coaching stint with the Rams. Pleasant is returning for his fifth season on the Rams' coaching staff after serving as the team's cornerbacks coach from 2017-20. He spent the 2021 season and a portion of the 2022 season with the Detroit Lions as their defensive backs/pass game coordinator. He most recently spent time with the Green Bay Packers the second half of last season as an offensive consultant.

Offensive Coordinator **MIKE LAFLEUR** joined the Rams this offseason after serving in the same position with the New York Jets for the past two seasons. Before joining the Jets' staff, LaFleur spent four seasons with the San Francisco 49ers coaching wide receivers and serving as pass game coordinator.

**CHASE BLACKBURN** will enter his first season with the Rams as special teams coordinator after spending the 2022 season as the assistant special teams coordinator with the Tennessee Titans. Prior to his time in Tennessee, Blackburn spent six seasons with the Carolina Panthers serving as a special teams assistant from 2016-17 and special teams coordinator from 2018-21. Before he began his coaching career, Blackburn played 10 NFL seasons – eight with the New York Giants and two with the Panthers. He became a Super Bowl champion in 2012 when the Giants defeated the New England Patriots in Super Bowl XLVI.

New Assistant Head Coach **JIMMY LAKE** is joining McVay's staff after coaching in several capacities at the University of Washington for eight seasons where he developed numerous NFL prospects and some of the nation's top defenses. Lake had a 7-6 record as the head coach for the Huskies from 2020-21.

Offensive Line Coach **RYAN WENDELL** will join the Rams after spending the past four seasons with the Buffalo Bills serving as their assistant offensive line coach. He spent his first year in the NFL coaching ranks as a coaching assistant in 2019 following an eight-year playing career with the New England Patriots (2009-15) and Carolina Panthers (2016). Wendell won Super Bowl XLIX and two conference championships in 2011 and 2014 during his time as a player.

**RON GOULD** will join the Rams' coaching staff as the team's running backs coach. Gould spent the previous six seasons coaching running backs at Stanford University. He was named the associate head coach and running backs coach at San Diego State last month before deciding to join the NFL coaching ranks with the Rams heading into the 2023 season.

Tight Ends Coach **NICK CALEY** will enter his first season with the Rams after spending the past eight seasons with the New England Patriots under Head Coach Bill Belichick. He served in the same capacity for the Patriots from 2017-22 and coached fullbacks from 2017-21.

**JOE CONIGLIO** will enter his first season with the Rams as their outside linebackers coach after serving in the same capacity at the collegiate level with the Naval Academy for the past two seasons.

New Defensive Assistant **MIKE HARRIS** has joined the Rams' coaching staff after spending the 2022 season at the collegiate level coaching safeties at John Carroll University. Harris also spent time with the Chicago Bears from 2019-21 as an offensive assistant.

After spending the 2022 season with the Denver Broncos as a defensive quality control coach, **ANDREW CARTER** will join the Rams' staff as the assistant defensive line coach. Carter also spent time at the University of Kansas from 2020-21 as a graduate and defensive assistant.

Additionally, some coaches on last year's staff have been assigned new roles or responsibilities heading into the 2023 season. **CHRIS BEAKE** will become the secondary coach after coaching inside linebackers last season. **CHRIS SHULA** will coach linebackers and serve as pass rush coordinator after spending the 2022 season as pass game coordinator and defensive backs coach. Pass Game Specialist **JAKE PEETZ** will take on a new role after spending last season as an offensive assistant. After serving as an offensive assistant last season, **ZAK KROMER** will be the

assistant offensive line coach. **KJ BLACK** will take over as offensive assistant after his time as a coaching fellow.

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