

COACHING STAFF**RON MIDDLETON**
Associate Head Coach
Special Teams Coordinator
Tight Ends

1st Season at Duke
Recruiting Area: South Alabama, South Georgia
& Florida Panhandle

■ Ron Middleton is in his first season as associate head coach and special teams coordinator while coaching the tight ends.

■ In 2007, Middleton helped the Alabama Crimson Tide to a 7-6 overall record and 30-24 victory over Colorado in the Independence Bowl. Under Middleton's direction, Alabama kicker Leigh Tiffin totalled 111 points — the second-highest single-season point total in Tide history — with a school single-season record 25 field goals along with 36 extra points. In addition, Javier Arenas ranked among the SEC's top 10 performers in both kickoff and punt return average while tight end Nick Walker caught 23 passes for 204 yards and two touchdowns.

■ The former Auburn letterman and 10-year NFL veteran served three seasons (2004-06) as an assistant coach with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers under head coach Jon Gruden. While with the Bucs, Middleton coached the tight ends and assisted with special teams and helped Tampa Bay to the 2005 NFC South Division championship.

■ Middleton spent five seasons (1999-03) on the coaching staff at Mississippi working along side Duke head coach David Cutcliffe. While with the Rebels, Middleton coached the tight ends for three years (1999-01) and running backs for two campaigns (2002-03) and served as the special teams coordinator. Ole Miss participated in four bowl games during Middleton's tenure, and the Atmore, Ala., native mentored kicker Jonathan Nichols, who set 15 school records, earned All-SEC honors and captured the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top placekicker in 2003. That season, Nichols booted 24-of-28 field goal attempts and all 45 of his point after touchdown tries en route to scoring an Ole Miss single-season record 117 points.

■ Also in 2003, Mississippi punter Cody Ridgeway garnered second team All-SEC accolades while the Rebels paced the league in net punting, kickoff returns, field goals, and PAT kicking.

■ Before joining Cutcliffe at Ole Miss, Middleton spent two seasons (1997-98) at Troy, coaching the tight ends, offensive tackles and assisted with special teams. He also spent time in private business, serving as vice president of American Communications.

■ A four-year letterwinning tight end at Auburn from 1982-85, Middleton helped the Tigers to a four-year ledger of 37-12 with four bowl game appearances that produced three victories. In 1983, Auburn posted an 11-1 record, won the SEC title and defeated Michigan, 9-7, in the Sugar Bowl. Middleton earned a degree in pre-law/history from Auburn in 1988 and later received a master's degree in sports and fitness management from Troy in 1998.

■ Middleton's professional playing career spanned 10 seasons with five organizations. Undrafted out of Auburn, he played two years (1986-87) with the Atlanta Falcons before joining the Washington Redskins for the 1988 campaign. Following one season (1989) with the Cleveland Browns, Middleton returned to the Redskins for a four-year tenure that included a 37-24 victory over Buffalo in Super Bowl XXVI. He finished his career playing single campaigns with the Los Angeles Rams (1994) and San Diego Chargers (1995).

■ Middleton, who was a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' training camp coaching staff in 2003 as a part of the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship Program, was selected by Gruden in 2006 to attend the NFL's Coaches Career Development Symposium. In addition, Middleton joined with other Tampa Bay coaches to host the 2004 High School Coaching Academy, a one-day clinic designed to elevate the quality of football coaching at the prep level.

■ Middleton and his wife, Mia, are the parents of three children: Ron II, Desmond and Zaria.



Ron and Mia Middleton with Zaria.



COACHING STAFF

MIKE MACINTYRE Defensive Coordinator

1st Season at Duke

Recruiting Area: Western North Carolina, North Florida & Central Tennessee

■ Mike MacIntyre enters his first season on the Blue Devil staff and serves as Duke's defensive coordinator.

■ MacIntyre served on David Cutcliffe's staff at Ole Miss from 1999-02, helping the Rebels to a four-year ledger of 29-19 with appearances in the Independence Bowl (1999 & 2002) and Music City Bowl (2000). MacIntyre coached the 1999 and 2000 seasons with the Ole Miss wide receivers before tutoring the defensive secondary in his final two years.

■ While mentoring the Mississippi wide receivers, MacIntyre coached two of the school's top pass-catchers in Cory Peterson and Grant Heard. On the Rebel career charts, Peterson ranks sixth in catches (135) and fifth in yards (1,842) while Heard stands third in receptions (142), third in yards (2,029) and second in receiving touchdowns (16). In 2001 — MacIntyre's first season with the Ole Miss defense — the Rebels led the SEC and ranked fifth nationally in pass defense, allowing just 161.3 yards per game.

■ MacIntyre served the 2007 season as an assistant coach with the NFL's New York Jets, coaching the defensive backs. He spent four seasons (2003-06) as an assistant coach under Bill Parcells with the Dallas Cowboys. During his time with Dallas, the Cowboys posted three winning seasons and earned playoff berths in both 2003 and 2006.

■ While with the Cowboys, MacIntyre coached safety Roy Williams, who was the eighth overall selection in the 2002 NFL Draft following a stand-out collegiate career at Oklahoma. Williams was selected to the NFL Pro Bowl in all four years that MacIntyre was on the Dallas staff and is one of four safeties in Cowboys history to earn four Pro Bowl berths. MacIntyre also coached cornerback Terrence Newman, who was an NFL All-Rookie choice in 2003 and an alternate for the Pro Bowl one season later.

■ MacIntyre got his start in coaching as a graduate assistant at Georgia (1990-91) and then spent the 1992 season as the defensive coordinator at Davidson College.

■ Before joining Cutcliffe at Ole Miss, MacIntyre coached the defensive backs at Temple in 1997-98. Prior to his stint with the Owls, he was at Tennessee-Martin, where he served as co-defensive coordinator from 1993-95 and defensive coordinator in 1996. MacIntyre added recruiting coordinator duties in 1994 and became the assistant head coach in 1995.

■ A 1989 graduate of Georgia Tech with a bachelor's degree in business management, MacIntyre played two seasons (1987-88) at free safety and punt returner for the Yellow Jackets under head coach Bobby Ross. Prior to attending Georgia Tech, MacIntyre played two years at Vanderbilt (1984-85) under his father, George, who served as the head coach of the Commodores from 1979-85. He went on to earn a master's degree in education with an emphasis on sports management from Georgia in 1991.

■ Born March 14, 1965, in Miami, Fla., MacIntyre and his wife, Trisha, have three children, Jennifer, Jay Michael and Jonston.



Mike and Trisha MacIntyre with Jennifer, Jonston and Jay Michael.

COACHING STAFF**MARION HOBBY**
Defensive Coordinator
Defensive Ends1st Season at DukeRecruiting Area: Eastern North Carolina, Southern Virginia & North Alabama

- Marion Hobby begins his first campaign as Duke's defensive coordinator while coaching the defensive line.

- Hobby joins the Duke program following two seasons (2006-07) with the New Orleans Saints where he coached the defensive line. In 2006, the Saints posted a 10-6 record during the regular season and won the NFC South Division championship en route to an appearance in the NFC title game. Hobby coached Will Smith, a defensive end who registered 10.5 quarterback sacks and was tabbed a starter for the Pro Bowl.

- In 2005, Hobby served on the staff at Clemson, helping the Tigers to an 8-4 ledger. That year, Clemson won six of its final seven contests, defeated Colorado by a 19-10 count in the Champs Sports Bowl and was ranked 21st in the final Associated Press national poll.

- Prior to his stint with Clemson, Hobby worked six years (1999-04) alongside Cutcliffe at Ole Miss. During that stretch, the Rebels went 43-29 (.603) with five winning seasons, four bowl game appearances and a share of the SEC Western Division championship in 2003.

- Hobby got his start in coaching in 1995, working with the defensive tackles at Tennessee-Martin. He then served two seasons at Southwest Louisiana as strength and conditioning coach (1996) and defensive tackles coach (1997) before spending one year (1998) at Tennessee as assistant strength and conditioning coach. The 1998 Volunteer squad went 13-0 and won the national championship with a 23-16 victory over Florida State in the Fiesta Bowl.

- A four-year letterman and three-year starter on defense at Tennessee from 1986-89, Hobby served as team captain as a senior as the Volunteers went 11-1, captured the SEC championship, defeated Arkansas in the Cotton Bowl and finished the year ranked fifth in the final Associated Press national poll. During his playing tenure, the Vols posted a record of 33-14-1 and won three bowl games.

- A first team All-SEC choice in 1989 who was named to Tennessee's 100-year Anniversary squad, Hobby was a third round pick of the Minnesota Vikings in the 1990 NFL Draft and played three seasons with the New England Patriots (1990-92).

- A native of Irondale, Ala., Hobby and his wife, Constance, have three children, Maria, Mariah and Camille.

*Marion and Constance Hobby with Camille.*



COACHING STAFF



KURT ROPER

Offensive Coordinator Quarterbacks

1st Season at Duke

Recruiting Area: Texas & Western Tennessee

■ A coaching veteran who has spent time on staffs at three SEC schools, Kurt Roper is in his first season as Duke's offensive coordinator while directing the Blue Devil quarterbacks.

■ Roper joined the Duke program in January of 2008 after serving the previous two years at Tennessee where he coached the running backs. The Volunteers produced 19 wins against eight losses from 2006-07 with one SEC Eastern Division crown and a pair of berths in the Outback Bowl.

■ Tennessee's rushing attack in 2007 was featured by Arian Foster, who gained 1,193 yards on 245 carries while scoring 12 touchdowns on the ground. On the Volunteer single-season record charts, Foster's numbers landed him fourth in rushing attempts, tied for fifth in rushing touchdowns and ninth in yards. In addition, he had five 100-yard rushing games on the year and his 98-yard, three-touchdown performance against Georgia helped Tennessee defeat the then 12th-ranked Bulldogs, 35-14. A junior in 2007, Foster currently ranks seventh on UT's all-time rushing list with 2,394 career yards.

■ Roper got his start in coaching at Tennessee, serving as a graduate assistant coach from 1996-98 while working with the Volunteer defensive and special teams units. He then followed current Duke head coach David Cutcliffe to Ole Miss and spent six years in Oxford as the Rebels went 44-29 with four bowl game victories. Mississippi enjoyed one of its finest seasons in school history in 2003 when the Rebels went 10-3, captured a share of the SEC Western Division title and defeated Oklahoma State, 31-28, in the Cotton Bowl.

■ While with Ole Miss, Roper coached the quarterbacks all six years and added the responsibility of passing game coordinator for his final three seasons. Among his pupils was record-setting, All-America signal-caller Eli Manning, the 2003 SEC Player of the Year who was the number one overall pick in the 2004 NFL Draft.

■ In 2005, Roper coached the quarterbacks at Kentucky under head coach Rich Brooks.

■ In all, Roper has coached in nine bowl games: 1997 Florida Citrus, 1998 Orange, 1998 Independence, 1999 Independence, 2000 Music City, 2002 Independence, 2004 Cotton, 2007 Outback and 2008 Outback.

■ A native of Ames, Iowa, Roper earned three varsity letters on the gridiron as a defensive back and quarterback at Rice before graduating in 1995. He went on to earn a master's degree from Tennessee in 1998.

■ Roper is married to the former Britt Albertson of High Point, N.C., and the couple has one daughter, Reese Leslie, who was born February 8, 2008. His brother, Zac, also is a member of the Duke football coaching staff.



Kurt and Britt Roper with Reese Leslie.

STAFF



COACHING STAFF**MATT LUKE**
Offensive Coordinator
Running Game
Offensive Line1st Season at DukeRecruiting Area: North Georgia, Eastern Tennessee,
Southern Ohio, Southeastern North Carolina & Illinois

■ In his first season at Duke, Matt Luke serves as Duke's offensive coordinator/running game while coaching the offensive line.

■ Luke spent the past two seasons at Tennessee. During Luke's two-year stay (2006-07) in Knoxville, the Volunteers went 19-8 with one SEC Eastern Division championship and two appearances in the Outback Bowl. In 2007, Tennessee tight end Chris Brown caught 41 passes for 282 yards and six touchdowns while fellow end Brad Cottam's 31-yard touchdown reception proved to be the difference in the Vols' 21-17 win over Wisconsin in the Outback Bowl.

■ On the recruiting front, Tennessee's 2007 class was rated third-best nationally by Rivals.com and fourth-best in the country by Scout.com.

■ A native of Gulfport, Miss., Luke lettered four seasons (1995-98) as a center at Ole Miss. A starter in 33 career games for the Rebels, he served as team captain in 1998 as Ole Miss posted a 7-5 ledger and defeated Texas Tech in the Independence Bowl. He was named the 1998 Ole Miss Most Valuable Senior by the Jackson (Miss.) Touchdown Club and twice earned Academic All-SEC honors.

■ Following his playing career, he served as a student assistant coach at Ole Miss under current Duke head coach David Cutcliffe in 1999, helping the Rebels to an 8-4 ledger with regular season wins against Auburn, South Carolina, LSU and Arkansas as well as a 27-25 triumph over Oklahoma in the Independence Bowl. He graduated in May of 2000 with a degree in business administration.

■ Luke then spent two years (2000-01) coaching the offensive line at Murray State before returning to his alma mater to guide the Rebel tight ends and offensive line for four seasons (2002-05). Ole Miss won two bowl games during that stretch, defeating Nebraska in the Independence Bowl to close the 2002 season and upending Oklahoma State in the Cotton Bowl a year later to cap a 10-3 campaign that included a share of the SEC Western Division championship.

■ Luke is married to the former Ashley Grantham of Oxford, Miss., and the couple has one son, Harrison Thomas, who was born February 18, 2008. His father, Tommy, was a defensive back at Mississippi in the 1960s while his brother, Tom, quarterbacked the Rebels from 1989-91.



Matt and Ashley Luke with Harrison Thomas.



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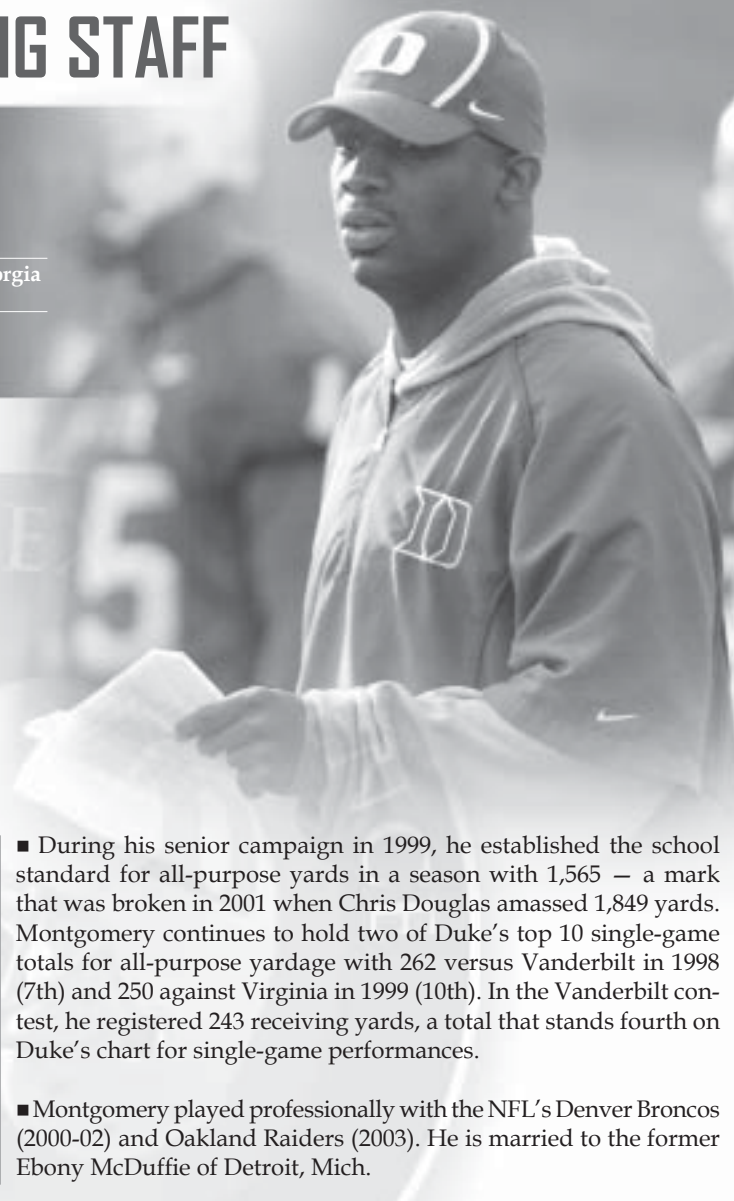


SCOTTIE MONTGOMERY

Wide Receivers

3rd Season at Duke

Recruiting Area: South Florida, Central Georgia
& Central North Carolina



■ One of the best wide receivers ever to wear a Duke uniform, Scottie Montgomery was hired by head coach David Cutcliffe as an assistant coach to lead the wide receiving corps.

■ A member of the coaching staff at his alma mater since 2006, Montgomery's wide receiving unit in 2007 was headlined by second team All-ACC pick Eron Riley and senior captain Jomar Wright. Riley, who posted one of the top single-game receiving performances in Duke history with a six-catch, 235-yard, four-touchdown outing at Navy in September 22, 2007, caught 40 passes for 830 yards and nine touchdowns on the year while leading the ACC in yards per reception at 20.8. The Savannah, Ga., native will enter his final season at Duke ranking first in career yards per catch average (20.7), tied for fourth in 100-yard receiving games (5), seventh in touchdown catches (14) and eighth in receiving yards (1,720). Wright paced the Blue Devils with his 56 catches for 599 yards and five touchdowns and closed his career ranking tied for ninth in receptions (122) and ninth in yards (1,638).

■ As a wide receiver for the Blue Devils from 1996-99, Montgomery paced Duke in receiving three straight seasons (1997-99) and twice earned the program's Carmen Falcone Award (1998 & 1999) as the Most Valuable Player. The Cleveland County, N.C., native joins Howard Pitt (1951-53) and Stan Crisson (1961-63) as the only Duke players to lead the program in receiving in three straight years and is one of just five two-time team MVPs in school history.

■ On Duke's all-time pass receiving charts, Montgomery ranks second in receptions (171), third in yards (2,379), tied for seventh in 100-yard receiving games (4) and eighth in touchdowns (13). He caught 51 passes in both 1997 and 1999 and registered a career-high 60 receptions as a junior in 1998. The 60 catches are the most by a Duke player in a single season since All-America Clarkston Hines hauled in 61 passes during the 1989 campaign. Hines and Montgomery are the only Duke players to post three straight seasons with at least 50 receptions and 600 yards.

■ Montgomery's name also is etched into the Duke record book for longest plays, ranking tied for second for pass completions with an 88-yard catch from Bobby Campbell against Vanderbilt in 1998 and fourth under kickoff returns with a 99-yard return versus Wake Forest in 1999. Heading into the 2008 season, Montgomery ranks fifth on Duke's all-time chart for both kickoff returns (63) and kickoff return yards (1,515), while his 4,188 career all-purpose yards rank as the third-highest total in school history.

■ During his senior campaign in 1999, he established the school standard for all-purpose yards in a season with 1,565 – a mark that was broken in 2001 when Chris Douglas amassed 1,849 yards. Montgomery continues to hold two of Duke's top 10 single-game totals for all-purpose yardage with 262 versus Vanderbilt in 1998 (7th) and 250 against Virginia in 1999 (10th). In the Vanderbilt contest, he registered 243 receiving yards, a total that stands fourth on Duke's chart for single-game performances.

■ Montgomery played professionally with the NFL's Denver Broncos (2000-02) and Oakland Raiders (2003). He is married to the former Ebony McDuffie of Detroit, Mich.



Scottie and Ebony Montgomery.

STAFF



COACHING STAFF**ZAC ROPER**
Recruiting Coordinator
Running Backs
Special Teams1st Season at DukeRecruiting Area: Northern Virginia, Maryland, Southern New Jersey, Eastern Pennsylvania & Washington, D.C.

■ Zac Roper enters his first season on the Blue Devil coaching unit. At Duke, Roper serves as recruiting coordinator while coaching the running backs and assisting with the special teams.

■ From 2005-07, Roper helped the Cornell Big Red to an overall ledger of 16-14. He coached the running backs and tight ends during his first two seasons before switching to cornerbacks in 2007 and also served as special teams coordinator. Roper coached or recruited eight Ivy League Player of the Week selections during his three seasons.

■ On the special teams front in 2007, Cornell paced the league in punt return average — returning two punts for touchdowns during the year — and kickoff coverage. The Big Red also posted touchdowns via fake field goal and kickoff return.

■ Coaching the running backs in 2006, Roper tutored Luke Siwula, who rushed for 885 yards in 2006 en route to receiving second team All-Ivy League honors. In 2005, he mentored the tight ends as Cornell finished the year ranked 10th nationally in rushing offense.

■ Roper's work with the Cornell placekickers yielded zero missed point after touchdown attempts over his three seasons as A.J. Weitsman and Peter Zell combined to boot 84 consecutive extra points. In addition, Weitsman established a Cornell single-season record with 14 field goals while punter Michael Bolling downed 23-of-52 punts inside the 20 yardline without a touchback in 2005.

■ Prior to joining the Big Red staff, Roper spent four years at Ole Miss as a graduate administrative aide and graduate assistant coach under current Duke head coach David Cutcliffe, working with the wide receivers, tight ends and placekickers. Mississippi's 2003 squad won 10 games with a share of the SEC Western Division title and defeated Oklahoma State, 31-28, in the Cotton Bowl.

■ Ole Miss kicker Jonathan Nichols enjoyed a sensational season in 2003 by earning All-SEC and All-America honors while winning the Lou Groza Award as the nation's top kicker. He graduated as the school's all-time leader in total points (344) and finished his career having made 117 consecutive PATs. Punter Cody Ridgeway was an all-league choice in 2003 after ranking 11th nationally in punting average.

■ Roper was an undergraduate assistant coach at Oklahoma under head coach John Blake from 1996-98. He graduated from Ole Miss in 2001 with a degree in political science and went on to earn a master's degree in higher education/student personnel two years later.

■ A native of Knoxville, Tenn., Roper is married to the former Rebecca Harvey of Bossier City, La. His brother, Kurt, also is a member of the Duke football coaching staff.

*Zack and Rebecca Roper.*



COACHING STAFF



JIM COLLINS

Linebackers

7th Season at Duke

Recruiting Area: Central North Carolina & Central Florida

■ No stranger to Duke football, Jim Collins was named to the Duke coaching staff in January of 2008 for his third stint with the Blue Devils. Collins was a graduate assistant with head coach Steve Sloan in 1983 and later served five campaigns from 1985-89 under both Sloan and Steve Spurrier. Collins coaches the Blue Devil linebackers.

■ A native of Greensboro, N.C., Collins began his coaching career at Page (N.C.) High School in 1974. He then served as the defensive coordinator at Lees-McRae Junior College in 1980 before coaching the defensive backs and outside linebackers at Appalachian State from 1981-82. After one season at Duke as a graduate assistant coach, he was the defensive coordinator at Jacksonville State in 1984.

■ In 1985, Collins returned to Durham for a five-year stint with the Blue Devils. Coaching Duke's linebackers, he mentored Mike Junkin, a second team All-America pick in 1986 who became the school's all-time leading tackler and was a first round selection of the Cleveland Browns in the 1987 NFL Draft. Collins served as Duke's co-defensive coordinator in 1989 as the Blue Devils posted an 8-4 record, won seven straight games to close the regular season, captured the ACC championship and participated in the All American Bowl in Birmingham, Ala.

■ Collins then went with Spurrier to Florida, serving on the staff from 1990-01. During his tenure with the Gators, he worked with the linebackers, defensive ends and tight ends while also serving as recruiting coordinator as Florida compiled an overall record of 122-27-1. The successful 12-year run included the 1996 national championship with a 52-20 victory over Florida State in the Sugar Bowl as well as an 82-12 record in SEC regular season action, nine 10-win seasons, 10 campaigns ranked in the top 10 of the final Associated Press national poll, six SEC titles, 11 bowl game appearances, 81 All-America citations and 13 first round NFL Draft selections.

■ In 2002-03, Collins worked with the NFL's Washington Redskins, coaching the linebackers while assisting with special teams. He then Collins joined the staff at Marshall where he guided the defensive backs in 2004 before coordinating the defense for the next two years. In 2005, his Thundering Herd defensive unit led Conference USA in total defense while ranking 12th nationally against the pass.



■ During his college coaching career, Collins has participated in 13 bowl games: 1989 All American, 1992 Sugar, 1992 Gator, 1994 Sugar, 1995 Sugar, 1996 Fiesta, 1997 Sugar, 1998 Citrus, 1999 Orange, 2000 Citrus, 2001 Sugar, 2002 Orange and 2004 Fort Worth.

■ Collins played defensive back at Elon College before graduating in 1974 with a degree in physical education. He later earned a master's degree in education from North Carolina A&T in 1979. He and his wife, Geri, have one daughter, Jennifer.



Geri and Jim Collins with Jennifer.

COACHING STAFF**DEREK JONES**
Defensive Backs1st Season at DukeRecruiting Area: South Carolina, Northern New Jersey, Western Pennsylvania, Northern Ohio & Southern New York

■ Duke's defensive backs coach, Derek Jones joined the Blue Devil coaching staff in January of 2008 after spending one season at Memphis where he coached the cornerbacks.

■ Jones helped Memphis to a 7-6 overall record in 2007 — a five-game improvement in the win column from the previous year — with a berth in the New Orleans Bowl. One of Jones' pupils, LaKeitharun Ford, was named co-MVP for the squad after posting 45 tackles and two interceptions.

■ In 2006, Jones coached the cornerbacks at Tulsa as the Hurricane defense ranked first in Conference USA in pass defense and total defense. Tulsa posted an 8-5 ledger that season and participated in the Armed Forces Bowl. Cornerback Nick Graham earned all-conference honors and is a current member of the Philadelphia Eagles.

■ Prior to joining the Tulsa staff, Jones worked one season as an assistant coach at Middle Tennessee State University where the Blue Raiders ranked 30th nationally against the pass.

■ Jones received his start in coaching at Ole Miss in 1998 as a graduate assistant for football operations and recruiting. He then served as a defensive graduate assistant coach in 1999 with the Rebels under current Duke head coach David Cutcliffe.

■ From 2000-04, Jones served as cornerbacks coach and recruiting coordinator at Murray State, mentoring seven all-conference selections in five years. The Racers enjoyed defensive success during Jones' tenure, leading the Ohio Valley Conference in pass defense in 2003 and, one year later, ranking 11th nationally in total defense and 23rd nationally in scoring defense.

■ A native of Woodruff, S.C., Jones lettered four seasons as a cornerback at Ole Miss from 1993-96. He was a two-time second team All-SEC pick, captained the Rebels in 1996 and was selected to play in the prestigious Blue-Gray All-Star Classic following his senior campaign. He also earned All-SEC accolades in track and field as a sprinter.

■ Jones received a degree in public administration from Ole Miss in 1996, and then played professionally with the Toronto Argonauts and Edmonton Eskimos of the Canadian Football League and Nashville Kats of the Arena Football League. He and his wife, Naketa, have two daughters, Madison and Brooklyn Savannah. Jones has another daughter, Darquisha.



Derek and Naketa Jones with Madison, Brooklyn and Darquisha.