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## VIKINGS ANNOUNCE ADDITIONS TO COACHING STAFF

*Eden Prairie, MN (January 20, 2011)* – The **Minnesota Vikings** have made the following additions to their 2011 coaching staff:

**Craig Johnson** – Quarterbacks Coach

**Jeff Davidson** – Offensive Line Coach

**Ryan Silverfield** – Assistant Offensive Line Coach

**Craig Johnson** joins the Vikings after an 11-year stint with the Tennessee Titans. He was promoted to Assistant Head Coach/Running Backs before the 2010 season after eight years as the quarterbacks coach (2002-09). In Tennessee he has helped 3 different QBs earn Pro Bowl honors (Steve McNair, Kerry Collins and Vince Young). He has been a part of 5 playoff teams. Prior to working with the Titans, Johnson worked in the collegiate ranks for 17 years and he was a three-year letter winner playing quarterback at the University of Wyoming.

**Jeff Davidson** is a 16-year NFL coaching veteran, most recently as the offensive coordinator for the Carolina Panthers since 2007. Davidson also spent time with the New Orleans Saints (1995-96), New England Patriots (1997-2004) and Cleveland Browns (2005-06). With the Patriots, Davidson was a member of 3 Super Bowl-winning teams. Davidson played college football at Ohio State and was a 5th-round pick of the Denver Broncos in 1990 where he started at LT and LG in 1991 and '92.

**Ryan Silverfield** returns for a fourth season with the Vikings and has been named the assistant offensive line coach. Silverfield came to Minnesota in 2008 as an offensive/defensive assistant before spending the 2009-10 seasons working with the Vikings' defensive line. Silverfield gained valuable experience at the University of Central Florida where he helped the school capture their first ever Conference USA crown in 2007. Before joining UCF, Silverfield served as the quarterbacks coach at Jacksonville University.

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