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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Ted Schmitz, an assistant football coach at Illinois State University the past nine years, will serve on the Illinois Wesleyan University staff this season, IWU coach Don Larson announced today.

Schmitz will be in charge of the defensive backs, an assignment he handled much of his career at ISU.

"We're really happy to have Ted. He gives us another outstanding, experienced part-time coach," Larson said.

Larson has only one full-time faculty member as an assistant, offensive line coach Bob Keck, who will be starting his 25th season.

John Rauschenberger, another former ISU aide will coach the defensive line and linebackers for the fifth year and Mike Neal, former Bloomington High School head coach and a 1966 graduate of Wesleyan, will coach the receivers for the fourth year.

"Lucky" Mitchell, who served as an assistant last year while attending graduate school, also will return to help with the offensive backs.

Schmitz, a former football, basketball and baseball star at Streator High School, was captain of both the baseball and football teams at Eastern Illinois University his senior season and was the grid team's most valuable player in 1965. He played offensive center and defensive linebacker. He earned Little All-America honors as a linebacker in 1965.

He stayed at Eastern to earn his masters degree in 1967, was an assistant coach at East Peoria High School for three seasons and spent three years as an assistant coach at Augustana before joining the Illinois State staff in 1972.