

# NORTHERN ILLINOIS HEAD COACH JERRY KILL



## Coaching History

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| 2001-07:   | Head Coach, Southern Illinois                  |
| 1999-2000: | Head Coach, Emporia State (Kans.)              |
| 1994-98:   | Head Coach, Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)       |
| 1990-93:   | Offensive Coordinator, Pittsburg State (Kans.) |
| 1988-89:   | Head Coach, Webb City H.S. (Mo.)               |
| 1985-87:   | Defensive Coordinator, Pittsburg State         |

## Accomplishments

- Led Southern Illinois to five straight appearances in the Football Championship Subdivision (FCS, formerly I-AA) playoffs, including a semifinal berth in 2007.
- Compiled a career record of 104-57 (.646 winning percentage) in 14 seasons as a collegiate head coach, including a mark of 55-32 (.632) at SIU from 2001-07.
- Southern Illinois has been ranked in the Top 20 (FCS Coaches Poll or Sports Network Media) for 64 straight weeks, dating back to Sept. 8, 2003 and has been in the Top 10 for 12 consecutive weeks in 2007.
- Won three straight Gateway Football Conference Championships (2004, 2005, 2006).
- Coached five first-team All-Americans and four Walter Payton Award finalists; four of his former players, including N.Y. Giants tailback Brandon Jacobs and Baltimore Ravens linebacker Bart Scott, are currently on NFL rosters.
- His 2004 team was ranked No. 1 in the country (FCS) for 10 consecutive weeks and entered the playoffs with the No. 1 national seed.
- The Salukis posted wins over FBS teams Indiana (35-28) in 2006 and Northern Illinois (34-31) in 2007.
- SIU earned the Gateway Football Conference All-Academic Award, given to the football program with the best overall cumulative GPA, in both 2004-05 and 2005-06.
- Helped SIU to a 50-14 record over the last five seasons, putting SIU among the top NINE FBS AND FCS schools in wins during that time.
- Named the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year in 2004.
- Teams he has coached (as assistant or head coach) have made 12 appearances in the playoffs (NAIA or NCAA), reached the semifinals in 2007 (with SIU) and won the Division II National Championship in 1991 as offensive coordinator at Pittsburg State.

## Honors

- Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award Finalist (2007)
- Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year (2004)
- AFCA I-AA Region 4 Coach of the Year (2003, 2004)
- Gateway Conference Coach of the Year (2003, 2004)
- Southwestern (Kansas) College Hall of Fame (2004)

## ABOUT COACH KILL

### Playing Experience

Southwestern College (Kans.),  
1979-1982

### Linebacker

Two-time team captain (1981, 1982)  
Most Inspirational Award (1982)

### College

Southwestern (Kans.), 1983  
Majors: Education and Biology

### High School

Cheney (Kans.), 1979

### Family

Wife: Rebecca (Smith)  
Children: Daughters Krystal (20) and  
Tasha (16)

### Birthplace

Wichita, Kansas

### Birthdate

August 24, 1961



## KILL'S COACHING RECORD

| Year                                    | School               | W-L-T    | Postseason                                      | Responsibilities      |
|---|----------------------|----------|---|-----------------------|
| 1985                                    | Pittsburg State      | 8-2-0    | NAIA Playoffs                                   | Defensive Coordinator |
| 1986                                    | Pittsburg State      | 11-1-0   | NAIA Playoffs                                   | Defensive Coordinator |
| 1987                                    | Pittsburg State      | 11-1-0   | NAIA Playoffs                                   | Defensive Coordinator |
| Pittsburg State Totals (3 seasons)      |                      | 30-4-0   | Three Playoff Appearances                       |                       |
| 1988                                    | Webb City H.S.       | 11-1-0   |   | Head Coach            |
| 1989                                    | Webb City H.S.       | 14-0-0   | State Champions                                 | Head Coach            |
| Webb City HS Totals (2 seasons)         |                      | 25-1-0   | State Championship                              |                       |
| 1990                                    | Pittsburg State      | 8-2-0    | NCAA Playoffs                                   | Offensive Coordinator |
| 1991                                    | Pittsburg State      | 13-1-1   | NCAA Champions                                  | Offensive Coordinator |
| 1992                                    | Pittsburg State      | 14-1-0   | NCAA Finalist                                   | Offensive Coordinator |
| 1993                                    | Pittsburg State      | 8-3-0    | NCAA Playoffs                                   | Offensive Coordinator |
| Pittsburg State Totals (4 seasons)      |                      | 43-7-1   | Four Playoff Appearances, National Championship |                       |
| 1994                                    | Saginaw Valley State | 6-4-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| 1995                                    | Saginaw Valley State | 7-3-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| 1996                                    | Saginaw Valley State | 7-3-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| 1997                                    | Saginaw Valley State | 9-2-0    | Nationally Ranked                               | Head Coach            |
| 1998                                    | Saginaw Valley State | 9-2-0    | Nationally Ranked                               | Head Coach            |
| Saginaw Valley State Totals (5 seasons) |                      | 38-14-0  |   |                       |
| 1999                                    | Emporia State        | 5-6-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| 2000                                    | Emporia State        | 6-5-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| Emporia State Totals (2 seasons)        |                      | 11-11-0  |   |                       |
| 2001                                    | Southern Illinois    | 1-10-0   |   | Head Coach            |
| 2002                                    | Southern Illinois    | 4-8-0    |   | Head Coach            |
| 2003                                    | Southern Illinois    | 10-2-0   | FCS Playoffs 1st Round                          | Head Coach            |
| 2004                                    | Southern Illinois    | 10-2-0   | FCS Playoffs 1st Round                          | Head Coach            |
| 2005                                    | Southern Illinois    | 9-4-0    | FCS Playoffs 2nd Round                          | Head Coach            |
| 2006                                    | Southern Illinois    | 9-4-0    | FCS Playoffs 2nd Round                          | Head Coach            |
| 2007                                    | Southern Illinois    | 12-2-0   | FCS Playoffs Semifinals                         | Head Coach            |
| SIU Totals (7 seasons)                  |                      | 55-32-0  | Five Playoff Appearances, Semifinal             |                       |
| HEAD COACHING TOTALS (14 seasons)       |                      | 104-57-0 |   |                       |
| CAREER (Collegiate) TOTALS              |                      | 177-68-1 | 12 Playoff Appearances, National Championship   |                       |

## QUOTES ON KILL

"Coach Kill has meant a lot to me. He restored my faith in people. A lot of people know my story about me being suspended and him coming in and giving me a second chance [at SIU]. I owe my NFL career to him, because it is because of what he told the Ravens about me that they took a chance on me.

"He's been like a father figure to me – he's given me a second chance just like he has done with so many kids. He has changed people's lives. He is an emotional coach that wears his emotions on his sleeve. For me it was a marriage made in heaven.

"You guys are getting a tremendous coach, a coach that gives you everything he has. His track record speaks for itself. He will be straight with his players. He gives it to you straight.

"In a short period of time, he's turned a [SIU] program around that was down since 1985. He has restored the pride and the faith of wearing that decal. He takes the family approach about caring about every man, not just the stars, and the people that are going to help him win football games.

"The student-athletes at Northern Illinois are really getting a treat, a guy who is going to come in and give them an identity, mental toughness and teaches dedication and perseverance. He will come in and give a team an identity and once you have one you play to that and then you recruit players of that caliber. The players on his team represent him, and the university will be proud of the product he puts on the field and of his players off the field." – Bart Scott, Baltimore Ravens LB (SIU 1998-2001)

"To me, Jerry Kill has always been a winner. He's won everywhere he's been and he is an even better person than he is a coach. The bottom line is everything he's ever touched he's made better. He cares about his kids, he cares about his coaches and there's not anybody that will work harder than he does." – Gary Patterson, TCU head coach

"I am very excited about Jerry Kill coming to Northern Illinois. He is a great coach and his record shows that. He is also a great person and will be able to follow through with our players both athletically and academically. I couldn't be happier with the hire." – Joe Novak, former NIU head coach

"Coach Kill was like a second father to me both on and off the field. I grew so much as both a player and a person because of his coaching and teaching. Northern Illinois got a tremendous coach. I hope they appreciate the coach and person that they got today." - Joel Sambursky, former SIU QB (2002-05)