

Coaching Staff

Head Football Coach



**John Rome, Head Coach/
Offensive Coordinator**

Rome starts his third year as head coach after 14 years as an assistant at Glendale. He was the head coach at Citrus College from 1995 to 2000. He was an assistant coach at Glendale in 1982 and 1983 and from 1990 to 1994 and also coached receivers at UCLA from 1984 to 1986 and the offensive line at New Mexico from 1987 to 1989.



**Evan Nunez
Wide Receivers**

Nunez is in second year on the Glendale coaching staff and will work with the wide receivers this year. His coaching background includes stints at Granada Hills High and Los Angeles Valley College, where his players recorded 18 interceptions and he coached two All-American running backs. Nunez played High School football at Venice High where he was an All-City player and later played at Compton College before receiving a scholarship to Southwest Baptist University.



**David Merlos
Running Backs**

Coach Merlos returns to Glendale for his first year of coaching the running backs. He graduated from the University of La Verne in 2010 with a degree in criminology and also played two years of football for the Leopards. He played fullback for Glendale in 2005 and 2006 and was named the most inspirational player for the Vaqs in 2006.

Offensive Coaches



**Kevin Mills
Quarterbacks**

Mills is in his second year of coaching for the Vaqueros after being the head football coach at Pasadena High for the past several years. The Bulldogs were perennially one of the better teams in the Pacific League and he will bring that same enthusiasm and work ethic to Glendale. He has a bachelor's degree in business management and a master's degree in human development.



**Dean Buttruss
Offensive Line/Tight Ends**

Buttruss is in his first year coaching at Glendale and will work with the offensive line and tight ends. He was a first-team all-conference player at the University of La Verne in 1977 and 1978. His hobbies include boating, camping and traveling cross country.



**Alex Rome
Offensive Graduate
Assistant**

Rome is in his first year of coaching at Glendale after playing for the Vaqueros in 2007 and 2008 as a tight end. The son of head Coach John Rome, Alex will have a variety of duties for the team including support in several coaching areas as well as off the field administrative duties.

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Defensive Coaching Staff



Doug Bledsoe
Defensive Coordinator

Bledsoe returns to the Vaqueros for his second year as a coach after playing for the Vaqs in 1987 and 1988. He was a standout defensive lineman in 1988 and earned all-WSC honors and a scholarship to Texas Christian University. He was an All-City player at Dorsey High and has several years of coaching experience at the high school and community college level. He has taught for 10 years in the LAUSD and he has a bachelor's degree from Cal State Dominguez Hills.



Mike Andrews
Linebackers/Special Teams

Andrews returns to Glendale for his third year as a coach after playing for the Vaqueros in 1982 and starting at linebacker on the Western State Championship team. He has 15 years of coaching experience, seven at the high school level and seven in community college. He was an All-CIF linebacker at Inglewood High and earned an AA degree and at Glendale and a bachelor's degree from Langston University in Oklahoma.



Charles Ealy
Defensive Backs

Ealy is in his second year on the Glendale staff to help on defense. He also coaches at Sun Valley Poly High. He was a standout player at Palisades High. He was a Prep Star All-American in 2001 and played in several all-star games that season and was also a first-team All-City receiver.



Steve Handy
Defensive Backs

Steve Handy is in his first year of coaching at Glendale and will help with the defensive backs. He has coached previously at Granada Hills High in 2007-08 and at El Camino High last year. He played high school football at University High where he earned all-city honors at quarterback and defensive back. He later played college football at Washington State, Compton College and Texas A & M Kingsville.

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