

Kris Heavner Named as Head Football Coach of Scottsdale Horizon

Former University of Arizona Quarterback steps into vacancy left by Doug Shaffer

SCOTTSDALE, AZ – April 21 2013—Kristopher Heaver has been hired as Horizon High School's Head Football Coach, which was vacated when Doug Shaffer, who returned to the position he had held for many years, announced his departure.

A 2008 graduate of the University of Arizona, Mr. Heavner holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science and a Master's Degree in Teaching and Teacher Education in 2011. In 2012 he was named Head Coach of Santa Rita High School in Tucson, Arizona for one season before his appointment at Scottsdale Horizon.

Originally from Fredericksburg, Texas, Mr. Heavner was a four year, four-sport athlete at Lyndon Baines Johnson High School in Johnson City, Texas, lettering in football, basketball, baseball and track. He was named Athlete of the Year as a Sophomore, Junior and Senior and was the First-team Associated Press Sports Editors' All-State Honors Quarterback. Honors also included PrepStar All-Midlands, SuperPrep All-Southwest, Don Cartwright's Lone Star 100 Honorable Mention, 5ATexasfootball.com Top 100 Prospect and Dave Campbell's Texas High School Top 15 quarterback selection under coach Todd Brown.

He was a four-year letterman at the University of Arizona in the quarterback position, named All-Pac 10 Sports News Freshman quarterback in 2003 and named Newcomer of the Year. He created records in yardage completions, and attempts, as was as the Top 15 in total offense. His college football experience includes three Bowl games; 2008 Las Vegas, 2009 Holiday Bowl, and 2010 Alamo Bowl.

He began his coaching career under Head Coach Mike Stoops at University of Arizona, working with Offensive Coordinator Sonny Dykes (current Head Coach at the University of California at Berkley.) While at the University of Arizona, Mr. Heavner conducted summer Day of Champions football camps with Ken and Josh Heupel (University of Oklahoma) which promoted life skills through the game of football for underprivileged youth. He has coached Nick Foles of the Philadelphia Eagles, Matt Scoot of the University of Arizona, and Ron Gronkowski of the New England Patriots.

He notes the talent he is inheriting from former Horizon state championship coach Doug Shaffer as extremely impressive. "Both the caliber of Coach Shaffer's program and players and his roster of coaches give me a rich pool of talent and passion with which to direct," said Mr. Heavner. "I am thrilled to be part of the Horizon Husky team."

Kris Heaver and his wife, Kristin, a registered nurse, have a one year-old son and are expecting a daughter in August. The family plans to reside in the Paradise Valley Unified School District area.

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