



NEW MEXICO STARS ANNOUNCES COACHES AND ROSTER

Home opener Friday, March 11 at Santa Ana Star Center

(RIO RANCHO, NM, March 10, 2016) – The New Mexico Stars, announced today their coaching staff and roster for the 2016 season. The coaching staff includes Carlos Cavanaugh-Head Coach & Offense Coordinator, DeAndre Wright-Defensive Coordinator, and Elisha Gibson-Assistant Coach. The New Mexico Stars home opener is at 7:00 PM Friday, March 11 vs. Steel City Menace at Santa Ana Star Center.

Fans can order season tickets by calling 505.891.7319 or by visiting the Don Chalmers Ford Box Office. To purchase individual game tickets, call 888.694.4849, visit www.SantaAnaStarCenter.com, or in person at the Don Chalmers Ford Box Office or Santa Ana Star Casino Players Club.

COACHING STAFF

Coach Carlos came to the New Mexico Stars in 2015. He was brought to coach the offensive by Head Coach Adrian Perez. Carlos has a great career as a player and began coaching in 2013. His offense is exciting, an aerial attack. Carlos played college at: West Texas A+M as a receiver and at Kilgore College as a receiver and quarterback. In 2007 he was invited to the Kansas City Chiefs training camp. In 2008 he was in training camp with the St Louis Rams. He has played in the AFL, IFL, UFL, CPIFL, and CIF for his 8 years in the indoor game. The Kansas Coyotes, whom Carlos was a receiver for, moved him into a coaching position. The Coyotes folded mid-way through Carlos second season. In 2015 he played for San Angelo Bandits. Carlos has earned many awards as a receiver. He was All-IFL and All-CPIFL.

DeAndre Wright is the New Mexico Stars Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator. Although he was born in Washington, DC, Coach Wright has numerous ties to the state of New Mexico. Although he is in his first year of coaching, he brings tremendous knowledge to the defensive side of the ball as well as special teams. Coach Wright is a former Lobo from 2004-2008, where he displayed his talents at a very high level garnering All-Conference Honors 3 out of 4 years(2x 2nd team All-MWC, 1x 1st team All-MWC), also making Freshman All-American Honorable mention. Shoulder injuries impacted his career during his senior year. Wright was still able to get drafted after rough senior year in the 2009 NFL Draft, in the 6th Round by the New York Giants. But spent majority of his NFL career with the Minnesota Vikings for two years from 2009-2011.

Coach Eli Gibson is from Long Island NY and a graduate of Longwood High School class of 1986 and continued his football career at the University of Pennsylvania. After joining the Air Force in 1988, he began his coaching career at Summerville High School, South Carolina in 1991 after attending the Atlanta Falcons training camp in 1990. After coaching overseas for 4 years, he was reassigned to Kirtland AFB NM and began coaching at Los Lunas High School as an Offensive Coach and running backs coach from 2008-present. He helped guide the Tigers to an impressive 30-7 record over 3 years and in 2012 reached the Class 4A State Championship game. In 2012 he coached in the semi-pro ranks as head coach for the Blackhawks and Razorbacks teams. In 2014 as the offensive coordinator of the NM Wolfpack, he helped guide them to its first ever state championship and national championship titles. As a native of Long Island, New York, he and his wife Eleanor have two children, Caitlin and Austin. Austin is currently a basketball player at Northern NM College.

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Last Name	First Name	Position	Height	Weight	College/University	Date of Birth
Causey	Kendrick	LB	6'3"	235	Lincoln University	09/15/1988
Johnson III	Royel	CB	5'11"	200	Copper Cove	05/06/1989
Blockman	Gerald	DT	6'5"	360	Santa Monica College	11/14/1990
Bradley	Jeffery	LB/DE	6'4"	230	Moreno Valley	07/22/1987
Price	Jamal	OT	6'6"	320	U of New Mexico	
Tenner	Martee	RB	5'7"	208	Lincoln University	02/28/1989
Macon	LaVaughn	WR/KR	5'7"	175	New Mexico Highlands	10/21/1987
Williams	Bryant	WR	6'0"	205	U of New Mexico	03/14/1988
Booker	Brashard	CB	6'1"	190	NW State Louisiana	01/10/1990
Black	Blair	QB	6'1"	185	Concordia	12/25/1979
Pettus	Kris	RB	5'9"	209	Point University	01/09/1997
Erving	Jameel	DB	6'2"	200	UTEP	08/11/1993
Johnson	Charles	WR	6'3"	194	SW Baptist	10/29/1989
Hernandez	Chris	LB	6'1"	215		04/23/1994
Ratliff	Anthony	CB	5'9"	190	New Mexico Highlands	12/08/1990
Jefferson	Deron	OT	6'7"	330	Mid America Nazarene	05/25/1992
Vaughn	Josh	WR	5'8"	170	New Mexico Highlands	05/23/1985
McCann	Rufus	DE/LB/FB	5'10"	240	Eastern New Mexico	10/01/1990
Stevens	Charles	OT	6'5"	317	Southwest Baptist	04/10/1988
Gretzner	TJ	WR	6'1"	205	Victor Valley College	04/13/1990
Moten	Tre'	DE	6'4"	280	U of New Mexico	02/16/1996
Smith	Patrick	RB	5'9"	200	NMMI	10/07/1991
Carson	Josh	WR	6'3"	230	New Mexico Highlands	09/07/1988
Green	Kurtis	WR	5'7"	180	Lon Morris JR	07/16/1991
Kaufman	Gerrard	QB/WR	6'3"	195	Jiawamaba CC	09/28/1987
Seacy	Joey	DT/C	6'1"	330	Angelo State	04/27/1991
Chapman	Darius	CB	5'9"	190	Coastal Carolina	12/22/1987
Hamilton	Dwight	DL/DE	6'2"	260	Santa Monica College	05/03/1987
Soto	Jeremy	QB/K	6'2"	250		06/11/1983
Turner	Percy	QB/WR/D	6'1"	215	Lincoln University	08/06/1990

DEANDRE WRIGHT MEET AND GREET

Former New Mexico Lobos and New York Giants player, DeAndre Wright will be available for a Meet & Greet from 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM before the game on Friday, March 11 vs. Steel City Menace, at the Truly Nolen booth inside Santa Ana Star Center.



SANTA ANA STAR CENTER



NEW MEXICO STARS 2016 HOME SCHEDULE:

March 11 – 7:00 PM – Steel City Menace
April 9 – 5:00 PM – West Texas Renegades
April 30 – 5:00 PM – Texas Stealth
May 7 – 5:00 PM – Steel City Menace
May 15 – 11:30 AM – Corpus Christi Fury
May 21 – 5:00 PM – Colorado Charge
*Home games played at Santa Ana Star Center

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