

New NFL Coaches ready to take center stage

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Eight new head coaches will be on center stage during the 2012 National Football League season and it will be interesting to see how many of them will actually turn their teams around immediately.

Four of the eight newcomers have been NFL head coaches previously, counting Joe Vitt on an interim basis in St. Louis in place of Mike Martz in 2005. But four others are unproven commodities about to set sail on their voyage as head coaches in the pro ranks.

Here's a look at the eight coaches ready to take center stage. They are listed as follows:

Dennis Allen-Oakland Raiders: The 39-year old Allen spent one season as a defensive coordinator with the Denver Broncos. He is the youngest head coach in the NFL; however, he is a branch on the coaching trees of Dan Reeves, Wade Phillips, Gregg Williams and John Fox, all defensive-minded coaches who preached an aggressive style. He will try to bring that to the Raiders and improve a unit that ranked 29th in both yards and points allowed last season.

Romeo Crennel-Kansas City Chiefs: Crennel, 64, was hired full time by the Chiefs during the off-season after taking over on an interim basis for the final three games of the 2011 season, following the dismissal of Todd Haley. Crennel, the team's defensive coordinator since 2010, will try to build off his previous head-coaching experience, when he led the Browns to a 24-40 mark from 2005-2008.

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