

In what has become a popular practice in NFL circles, the Browns added the "Assistant Head Coach" tag to offensive line coach Jeff Davidson's title. Davidson is very highly regarded within the organization, and also around the league. There was some speculation that he could become the Jets new offensive coordinator under new head coach Eric Mangini, and the Browns hope this "promotion" will keep him from taking a coordinator job the same way it has precluded Steelers OL Russ Grimm from doing the same when they added the same title to his job description.

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*The Cleveland Browns have named Jeff Davidson assistant head coach/offensive line coach, the club announced Jan. 21.*

*Davidson served as offensive line coach last season and was instrumental in bringing continuity to the line working with free agents LG Joe Andruzzi, RG Cosey Coleman, LT L.J. Shelton, as well as holdovers C Jeff Faine and RT Ryan Tucker.*

*"Jeff will add to his current role by assisting me with any overflow duties that might arise," Browns head coach Romeo Crennel said. "Hopefully, this position will further Jeff's career down the road and help the Cleveland Browns in the immediate future."*

*Crennel also added that there will be no structural changes to the current coaching staff and that both coordinators remain with their current responsibilities.*

*Davidson is entering his 16th season in the NFL, including his 12th as an assistant coach. He joined the Browns in 2005 after serving as an assistant in New England for eight seasons. Davidson played four seasons in the NFL with Denver (1990-92) and New Orleans (1994). He began his coaching career with the Saints in 1995.*

*A native of Akron, Ohio, Davidson attended Westerville North High School in Columbus and earned All-Big Ten honors as a four-year letterman at Ohio State. He was a fifth-round draft choice by Denver in 1990.*