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# UB Football: Gill is Coach of the Year in MAC

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Turner Gill, who led the University at Buffalo to its best season in Division I-A college football, has been named the Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year, the league announced Tuesday.

Also, a record eight Bulls were named to the All-MAC team. True freshman safety Davonte Shannon was named to the All-MAC first team, while center Jamey Richard, tailback James Starks (Niagara Falls) and defensive end Trevor Scott were named to the second team. The Bulls named to the third team include right guard Jeff Neidermier, wide receiver Naaman Roosevelt (St. Joe's) and linebackers Kareem Byrom and Larry Hutchinson.

"This is a great day for the University at Buffalo football program, to see this kind of recognition within our conference," Gill said in a statement. "To see this kind of representation speaks to the efforts that our players and coaches put forth this season to earn the respect of our conference foes and to make our program one to be reckoned with now and in the future."

Gill, who is under consideration for the opening at Nebraska, guided the Bulls to a MAC East Division co-championship with a 4-2 division record and 5-3 overall league record.

The Bulls were in contention for the East Division title until the 11th week of the season and won a school-record three consecutive MAC games in October.

Gill inherited a program in 2005 that had won just seven total conference games as a MAC member from 1999 to 2005.

Nebraska interim Athletics Director Tom Osborne, after leaving a Tuesday afternoon meeting with the team, told reporters in Lincoln that no job offer has been made for a new coach. Asked when he would

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name a coach, he said, “Hopefully sooner than later.” • • •

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