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Turner Gill to be introduced as new Kansas coach on Monday

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After a possible courting of Stanford's Jim Harbaugh was publicized Friday night and followed with [Harbaugh's denial on Saturday](#), Kansas moved quickly to find a coach to replace Mark Mangino.

On Sunday, the school confirmed that Buffalo head coach and former Nebraska assistant Turner Gill will be named the Jayhawks' new head football coach in a news conference Monday at 11 a.m. CT.

"Turner Gill is a winner," Kansas athletic director Lew Perkins said in the school's statement. "His accomplishments at Buffalo speak for themselves. But more than that, everyone I talked to about him, starting with Tom Osborne, had the highest praise for Turner as a coach and as a person."

Gill was 20-30 in four seasons with the Bulls and won the school's first MAC championship in 2008.

He was previously a quarterback for Nebraska and longtime assistant with the Cornhuskers before taking the Buffalo job in 2006.

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[Capt Nice](#) (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 1d 2h ago

Another step in the progression... Congratulations to Turner Gill... Always respected him as a player and coach. Those teams during the '80's were some of the best football. As an alumnus (University of Nebraska, Class of 1988), all the best to Turner Gill...

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[unity](#) (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 1d 23h ago

Just to settle the question of why Nebraska didn't hire Turner Gill... First of all, it had nothing to do with his ability to coach... But there were two major reason (1) Tom Osborne, in his book, said that the decision to not hire Gill was the hardest he had to make in his life. Why .. Osborne and Gill are very good friends. Osborne was the best man at Turner Gills wedding. He felt that both Bo and Turner would have been good hires ... But he felt that if he hired Turner, people would have assumed that their friendship was more of the driving force rather than his merits. And ...(2) Nebraska needed a defensive minded coach to rebuild the defense that the Callahan era had destroyed.... Bo fit the bill on that one.

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[frontseat](#) (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 1h ago

From my perspective there are two very different and distinct terms being tossed about as if they are the same:

(1) Turner Gill is a RESPECTED coach. I do not question this a bit. He has tackled a tough assignment with class and character.

(2) Turner Gill is a GOOD coach. Still to be seen. at 20-30, he's undeniably sub-500 statistically regardless of how you wish to spin his amazing MAC championship season.

So, my opinion on whether he's "good" or not is still in limbo. As a Mizzou fan, I hope he never gets "good" although I "respect" him enormously! :-)

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[Hurricane2](#) (33 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 2h ago

Any news on what the W.C.A has to say about this hire, and who else did the interview ???

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DJHusker (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 2h ago
And obviously, "derivatives" is much harder to spell. My point was that Gill is not a "loser". Great pickup, KU. We'll be rooting for you, except when you play Big Red...

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DJHusker (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 3h ago
First of all, Nitzschia, it's "losing" or "loses". It's hard to take your point seriously when you can't spell simple derivatives of the word "lose".

Secondly, Buffalo was 1-10 the year before Gill showed up, and was at that point, the worst D1 program in the country. A couple of years later, Gill led Buffalo to a MAC championship.

As a player, as an assistant coach, and as a head coach, he's been a WINNER in every sense of the word. KU hired a great coach and an even better man.

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Writestuff (0 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 4h ago
RidingHigh. Aren't you late for your next KKK meeting?

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Nitzschia (1 friend, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 4h ago
Why does everyone think he is a good coach? He was 20-30 as a head coach. I do not care that it is at Buffalo. In my book, this is a losing percentage. My question is why did Kansas hire a coach that loses?

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jman123 (32 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 4h ago
For anyone who thinks that Gill ran the triple option at Buffalo, lat year, their QB threw the ball 468 times, with 3304 in yardage. He had negative rushing yards, most from sacks. This year, 379 attempts, 2694 yards, 87 rushing attempts for 300 yards.

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jman123 (32 friends, [send message](#)) wrote: 3d 4h ago
RidingHigh, you have to put it into context- Nebraska at that time ran a triple option out of the I formation. Turner Gill and Tommy Frazier and the rest of your list were great QB's WHILE they were at Nebraska. Tim Couch ran a spread offense at Kentucky, he was a bust. Gino Toretta ran a pro-style at Miami, he was a bust. Who cares. Gino won the Heisman while in COLLEGE. Tommy Frazier was one the greatest COLLEGE QB's to ever play. Doubtful he would have had the same success running a different style of Offense, but I doubt that Ty Detmer (Heisman winner), Andre Ware (Heisman winner) or even Charlie Ward (Heisman Winner) would have had the success that Frazier had at Nebraska.

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