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Passing Guru Joins Redskin Staff

Rob Green says he can be a good assistant too. The 55 year old football coach has been a head coach at Northeastern Oklahoma where he coached New Orleans tight end Jeremy Shockey. He was a head high school coach at Piedmont and Putnam City West. He was an assistant at Missouri Southern where he coached Denver's Rod Smith. He's coached the 24 year old Southwest Air passing camp in Oklahoma City where he coached St. Louis quarterback Sam Bradford on multiple occasions. But when looking for something new after the football season at Piedmont, Green came across a job just across the familiar Sooner State border. He contacted head football coach Wade Standley who quickly helped land Green in Liberal. Standley would later take Norman North head coaching job but newly named head coach Cliff Abbott is anxious to make "Greener" pastures for the Redskin offense. Green says he's excited about coaching offense at LHS. "We'll be a spread offense but we'll be a multiple offense," Green said from his office adjacent to Powerhouse Gym. "We'll line up with two backs one play, empty the next play, four wide receivers, or two tight ends...etc. The thing we want to do is give the defense a different look every play by using substitution patterns and personnel changes. We will be a no huddle, high tempo, high octane kind of offense."

Although he initially anticipated joining Standley's staff, he says he has no reservations about carrying on with Cliff Abbott. "It doesn't take very long to realize that Cliff Abbott is a Redskin through and through," Green said. "I think that's one of the biggest qualities a person can have is just undying loyalty to a place or a person. There's no doubt in my mind Cliff Abbott will do a tremendous job for Liberal High School."

So far, only Standley and Joe Price who is the offensive coordinator at GCCC are officially leaving the staff from last year. Former North Texas assistant and two year LHS assistant Duke Attebury plans on staying. Abbott also has hopes of bringing former Angry Red standouts back to the staff like Caleb Cline and Jason Dunlap.

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