

## BRIAN ARMSTRONG NAMED BATTLIN' BEARS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

BILLINGS – Rocky Mountain College Head Football Coach Dave Reeves has submitted his resignation effective Aug. 1, 2009.

Brian Armstrong has been named interim head coach, effective immediately.

RMC Athletic Director Robert Beers said he regretted Reeves' decision, but has "the utmost confidence in Brian Armstrong's ability as a leader and football coach."

He declined to comment on Reeves' resignation, only saying, "We wish Dave and his family the best. In this business it's not often you get to leave a program on your own terms."

Reeves has held the head coaching position for the past five seasons. Reeves decided to pursue an assistant coaching position at Northern Arizona University.

Reeves told The Billings Gazette he decided to resign at Rocky now "to be fair to the school and to be fair to the kids."

"They need to know that they're on solid ground," he said.

Rocky's players aren't scheduled to report to campus until the weekend of Aug. 8-9, but Beers said the remaining coaches have been calling players to tell them of the change. The players who are in Billings for conditioning and throwing drills this summer also have been informed.

"They're a mature bunch and we'll move along," Beers added.

Brian Armstrong has been offensive coordinator for the past two seasons at Rocky, guiding the Battlin' Bears offense to the number 2 ranking in the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA).

Armstrong came to Rocky after having been the head football coach at Kathleen High School in Lakeland, Florida, where he compiled a 21-6 record in two years. In his two years, his teams won two District 10 titles and were regional finalists in 2005 and regional semi-finalists in 2006. Armstrong was also voted regional and District 10

“Coach of the Year” while at Kathleen.

Before taking the head coaching position at Kathleen, Armstrong spent the 2003 and 2004 seasons as a graduate assistant at Utah State University working with the offensive line and special teams.

During the 2001 season Armstrong worked as an assistant coach at Lake Gibson High School in Lakeland, Florida before being named the head coach there in 2002. His Lake Gibson team went 11-3 winning the District 4A-7 championship and making it to the regional finals. For his teams efforts, Armstrong was named District 7 “Coach of the Year”, Lakeland Ledger “Coach of the Year”, and Tampa Tribune “Coach of the Year.” Armstrong started his coaching career in 1996 at Western Montana College before moving to Morgan (Utah) High School in 1997 and then to Broadwater High School in Townsend, Mont. in 1998-99.

Prior to coming to Rocky, Reeves spent 15 years experience coaching at the Division I or I-AA levels. He started his coaching career at his alma mater, the University of Montana, after he finished his playing career 1987. He was a member of the Grizzly coaching staff that guided the 1995 team to the 1-AA National Championship.

In 2000, Reeves followed Mick Dennehy to Utah State University, where he became the assistant head coach and linebacker coach for the Aggies.

As a player at Montana, Reeves was a four-year letter winner and was two-year starter as a strong safety. He earned the team’s Most Inspirational award as a senior in 1987. In 1991, Reeves earned a BA in history from Montana.

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