

Defensive assistant David Larson's distinctive background places him in a perfect position to assist the freshman coaching roster in its pursuit of excellence. A 2001 Horizon alumnus, Larson played defense for the Huskies Hockey team and then attended the American Military University, serving his country for 13 years as a member of security forces in the US Air Force in Iraq, Afghanistan, Oman, Jordan, Kuwait, and Panama. His football coaching resumé includes two years with Wayzata (MN) youth football and five seasons with the Junior Huskies; he emphasizes interpersonal communication with his players, working to incorporate various skill levels into the best fit possible on the field. Those connections often continue into life off the field—Larson, as the owner of his local business, takes pride in working with players and other Horizon students, often with the result of hiring and mentoring them throughout their careers.

Coach Larson's players will be impressed to know that their coach practices as hard as they do: in high school he was a sponsored skateboarder (a pastime he still enjoys) and he continues to train as an ultra athlete, having competed in a 50k ultra trail marathon with another coming up soon. Larson's family includes his wife and four children, three of whom are members of the Junior Huskies and Horizon football programs.