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# JEREMY PRUITT

## TENNESSEE FOOTBALL HEAD COACH

- 5 x National Champion ('17, '13, '12, '11, '09)
- 44 NFL Draft Picks
- 13 First Round Picks
- 18 All-Americans
- 96-13 Record as an Assistant (.881 winning pct)
- 18 All-Conference First Team Selections
- Coached Nation's No. 1 Defense in '17, '16, '13
- Former Alabama, Georgia and Florida State DC
- 2 x Broyles Award Finalist
- His defenses have allowed only 14.7 ppg since 2013

Jeremy Pruitt was introduced as the 26th head coach in Tennessee football history on Dec. 7, 2017, taking the helm of the Volunteers after cementing himself as the nation's top defensive coordinator during stints at Alabama (2016-17), Georgia (2014-15) and Florida State (2013).

Pruitt comes to Rocky Top with five national championships to his credit, including the 2018 College Football Playoff National Championship victory he helped lead Alabama to a month after taking the UT job. He also was part of three national championships (2009, 2011, 2012) on the staff of the Crimson Tide from 2007 to 2012, and was the defensive coordinator during the Seminoles' undefeated national championship season in 2013. Pruitt was a standout high school coach before joining the Alabama staff as the Director of Player Development. He played collegiately for coaching legends Boots Donnelly, at Middle Tennessee State, and for Gene Stallings, at Alabama, after growing up in Rainsville, Ala., a town just 45 minutes south of Chattanooga.

Pruitt is a teacher at heart, spending time as a physical education instructor right out of college while serving as an assistant football coach for his father at Plainview and Fort Payne high schools. In his introductory press conference, Pruitt joked that he taught every kid in Fort Payne, Ala., how to tie their shoes from 2001-04.

Former players he recruited and coached swear by Pruitt years later, including NFL All-Pro cornerback Jalen Ramsey, Heisman Trophy winner Derrick Henry, Pro Bowl linebacker Telvin Smith and Redskins linebacker Ryan Anderson to name a few.

He owns a 96-13 (.881 winning percentage) record as a collegiate assistant coach and is a two-time Broyles Award finalist in addition to being named National Recruiter of the Year by 247Sports in 2012.

He has coached 44 NFL draft picks and 18 All-Americans. The list of players coached by Pruitt reads like a who's who of college football's top defensive players this decade and includes 2017 National Defensive Player of the Year Minkah Fitzpatrick, 2016 Butkus Award (nation's top LB) winner Reuben Foster, 2016 National Defensive Player of the Year Jonathan Allen, top 10 NFL draft picks Ramsey, Roquan Smith, Leonard Floyd, Mark Barron and Dee Milliner, and

### COACHING CAREER

Year	School	Position
1997	Alabama	Graduate Assistant
1998	Plainview HS	Defensive Backs
1999	West Alabama	Defensive Backs
2000	Plainview HS	Defensive Coordinator
2001-03	Fort Payne HS	Assistant Coach
2004	Hoover HS	Defensive Backs
2005-06	Hoover HS	Defensive Coordinator/DBs
2007-09	Alabama	Director of Player Development
2010-12	Alabama	Defensive Backs
2013	Florida State	Defensive Coordinator/DBs
2014-15	Georgia	Defensive Coordinator/DBs
2016-17	Alabama	Defensive Coordinator/ILBs
2018-pres.	Tennessee	Head Coach



The Pruitt family (left to right): Jeremy, Ridge, Jayse, Flynt and Casey.

current NFL stars Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, Dre Kirkpatrick, Lamarcus Joyner and Telvin Smith.

Pruitt served as the defensive coordinator/inside linebackers coach during his second stint with the Crimson Tide in 2016 and 2017, leading an Alabama team that topped the nation in scoring defense, total defense and rushing defense, while advancing to the College Football Playoff both seasons.

Pruitt's 2017 defense allowed only 11.9 points per game, 260.4 total yards per contest and 94.7 rushing yards. Six Crimson Tide defensive players earned



All-SEC honors in 2017, the most among any team in the conference, with defensive back Fitzpatrick and defensive lineman Raekwon Davis garnering first-team honors. Fitzpatrick collected consensus All-America honors for the second straight year in addition to the Jim Thorpe Award (nation's top defensive back) and Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player) honors.

In his first season as Alabama's defensive coordinator, Pruitt led the most dominant defense in college football in 2016. The Tide led the nation in scoring defense (13.0 ppg), rushing defense (63.9 ypg) and total defense (261.8 ypg). The Tide also led the nation in defensive touchdowns with 11. Pruitt coached the aforementioned Foster to consensus first team All-America honors and the Butkus Award after finishing the season with 115 tackles, 13 tackles for loss and five sacks, while Allen earned unanimous first-team All-America honors and won the Chuck Bednarik Award (nation's top defensive player), the Vince Lombardi Award (nation's top lineman), the Ted Hendricks Award (nation's top defensive end), and the Bronko Nagurski Trophy (nation's top defensive player).

Prior to his return to Alabama, Pruitt was the defensive coordinator for two seasons at Georgia, guiding the nation's No. 1 pass defense in 2015 and leading a squad that finished in the top 20 nationally in scoring defense, pass defense and total defense in 2014.

The 2015 Bulldogs' defense ranked seventh nationally in total defense, allowing 305.9 yards per game, third in red zone defense (.676) and in first down defense (189), seventh in pass efficiency defense (104.99) and eighth in scoring defense (16.9 ppg).

Pruitt's 2014 Georgia defense ranked fifth nationally in passing yards allowed (170.4 ypg) and was fourth in the country in turnover margin (+1.23).

During his stint in Athens, Pruitt coached seven future NFL Draft picks and four all-conference selections.

Pruitt's first defensive coordinator job came at Florida State in 2013 where he also coached the defensive backs. The Seminoles led the nation in scoring defense (12.1 ppg), pass defense (156.6) and interceptions (26) en route to a 14-0 record and the BCS National Championship. In total, a staggering 11 players from FSU's 2013 defense were selected in the NFL Draft.

That Seminoles team also boasted nine players that received All-ACC postseason honors, led by Joyner, who was a first-team selection and became

## THE PRUITT FILE

**Born:** May 28, 1974

**Hometown:** Rainsville, Ala.

**Education:** West Alabama ('99)

**Playing Experience:** Middle Tennessee – DB (93-94), Alabama – DB (95-96)

**Wife:** Casey

**Children:** Sons: Jayse (22), Ridge (3) and Flynt (1)

### National Championships (5)

2017 – Alabama (Defensive Coordinator)

2013 – Florida State (Defensive Coordinator)

2012 – Alabama (Defensive Backs Coach)

2011 – Alabama (Defensive Backs Coach)

2009 – Alabama (Director of Player Development)

### NFL Draft Picks Coached (44 total, 13 First Rounders)

LB Roquan Smith (RD 1) – Georgia '18, Chicago Bears

DB Minkah Fitzpatrick (RD 1) – Alabama '18, Miami Dolphins

DT Da'Ron Payne (RD 1) – Alabama '18, Washington Redskins

LB Rashan Evans (RD 1) – Alabama '18, Tennessee Titans

LB Lorenzo Carter (RD 3) – Georgia '18, New York Giants

DB Ronnie Harrison (RD 3) – Alabama '18 – Jacksonville Jaguars

DL Da'Shawn Hand (RD 4) – Alabama '18, Detroit Lions

DB Anthony Averett (RD 4) – Alabama '18, Baltimore Ravens

LB Shaun Dion Hamilton (RD 6) – Alabama '18, Washington Redskins

DT Joshua Frazier (RD 7) – Alabama '18 – Pittsburgh Steelers

DB Marlon Humphrey (RD1) – Alabama '17, Baltimore Ravens

DE Johnathan Allen (RD 1) – Alabama '17 – Washington Redskins

LB Reuben Foster (RD 1) – Alabama '17 – San Francisco 49ers

LB Ryan Anderson (RD 2) – Alabama '17 – Washington Redskins

DT Dalvin Tomlinson (RD 2) – Alabama '17 – New York Giants

DE DeMarcus Walker (RD 2) – Florida State '17 – Denver Broncos

LB Tim Williams (RD 3) – Alabama '17 – Baltimore Ravens

DB Eddie Jackson (RD 4) – Alabama '17 – Chicago Bears

CB Marquise White (RD 6) – Florida State '17 – Dallas Cowboys

CB Jalen Ramsey (RD 1) – Florida State '16 – Jacksonville Jaguars

LB Leonard Floyd (RD 1) – Georgia '16 – Chicago Bears

LB Reggie Ragland (RD 2) – Alabama '16 – Buffalo Bills

DT A'Shawn Robinson (RD 2) – Alabama '16 – Detroit Lions

DT Jarran Reed (RD 2) – Alabama '16 – Seattle Seahawks

CB Cyrus Jones (RD 2) – Alabama '16 – New England Patriots

LB Jordan Jenkins (RD 3) – Georgia '16 – New York Jets

DE Mario Edwards (RD 2) – Florida State '15 – Oakland Raiders

DT Eddie Goldman (RD 2) – Florida State '15 – Chicago Bears

CB Ronald Darby (RD 2) – Alabama '15 – Buffalo Bills

DB Landon Collins (RD 2) – Alabama '15 – New York Giants

CB P.J. Williams (RD 3) – Florida State '15 – New Orleans Saints

LB Ramik Wilson (RD 4) – Georgia '15 – Kansas City Chiefs

DB Damian Swann (RD 5) – Georgia '15 – New Orleans Saints

LB Amario Herrera (RD 6) – Georgia '15 – Indianapolis Colts

FS Ha Ha Clinton-Dix (RD 1) – Alabama '14 – Green Bay Packers

CB Lamaricus Joyner (RD 2) – Florida State '14 – St. Louis Rams

DT Timmy Jernigan (RD 2) – Florida State '14 – Baltimore Ravens

FS Terrence Brooks (RD 3) – Florida State '14 – Baltimore Ravens

LB Telvin Smith (RD 5) – Florida State '14 – Jacksonville Jaguars

DB Vinnie Sunseri (RD 5) – Alabama '14 – New Orleans Saints

CB Dee Milliner (RD 1) – Alabama '13 – New York Jets

DB Mark Barron (RD 1) – Alabama '12 – Tampa Bay Buccaneers

CB Dre Kirkpatrick (RD 1) – Alabama '12 – Cincinnati Bengals

CB DeQuan Menzie (RD 5) – Alabama '12 – Kansas City Chiefs

### Conference Championships (4)

2016 SEC – Alabama (Defensive Coordinator)

2013 ACC – Florida State (Defensive Coordinator)

2012 SEC – Alabama (Defensive Backs Coach)

2009 SEC – Alabama (Director of Player Development)

### All-Americans Coached (18)

DB Minkah Fitzpatrick – Alabama '17 – Unanimous

DB Minkah Fitzpatrick – Alabama '16 – Consensus

LB Rashan Evans – Alabama '17 – AFCA

DL Da'Ron Payne – Alabama '17 – AFCA

DE Jonathan Allen – Alabama '16 – Unanimous

LB Reuben Foster – Alabama '16 – Unanimous

DB Marlon Humphrey – Alabama '16 – FWAA

LB Lorenzo Carter – Georgia '15 – ESPN True Freshman

LB Lamaricus Joyner – Florida State '13 – Unanimous

DT Timmy Jernigan – Florida State '13 – ESPN, Athlon

DB Nate Andrews – Florida State '13 – Freshman

DB Terrence Brooks – Florida State '13 – CBS

DB Jalen Ramsey – Florida State '13 – Freshman

CB Dee Milliner – Alabama '12 – Unanimous

DB Mark Barron – Alabama '11 – Unanimous

DB Mark Barron – Alabama '10 – FWAA

CB Dre Kirkpatrick – Alabama '11 – FWAA, CBS, PFW

CB DeQuan Menzie – Alabama '11 – AFCA

### National Award Winners Coached

DB Minkah Fitzpatrick – Alabama '17 – Jim Thorpe Award, Chuck Bednarik Award

LB Reuben Foster – Alabama '16 – Butkus Award

DE Johnathan Allen – Alabama '16 – Bronko Nagurski Trophy, Chuck Bednarik Award, Ted Hendricks Award, Lombardi Award



## "WHAT THEY ARE SAYING" ... ABOUT JEREMY PRUITT



### JIMBO FISHER, TEXAS A&M HEAD COACH

“Jeremy Pruitt is one of the top defensive minds in college football. He has a relentless drive to be great and he did a phenomenal job as our defensive coordinator when we won the national championship in 2013. He’s a tenacious recruiter with a remarkable ability to build long-lasting relationships with his players. He loves football and he loves mentoring young men. I believe Tennessee has made a great hire with their new head coach.”



### NICK SABAN, ALABAMA HEAD COACH

“Jeremy has done a tremendous job for our program, and we appreciate everything he has done to contribute to our success. What has made Jeremy a great coach and coordinator are the same characteristics that are going to make him an outstanding head coach. He is hard-working, dedicated and organized with exceptional knowledge of the game. He is an excellent recruiter who does a great job developing players and earning their respect. He will do a great job at Tennessee and we wish him the best.”



### JALEN RAMSEY, JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS ALL-PRO CB & FORMER FLORIDA STATE ALL-AMERICA DB

“Coach P was one of my favorite coaches because he had a good balance of work and play. When it was time to focus on football, we definitely focused on football but when it was time to have fun like on game days and maybe special holidays, we had fun as a family. Coach always made sure we were taken care of and made sure that we stayed on top of our game and our academics in the classroom. Coach helped bring a national championship to Florida State and I appreciate him for that. I was never a Tennessee Volunteer fan growing up and that’s a main reason I didn’t go there, but now I hope nothing but the best for their program and Coach Pruitt. Maybe I would have made a different decision back then.”



### JONATHAN ALLEN, WASHINGTON REDSKINS DL & 2016 NATIONAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR

“Coach Pruitt is definitely one of my favorite coaches I have ever had playing at Alabama. I definitely think he is a players’ coach. The guys at Tennessee are getting a great head coach who really cares about them. I mean, I know they’re excited. I’m not too excited to play against them every year, but I think it’s good. I think it was the best decision for him.”



### RASHAAN EVANS, TENNESSEE TITANS LB

“Jeremy Pruitt is a great coach...He’s very patient, and I think that’s what makes him such a great coach because he’s not just a coach, he’s a player-type guy. What I mean by that is he teaches you about life. He’s always implemented some type of thing that he’s been through in his life and tries to help guys that are going through things off the field because if something is not right off the field, it transitions on to the field, as well. You’ve got to make sure both sides are balanced.”



### TELVIN SMITH, FLORIDA STATE ALL-AMERICAN & NFL PRO BOWL LB

“Coach Pruitt is definitely a guy that is going to come in and bring energy and make guys want to play, not in the sense of him having to tell guys but just guys wanting to play for him. I think that’s one of his best qualities. He really brings out the best in each individual player and he knows how to talk to different types of players and relate to them. He especially did to me and we won a national championship with him. I believe in everything that he is doing and what he stands for. He’s just a great man on and off the field, but he’s definitely a great coach and a leader to be heading the program. I love you, Coach.”



just the seventh FSU defensive back to earn consensus All-America honors.

Defensive tackle Timmy Jernigan also garnered All-America honors from multiple outlets and joined Joyner on the All-ACC first team. Defensive backs Nate Andrews and Ramsey earned Freshman All-America status as well.

Pruitt served as the defensive backs coach at Alabama from 2010 to 2012, helping the Crimson Tide win back-to-back BCS National Championships in 2011 and 2012 with his secondary leading the way.

His 2012 Tide secondary was led by Milliner, a first team All-American and top-10 pick in the 2013 NFL Draft. Alabama ranked seventh nationally in pass efficiency defense while leading the nation in scoring and total defense en route to winning the SEC and national championships. Milliner led all defensive backs in tackles with 54 while recording two interceptions and breaking up 20 passes. Clinton-Dix, another future first-round pick, led the team with five interceptions while Vinnie Sunseri added 54 tackles and Robert Lester intercepted four passes.

The 2011 Alabama secondary was one of the best in the nation, boasting a pair of AFCA first team All-Americans in Barron, who was also a finalist for the Thorpe Award, and DeQuan Menzie. Kirkpatrick made it three first-team All-Americans in the secondary when he and Barron received that honor from the FWAA. Milliner also made significant contributions at corner and led the team with three interceptions in the season.

During Pruitt's first season as a full-time collegiate assistant coach, he shaped an inexperienced secondary into one of the best in the country. The young group came together quickly and helped Alabama lead the SEC in total defense, scoring defense and pass efficiency defense. The unit was anchored by Barron, who was named a first-team FWAA All-American. He led the Tide with 75 tackles in 12 games. Lester also had a significant



*Jeremy Pruitt's sons: Ridge (3), Jayse (22) and Flynt (1)*

impact at safety, earning second-team Walter Camp All-American honors and ranking second nationally with eight interceptions. At corner, Kirkpatrick was a second-team All-SEC pick, while Milliner was a Freshman All-American and Freshman All-SEC selection.

Pruitt joined the Alabama staff in 2007 as the Director of Player Development following a successful run as a high school coach at prep powerhouse Hoover High School and under his father, Dale Pruitt, at Fort Payne High School and Plainview High School.

Pruitt played collegiately at Middle Tennessee and Alabama, serving as a two-year starter at safety for the Blue Raiders, before transferring to Alabama and playing in 16 games as a reserve defensive back for Stallings. He was a member of the 1996 SEC Western Division Championship team that won the Outback Bowl.

He got his first taste of coaching as a student assistant at Alabama in 1997 before entering the high school coaching ranks. He also coached defensive backs at West Alabama for a season in 1999 when he earned his bachelor's degree.

Pruitt and his wife Casey have three sons, Jayse (22), Ridge (3) and Flynt (1).





# TYSON HELTON

## OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR / QUARTERBACKS

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
HOUSTON '99

Tyson Helton joins the Tennessee staff after an impressive two years as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator at Southern California, where he developed Sam Darnold into an All-Pac-12 First Team quarterback and the No. 3 overall pick in the 2018 NFL Draft.

Helton helped lead the Trojans to victory in the 2016 Rose Bowl and a berth in the 2017 Cotton Bowl. Helton is the brother of Trojans' head coach Clay Helton. He was named FootballScoop Quarterbacks Coach of the Year in 2016 at USC and helped lead the Trojans to a Pac-12 Conference Championship in 2017.

Before joining the Trojans' staff, Helton led one of the most prolific offenses in college football as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Western Kentucky for two seasons (2014-15). WKU won a Conference USA Championship in 2015 and broke more than two dozen school offensive records under Helton, including the points scored record in each of his two years.

### SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (2016-17)

Helton served as the quarterbacks coach and passing game coordinator at the University of Southern California over the last two seasons.

Helton directed a 2017 Trojan passing attack that ranked 19th in the nation with 294.6 yards per game. Darnold, a redshirt sophomore quarterback, was named to the All-Pac-12 First Team as his 3,787 passing yards led the conference and ranked seventh in the nation. His 26 touchdown passes were tied for 16th nationally.

Helton was named FootballScoop Quarterbacks Coach of the Year in 2016 as the Trojans ranked ninth nationally in completion percentage (65.7) and 25th in both passing efficiency (149.6) and pass offense (276.4). Under Helton's wing in 2016, Darnold won the Archie Griffin Award, was a Manning Award finalist, was the Pac-12 Freshman Offensive Player of the Year and was the Rose Bowl MVP while completing 67.2 percent of his passes and throwing 31 TDs.

### WESTERN KENTUCKY (2014-15)

Before coming to USC, he spent the previous two years (2014-15) as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Western Kentucky.

The Hilltopper offense was in the national Top 10 in 2015 in passing efficiency (first at 177.4), scoring (third at 44.3), passing (fourth at 372.2), first downs (eighth at 349) and total yards (ninth at 526.4). The Conference USA champions went 12-2 in 2015 (tying a school wins record) and were ranked 24th by the AP after posting a victory in the Miami Beach Bowl.

In 2014, WKU became the first NCAA program with a 4,500-yard passer and 1,500-yard rusher while winning the Bahamas Bowl to finish 8-4. That season, the Hilltoppers were second nationally in passing (374.3), fourth in total offense (534.6) and sixth in scoring offense (44.4) and first downs (351).

## THE HELTON FILE

**Born:** June 20, 1977

**Hometown:** Sugar Land, Texas

**Education:** Bachelor's in Business (Houston '99)

**Playing Experience:** Houston - QB (1996-99)

**Wife:** April

**Children:** Shelby Grace, Presley, Cole, Clay

### NFL Draft Picks Coached

QB Sam Darnold (RD 1) - USC '18 - New York Jets

QB Mike White (RD 5) - WKU '18 - Dallas Cowboys

G Forrest Lamp (RD 2) - WKU '17 - Los Angeles Chargers

WR JuJu Smith-Schuster (RD 2) - USC '17 - Pittsburgh Steelers

WR Taywan Taylor (RD 3) - WKU '17 - Tennessee Titans

TE Tyler Higbee (RD 4) - WKU '16 - Los Angeles Rams

QB Brandon Doughty (RD 7) - WKU '16 - Miami Dolphins

QB/WR Joe Webb (RD 6) - UAB '10 - Minnesota Vikings

K Stephen Gostkowski (RD 4) - Memphis '06 - New England Patriots

### Conference Championships

2017 Pac-12 - USC (Quarterbacks/Passing Game Coord.)

2015 Conference USA - WKU (Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks)

### All-Americans Coached

QB Sam Darnold - USC '16

- FWAA Freshman, Campus Insiders Freshman

CB/WR/RET Adoree' Jackson - USC '16 - Unanimous

QB Brandon Doughty - WKU '15

- Athlon Sports, Pro Football Focus, SI

WR Taywan Taylor - WKU '15

- Phil Steele, Pro Football Focus

OL Forrest Lamp - WKU '15 - Pro Football Focus

TE Tyler Higbee - WKU '15 - Pro Football Focus

OL Brandon Ray - WKU '14 - FWAA Freshman

K/P Matt Reagan - Memphis '06

- Sporting News Freshman, CFB News Freshman

K Stephen Gostkowski - Memphis '04 & '05

- Sports Illustrated, Street & Smith's, Athlon Sports, College Football News

### National Award Winners Coached

QB Sam Darnold - USC '16 - Archie Griffin Award





Helton was among four finalists for the 2015 FootballScoop.com Offensive Coordinator of the Year Award. He coached quarterback Brandon Doughty to back-to-back Conference USA MVP honors as he threw 97 touchdown passes in 2014 and 2015 (the most in NCAA history in consecutive seasons). Doughty led the nation in 2015 in completion percentage (71.9 percent), passing TDs (48), passing yards (5,055) and points responsible for (304), while ranking second in passing efficiency (176.5). That came off a 2014 campaign in which he threw for national bests of 4,830 yards and 49 TDs while winning the Sammy Baugh Award from the Touchdown Club of Columbus as the nation's top quarterback.

Hilltopper wide receiver Taywan Taylor ranked second in the nation in 2015 in receiving TDs (17) and was third in receiving yards (1,467), both school season records as was his 86 receptions. Fellow receiver Jared Dangerfield had 82 catches in 2015, second most in school history.

#### CINCINNATI (2013)

Helton spent 2013 as Cincinnati's special teams coordinator and tight ends coach. Cincinnati set a school record for total offense (6,137 yards) as Helton coached tight end Blake Annen and kick returner Ralph David Abernathy IV, who later played for Tennessee in 2015, to All-American Athletic Conference first team honors.

#### UAB (2007-12)

Helton spent six seasons (2007-12) at UAB, the first five years as the quarterbacks coach before serving as the running backs coach and recruiting coordinator in 2012.

Under Helton's guidance, Joe Webb developed into one of the most prolific quarterbacks in NCAA history. In 2009, when he finished sixth nationally in total offense and ninth in passing efficiency, Webb became the first player in NCAA history to pass for 2,000 yards and rush for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons.

The 2009 and 2010 Blazer offenses produced the two highest total offense yardage seasons in UAB history, both topping 5,000 yards. In 2012, running back Darrin Reaves was an All-Conference USA first teamer as he ran for 1,037 yards and a school-record 13 scores.

#### MEMPHIS (2004-06)

Helton coached tight ends and special teams at Memphis for three years (2004-06). Tigers' kicker Stephen Gostkowski, who established the school career scoring record, was Conference USA's Special Teams Player of the Year in 2005 before heading to the NFL.

#### HAWAII (2000-03)

Helton began his coaching career at Hawaii for four years (2000-03), the first year as a graduate assistant working with the special teams and the final three seasons as the special teams coordinator. In 2001, his first as a full-time coach, the Warriors led the nation in kickoff return yardage and broke the NCAA record for season kickoff return average. Return specialist Chad Owens set NCAA records for most combined return yardage and most kickoff return yardage in a game and tied an NCAA record with two scoring kick returns in a game.

#### BACKGROUND

Helton played quarterback at Houston (1996-99), where he earned a bachelor's degree in business in 1999, after starring at Clements High in Sugar Land (Texas). His father, Kim, was the head coach of the Cougars during Tyson's tenure.

Helton and his wife, April, have two daughters, Shelby Grace and Presley and twin boys, Cole and Clay. Besides being Houston's head coach (1993-99), his father was an assistant in college (Florida, Miami and UAB), the NFL (Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Houston Oilers, Los Angeles Raiders, Washington Redskins) and the CFL (Toronto Argonauts).





# KEVIN SHERRER

**DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / INSIDE LINEBACKERS**

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
ALABAMA '96

Kevin Sherrer joins head coach Jeremy Pruitt's staff on Rocky Top after spending the last four seasons as the outside linebackers coach at Georgia, where he helped lead the Bulldogs to the SEC Championship and College Football Playoff National Championship game last fall. Prior to his time in Athens, Sherrer was the defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach at South Alabama in 2013 and served as the director of player development at Alabama from 2010-2012. Sherrer was a three-year letterwinner at tight end at Alabama from 1993-95 and was an accomplished high school assistant coach in the state, including replacing Pruitt as defensive coordinator at prep powerhouse Hoover High School.

## GEORGIA (2014-17)

Sherrer worked at Georgia from 2014-17, serving as the program's outside linebackers coach. During his time in Athens, Sherrer coached under Mark Richt for two seasons and Kirby Smart for the past two years, helping lead the Bulldogs to an SEC Championship and a spot in the National Championship Game during the 2017 season.

UGA's defensive unit in 2017 was one of the best in the country, ranking in the top 12 nationally during the regular season in scoring defense (T-3rd), total defense (4th), rushing defense (12th) and passing defense (2nd).

Senior outside linebacker Lorenzo Carter was a key player on the Dawgs defense, earning second-team All-SEC honors. Carter was third on the team in tackles (61), fourth in sacks (4.5) and

## THE SHERRER FILE

**Born:** March 19, 1973

**Hometown:** Oneonta, Ala.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Physical Education (Alabama '96) / Master's in Higher Education Administration (Alabama '00)

**Playing Experience:** Alabama - TE (1993-95)

**Wife:** Carrie

**Children:** Kaleb, Kyle

### NFL Draft Picks Coached

LB Lorenzo Carter (RD 3) - Georgia '18 - New York Giants

LB Leonard Floyd (RD 1) - Georgia '16 - Chicago Bears

LB Jordan Jenkins (RD 3) - Georgia '16 - New York Jets

### National Championships

2012 - Alabama (Director of Player Development)

2011 - Alabama (Director of Player Development)

### Conference Championships

2017 SEC - Georgia (Outside Linebackers Coach)

2012 SEC - Alabama (Director of Player Development)

1999 SEC - Alabama (Graduate Assistant)

### All-Americans Coached

LB Lorenzo Carter - Georgia '14 - Sporting News Freshman

tied for third in tackles for loss (7.5), while leading the Bulldogs with three forced fumbles and three fumble recoveries.

The Bulldogs finished in the top 20 in total defense during all four of Sherrer's seasons and finished the season ranked in the top 16 in scoring defense three times. Sherrer coached under current Tennessee head coach Jeremy Pruitt during the 2014 and 2015 seasons, with Pruitt serving as the team's defensive coordinator.

While in Athens, Sherrer coached three linebackers that were selected in the NFL Draft in Lorenzo Carter (2018), Leonard Floyd (2016) and Jordan Jenkins (2016). He also helped coach inside linebacker NFL picks Roquan Smith (2018), Ramik Wilson (2015) and Amarlo Herrera (2015). Sherrer has coached five players who have received All-SEC honors and two All-Americans, as Carter earned Freshman All-America honors in 2014 and Smith received consensus All-America honors in 2017.

## SOUTH ALABAMA (2013)

Before moving on to Georgia, Sherrer spent one season as defensive coordinator/defensive backs coach at South Alabama in 2013. Under Sherrer's guidance, the Jaguars ranked third in the nation with 3.17 sacks per game and 17th with 7.25 TFLs per game. USA finished among the league leaders in a handful of defensive categories. They ranked







second in the conference in scoring defense (25.2 ppg), total defense (384.2 ypg) and passing defense (224.6 ypg), while finishing third in the conference in rushing defense (159.7 ypg).

South Alabama had three defensive players earn All-Sun Belt honors on defense in defensive linemen Romelle Jones and Alex Page, as well as linebacker Enrique Williams.

**ALABAMA (2010-12)**

Sherrer's first full-time job in college football was as the director of player development for Alabama from 2010-12. Sherrer's responsibilities included assisting Crimson Tide student-athletes with academics, community outreach and their personal lives. During his tenure, Bama posted a 35-5 overall record while winning back-to-back BCS national titles in 2011 and 2012. In his first season with the program, Alabama ended the year 10-3 following a 49-7 victory over Michigan State in the Capital One Bowl.

**PRE-COLLEGE COACHING CAREER**

Prior to joining the college coaching ranks, Sherrer was an accomplished high school assistant coach at Alabama high school powerhouse Hoover (2005-09), Spain Park (2001-04) and Tuscaloosa County (1996-97). Sherrer worked with Pruitt at Hoover High School in 2005 and 2006 and took over as defensive coordinator for the Bucs when Pruitt left to take the director of player development job at Alabama. In Sherrer's first season on the staff at Hoover, the Bucs claimed the state 6A championship, a feat they would repeat in 2009. While Sherrer was on the staff, the Buccaneers posted a 61-12 overall record.

Sherrer was also the defensive backs coach at Spain Park High School from 2001-04, where

he helped the Jaguars win 16 games his last two seasons after going 3-7 in the school's first-ever year competing in football. Spain Park finished 7-4 the following fall after qualifying for the state 6A playoffs, and in 2004 the Jaguars advanced to the quarterfinals en route to a 9-4 overall mark.

He got his start in the coaching ranks as an assistant at Tuscaloosa County High during the 1996 and 1997 seasons. Sherrer helped lead the Wildcats to the state 6A championship in his second year on the staff.

Between his time at Tuscaloosa County and Spain Park, Sherrer spent three years as a graduate assistant at Alabama on head coach Mike DuBose's staff from 1998-2000, assisting on defense while also helping to coordinate scout teams, video breakdown and on-campus recruiting. The Tide won the 1999 SEC title and played in the Orange Bowl that season.

**BACKGROUND**

Sherrer was a three-year letterwinner as a tight end at Alabama from 1993-95, helping the Crimson Tide to a 29-7-1 overall record and two SEC West Division titles in that span. He earned his degree in physical education from Alabama in 1996 and he earned his master's degree in higher education administration from the school in 2000. Sherrer and his wife Carrie have twin sons, Kaleb and Kyle.





# CHRIS RUMPH

**CO-DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR / OUTSIDE LINEBACKERS**

**FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
SOUTH CAROLINA '94**

Chris Rumph, a four-year letterwinner at linebacker at South Carolina in the early 1990s, comes to Tennessee after spending the last three years as the defensive line coach at Florida, serving as co-defensive coordinator in 2017. He has 15 years of experience as a defensive assistant at the FBS level, including stops at Texas, where he coached NFL first-round pick Malcom Brown, and Alabama, where he won back-to-back BCS National Championships as the defensive line coach from 2011 to 2013. Rumph also has coached at Clemson, Memphis and South Carolina State.

## FLORIDA (2015-17)

Rumph joined the Gators' staff as a defensive line coach in 2015 and was promoted to co-defensive coordinator prior to the 2017 season. He served as the Gators full-time defensive coordinator for the final four games of the season after Randy Shannon was promoted to interim head coach. During his tenure in Gainesville, UF produced a bevy of talent along the defensive line, including five NFL Draft picks in Taven Bryan (2018), Caleb Brantley (2017), Joey Ivie (2017), Alex McCalister (2016) and Jonathan Bullard (2016).

Bryan became the third Rumph defensive line product to be drafted in the first round in 2018 after a season where he captured All-SEC Second Team honors and totaled 40 tackles, six TFLs and four sacks for the Gators.

Brantley garnered All-SEC second-team honors in 2016 while Bullard was named a semifinalist for the Chuck Bednarik Award and was a unanimous All-SEC first-team selection in 2015. Bullard was also named a first-team All-American by CBSSports.com and Pro Football Focus before being selected in the third round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns. Rumph also coached defensive tackle Bryan Cox Jr., who signed as a free agent with the Carolina Panthers before this season.

Under Rumph's direction in 2016, Florida ranked fifth in the SEC in rushing defense (144.5 ypg) and finished fourth in the conference with 31 sacks. The Gators owned four of the 20 lowest-allowed rushing totals by SEC teams throughout the 2016 season (North Texas, -13 net rushing yards; Georgia, 21; South Carolina, 43; and UMass, 46).

In 2015, the Gators were one of the nation's best at getting to the quarterback, registering 40 sacks, which ranked fifth nationally and tied for the sixth highest total in program history. Florida also featured a stout rush defense that ranked 25th in the country, giving up just 128.1 yards per game on the ground. The Gators held their opponents to only 3.53 yards per carry, which ranked tied for 17th among FBS programs.



## THE RUMPH FILE

**Born:** December 21, 1971

**Hometown:** St. Matthews, S.C.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree (South Carolina '94)

**Playing Experience:** South Carolina - LB (1991-94)

**Wife:** Kila

**Children:** Christopher, Elijah

## NFL Draft Picks Coached

*DT Taven Bryan (RD 1) - Florida '18 - Jacksonville Jaguars*  
*DL Caleb Brantley (RD 6) - Florida '17 - Cleveland Browns*  
*DL Jon Bullard (RD 3) - Florida '16 - Chicago Bears*  
*DT Hassan Ridgeway (RD 4) - Texas '16 - Indianapolis Colts*  
*DE Alex McCalister (RD 7) - Florida '16 - Philadelphia Eagles*  
*DT Malcom Brown (RD 1) - Texas '15 - New England Patriots*  
*DE Ed Stinson (RD 5) - Alabama '14 - Arizona Cardinals*  
*DE Jeffery Pagan (RD 6) - Alabama '14 - Houston Texans*  
*DE Malliciah Goodman (RD 4) - Clemson '13 - Atlanta Falcons*  
*DT Jesse Williams (RD 5) - Alabama '13 - Seattle Seahawks*  
*DE Quinton Dial (RD 5) - Alabama '13 - San Francisco 49ers*  
*DE Andre Branch (RD 2) - Clemson '12 - Jacksonville Jaguars*  
*DT Brandon Thompson (RD 3) - Clemson '12 - Cincinnati Bengals*  
*DT Josh Chapman (RD 5) - Alabama '12 - Indianapolis Colts*  
*DE Jarvis Jenkins (RD 2) - Clemson '11 - Washington Redskins*  
*DE Da'Quan Bowers (RD 2) - Clemson '11 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers*  
*DE Ricky Sapp (RD 5) - Clemson '10 - Philadelphia Eagles*  
*DT Darell Scott (RD 4) - Clemson '09 - St. Louis Rams*  
*DE Phillip Merling (RD 2) - Clemson '08 - Miami Dolphins*  
*DE Gaines Adams (RD 1) - Clemson '07 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers*

## National Championships

2011 - Alabama (Defensive Line)

2012 - Alabama (Defensive Line)

## Conference Championships

2012 SEC - Alabama (Defensive Line Coach)

## All-Americans Coached

*DT Jon Bullard - Florida '15*  
*- CBS Sports, Pro Football Focus, Sporting News, SI*  
*DT Malcom Brown - Texas '14 - Consensus*  
*DE Da'Quan Bowers - Clemson '10 - Unanimous*  
*DE Gaines Adams - Clemson '06 - Unanimous*

## National Award Winners Coached

*DE Da'Quan Bowers - Clemson '10*  
*- Bronko Nagurski Award, Ted Hendricks Award*

## TEXAS (2014)

Before heading to Florida, Rumph spent one season at Texas as the program's assistant head coach for defense/defensive line coach. Under Rumph's mentorship, the Longhorns had one of the nation's top defensive lines and ranked 12th in the country with 40 sacks. Texas finished the season ranked 26th in the FBS in total defense (348.5 ypg).

The Longhorn's 2014 defense was led by defensive tackle Malcom Brown, who was a consensus All-American and a finalist for the Nagurski and Outland Trophies. Brown was selected in the first round of the 2015 NFL Draft by the New England Patriots. Fellow defensive tackle Hassan Ridgeway also had a big season for the Longhorns, ranking second on the team with six sacks - which also ranked second among defensive tackles in the Big 12 - and 11 tackles for loss. Ridgeway was a fourth-round pick by the Indianapolis Colts in the 2016 NFL Draft.



**ALABAMA (2011-13)**

Rumph spent three seasons as defensive line coach for Nick Saban at Alabama from 2011-13 and was part of the Crimson Tide's back-to-back BCS national championship teams in 2011 and 2012. During his time in Tuscaloosa, Rumph also coached with current Vols head man Jeremy Pruitt for two seasons (2011 and 2012).

Alabama ranked fifth nationally in total defense (286.5 yards per game) in 2013 and seventh in rush defense (106.2 yards per game). Defensive end Ed Stinson earned All-SEC second-team accolades for the Tide.

The Crimson Tide featured the country's top-ranked scoring, total and rushing defense in 2012, allowing just 10.9 points per game, 250.0 yards per game and 76.4 yards rushing per game. Alabama's stifling defense saved its best performance for last as the Tide shut out top-ranked LSU in the national title game by a score of 21-0. Bama surrendered just five first downs and allowed LSU to cross the 50-yard line just once the entire game.

Alabama's 2011 defense was one of the most dominant in the history of college football. The Crimson Tide allowed just 8.2 points per game and gave up 183.6 total yards per contest, the fewest by an FBS team in records dating to 1996. UA also led the country in passing defense (111.5 ypg) and rushing defense (72.2 ypg).

The 2011 team featured five players along the defensive line that would end up being drafted by NFL teams: NT Josh Chapman, DE Quinton Dial, DT Jesse Williams, DE Jeoffrey Pagan and DE Ed Stinson. Chapman earned All-SEC second-team honors that season. In total, Rumph coached five NFL Draft picks on the defensive line during his three-year stint with the Crimson Tide.

**CLEMSON (2006-10)**

Rumph was hired as Clemson's defensive line coach in 2006, serving in the role until 2009 when he focused solely on the Tigers' defensive ends. The Tigers ranked among the top 25 nationally in scoring defense and total defense during each of Rumph's five seasons at Clemson.

In 2010, Rumph coached unanimous All-American defensive end Da'Quan Bowers, who led the nation in sacks (15.5) and was tied for first in tackles-for-loss (26.0). He won both the Nagurski Trophy as the nation's top defensive player, and the Hendricks Award as the nation's top defensive end, and was a second-round pick in the 2011 NFL Draft by Tampa Bay.

In Rumph's first year with the Tigers, he worked with defensive end Gaines Adams, who was the fourth overall selection in the 2007 draft by Tampa Bay after receiving unanimous All-America honors as a senior. Adams tallied 12.5 sacks to rank fourth in the nation.

In his five-year career at Clemson, Rumph coached nine NFL draft picks and four All-ACC selections.

**MEMPHIS (2003-05)**

Rumph served as the outside linebackers coach at Memphis from 2003-05, helping lead the Tigers to three consecutive bowl games, including a pair of bowl victories in 2003 and 2005. Memphis won 24 games during his three seasons on staff.

The Memphis defense ranked 23rd in the nation in turnover margin in 2005 when the Tigers posted a 7-5 record. The defensive unit allowed just 125.6 yards per game on the ground, first in Conference USA and 27th in the nation. Two of Rumph's players, Tim Goodwell and Carlton Baker, were the top two tacklers on the defense. Goodwell led the team in tackles with 102 and Baker had 88, including a team best five sacks.

In 2004, Goodwell and fellow linebackers Carlton Baker and Quinton McCrary were three of the top four tacklers on the team, accounting for 284 of the team's total tackles. Rumph's linebackers also logged 10 of the team's 23 sacks in 2004 as Memphis started the year 5-1 and was ranked in the top 25 of the Associated Press poll, the first top 25 ranking in the history of the program.

During Rumph's first year at Memphis in 2003, the Tigers finished the year ranked ninth in the nation in total defense, while linebacker Coot Terry was named to the All-Conference USA team.

**SOUTH CAROLINA STATE (2002)**

Rumph served as South Carolina State's defensive backs coach in 2002 after a five-year stint as head coach at Calhoun County High School.

**PRE-COLLEGE COACHING CAREER**

Rumph was a successful head coach at Calhoun County High School in his hometown of St. Matthews, S.C., from 1997-2001. Rumph also worked as a graduate assistant coach at the University of South Carolina in the spring of 1997 prior to being named the head coach at Calhoun Country High.

**BACKGROUND**

Rumph was a four-year letterwinner at the University of South Carolina, where he starred as a linebacker for the Gamecocks under head coaches Sparky Woods and Brad Scott, totaling 141 career tackles. Rumph helped lead USC to its first bowl victory in the 1995 Carquest Bowl. He earned his Bachelor's degree from South Carolina in 1994. He and his wife Kila are the proud parents of two sons, Christopher and Elijah.





# CHARLES KELLY

## SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR / SAFETIES

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
AUBURN '90

Charles Kelly joins Tennessee following five seasons at Florida State, including four as the Seminoles' defensive coordinator. Kelly teamed with head coach Jeremy Pruitt at FSU in 2013, serving as the linebackers coach and special teams coordinator during the Seminoles' undefeated national championship season. Kelly replaced Pruitt as defensive coordinator at Florida State in 2014 and helped lead the Noles to the College Football Playoff. Kelly coached 12 NFL Draft picks at Florida State, including nine players selected in the first three rounds.

He also spent seven years as an assistant coach at Georgia Tech, serving as interim defensive coordinator in 2012 and coaching the defensive backs and special teams during his tenure.

Overall, Kelly has coached 16 All-Americans and won four conference championships, including three ACC titles, in his career. As a special teams coordinator, he has coached a Ray Guy Award winner and a Lou Groza Award winner.

### FLORIDA STATE (2013-17)

Kelly served as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Florida State from 2014 to 2017 after helping lead the Seminoles to the 2013 BCS National Championship as the linebackers coach and special teams coordinator as a part of Jeremy Pruitt's defensive staff.

Kelly's defenses ranked in the nation's Top 25 the last three years, including No. 18 in 2017, after allowing only 331.1 total yards per game.

The Seminoles led the nation in sacks in 2016 (3.92 per game) behind 16 sacks from defensive end DeMarcus Walker. FSU finished No. 22 in the nation in total defense (349.1) in 2016.

In 2015, Kelly led a defense that ranked ninth in the nation in scoring defense (17.8 points per game) and No. 19 in total defense (336.9).

Kelly's defense in 2014 led Florida State to the first-ever College Football Playoff and helped continue a program-record 29-game win streak.

Kelly coached 10 NFL Draft picks as the Florida State defensive coordinator, including Jacksonville Jaguars All-Pro cornerback and 2016 No. 5 overall selection Jalen Ramsey, 2018 first-round pick Derwin James and 2017 second-round selection defensive end DeMarcus Walker. Kelly also coached top-three round selections defensive end Mario Edwards, Jr., cornerback Ronald Darby, cornerback P.J. Williams and defensive tackle Eddie Goldman.



## THE KELLY FILE

**Born:** Sept. 8, 1967

**Hometown:** Ozark, Ala.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Secondary Math Education (Auburn '90) / Master's in Education (Troy '02)

**Playing Experience:** Auburn - DB (1986-89)

**Wife:** Kristy

**Children:** Caroline, Kathleen, Charli Grace

### NFL Draft Picks Coached

DB Derwin James (RD 1) - Florida State '18 - San Diego Chargers  
DT Derrick Nnadi (RD 3) - Florida State '18 - Kansas City Chiefs  
DE Josh Sweat (RD 4) - Florida State '18 - Philadelphia Eagles  
DE DeMarcus Walker (RD 2) - Florida State '17 - Denver Broncos  
CB Marquez White (RD 6) - Florida State '17 - Dallas Cowboys  
CB Jalen Ramsey (RD 1) - Florida State '16 - Jacksonville Jaguars  
K Robert Aguayo (RD 2) - Florida State '16 - Tampa Bay Buccaneers  
DE Mario Edwards (RD 2) - Florida State '15 - Oakland Raiders  
DT Eddie Goldman (RD 2) - Florida State '15 - Chicago Bears  
CB Ronald Darby (RD 2) - Florida State '15 - Buffalo Bills  
CB P.J. Williams (RD 3) - Florida State '15 - New Orleans Saints  
LB Telvin Smith (RD 5) - Florida State '14 - Jacksonville Jaguars  
DB Jemea Thomas (RD 6) - Georgia Tech '14 - New England Patriots  
S Morgan Burnett (RD 3) - Georgia Tech '10 - Green Bay Packers  
P Durant Brooks (RD 6) - Georgia Tech '08 - Washington Redskins  
CB Chris Thompson (RD 5) - Nicholls State '04 - Jacksonville Jaguars

### National Championships

2013 FSU (Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers Coach)

### Conference Championships

2014 ACC - FSU (Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach)

2013 ACC - FSU (Special Teams Coordinator/Linebackers Coach)

2009 ACC - Georgia Tech (Special Teams Coordinator/DBs)

2005 Southland - Nicholls State (Defensive Coordinator/DBs)

### All-Americans Coached

DB Tarvarus McFadden - Florida State '16 - FWAA  
DE Brian Burns - Florida State '16 - Freshman ESPN, USA Today  
DE DeMarcus Walker - Florida State '16 - Consensus All-American  
DE Josh Sweat - Florida State '16 - Campus Insiders  
DB Derwin James - Florida State '15, '17 - USA Today First Team, Freshman A-A  
DB Jalen Ramsey - Florida State '15, '14 - 2015 Consensus All-American, 2014 First Team All-American (SI.com, USA Today)  
DE Lorenzo Featherston - Florida State '14 - Freshman CFN and Campus Insiders  
DE Mario Edwards - Florida State '14 - SI.com  
CB P.J. Williams - Florida State '14 - USA Today  
DT Eddie Goldman - Florida State '14 - SI.com  
K Roberto Aguayo - Florida State '14, '15 - 2014 Consensus All-American, 2015 First Team All-American (CBS, Sporting News)  
LB Terrance Smith - Florida State '13 - College Football News  
LB Telvin Smith - Florida State '14, '15 - SI.com  
S Morgan Burnett - Georgia Tech '08 - Rivals, SI.com, TSN  
P Durant Brooks - Georgia Tech '07 - Rivals, SI.com, ESPN.com, CFN, PFW  
CB Chris Thompson - Nicholls State '03, '02 - 2003 National Weekly Football Gazette Second Team, 2002 National Weekly Football Gazette Third Team

### National Award Winners Coached

DB Tarvarus McFadden - Florida State '16 - Jack Tatum Award  
K Roberto Aguayo - Florida State '13 - Lou Groza Award  
P Durant Brooks - Georgia Tech '07 - Ray Guy Award



Kelly mentored several All-Americans during his time at FSU, as well, including James, a 2017 First Team All-America safety, 2016 First Team All-America cornerback Tarvarus McFadden, who led the nation with eight interceptions, 2016 consensus All-American, Walker, and 2015 consensus All-American, Ramsey.

In 2013, Kelly, as special teams coordinator, coached Roberto Aguayo to the greatest single-season in college football history by a kicker as the redshirt freshman set the national record for points by a kicker en route to consensus All-America honors and the Lou Groza Award. Return man Kermit Whitfield returned two kicks for touchdowns, including a 100-yard kickoff return in the BCS Championship Game and his 36.4 yard return average led the nation and shattered the ACC Record.

Kelly also mentored linebackers Telvin Smith, Christian Jones and Terrance Smith in 2013. The trio led a defense that led the nation in scoring (12.1 ppg) and ranked third in total defense (281.4 ypg). All three players are currently on NFL rosters. Smith was named to the All-Pro second team in 2017.

#### GEORGIA TECH (2006-12)

Kelly came to Florida State after seven seasons at Georgia Tech where he coached special teams, defensive backs and served as the interim defensive coordinator during his tenure.

He was elevated to defensive coordinator for the Yellow Jackets in the sixth game of the 2012 season when Georgia Tech had a 2-4 record. Kelly helped GT finish out the season 5-3, including a Sun Bowl victory over Southern California where Kelly's defense held the high-powered Trojans' offense to just 205 yards and seven points.

In 2011, Kelly's defensive backs led a pass defense that finished No. 2 in the ACC. In 2009, Kelly's unit helped Georgia Tech win the ACC Championship and go to the Orange Bowl, finishing 11-3.

Kelly served as the Yellow Jackets' special teams coordinator in 2006 and 2007, leading GT's kick return defense to No. 2 in the country in 2007. Kelly coached punter Durant Brooks to the Ray Guy Award in 2007.

#### NICHOLLS STATE (2002-05)

Kelly coached at Nicholls State from 2002 to 2005, serving as defensive backs coach for two seasons before being promoted to defensive coordinator.

Nicholls State captured the Southland Conference title in 2005 and ranked No. 17 in the nation (FCS) in total defense. Kelly was instrumental in developing two-time All-America cornerback Chris Thompson at Nicholls State. Thompson was drafted by the Jaguars in 2004.

#### JACKSONVILLE STATE (1994-98) AND HENDERSON STATE (1999)

Kelly spent two years at Eufaula (Ala.) High after five years as an assistant coach at NCAA Division II schools, Jacksonville State and Henderson State. He coached running backs, defensive backs and was the defensive coordinator at Jacksonville State and was the defensive coordinator at Henderson State.

#### PRE-COLLEGE COACHING CAREER

In addition to two years as an assistant at Eufaula High School (2000-01), Kelly also was an assistant at Central High School in Phenix City, Ala., from 1990 to 1992. In 1993, Kelly was a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Auburn, helping the Tigers finish 11-0.

#### BACKGROUND

Kelly is a 1990 graduate of Auburn with a degree in secondary math education. Kelly played defensive back under former Tiger coach Pat Dye. His senior class put together a four-year record of 39-7-2 while participating in four bowl games. In 2002, Kelly earned a master's degree in education from Troy.





# TERRY FAIR

## CORNERBACKS

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEE '97

Terry Fair returns to his alma mater following a three-year stint as the cornerbacks coach at Colorado State. A first-round selection by the Detroit Lions in the 1998 NFL Draft, Fair led the NFL in kick return yards and was first-team All-NFL as a rookie. After playing six seasons in the NFL, Fair began coaching defensive backs at Phoenix College before joining the Volunteers' staff as a defensive quality control assistant in 2013-14.

### COLORADO STATE (2015-17)

Fair's cornerbacks contributed to a 2017 Colorado State defense that held opponents to under 20 points four times and a CSU secondary that combined for 12 interceptions and limited opponents to 208 passing yards or fewer six times. Over the last five games of the regular season, the Rams held opponents to just 174.6 passing yards per game and opposing passers completed just 48.8 percent of their passes in that stretch.

Fair's cornerbacks played a role in helping the Rams' defense post six halves of shutout football in 2016, including the Rams' first shutout game since 1997, holding Fresno State scoreless on Nov. 5. Senior Tyree Simmons capped his career by leading the team with six pass breakups and ranked fifth on the team with a career-high 44 tackles. Fair guided steady improvement from his unit throughout the season, as the Rams' defense improved from an average of 261.5 passing yards allowed per game through the first four games of the season to an average of 155.0 over the final eight regular season contests.

In his first season with the Rams, Fair helped coach a defensive backfield that allowed just 177.6 passing yards per game, a figure that ranked 10th among all FBS schools and second among Mountain West members in 2015. The Rams' defense also ranked 26th in the FBS in third-down percentage defense (34.5%).

### TENNESSEE (2013-14)

Fair spent 2013 and 2014 as the defensive quality control assistant at Tennessee.

### PHOENIX COLLEGE (2010-12)

Fair began his coaching career as the defensive backs coach at Phoenix College, where he sent four defensive backs to Division I schools to continue their collegiate careers.

## THE FAIR FILE

**Born:** July 20, 1976

**Hometown:** Phoenix, Ariz.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Psychology (Tennessee '10)

**Playing Experience:** Tennessee - DB (1994-97); Detroit Lions (1998-01); Carolina Panthers (2002); St. Louis Rams (2005)

**Wife:** Sherlone

**Children:** Herandree, Delon, Ariyah

### NFL Honors & Accolades

**First Round NFL Selection - No. 20, Detroit Lions, 1998**

**Six-Year NFL Career (Lions, Panthers, Rams)**

**1998 All-NFL First Team Kick Returner (Sporting News)**

**1998 NFL All-Rookie Team**

### NFL Players Coached

**DB Cameron Sutton (RD 3) - Tennessee '17 - Pittsburgh Steelers**

**CB DeAndre Elliott (UFA) - Colorado State '16 - Seattle Seahawks**

**CB Justin Coleman (UFA) - Tennessee '15 - Minnesota Vikings**

### All-Americans Helped Develop

**DB Cameron Sutton - Tennessee '13 - College Football News Freshman, 247 Sports Freshman, Athlon Sports Freshman**







**BACKGROUND**

Fair, a native of Phoenix, Arizona, was a four-year starter for UT from 1994-97, where he was a two-time All-SEC honoree in his final two seasons and played on the Vols' 1997 SEC championship team. Fair, who earned SEC All-Freshman honors in 1994, ranks seventh on Tennessee's all-time list with 31 passes defended (19 PBU, 12 INT). Fair's 12 career interceptions are tied for 10th-most in UT history. He was also an accomplished punt returner, earning All-SEC first-team honors as a returner in 1996 when he returned 28 punts for 400 yards (13.8 average) with two touchdowns.

The Detroit Lions selected Fair at No. 20 overall in the first round of the 1998 NFL Draft. He played six seasons with the Lions (1998-2001), Carolina Panthers (2002) and St. Louis Rams (2005), accumulating 215 tackles, one sack, seven interceptions and one fumble recovery in 60 games (48 starts). Fair scored five touchdowns in his career, two each by kickoff return and interception return, and one by fumble return. For his career, Fair averaged 24.3 yards on 111 kickoff returns (two TDs) and 6.9 yards on 50 punt returns.

In his rookie season with the Lions, Fair racked up 39 total tackles, including one sack, and led the NFL in kickoff return average with a career-best 28.0 average on 51 returns. He returned two kickoffs for touchdowns, including an NFL-best 105-yard effort on Monday Night Football vs. Tampa Bay on Sept. 28, 1998. Fair earned NFL All-Rookie and first-team All-NFL honors from The Sporting News and the Pro Football Writers' Association, and was selected as an alternate for the Pro Bowl.

Before joining the Tennessee coaching staff as a defensive quality control assistant, Fair was co-host of a Knoxville, Tenn., sports talk show called "The Drive" on WNOX. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Tennessee in 2010 through the athletic department's Renewing Academic Commitment program.

Fair and his wife, Sherlone, have two children, Delon and Ariyah, and Fair has a son Herandre.





# WILL FRIEND

## OFFENSIVE LINE

### FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE ALABAMA '98

Will Friend comes to Rocky Top following a three-year stint as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Colorado State, where he led an offense that ranked 11th in the nation and first in the Mountain West in total offense (492.5 ypg) in 2017. Prior to his time at CSU, Friend served four years as the offensive line coach at Georgia, where he coached four NFL Draft picks on the Bulldogs' line. Friend has also made coaching stops at UAB and Gardner-Webb, and was a graduate assistant at Georgia. He was a four-year starter and two-time All-SEC guard at Alabama from 1993 to 1997.

Friend has coached nine offensive linemen who have been selected in the NFL Draft, and 11 players overall, including guard Isaiah Wynn, a 2018 first-round selection by the New England Patriots.

#### COLORADO STATE (2015-17)

Friend served as the offensive coordinator and offensive line coach at Colorado State University from 2015-17.

Friend's 2017 Colorado State offense ranked 10th in the nation and first in the Mountain West in total offense, averaging 492.5 yards per game. Colorado State's 33.4 points per game led the conference and ranked 31st in the nation. The Rams led the Mountain West and ranked 20th nationally in passing at 292.2 yards per game. CSU's rushing attack ranked 31st in the country at 200.2 yards per game.

Five Rams earned 2017 All-Mountain West honors, including four first-team selections in quarterback Nick Stevens, wide receiver Michael Gallup and offensive linemen Jake Bennett and Zach Goldtich. Stevens enjoyed a banner redshirt senior season in 2017, leading the Mountain West and ranking 13th in the nation with 3,799 passing yards while completing 61.9 percent of his passes and throwing for 29 touchdowns. Gallup finished third in the nation with 100 receptions and his 1,413 receiving yards ranked fifth among all FBS receivers. Gallup earned consensus All-America honors in 2017 for his efforts.

In 2016, Friend guided one of the most productive offenses in Colorado State history, and the most potent in the red zone, en route to a second-straight bowl appearance. The Rams scored on 53 of 56 trips inside the 20 (94.6 percent) to rank fourth in FBS. CSU also ranked 12th in passing efficiency (157.04), 28th in scoring offense (35.3), 30th in total offense (462.5) and 31st in rushing offense (217.8). Six players from Friend's offensive unit earned All-Mountain West recognition: Gallup (first team), guards Fred Zerblis (first team) and Paul Thurston (honorable mention), Bennett (second team), Stevens (honorable mention) and tackle Nick Callender (honorable mention).

The Rams were especially productive in the second half of the 2016 season, averaging 47.8 points and 533.8 yards per game over the last six contests. Friend's offensive line was a strength of the team, which allowed just 1.0 sack per game, 8th-best in the nation. CSU allowed just one sack in the final six games of the season. Quarterback Nick Stevens ranked fifth in FBS (first in MW) with a 171.3 passer efficiency rating and the Rams ranked 12th in FBS with just seven interceptions thrown.

In his first season with the Rams in 2015, Friend helped lead Colorado State to a 7-6 record with an offense that ranked 47th nationally and third in the Mountain West. The unit featured five All-Mountain West honorees, including first team all-conference wide receiver Rashard Higgins and second team honoree Stevens. Following his junior season, Higgins was drafted in the fifth round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns.

## THE FRIEND FILE

**Born:** July 20, 1976

**Hometown:** Philadelphia, Miss.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Human Performance (Alabama '98)

**Playing Experience:** Alabama - OG (1993-96)

**Wife:** Carrie

**Children:** Katie, Brooks, Charlie

#### NFL Draft Picks Coached

OL Isaiah Wynn (RD 1) - Georgia '18 - New England Patriots

WR Michael Gallup (RD 3) - Colorado State '18 - Dallas Cowboys

WR Rashard Higgins (RD 5) - Colorado State '16 - Cleveland Browns

OT John Theus (RD 5) - Georgia '16 - San Francisco 49ers

OT Cordy Glenn (RD 2) - Georgia '12 - Buffalo Bills

C Ben Jones (RD 4) - Georgia '12 - Houston Texans

G Justin Anderson (RD 7) - Georgia '12 - Indianapolis Colts

OT Matt McCants (RD 6) - UAB '12 - New York Giants

OG Chester Adams (RD 7) - Georgia '08 - Chicago Bears

OT Ken Shackleford (RD 6) - Georgia '07 - St. Louis Rams

OG Max Jean-Gilles (RD 4) - Georgia '06 - Philadelphia Eagles

#### All-Americans Coached

WR Michael Gallup - Colorado State '17 - Consensus

C Ben Jones - Georgia '11 - Sporting News, ESPN.com, Rivals

OL Kris King - Gardner-Webb '06 - Don Hansen Honorable Mention

OG Max Jean-Gilles - Georgia '05

- AP, AFCA, Walter Camp, Sporting News





Colorado State's offensive line allowed just 1.31 sacks per game and 4.62 tackles for a loss per game, figures which ranked 22nd and 10th, respectively, in the nation. Stevens set passing records for a CSU sophomore with 2,679 yards through the air and 21 touchdowns (fifth-most in school history), and the Rams were one of only two FBS schools to have three running backs each record at least one game with 140 or more rushing yards (Dalyn Dawkins, Izzy Matthews and Jasen Oden, Jr.).

#### GEORGIA (2011-14)

Friend spent four seasons at Georgia, beginning in 2011 as offensive line coach and adding the title of running game coordinator in 2013. During his final season in Athens in 2014, Friend helped guide a Bulldogs' offense that averaged 41.3 points per game, which ranked eighth nationally, and racked up 457.8 yards of total offense per game. Against teams ranked in the Top 25, UGA compiled a 3-2 record while scoring 34.4 points per game. Additionally, the 2014 Bulldogs' offense ranked in the top 15 nationally in rushing offense (257.0; 11th in FBS), team passing efficiency (156.06; ninth in FBS), completion percentage (67.4 percent; seventh in FBS), fewest interceptions (6; ninth in FBS), third-down conversion percentage (49.7 percent; eighth in FBS) and fourth-down conversion percentage (80.0 percent; third in FBS). He helped develop Wynn that season, laying the foundation for the future first round pick.

Friend and the offensive staff at Georgia also posted record-setting numbers in 2012 and 2013, including single-season total offense (6,547 in 2012 and 6,294 in 2013); average yards per game (484.2 in '13 and 467.64 in '12) and touchdowns in a season (72 in 2012 and 58 in '13). He also coached three 2012 NFL draft choices - offensive tackle Cordy Glenn (second round, Buffalo Bills), center Ben Jones (fourth round, Houston Texans), and offensive tackle Justin Anderson (seventh round, Indianapolis Colts). Friend also coached offensive tackle John Theus, who was selected in the fifth round of the 2016 draft by San Francisco.

#### UAB (2007-10)

Prior to his tenure at Georgia, Friend spent four seasons as offensive line coach at UAB (2007-10) where the Blazers' average offensive output per game in 2009 and 2010 represented two of the top three season marks in program history.

The UAB offense registered 5,074 yards in 2010, the school's second-highest single-season total. The Blazers finished the 2010 campaign ranked 24th nationally in total offense (422.8 yards per game) and were 24th in passing offense (267.0). In 2009, UAB's rushing average of 229.9 yards per game was the highest mark for the Blazers in school history and ranked No. 7 in the nation.

#### GARDNER-WEBB (2005-06)

Friend spent the previous two years at Gardner-Webb (2005-06) as offensive line coach. In his first season at Gardner-Webb, the Bulldog offense ranked No. 10 nationally in total offense as Friend saw three of his linemen earn All-Big South Conference honors.

#### GEORGIA (2003-04)

Friend served two years as a graduate assistant coach at Georgia from 2003-04. The Bulldogs went a combined 21-5 in his two years and finished No. 7 in the AP Top 25 both seasons.

#### PRE-DI COLLEGE COACHING CAREER

Friend spent one year at Tuscaloosa Central High School (2002) and was the offensive line coach at West Alabama in 2001.

#### BACKGROUND

A two-time All-SEC and four-year starting guard at Alabama, Friend helped the Crimson Tide to the SEC Western Division title and berths in the SEC Championship Game in 1993, 1994 and 1996, with appearances in the Gator Bowl, Citrus Bowl (1996) and Outback Bowl (1997). Friend was named to Alabama's Team of the Decade for the 1990s.

Friend was a Parade Magazine All-America selection as a senior at Neshoba Central High in Philadelphia, Miss. He earned his Bachelor's degree in human performance from Alabama in 1998. He and his wife, the former Carrie Moon, have three children: Katie, Brooks and Charlie.





# DAVID JOHNSON

## WIDE RECEIVERS

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
NICHOLLS STATE '95

David Johnson comes to Tennessee after helping guide one of the nation's most prolific offenses at Memphis the past two years following nearly 20 years of experience as a high school and college coach in Louisiana and Mississippi. Johnson also has spent time as a college assistant at Tulane, where he guided running backs and tight ends, and Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss. He was the head coach at St. Augustine High School in Louisiana in 2009-10, winning back-to-back district titles at the prep powerhouse. In his career he has coached 12 NFL players including, Tyrann Mathieu, Leonard Fournette and Mike Wallace.

### MEMPHIS (2016-17)

Johnson served as the wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator for one of the nation's most prolific offenses in 2016 and 2017. In 2017, Johnson mentored Anthony Miller, who went from walk-on to the third consensus All-American in Tigers history and the No. 51 overall selection in the 2018 NFL Draft. Miller set single-season records with 96 receptions, 1,462 yards and 18 touchdowns in 2017, while earning All-AAC honors. His 18 touchdowns tied for the first in the nation, while his 96 receptions ranked fifth. He was named to the All-American Athletic Conference First Team. In addition to his consensus All-America honors, Miller captured the Paul Warfield Award, given to the nation's top receiver by the Touchdown Club of Columbus, and was a finalist for the Burlsworth Trophy, awarded to the nation's top former walk-on.

In 2017, Johnson helped lead an offense that ranked No. 2 in the nation in scoring (45.5 points per game), No. 4 in total yards (532.1) and No. 7 in passing yards (334.0). Johnson's passing attack was led by All-AAC First Team quarterback Riley Ferguson, who passed for 4,257 yards and 38 touchdowns with just nine interceptions. The Tigers finished 10-3 on the season with appearances in the AAC Championship Game and the Liberty Bowl.

In 2016, Johnson's first season with the Tigers coincided with Miller's breakout campaign that saw the junior set school records for single-season receptions (95), yards (1,434) and touchdowns (14) – all of which he would improve on the next year. Johnson also coached wide receiver Phil

## THE JOHNSON FILE

**Hometown:** New Orleans, La.

**Education:** Bachelor's in General Education (Nicholls State '95)

**Playing Experience:** Nicholls State - WR (1991-93)

**Wife:** Akeia

**Children:** Jermaine, De'Von, Karaaz

### NFL Players Coached

WR Anthony Miller (RD 2) - Memphis '18 - Chicago Bears  
RB Dontrell Hilliard (UFA) - Tulane '18 - Cleveland Browns  
RB Sherman Badie (UFA) - Tulane '18 - Arizona Cardinals  
RB Leonard Fournette (RD 1) - LSU '17 [St. Augustine High School]  
- Jacksonville Jaguars  
DB Tyrann Mathieu (RD 3) - LSU '17 [St. Augustine High School]  
- Arizona Cardinals  
RB Robert Kelley (UFA) - Tulane '16 [O. Perry Walker High School]  
- Washington Redskins  
CB Lorenzo Doss (RD 5) - Tulane '15 [St. Augustine High School]  
- Denver Broncos  
OL Trai Turner (RD 3) - LSU '14 [St. Augustine High School]  
- Carolina Panthers  
RB Orleans Darkwa (UFA) - Tulane '14 - Miami Dolphins  
DB Kendrick Lewis (RD 3) - Ole Miss '10 [O. Perry Walker High School]  
- Kansas City Chiefs  
WR Mike Wallace (RD 3) - Ole Miss '09 [O. Perry Walker High School]  
- Pittsburgh Steelers  
WR Craig Davis (RD 1) - LSU '07 [O. Perry Walker High School]  
- San Diego Chargers

### Conference Championships

2006, 2007, 2008, & 2009 SCAC - Millsaps College (Miss.)  
(Wide Receivers/Tight Ends/Special Teams/Recruiting Coordinator)

### All-Americans Coached

WR Anthony Miller - 2017 (Consensus)





Mayhue, who finished with 42 catches for 677 yards and four touchdowns. The Tigers finished 8-5 and advanced to the Boca Raton Bowl. Ferguson passed for 3,698 yards and 32 touchdowns as Memphis averaged 38.8 points per game, 304.4 passing yards per game and 463.7 total yards per game.

### TULANE (2012-15)

Johnson spent four seasons at Tulane as the running backs and tight ends coach. In 2014, Johnson coached a pair of freshman All-Americans in running back Sherman Badie and tight end Charles Jones. Badie led the Green Wave in rushing with 688 yards, while Jones led Tulane tight ends with 21 catches for 192 yards and a team-best-tying three touchdown receptions.

In 2013, Johnson helped coach Tulane to one of its best seasons in recent memory – a 7-5 campaign capped by an appearance in the New Orleans Bowl. That year, Johnson coached running back Orleans Darkwa, who rushed for 863 yards and 12 touchdowns – third-most in Tulane history – and was named MVP of the New Orleans Bowl.

### HIGH SCHOOL

St. Augustine (2005, 2009-11), O. Perry Walker (2000-05), John F. Kennedy (1997-2000)

Johnson was the head coach/offensive coordinator and receivers coach at St. Augustine High School in New Orleans from 2009 to 2011, leading the Purple Knights to the co-district title

in 2010 and the district championship in 2011. Johnson claimed District 10-4A Coach of the Year honors in 2011. At St. Augustine, Johnson coached future LSU and NFL star Tyrann Mathieu. Johnson's development of Mathieu laid the groundwork for a collegiate career at LSU (2010-11) that included consensus All-America honors, SEC Defensive Player of the Year honors and being named a Heisman Finalist. Mathieu captured All-Pro honors with the Arizona Cardinals in 2015.

Johnson began his high school coaching career at John F. Kennedy High School (1997-2000) and O. Perry Walker High School (2000-05), where he was the offensive coordinator, wide receivers/tight ends coach. At O. Perry Walker, Johnson helped lead the Bucs to the 2002 Louisiana state title game and three straight district championships. He helped 18 players move on to play NCAA Division I football.

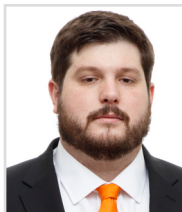
### BACKGROUND

Johnson starred at Nicholls State from 1991-93, where he earned All-Southland Conference honorable mention honors as a receiver in 1992 and as a receiver and a punt returner in 1993. Johnson led the Colonels in receiving in 1992 and 1993, finishing with 50 receptions for 990 yards and eight touchdowns in those two seasons.

Johnson graduated from Nicholls State in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in general education.

He and his wife, Akeia, have three children: Jermaine, De'Von and Karaaz.





# BRIAN NIEDERMAYER

## TIGHT ENDS

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF '12

Brian Niedermeyer joins head coach Jeremy Pruitt's staff after working closely with the new Tennessee coach at Alabama and Georgia. Niedermeyer served as the assistant director of recruiting operations with the Crimson Tide in 2017 after his role as a defensive graduate assistant in 2016. He also was a defensive graduate assistant coach, working under Pruitt, at Georgia in 2015. A native of Eagle River, Alaska, he was the wide receivers coach at East Texas Baptist University in 2014 and also worked on the staffs at Miami (Fla.) and Arkansas at Pine Bluff. Niedermeyer played tight end at UAPB.

### ALABAMA (2016-17)

Niedermeyer served as the assistant director of recruiting operations with the Crimson Tide in 2017, facilitating the day-to-day operations and recruiting efforts for student-athletes as well as on-campus recruiting events.

In 2016, Niedermeyer was a defensive graduate assistant, specializing in linebackers under Pruitt, Alabama's defensive coordinator.

Led by linebackers Reuben Foster, Tim Williams and Ryan Anderson, the Tide led the nation in scoring defense (13.0 ppg) and rushing defense (63.9 ypg), while ranking second in total defense (261.8 ypg). Alabama finished 14-1, winning the SEC Championship and the Sugar Bowl before falling to Clemson in the College Football Playoff Championship Game.

Foster collected consensus All-America honors and won the Butkus Award after totaling 115 tackles, 13 TFLs and five sacks. Williams was a second-team All-American after tallying nine sacks, while Anderson nabbed first-team All-SEC honors and led the Crimson Tide with 19 TFLs. The trio moved onto the NFL after the season. Foster was selected by the San Francisco 49ers with the No. 31 pick in the first round, Anderson was picked No. 49 overall in the second round by the Washington Redskins and the Baltimore Ravens chose Williams in the third round.

### GEORGIA (2015)

Niedermeyer got his first taste of the Southeastern Conference by working with Pruitt as a defensive graduate assistant at Georgia in 2015.

## THE NIEDERMAYER FILE

**Born:** December 28, 1988

**Hometown:** Eagle River, Alaska

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree (Arkansas at Pine Bluff '12)

**Playing Experience:** Arkansas at Pine Bluff (2011-13)

### NFL Draft Picks Helped Develop

LB Roquan Smith (RD 1) - Georgia '18 - Chicago Bears  
LB Lorenzo Carter (RD 3) - Georgia '18 - New York Giants  
LB Rashaan Evans (RD 1) - Alabama '18 - Tennessee Titans  
LB Shaun Dion Hamilton (RD 6) - Alabama '18 - Washington Redskins  
LB Reuben Foster (RD 1) - Alabama '17 - San Francisco 49ers  
LB Ryan Anderson (RD 2) - Alabama '17 - Washington Redskins  
LB Tim Williams (RD 3) - Alabama '17 - Baltimore Ravens  
LB Leonard Floyd (RD 1) - Georgia '16 - Chicago Bears  
LB Jordan Jenkins (RD 3) - Georgia '16 - New York Jets  
LB Denzel Perryman (RD 2) - Miami '15 - San Diego Chargers

### National Championships

2017 - Alabama (Assistant Director of Recruiting Operations)

### Conference Championships

2016 SEC - Alabama (Defensive Graduate Assistant)

2012 SWAC - Arkansas Pine-Bluff (Defensive Student Assistant)

### All-Americans Helped Develop

LB Reuben Foster - Alabama '16 - First Team All-American  
WR Stephen Alfred - East Texas Baptist '14  
- USA Football Network All-American  
WR Tyler Bates - East Texas Baptist '14  
- USA Football Network All-American  
LB Denzel Perryman - Miami '13 - Honorable Mention All-America  
LB Jer-ryan Harris - Arkansas-Pine Bluff '13  
- SBN Sports Black College All-American, HSRN All-American

### National Award Winners Helped Develop

LB Reuben Foster - Alabama '16 - Butkus Award



The Bulldogs led the nation in pass defense in 2015 (156.5), while ranking No. 7 in total defense (305.9) and No. 8 in scoring defense (16.9 ppg).

Working primarily with linebackers, Niedermeyer helped coach All-SEC linebacker Leonard Floyd and Senior Bowl invitees Jake Ganus and Jordan Jenkins. He also helped develop future SEC Defensive Player of the Year Roquan Smith, who was a true freshman at the time, and future two-year starter Davin Bellamy.

Ganus led the Bulldogs with 101 tackles. Floyd ranked second with 72 stops to go along with 8.5 TFLs. Jenkins finished with 58 tackles and 9.5 TFLs.

Floyd was selected with the No. 9 overall pick in the first round of the 2016 NFL Draft by the Chicago Bears, while Jenkins went in the third round to the New York Jets. Ganus signed with the Minnesota Vikings.

#### **EAST TEXAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY (2014)**

Niedermeyer coached wide receivers for one season at East Texas Baptist University, helping guide the No. 1 passing offense in NCAA Division III in 2014.

The Tigers led the nation in passing (368.1 ypg) and ranked second in total offense (566.1). ETBU averaged 42.3 points per game (No. 11 in the nation).

Niedermeyer coached a pair of All-Americans and 1,000-yard receivers in Tyler Bates (84 receptions, 1,156 yards, 11 touchdowns) and Stephen Alford (59 receptions, 1,210 yards, 12 touchdowns)

#### **MIAMI (2013)**

In 2013, Niedermeyer worked as a volunteer analyst at Miami (Fla.), assisting linebackers coach Michael Barrow. The Hurricanes finished 9-4 and were led by linebacker Denzel Perryman, who finished with 108 tackles and collected All-ACC First Team and All-America honorable mention honors.

#### **UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS AT PINE BLUFF (2012)**

Niedermeyer started his coaching career at his alma mater, University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, as a defensive student coach in 2012. The Golden Lions finished 10-2 and won the SWAC Championship.

#### **BACKGROUND**

Niedermeyer played tight end for two years at UAPB after beginning his collegiate career at Glendale Community College and Butte Junior College.

Niedermeyer was all-state in football and basketball in high school at Chugiak High School in Eagle River, Alaska.







# TRACY ROCKER

## DEFENSIVE LINE

FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
AUBURN '92

A renowned defensive line coach in the SEC and the 1988 SEC Player of the Year, Tracy Rocker has found success at every stop during his nearly 20-year collegiate and professional coaching career. Rocker has coached NFL first-round picks DeMarcus Ware, Jamaal Anderson, Nick Fairley and Peria Jerry, as well as future pros Greg Hardy and Osi Umenyiora in coaching stops at Auburn, Ole Miss, Arkansas and Troy. Rocker spent the 2014 through 2016 seasons as the defensive line coach at Georgia after three years with the Tennessee Titans. Rocker was a two-time All-American at Auburn, winning the 1988 Outland Trophy and Lombardi Trophy. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

### GEORGIA (2014-16)

Rocker's most recent coaching stop was a three-year stint as Georgia's defensive line coach from 2014-16 under head coaches Mark Richt and Kirby Smart. He was also the associate head coach for the 2015 and 2016 seasons. While in Athens, Rocker coached with Pruitt for two seasons (2014 & 2015).

During Rocker's time with the Bulldogs, they finished in the top 17 nationally in total defense each season and had the eighth best scoring defense (16.9 ppg) in 2015. UGA ranked sixth in the SEC with 29.0 sacks in 2016 as well.

### TENNESSEE TITANS (2011-13)

Rocker spent three years as the defensive line coach for the Tennessee Titans (2011-13) before leaving for Georgia. In 2012, the Titans ranked 10th in the NFL in sacks (39). Additionally defensive end Derrick Morgan turned in the best season of his career, registering 6.5 sacks, 19 quarterback pressures, five tackles for loss, five passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

In 2013, the Titans finished 11th in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game (225.8 - sixth in AFC) and 14th in yards per game allowed (337.9 - eighth in AFC).

In his first season with the Titans, Rocker led a young group of players that saw two rookies emerge as playmakers on the interior. Rookie defensive tackle Karl Klug led all NFL rookies at his position with seven sacks, a total that led the Titans and also ranked fourth among all NFL defensive tackles. Fellow rookie defensive tackle Jurrell Casey started 15 games and led all Titans defensive linemen in tackles with 74 while also tallying 2.5 sacks, nine quarterback pressures, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.



## THE ROCKER FILE

**Born:** April 9, 1966

**Hometown:** Atlanta, Ga.

**Education:** Bachelor's Degree (Auburn '92)

**Playing Experience:** Auburn - DL (1985-88)

**Wife:** Lalitha

**Children:** Kumar

### Misc. Honors & Accolades

- College Football Hall of Fame Inductee (2004)
- Georgia Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (2018)
- Alabama Sports Hall of Fame Inductee (2005)
- Lombardi Trophy Winner (1988)
- Outland Trophy Winner (1988)
- SEC Player of the Year (1988)
- Two-time All-American (1987 & 1988)
- Third Round Pick in 1989 NFL Draft (Washington Redskins)

### NFL Draft Picks Coached

- DE Corey Lemonier (RD 3) - Auburn '13 - San Francisco 49ers
- DT Nick Fairley (RD 1) - Auburn '11 - Detroit Lions
- DT Zach Clayton (RD 7) - Auburn '11 - Tennessee Titans
- DT Jerrell Powe (RD 6) - Ole Miss '11 - Kansas City Chiefs
- DE Greg Hardy (RD 6) - Ole Miss '10 - Carolina Panthers
- DT Peria Jerry (RD 1) - Ole Miss '09 - Atlanta Falcons
- DT Marcus Harrison (RD 3) - Arkansas '08 - Chicago Bears
- DE Jamaal Anderson (RD 1) - Arkansas '07 - Atlanta Falcons
- DT Keith Jackson (RD 7) - Arkansas '07 - St. Louis Rams
- DE Demarcus Ware (RD 1) - Troy '05 - Dallas Cowboys
- DE Osi Umenyiora (RD 2) - Troy '03 - New York Giants
- DT Daven Williams (RD 7) - Troy '03 - Miami Dolphins
- DT Marcus Spriggs (RD 6) - Troy '99 - Cleveland Browns

### National Championships

2010 - Auburn (Defensive Line Coach)

### Conference Championships

- 2010 SEC - Auburn (Defensive Line Coach)
- 2002 Conference USA - Cincinnati (Defensive Line Coach)
- 1999 & 2000 Southland - Troy (Defensive Line Coach)

### All-Americans Coached

- DT Nick Fairley - Auburn '10 - FWAA, Walter Camp, Sporting News, Sports Illustrated, AP, CBS Sports, Rivals
- DT Peria Jerry - Ole Miss '08
- AP, ESPN, AAFB, Pro Football Writers, Athlon Sports
- DL Tim Betts - Troy '00 - AFCA, AP, Don Hansen
- DE Eric Sloan - Troy '98 & '99 - Walter Camp
- DT Al Lucas - Troy '98 & '99 - AP, Walter Camp, Don Hansen, Sports Network
- DE Marcus Spriggs - Troy '98 - AP, Walter Camp, ESPN/USA Today

### National Award Winners Coached

- DT Nick Fairley - Auburn '10
- Lombardi Award, AP Defensive Player of the Year
- DT Al Lucas - Troy '99
- Buck Buchanan Award (Division I-AA Top Defensive Player)

**AUBURN (2009-10)**

Prior to joining the Titans staff, Rocker spent two seasons (2009-10) at his alma mater, Auburn, as the defensive line coach. While there, he helped develop Nick Fairley into the Lombardi Award winner (given to the NCAA's best defensive lineman or linebacker) and an AP All-American as a part of Auburn's 2010 national title winning team. Fairley went on to become the 14th overall pick in the first round of the 2011 NFL Draft by Detroit.

Rocker also coached two other NFL Draft picks during his time at Auburn in defensive end Corey Lemonier (3rd round in 2013) and defensive tackle Zach Clayton (7th round in 2011).

In 2009, he coached Antonio Coleman, who led the SEC in tackles for loss (16.5) and sacks (10.0) and was twice named SEC Defensive Lineman of the Week.

**OLE MISS (2008)**

Before his two-year stint at Auburn, Rocker spent one year as the defensive line coach at Ole Miss in 2008. The Rebels finished 14th in the final polls and ranked 19th nationally in total defense. The defense led the SEC and finished fourth in the country with 39 sacks.

Rocker mentored two Rebels to All-America honors in Peria Jerry, who was named a second team All-American, and Greg Hardy, who was named a third-team selection, both by Rivals.com. Jerry and Hardy also earned first and second team All-SEC accolades, respectively.

Peria was selected in the first round of the 2009 NFL Draft by Atlanta while Hardy was a sixth round pick by Carolina in 2010 and ended up being a Pro Bowl selection in 2013.

**ARKANSAS (2003-07)**

Rocker worked five seasons as the defensive line coach at Arkansas from 2003-07 and saw Jamaal Anderson earn a first-round selection in the 2007 NFL Draft after a 14-sack season as a senior. The 2005 Razorback unit ranked second in the SEC in sacks with 29 and was fourth in rushing defense.

During his stint with the Razorbacks, Rocker mentored three players who were selected in the NFL Draft: the aforementioned Anderson, and defensive tackles Keith Jackson (2007) and Marcus Harrison (2008).

**CINCINNATI (2002)**

Rocker spent one season as defensive line coach with the University of Cincinnati in 2002 and helped the Bearcats capture the Conference USA title. The UC defense was led by first-team All-CUSA selection Antwan Peek.

**TROY (1997-01)**

In 1997, Rocker took over the defensive line coaching position at Troy, where he spent five seasons. In his time working with the Trojans, he coached future NFL stars DeMarcus Ware and Osi Umenyiora. Ware was a three-time all-conference selection and was named Sun Belt Defensive Player of the Year in 2004. Umenyiora was a two-time all-conference selection (2000 & 2002). Rocker coached Trojan great Al Lucas, who won the 1999 Buck Buchanan Award as the top defensive player in I-AA and was also a two-time I-AA All-American (1998 & 1999). All three of those players are members of the Troy University Sports Hall of Fame.

In total, three defensive linemen who were coached by Rocker at Troy ended up being selected in the NFL Draft. Ware was picked 11th overall in the 2005 draft, Umenyiora was a second-round selection in the 2003 draft and Davern Williams was drafted in the seventh round in 2003.

Ware went on to be a nine-time Pro Bowl selection and four-time first-team All-Pro while leading the league in sacks in 2008 and 2010. Ware also won Super Bowl 50 as a member of the Denver Broncos in 2015 and was named to the NFL 2000s All-Decade Team before retiring after the 2016 season. Umenyiora made two Pro Bowls (2005 & 2007) and was named a first-team All-Pro in 2005. He went on to win a pair of Super Bowls with the New York Giants.

**WEST ALABAMA (1994-96)**

Rocker broke into the college coaching ranks at West Alabama from 1994-96 as the defensive line coach.

**PRE-COLLEGE COACHING CAREER**

Rocker began his coaching career as the defensive coordinator at Auburn (Ala.) High School from 1992-93.

**BACKGROUND**

As a player, Rocker was a two-time All American at Auburn and was the 1988 Outland Trophy and Lombardi Trophy winner. He was the first SEC player to earn both awards. He was named SEC Player of the Year following his senior season in 1988. Rocker was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004, the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame in 2005 and the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 2018.

He was a third-round pick by the Washington Redskins in the 1989 NFL Draft and played two seasons before suffering a knee injury. He concluded his career by playing one year for the Orlando Thunder of the World Football League. As a coach, Rocker spent two summers working with NFL teams (Indianapolis, 2001; Tampa Bay, 2006) as a part of the NFL's Minority Internship Program.

A native of Atlanta, Ga., Rocker and his wife Lalitha have a son, Kumar.





# CHRIS WEINKE

## RUNNING BACKS

### FIRST SEASON AT TENNESSEE FLORIDA STATE '00

Former NFL quarterback and 2000 Heisman Trophy winner Chris Weinke brings a wealth of knowledge to the Vols' coaching staff as both a standout player and coach. Weinke, who led Florida State to the 1999 national championship, comes to Tennessee as the running backs coach after working as an offensive analyst at Alabama in 2017, helping lead the Crimson Tide to the College Football Playoff National Championship. Before his time in Tuscaloosa, Weinke was the quarterbacks coach for the Los Angeles Rams for two seasons and spent five years as the program director at IMG Academy where he worked with some of the nation's top high school football recruits and trained several NFL players.

#### ALABAMA (2017)

Weinke was an offensive analyst for Alabama in 2017, helping lead the Crimson Tide to the national championship by contributing to an offense that ranked No. 15 in the nation in scoring (37.1 points per game) and No. 13 in rushing (250.6).

Weinke was instrumental in Alabama's offense, which was powered by running backs Damien Harris (1,000 yards, 11 touchdowns) and Bo Scarbrough (596 yards and eight touchdowns) as well as quarterback Jalen Hurts (2,081 yards, 17 touchdowns and one interception passing; 855 yards and eight touchdowns rushing) and All-SEC and All-American wide receiver Calvin Ridley (63 catches, 967 yards, five touchdowns). Ridley was selected by the Atlanta Falcons with the 26th pick in the first round of the 2018 NFL Draft, while Scarbrough was also selected in the 2018 Draft by the Dallas Cowboys.

#### ST. LOUIS/LOS ANGELES RAMS (2015-16)

Prior to joining the Crimson Tide, Weinke was the quarterbacks coach for the St. Louis/Los Angeles Rams in 2015 and 2016. In his two seasons with the Rams, Weinke mentored quarterbacks Nick Foles, Case Keenum and No. 1 pick Jared Goff. Keenum found success under Weinke's direction, passing for over 3,000 yards despite starting only 14 games. Weinke also helped Goff, then a 21-year-old rookie, build a foundation for his future success as his first NFL position coach.

#### IMG FOOTBALL ACADEMY (2010-14)

From 2010-14 Weinke spent five years as the director of the IMG Football Academy in Bradenton, Fla., teaching fundamentals of the game, and serving as the head coach and offensive coordinator of the IMG Academy high school team in 2013 and 2014.

## THE WEINKE FILE

**Born:** July 31, 1972

**Hometown:** St. Paul, Minn.

**Education:** Bachelor's in Sports Management (Florida State '00)

**Playing Experience:** Florida State - QB (1997-00); Carolina Panthers (2001-06); San Francisco 49ers (2007)

**Children:** Carter, Mallory

### 2000 Heisman Trophy Winner

#### National Championships

2017 - Alabama (Offensive Analyst)

1999 - Florida State (Player)

#### Notable Players Coached/Developed

QB Jalen Hurts - Alabama

WR Calvin Ridley - Alabama

RB Damien Harris - Alabama

RB Bo Scarbrough - Alabama/IMG Academy

QB Case Keenum - LA Rams

QB Nick Foles - LA Rams

QB Jared Goff - LA Rams

QB Deondre Francois - IMG Academy

#### Notable NFL Players Trained

Russell Wilson

Cam Newton

Teddy Bridgewater

Ryan Tannehill

Kirk Cousins

Matt Barkley







IMG Academy's prep program went 19-2 in 2013 and 2014 with Weinke at the helm and he coached several players who went on to play at the NCAA Division I level including Alabama's Scarbrough and Florida State quarterback Deondre Francois.

Additionally, Weinke, who launched the academy in 2010, gained extensive experience training quarterbacks for the NFL Combine and NFL Draft, including Russell Wilson, Cam Newton, Teddy Bridgewater, Ryan Tannehill, Kirk Cousins and Matt Barkley – many of which continued to return to work with Weinke in the offseason.

### BACKGROUND

Weinke enjoyed a seven-year NFL career from 2001-07, playing with the Carolina Panthers (2001-06) and the San Francisco 49ers (2007). The Panthers drafted Weinke in the fourth round of the 2001 NFL Draft with the 106th overall pick. He started 15 games as a rookie in 2001, throwing for 2,931 yards and 11 touchdowns and rushing for 128 yards and six scores. Weinke played in 27 games and made 19 starts for Carolina from 2001-06. After signing with San Francisco in 2007, he played in two games and made one start.

The St. Paul, Minnesota, native is perhaps best known for his remarkable career at Florida State, playing for the legendary Bobby Bowden from 1997-2000. Weinke owns the Seminoles' career records for passing yards (9,839), completions (650) and touchdown passes (79) and his 14 games with 300 or more passing yards is tied for the most in FSU history. He played in 36 games and his 32 wins as a starting quarterback are the most in Florida State history.

As a senior in 2000, Weinke won the Heisman Trophy, Johnny Unitas Award and the Davey O'Brien Award after leading Florida State to the ACC title and an 11-2 record. He threw for an FSU record 4,167 yards and a then-record 33 touchdowns and completed 61.7 percent of his passes in 2000. At 28, Weinke became the oldest player ever to win the Heisman Trophy.

As a junior in 1999, Weinke led Florida State to a perfect 12-0 record, capping the year with a 46-29 win over Virginia Tech in the Sugar Bowl to give the Seminoles the BCS National Championship. He threw for 3,103 yards and 25 touchdowns and completed 61.5 percent of his passes during Florida State's championship run.

Weinke was a 1989 Parade magazine and USA Today first-team high school All-American at Cretin-Derham Hall High School in St. Paul, Minn. He was also an all-state baseball player and in 1990 he was drafted in the second round of the Major League Baseball First-Year Player draft (No. 62 overall) by the Toronto Blue Jays. He signed a professional contract with Toronto and played in the minor leagues before leaving baseball in 1996.

Weinke has an 11-year-old son, Carter, and a 9-year-old daughter, Mallory.





# CRAIG FITZGERALD

## DIRECTOR OF STRENGTH & CONDITIONING

Craig Fitzgerald comes to Tennessee in 2018 with one of the top résumés of any football strength and conditioning coach in the country.

Fitzgerald will serve as head coach Jeremy Pruitt's Director of Strength and Conditioning following four seasons as the head strength and conditioning coach with the Houston Texans. He also spent two seasons leading the football strength and conditioning program at Penn State (2012-13) and three seasons leading South Carolina's strength and conditioning efforts (2009-11).

Fitzgerald holds the highest honor awarded in his profession, the certification of Master Strength and Conditioning Coach by the Collegiate Strength and Conditioning Coaches Association (CSCCa), a distinction he received in 2010. He is also a certified by the National Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA).

Fitzgerald helped Houston win back-to-back AFC South division championships in 2015 and 2016, while putting together three consecutive winning seasons for the first time in franchise history (2014-15-16). In 2016, the Texans advanced to the AFC Divisional Round of the playoffs for the first time since 2012.

In Fitzgerald's first year in Houston, the Texans led the NFL with a seven-win improvement and became the sixth team in the NFL since 1978 to post a winning record following a season in which it won two games or less.

Fitzgerald helped head coach Bill O'Brien steady the ship at Penn State after NCAA sanctions limited scholarships. The Nittany Lions finished 8-4 in 2012 and 7-5 in 2013 during a rebuilding effort that was more impressive than the records showed and caught the attention of NFL teams. Fitzgerald revamped Penn State's training facility and workout facility and developed the popular "Iron Lion" t-shirt, which directed proceeds from sales of the shirt to PSU's chapter of Uplifting Athletes, a nonprofit organization that raises money and awareness for rare diseases.

His tenure at Penn State followed three successful seasons working with Steve Spurrier at South Carolina. The Gamecocks won a school-record 11 games and finished in the Associated Press Top 10 for the first time in school history in his final season – 2011.

Fitzgerald was the director of strength and conditioning at Harvard from 2005 to 2009, overseeing 41 varsity sports, including the football team that won Ivy League championships in 2007 and 2008.

From 2000 to 2005, he served as an assistant director of strength and conditioning at Maryland, his alma mater. From 1997 to 1999, Fitzgerald was the first director of strength and conditioning at Catholic University, where he also was the tight ends coach and special teams coordinator.

He was a three-year letterwinner and starting tight end for the Terps from 1994 to 1996 after beginning his career as a walk-on.

Fitzgerald and his wife, Mary, have three sons: Mac, Joe and Luke.



## FOOTBALL STRENGTH & CONDITIONING STAFF



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*Assistant Director of  
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# TODD WATSON

## DIRECTOR OF FOOTBALL OPERATIONS

Todd Watson joins Jeremy Pruitt's Tennessee Volunteers staff as the Director of Football Operations following three years in operations at Troy University.

Watson was the Director of Operations and High School Relations for the Trojans from 2015 to 2017. Troy combined to go 20-5 over the last two seasons and shared the Sun Belt Championship with Appalachian State in 2017.

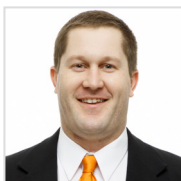
The Trojans finished 10-3 in 2016, including a victory over Ohio in the Dollar General Bowl. Troy wrapped up the 2017 regular season with a 10-2 mark and earned a berth in the New Orleans Bowl.

Watson was one of the most successful high school coaches in Alabama before

joining Neal Brown's staff at Troy. Watson compiled an 80-36 record in 10 seasons as the head coach of Foley High School, where he coached Atlanta Falcons star wide receiver Julio Jones and other future NFL players such as Robert Lester and D.J. Fluker.

Watson preceded Pruitt as defensive coordinator at Alabama prep powerhouse Hoover High School from 2000 to 2004, helping the Buccaneers to a 70-4 record and four Alabama 6A state titles. He also spent time as an assistant coach at Bryant High School and Alba High School.

Watson is a 1993 graduate of the University of Mobile. He and his wife, Christie, have two daughters, LeighAshton and Micah.



# DREW HUGHES

## DIRECTOR OF PLAYER PERSONNEL

Drew Hughes joins Jeremy Pruitt's Tennessee staff as the Director of Player Personnel following four years in a similar role at Florida.

He will manage the recruiting department for the Vols, including on and off-campus recruiting, talent evaluation and high school relations.

Hughes helped the Gators' recruiting efforts as their Director of Player Personnel from 2014 to 2017 in addition to leading the personnel department at NC State.

Since 2012, Hughes has helped his teams bring in 30 NFL draft picks, including 12 in the 2018 draft, headlined by first-round picks Bradley Chubb and Taven Bryan.

At Florida, Hughes helped the Gators reel in three Top 12 recruiting classes, including the nation's No. 9 class in 2014, No. 11 in 2017 and No. 12 in 2016.

The native of Montgomery, Ala., worked as the Director of Player Personnel at NC State in 2013 and UCF in 2012.

At NC State he was responsible for the class that landed Chubb, an All-American, while at UCF he helped the Knights land stars Shaquill Griffin and Shaquem Griffin.

He broke into the SEC as a recruiting specialist at Alabama from 2007 to 2011, assisting with player evaluation breakdowns and daily operations for Nick Saban's summer camps. In this role, Hughes worked closely with Pruitt, who served as the Director of Player Development at Alabama from 2007 to 2009 before being promoted to defensive backs coach in 2010.

Hughes graduated from Alabama in 2011. He is married to the former Rebekah Anne Hough of Lakeland, Fla., and the couple has a newborn son, Rhett.





# JOHN LILLY

## ASSISTANT TO THE HEAD COACH

John Lilly joins the Tennessee football staff as the assistant to the head coach with over 20 years of experience at the Power 5 level during stints at Florida State and Georgia. He has won a national championship and nine conference championships in addition to making a pair of appearances in the SEC Championship Game.

Lilly spent the 2016 season in the NFL as the tight ends coach with the Los Angeles Rams where he helped starting tight end Lance Kendricks record a career-high 50 receptions.

He was hired in 2008 to coach the tight ends at Georgia and added the role of offensive special teams coordinator in 2014. He spent eight seasons (2008-15) total with the Bulldogs after serving as tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator at Florida State (1998-2007).

During his time with the Bulldogs, Lilly was part of several record-setting seasons: 72 touchdowns in 2012, 484.14 yards per game in 2013 and 41.3 points per game in 2014. All were the best marks in school history. served as the Bulldogs' interim offensive coordinator during their bowl games following the 2014 and 2015 seasons, calling the plays for Georgia during a 37-14 win over Louisville in the 2014 Belk Bowl and its 24-17 victory over Penn State in the 2016 Tax Slayer Bowl. Under his direction, the Bulldogs averaged 31 points and 410 yards of offense against defenses ranked in the Top 15 nationally in various statistical categories.

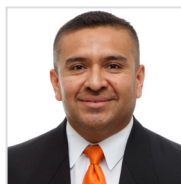
He coached star tight ends Arthur Lynch, an All-SEC First Team honoree and fifth-round NFL draft pick, Orson Charles, a fourth-round selection by the Cincinnati Bengals, and Aron White, who captured Most Outstanding Offensive Player honors at the 2009 Advocare V100 Independence Bowl.

Charles was a finalist for the 2011 Mackey Award and finished his career with 1,370 receiving yards – a school record for a tight end.

Lilly guided Georgia's punt unit, which included Ray Guy Award winner Drew Butler, who led the nation in net punting average (41.95) and was named a consensus All-American in 2009. He also worked with NFL kicker Blair Walsh.

Lilly started at FSU as a videographer in 1995 before becoming a graduate assistant in 1996-97 and ultimately the tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator in 1998. The Seminoles had a tremendous amount of success during Lilly's tenure, including winning the 1999 national championship. FSU routinely brought in some of the nation's top recruiting classes with Lilly leading the charge, including a stretch from 2002 to 2007 where each class ranked in the top four in the country.

Lilly played quarterback, wide receiver and special teams at Guilford College in Greensboro, N.C. and was an assistant coach at Northwest Guilford High School in Greensboro, N.C. from 1991 to 1994. He is married to the former Cheryl Brown and they have two daughters, Allison Catherine and Abigail Christine, and one son, Caleb Jackson.



# JERONIMO BOCHE

## DIRECTOR OF ATHLETIC TRAINING - FOOTBALL

Jeronimo Boche joined the Tennessee staff in 2018 to become the director of athletic training for football after spending 2017 and 2018 at James Madison University as the program's associate athletic trainer.

Prior to his time at JMU, Boche spent nearly a decade in the sports medicine department at Florida State University, where he provided medical coverage for FSU football for six years, in which he gained invaluable experience. He was part of the sports medicine team that helped the Seminoles reach two Orange Bowls, one College Football Playoff and a win in the 2013 BCS National Championship. His vast experience in dealing with the explosive athlete dates back to when he first joined FSU in 2007.

Prior to making the switch to football he served as the staff athletic trainer for the Seminole men's and women's track and field and cross country programs, helping the men win the 2007 NCAA Outdoor Track and Field title.

During his tenure at FSU he also spearheaded the concussion management program for Florida State University. Boche worked alongside the team physician and team neuropsychologist to develop concussion assessment and management procedures for the entire athletic department.

Boche earned his Master of Science degree in health and human performance from Oklahoma State University in 2007. During his time at OSU he served as the graduate assistant athletic trainer responsible for the care and rehabilitation of the OSU women's soccer program. He was also an Accredited Curriculum Instructor (ACI) for the CAATE approved curriculum.

A native of Fort Worth, Texas, Boche received his Bachelor of Exercise and Sports Science degree with an emphasis in athletic training from Texas State University in 2004.

During the summer of 2003 Boche earned an internship via the Professional Football Athletic Trainers Society (PFATS). Boche served as an intern athletic trainer with the NFL Arizona Cardinals in Phoenix, Az.

Boche has been a certified member of the National Athletic Trainers' Association since 2004 and he is licensed by the Virginia Board of Medicine.

Jeronimo is married to Dr. Katy Boche, and they have one son, Everett.



# PATRICK ABERNATHY

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Patrick Abernathy begins his fifth season with Tennessee football this fall. Abernathy will work as part of the player development team for the Vols, focusing on mentoring, support and life skills for the current student-athletes. Abernathy previously was UT's Director of High School Relations where he was charged with coordinating the relationship between the football program and high schools.

Abernathy is a graduate of Stratford High School in Nashville, Tenn., where he lettered all four years in football, baseball and wrestling. He was a team captain on the football team and collected all-state and all-district honors. Abernathy was part of two undefeated seasons as a linebacker at Tennessee State University where he was coached by John Merritt and played alongside NFL Hall of Famer Richard Dent.

Abernathy's career was cut short because of a knee injury, but he completed his degree in business administration with concentrations in science and math, and began a career in youth football.

Before joining Tennessee, Abernathy served as an assistant athletic director at Brentwood Academy.

He was a high school football assistant coach for 14 years at several schools in Tennessee, including Brentwood Academy, Brentwood High School and Ezell Hardin High School. He coached state championship teams at Ezell Harding and Brentwood Academy and also served in the Health and Physical Education Department at Brentwood Academy from 2009 to 2013.

Abernathy also led the UNA Bears youth football program to multiple national championships over a 15-year span and coached several players who went on to capture all-state honors and play football in college.

During his career as a high school and youth coach, Abernathy coached 36 student-athletes who played NCAA Division I football, including NFL stars Jalen Ramsey and VFL Derek Barnett.

Patrick has one son, Tyler.



# JOE OSOVET

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Joe Osovet joined the Tennessee coaching staff in 2018 following a successful tenure as one of the top head coaches in the junior college ranks. Osovet has coached 11 NFL players and developed 47 Division I players as a JUCO head coach.

During his time in the junior college ranks, Osovet won the 2014 USA Sports Writer JUCO Coach of the Year and two Northeast Football Conference Coach of the Year awards, while posting a combined record of 33-11.

Osovet came to Knoxville by way of ASA (N.Y.) College, where he served as head coach and offensive coordinator for the 2016 and 2017 seasons.

During Osovet's two seasons at the helm, the Avengers posted a combined record of 13-7 and averaged 41.9 points per game during the 2017 season. In 2016, the Avengers averaged 75 points per game over the final two games.

Following the 2017 season, Osovet was named the 2017 NEFC coach of the year, his second time winning the award.

Prior to taking over at ASA College, Osovet coached at

Nassau Community College (N.Y.).

After his college football playing days, Osovet went on to eventually become the offensive coordinator at Nassau Community College.

In 2013, he took over as interim head coach for the final three games of the 2013 season, then served as the standing head coach for the 2014 and 2015 seasons.

In its first full season under the direction of Osovet, Nassau finished the season 10-0, claiming a NEFC championship and earning Osovet USA Sports Writer JUCO Coach of the Year and NEFC Coach of the Year honors.

After guiding Nassau to a 6-3 record in 2015, Osovet took over the reins at ASA College.

A graduate of Nassau Community College, Osovet played for the Lions for two years after playing two seasons at Northeastern University.

Osovet and his wife, Sandra, are parents to two children: son Austin and daughter Brooke Marie.



# KEVIN SIMON

## PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Kevin Simon joined the Tennessee staff in the player development role following nearly a decade of success in the NFL in the personnel and scouting departments with the Atlanta Falcons and the Dallas Cowboys.

Simon captured All-SEC Second Team honors twice as a linebacker at Tennessee from 2001 to 2005 before the Washington Redskins selected him in the seventh round of the 2006 NFL Draft.

Simon graduated from UT with a psychology degree in 2005, and later earned a master's degree in kinesiology with a concentration in sports psychology from UT in 2014.

The Walnut Creek, Calif., native persevered through injuries at Tennessee and finished with 237 tackles over 30 games. He led the Vols with 115 tackles in 2003. He made 88 stops as a senior in 2005.

Simon was a pro scout with the Falcons in 2016 and 2017. In this role, he assisted the coaching staff with advance scouting reports for opponents and helped analyze free agent prospects.

Before joining the Falcons, Simon worked for the Cowboys as a combine scout beginning in 2009. Three years later he was promoted to regional scout for the Midwest.

Simon also worked for the Vols a graduate assistant prior to his time with the Cowboys.

Simon and his wife, Heather, have four children, Taneisha, Tamia, Kenneth and Bryson.



# ROGER FRAZIER

## EQUIPMENT MANAGER

35TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEE '82

Equipment Manager Roger Frazier is responsible for all football equipment issue and maintenance, in addition to handling the purchasing and inventory control of all football game and practice gear.

He also serves as president of the SEC Equipment Managers Association and assists in new product development with Nike.

The UT graduate began his career in 1978 as student manager before being named equipment manager in

spring 1983.

In January 2003, the equipment room was renamed the Roger Frazier and Max Parrott Football Equipment Room, given in their honor by Gordon, Melissa and Hannah Summerfield.

Frazier graduated from Bradley Central High School in Cleveland and played football. He and his wife, Donna, have two children, Brandon and Barrett.



# JASON McVEIGH

## DIRECTOR OF SPORTS MEDICINE

20TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEE '96

Jason McVeigh enters his 13th season as Director of Sports Medicine at Tennessee, and his 20th overall with the UT athletics department.

McVeigh has been a member of the UT Sports Medicine staff since 1999, when he joined the Vols as the Director of Rehabilitation for men's athletics. He was appointed the Director of Sports Medicine over all men's and women's sports in 2012 by Dave Hart.

Under McVeigh's supervision, the new Adair-Carlson Student-Athlete Wellness Center was opened in late 2012. This new 11,000 square foot facility features a state-of-the-art hydrotherapy area containing four Hydroworx therapy pools and a lane pool, as well as a new physical therapy center, athletic training room, and team physicians suite. On-site X-ray, EKG, diagnostic ultrasound, and a state-licensed pharmacy are all available to assist the UT Sports Medicine staff and physicians to care for all Vol and Lady

Vol student-athletes.

McVeigh graduated Summa Cum Laude from UT with a B.S. degree in Biology and a minor in Biochemistry. He then went on to receive his Master's degree in Physical Therapy from Duke University. He is a Certified Athletic Trainer as well as a Board Certified Specialist in Sports Physical Therapy, and is an active member of both the American Physical Therapy Association and the National Athletic Trainers Association. He has been an invited speaker at many regional and national athletic and sports medicine conferences on topics such as foot and ankle injuries, shoulder exercises, concussion management, and cardiac screening programs for athletes, among others.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., McVeigh graduated from Jonesborough's David Crockett High. He is married to the former Jennifer Bruorton of Marietta, Ga., and they have three children, Caitlin, Carson, and Kennedy.



# DR. CHRIS KLENCCK

## TEAM PHYSICIAN

13TH SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
PURDUE '95

Dr. Chris Klencck enters his 13th season as the head team physician on the UT Sports Medicine staff.

Klencck came to Knoxville in November 2006 following a primary care sports medicine fellowship at Indiana University Medical Center. He had served the Indianapolis hospital since June 2001 in the positions of Internal Medicine/Pediatrics intern, resident and chief resident.

During fellowship training, Klencck was an assistant team physician for the Indianapolis Colts preseason training camps and assisted at Purdue University, his alma mater. He worked the NFL Scouting Combines in Indianapolis, has NCAA championships experience and served as a team physician in the Indiana high school ranks.

He has earned board certifications in Internal Medicine, Pediatrics and Primary Care Sports Medicine.

In January 2013, was named the Sports Medicine Person of the Year by the Tennessee Athletic Trainers' Society (TATS).

An Evansville, Ind., native, Klencck earned his doctor of pharmacy degree from Purdue before completing his doctor of medicine degree at Indiana University School of Medicine.

He is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics, American College of Physicians, American Medical Society for Sports Medicine and American College of Sports Medicine.

Klencck is married to the former Laura Botto of Dayton, Ohio. They are the parents of three children: Jacob, Ben and Ella.





# CONDREDGE HOLLOWAY

## ASSISTANT AD FOR STUDENT-ATHLETE RELATIONS

21ST SEASON AT TENNESSEE  
TENNESSEE '91

Condredge Holloway is in his 21st year on the Tennessee staff and continues to serve as a vital link between the current Vols football staff and its storied history.

Holloway is UT's Assistant Athletics Director for Student-Athlete Relations and Letterman, and is one of the most celebrated players in school history.

In 2011, Holloway's amazing career was the subject of an ESPN documentary, "The Color Orange: The Condredge Holloway Story," produced by Kenny Chesney. It recounted the life and playing days of the SEC's first African-American starting quarterback.

Holloway primarily serves as the department's liaison with the Lettermen's Club, assisting with reunions and other projects. Holloway also is the point person for numerous issues surrounding the conduct of a major college football program. Holloway has taken great pride in helping former Vols find their niche in the business world by assisting them with contacts and employment opportunities following graduation.

Holloway remains associated in the minds of Tennessee fans with the razzle-dazzle offense he quarterbacked during his undergraduate days of the 1970s.

Nicknamed "The Artful Dodger," Holloway packed excitement into every play, whether it developed into a pass or a scramble.

In his three seasons (1972-74) as a starter, Holloway directed the Vols to the 1972 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1973 Gator and 1974 Liberty bowls and an overall record of 25-9-2. He ended his career with the best interception-to-attempt ratio in Tennessee history, throwing just 12 interceptions in 407 collegiate attempts.

In addition to being the first black quarterback at

Tennessee and in the Southeastern Conference, Holloway also was the first black baseball player in UT history.

The outstanding prospect had been selected out of high school by the Montreal Expos with their first overall pick. Holloway opted instead for a two-sport collegiate career and went on to excel on the diamond. He garnered All-SEC and All-America honors as a shortstop in 1975 and finished with a .353 career batting average.

Holloway -- still the owner of UT's longest hitting streak at 27 games -- was selected to Tennessee's All-Century Baseball Team, making him the only UT student-athlete named to all-century squads in both baseball and football.

Drafted by the New England Patriots in the 12th round as a defensive back, but chose to pursue a career as a quarterback in Canada.

Holloway left Knoxville and played 13 seasons in the Canadian Football League, compiling impressive numbers for the Ottawa Rough Riders (1975-80), Toronto Argonauts (1981-86) and British Columbia Lions (1987). He threw for more than 25,000 yards and rushed for another 3,167 while scoring 155 touchdowns. He was league MVP in 1982.

After his professional playing days ended, Holloway returned to UT and earned his degree.

In addition to his induction in Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, Holloway is a member of the Canadian Football Hall of Fame, Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame and the Tennessee Baseball Hall of Fame, among others.

In May 2015, Holloway's No. 1 baseball jersey was officially retired at Tennessee's Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

Holloway is married to the former Courtney Haralson of Meigs County and is the father of Jasmine and Condredge III.



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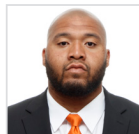
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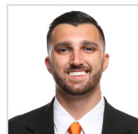
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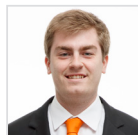
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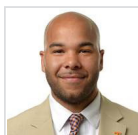
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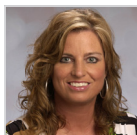
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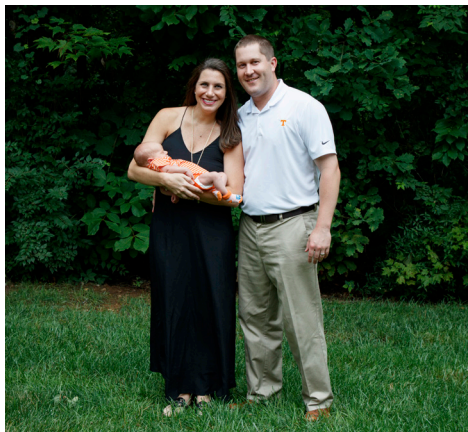


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# WAYNE T. DAVIS

## UT KNOXVILLE INTERIM CHANCELLOR

FIRST YEAR AS INTERIM CHANCELLOR  
PFEIFFER UNIVERSITY '69

Wayne T. Davis became interim chancellor of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, on May 7, 2018. In assuming leadership of the state's flagship university, Davis is responsible for guiding a campus with an annual budget of \$1.2 billion and an endowment of \$581 million; an enrollment of 28,000 students and a workforce of nearly 12,000 faculty, staff, and students; and a base of more than 250,000 alumni. UT has a Carnegie classification of doctoral university (highest research activity) and is a top 30 public research university with an annual economic impact of over \$4.3 billion systemwide. UT Knoxville alone has an economic impact on the state of \$1.6 billion and is responsible for generating 33,000 jobs.

Davis first came to UT as a graduate student in 1970 along with his wife, Sylvia. He earned his master's degree in environmental engineering and doctorate in civil engineering from the university in 1973 and 1975, respectively, and has held faculty and administrative roles at UT since. He served as assistant dean of the Graduate School from 1985 through 1988 and as its associate dean from 1988 through 1991.

He became interim dean of what is now the Tickle College of Engineering in 2008 before assuming the role permanently the following year. His time as dean saw massive growth in the college, including a near

doubling of its student body, doctoral enrollment, and graduation rates; the addition of 42 new faculty positions, more than doubling the number of endowed positions, and the hiring of 12 UT-Oak Ridge National Laboratory Governor's Chairs; construction of the Min H. Kao Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Building and the John D. Tickle Engineering Building, with a new \$129 million engineering complex in the design phase; and an improvement in student quality, with incoming freshmen in the college now averaging a GPA of 4.05 and an ACT math score of 30.5.

Davis was named Macebearer, UT Knoxville's highest faculty honor, in 2003.

The US Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Energy, and Department of Transportation; the National Science Foundation; ORNL; and the American Society for Engineering Education have all recognized Davis for his service and accomplishments. He is a member of the Air and Waste Management Association, a fellow of the American Society of Engineering Education, and a board-certified member of the American Academy of Environmental Engineering and Science.

He and his wife, Sylvia, have been married nearly 50 years. They have two children and three grandchildren.



# DR. DONALD BRUCE

## FACULTY ATHLETIC REPRESENTATIVE

20TH YEAR AT TENNESSEE  
DREW UNIVERSITY '94

Donald Bruce is the Douglas and Brenda Horne Professor of Business in the Center for Business and Economic Research (CBER) and the Department of Economics at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

He joined the UTK faculty in 1999 after receiving his M.A. and Ph.D. in Economics from Syracuse University and his B.A. with honors in Economics from Drew University.

As a CBRE economist, Dr. Bruce regularly provides objective, non-partisan policy research and evaluation under contracts with an array of government agencies at the federal and state levels. His recent work in CBRE has included an ongoing evaluation of Tennessee's welfare program, Families First, for the Tennessee Department of Human Services, an analysis of teacher supply and demand in Tennessee for the Governor's Office of Education Policy, and a forecast of expenditures on Tennessee Education Lottery Scholarships for the Tennessee Higher Education Commission.

In addition to his CBRE research, Dr. Bruce studies the economic and behavioral effects of tax policies on such things as small business activity and owner-occupied housing. His work has been presented and published in a variety of academic journals, edited volumes, and professional meetings. He has testified before Congress

on the topic of internet taxation, and he presented his work on taxes and small business activity before the President's Advisory Panel on Federal Tax Reform in 2005.

Dr. Bruce regularly teaches graduate and undergraduate courses on the economics of taxation and the economics of health and health care. He has recently served as the Director of Graduate Studies in Economics and the Director of the Undergraduate Major in Public Administration. Before becoming Faculty Athletics Representative, Dr. Bruce served for two years as chair of the Athletics Board's Fiscal Integrity and Long-Range Planning Committee. He has also served as chair of the UTK Faculty Senate's Budget and Planning Committee. Dr. Bruce is an active member of the National Tax Association, the International Institute of Public Finance, and the American, Southern, and Western Economic Associations. His community service has included numerous economic and policy presentations for state and local organizations, and he currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Innovative Education Partnership, the non-profit governing body of the Clayton-Bradley STEM Academy in Blount County.

Dr. Bruce lives in Walland, Tenn., with his wife Jennifer, a mathematics teacher at Clayton-Bradley, and their daughter Annie.



# PHILLIP FULMER

## DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

FIRST YEAR AS ATHLETIC DIRECTOR  
TENNESSEE '71

Phillip Fulmer was announced as Director of Athletics for the University of Tennessee, Knoxville on Dec. 1, 2017. Fulmer moved to this position after serving as special advisor to University of Tennessee President Joe DiPietro for community, athletics and university relations since June 20, 2017.

Fulmer—a former Tennessee football co-captain who went on to lead the Volunteers to a football national championship and earn first-ballot induction into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame—has faithfully served the University of Tennessee for more than 40 years.

Fulmer wasted no time getting to work. Six days after taking the reins of the athletic department at his alma mater, he finalized a deal to make Jeremy Pruitt the 26th head coach in the storied history of the Tennessee football program.

Fulmer had experience in such endeavors, as in 2013 he was tabbed by the administration at ETSU to serve as “special assistant to the athletic director and advisor to football,” providing guidance and expertise as the school sought to restart its football program, which had been dormant for 10 years.

The cornerstones of Tennessee Athletics under Fulmer's leadership are warmth, communication, trust and intensity.

- Warmth – Ensuring that we care about our student-athletes, our university, our state, our fans and our community

- Communication – Transparency in sharing our vision and goals with our various constituencies

- Trust – We will build trust with our constituencies to ensure that we weather and withstand the challenges we are certain to face.

- Intensity – We will operate with great intensity daily to be the very best at our chosen calling

Fulmer leaned on those same four pillars while leading his alma mater's storied football program to the most dominant era in its modern history.

Fulmer's 17 years at the helm of the Volunteers program produced a record of 152 wins and 52 losses. At the conclusion of Fulmer's final season, he was the dean of SEC football coaches and no active coach with at least a decade in

Division I-A had a better winning percentage (.744).

Under his tutelage, the Volunteers were the first to win the Bowl Championship Series National Championship in 1998 and made five appearances in the SEC Championship game, winning it in 1997 and 1998 and also capturing SEC East titles in 1997, 1998, 2001, 2004 and 2007.

Fulmer was named SEC Coach of the Year and National Coach of the Year in 1998.

A 1972 Tennessee graduate, he starred on the offensive line during his playing career, serving as team co-captain as a senior. The Vols were 30-5 and won an SEC Championship and a Sugar Bowl during his playing career from 1969-71.

He returned to Rocky Top as an assistant coach in 1980 before being named head coach in 1992.

Fulmer built his programs by challenging and motivating his teams to victories when the pressure was highest. Among his many accolades:

- Nine Fulmer-coached squads eclipsed the 10-win mark and two others just missed with nine victories.

- Eighteen of Fulmer's Vols earned first-team All-America honors, 70 Vols garnered first-team All-SEC acclaim and he produced 19 first-round NFL Draft selections and had a total of 101 players selected overall.

- Under Fulmer, the Vols were ranked in the national polls at game time for 169 of his 204 games as head coach.

- Tennessee posted a 44-37 record against teams ranked in the Associated Press Top-25 Poll during his tenure.

- Fulmer is one of only three coaches to produce multiple winners the Draddy Award (now known as the William V. Campbell Trophy), which recognizes the nation's top academic and athletic student-athlete by The National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame. Offensive lineman Michael Munoz and quarterback Peyton Manning both received the award under Fulmer's tutelage.

Fulmer's family approach in developing and guiding his young men on and off the field gave him the opportunity to mentor some of the top names in college and NFL history—including





Manning, Eric Berry, Chad Clifton, Al Wilson and Jason Witten. Fulmer's motivation was rooted in his role as a principled mentor who pushed his student-athletes to grow socially, spiritually, academically and personally, as well as athletically.

Fulmer's reputation as an ace recruiter led many analysts to praise him as one of the top head coach recruiters. His holistic approach earned recognition from his peers as he was named the second coach in history to earn the Eddie Robinson Coach of Distinction Trophy, the presidency of the American Football Coaches Association, and national, regional and conference coach of the year honors.

His induction into the 2012 National Football Foundation and College Football Hall of Fame on the first ballot was a rare accomplishment, signifying immense respect from his peers. He previously was inducted to the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame in 2001 and the Greater Knoxville Sports Hall of Fame in 2008. He was welcomed into the Tennessee Athletics Hall of Fame in 2017.

Fulmer and his wife, Vicky, have been passionate and active supporters of several philanthropic causes. Phillip has served as the national spokesperson for The Jason Foundation, Inc., since 1998. He also serves as honorary chair of the Knoxville Alzheimer's Association Walk and sits on the Board of Trustees for the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. The annual Phillip Fulmer Golf Classic in 2001 has raised over \$1 million for Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. Additionally, Vicky stands as an honorary board member with Friends of the Smokies.

Fulmer's three daughters—Courtney, Brittany and Allison—each graduated from the University of Tennessee's College of Communication & Information. Brittany and Allison also lettered as Lady Vols, competing as a diver and a softball player, respectively. His son, Phillip Jr., lives and works in White House, Tennessee.

Between his Tennessee coaching tenure and his return to UT in 2017, Fulmer also worked in business development and made motivational speaking appearances nationwide.





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