

SONNY DYKES

HEAD COACH

TEXAS TECH, 1993

4th Season as TCU Head Coach
16th Season Overall as a Head Coach



Sonny Dykes was introduced as TCU's head football coach on Nov. 30, 2021.

Dykes' 27 wins trail only two-time national champion Dutch Meyer (29, 1934-36) for the most by a TCU head coach in his first three seasons. During that same span, the Horned Frogs' 18 Big 12 wins are tied for the conference lead. TCU has had six All-Americans, 52 All-Big 12 selections and six of the top seven crowds in program history during Dykes' tenure.

The Horned Frogs have won at least nine games three times since 2015 with Dykes on staff for all three occasions. He was an analyst on the 11-win 2017 team and head coach of the 13-victory College Football Playoff team in 2022 as well as the 9-4 squad in 2024 that closed the campaign with a four-game winning streak and victories in six of its last seven games.

Dykes won 10 National Coach of the Year awards in 2022, his first season leading the Horned Frogs. TCU became the first program from the state of Texas to make the College Football Playoff and first from the Big 12 Conference to reach the CFP National Championship. Picked to finish seventh in the Big 12, the Horned Frogs were No. 2 in the final Associated Press poll. TCU also became the first team to be in the CFP National Championship after starting the season unranked and just the third program since 1998 to play for a national title while beginning the season outside the top 25. TCU's six wins over ranked opponents, including a victory over No. 2 Michigan in the CFP Semifinal at the Vrbo Fiesta Bowl, tied for the national lead.

Dykes is only the third head coach in the CFP era to guide his team to the playoffs in his first season at the helm. The unanimous Big 12 Coach of the Year, Dykes became the first head football coach in TCU and Big 12 history to start 12-0 in his first season. He was just the fourth head coach nationally since 1996 to accomplish the feat.

TCU was the first Big 12 team to complete the regular season with a 12-0 record since 2009 and the first league member to go 9-0 in conference play since 2016. TCU's 13 wins in 2022 tied a program record.

Dykes is one of just six active FBS head coaches to take four different schools (Louisiana Tech, Cal, SMU, TCU) to a bowl game. The others are Hugh Freeze, Butch Jones, Brian Kelly, Lane Kiffin and Rich Rodriguez.

Dykes had three players win a total of five national awards in 2022. Quarterback Max Duggan was the recipient of the Davey O'Brien Award, Johnny Unitas Golden Arm Award and Earl Campbell Tyler Rose Award while finishing second in Heisman Trophy voting. Cornerback Tre'Vius Hodges-Tomlinson won the Paycom Jim Thorpe Award as the nation's top defensive back, and Derius Davis captured the Jet Award as the country's Return Specialist of the Year. Additionally, offensive guard Steve Avila was a Consensus All-American.

TCU has had 11 players selected in the NFL Draft over the last two seasons, including eight in 2023 to lead the Big 12 and schools in the state of Texas, place fourth nationally and set a program record since the NFL went to its current seven-round format in 1994. Including free agents, Dykes has had 19 players sign NFL contracts in his two seasons.

Dykes arrived at TCU after serving the previous four seasons as head coach at SMU, where he completed one of the more remarkable turnarounds in college football. Behind an offense that consistently ranked among the nation's best, Dykes guided SMU to 19 weeks in the national top 25 and three consecutive winning seasons for the first time since the mid-1980s.

The son of legendary Texas Tech football coach Spike Dykes, Sonny Dykes rebuilt SMU through his deep ties to the state of Texas, focus on recruiting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and utilization of the transfer portal.

Dykes returned to TCU after being an integral part of past Horned Frogs' success. Before becoming SMU's head coach, he served as an offensive analyst for TCU in 2017. He was instrumental in the Horned Frogs posting an 11-3 record, reaching the Big 12 Championship Game and finishing with a No. 9 national ranking after a 39-37 victory over Stanford in the Alamo Bowl.

Dykes was 30-18 at SMU with a 25-10 record over his last three seasons. Included in that total were SMU's first consecutive victories over TCU since 1992-93. His .625 winning percentage ranked fourth in program history for head coaches of more than two seasons. The 25

DYKES FILE

Hometown: Big Spring, Texas
High School: Coronado (Texas) HS
Alma Mater: Texas Tech (1993)
Married: Kate
Children: Ally, Charlie, Daniel

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1994	J.J. Pearce High School (Running Backs)
1995-96	Navarro (Assistant Coach)
1997	Kentucky (Graduate Assistant/Tight Ends)
1998	Northeast Louisiana (Wide Receivers)
1999	Kentucky (Special Teams/Wide Receivers)
2000-04	Texas Tech (Wide Receivers)
2005-06	Texas Tech (Co-Offensive Coordinator)
2007-09	Arizona (Offensive Coordinator)
2010-12	Louisiana Tech (Head Coach)
2013-16	California (Head Coach)
2017	TCU (Offensive Analyst)
2017-21	SMU (Head Coach)
2022-present	TCU (Head Coach)

BOWL GAMES

1999	Music City Bowl (Kentucky)
2000	Galleryfurniture.com Bowl (Texas Tech)
2001	Alamo Bowl (Texas Tech)
2002	Tangerine Bowl (Texas Tech)
2003	Houston Bowl (Texas Tech)
2004	Holiday Bowl (Texas Tech)
2005	Cotton Bowl (Texas Tech)
2006	Insight Bowl (Texas Tech)
2008	Las Vegas Bowl (Arizona)
2009	Holiday Bowl (Arizona)
2011	Poinsettia Bowl (Louisiana Tech)
2015	Armed Forces Bowl (Cal)
2017	Frisco Bowl (SMU)
2019	Boca Raton Bowl (SMU)
2020	Frisco Bowl (SMU) - Canceled
2021	Fenway Bowl (SMU) - Canceled
2022	Fiesta Bowl (TCU)
2024	New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

HEAD COACH SONNY DYKES

victories over three years tied for the second-most by an FBS team in Texas and just one off the lead. The 2019 Mustangs went 10-3, their most wins since 1984, and earned their highest national ranking (14) since 1985.

Dykes was named a finalist for both the 2019 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award and the Paul "Bear" Bryant Award. He was also a semifinalist for the George Munger Coach of the Year Award.

In addition to setting numerous school records and ranking among the national leaders in most major offensive categories, Dykes also left his mark on the other side of the ball. In 2019, SMU led the FBS in sacks per game and ranked third in tackles for loss. SMU's 51 sacks and 111 TFLs were program records.

Dykes also served as head football coach at Cal (2013-16) and Louisiana Tech (2010-12).

In 2011, Dykes was the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year as the Bulldogs won the WAC Championship and earned a Poinsettia Bowl appearance against TCU.

While at Cal, Dykes took a team from one win in 2013 to an 8-5 record two years later and a win over Air Force at the Lockheed Martin Armed Forces Bowl in Amon G. Carter Stadium.

Cal's eight wins in 2015 marked the school's most since 2009. The Golden Bears also cracked the national rankings for the first time since 2010, climbing as high as No. 19. Additionally, Dykes led Cal to a pair of wins over Texas.

Dykes developed quarterback Jared Goff into the No. 1 overall pick in the 2016 National Football League Draft.

Under Dykes, Cal's offense set a modern-era record for points scored and shattered all the program's offensive marks. Cal became the first college football team in history to have six players with 40 or more receptions and three 500-yard rushers in the same season.

In Dykes' first season in Berkeley, the Golden Bears became the first team in the program's modern era to score 55 or more points in a game three times, including at least 40 on five occasions and 30 or more 10 times.

Dykes came to Cal after spending three seasons as head coach at Louisiana Tech. In his final campaign in 2012, he directed an offense that led the nation in both scoring (51.5 points per game) and total offense (577.9 yards per game). The 51.5 points per game marked the fifth-best scoring average in history by an FBS team.

After inheriting a LA Tech team that was 4-8 the year before his arrival, it took Dykes just two seasons to lead the Bulldogs to the 2011 WAC title. It was the program's first league championship in a decade. He compiled a 22-15 overall record with the Bulldogs and won 16 of 17 regular-season games during one stretch.

Dykes' 2012 Louisiana Tech team had road victories over Illinois, Houston and Virginia while reaching as high as No. 18 in the national rankings.

Prior to becoming a head coach, Dykes worked as an assistant in the Pac-12, Big 12 and SEC under Mike Stoops (Arizona), Mike Leach (Texas Tech) and Hal Mumme (Kentucky).

As offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arizona for three seasons (2007-09), Dykes helped the Wildcats to the 2008 Las Vegas Bowl and 2009 Holiday Bowl. Arizona had previously gone 10 seasons without a bowl appearance.

Under Dykes' direction, Arizona's offense set multiple school records and ranked among the national leaders in passing yards and scoring.

Prior to his tenure at Arizona, Dykes spent seven seasons at his alma mater Texas Tech, serving as receivers coach from 2000-04 and adding the title of co-offensive coordinator from 2005-06. The Red Raiders made seven straight postseason appearances and won 56 games during the span, including four bowl victories over his last five seasons. In 2006, Dykes received the Mike Campbell Top Assistant Coach Award from the American Football Coaches Association, the same year he was recognized as one of the top 25 recruiters in the country by Rivals.

Dykes began his collegiate coaching career with a two-year stint (1995-96) at Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. He also was a baseball assistant at Monahans High School in Texas in 1994 and a football assistant at Richardson's J.J. Pearce High School in 1995.

Born in Big Spring, Texas, Dykes received his bachelor's degree in history from Texas Tech in 1993 and was a member of the Red Raiders baseball team for two seasons. He and his wife, Kate, have two daughters, Ally and Charlie, and a son, Daniel.

FROGS UNDER DYKES

Situation	Record
Score First	19-5
When Opp. Scores First	8-8
Lead at the Half	22-3
Trail at the Half	4-10
Tied at the Half	1-0
Lead After 3 Quarters	24-2
Trail After 3 Quarters	3-10
Tied After 3 Quarters	0-1
Games Decided in OT	1-1
300+ Yards of Offense	26-11
100+ Rushing Yards	22-8
200+ Rushing Yards	7-2
200+ Passing Yards	15-7
300+ Passing Yards	27-7
Win Time of Possession	13-3
Opp. Under 100 Rush Yds.	8-1
Opp. At or Under 200 Total Yards	2-0
Opp. At or Under 300 Total Yards	9-0
Opp. At or Under 400 Total Yards	20-4
Allow 400+ Total Yards	7-9
Allow 500+ Total Yards	3-5

TCU RECORD BREAKDOWN

Overall	27-13
vs. Conference Opponents	18-10
vs. Nonconference Opponents	9-3
vs. Ranked Opponents	6-4
Home Games	14-5
Road Games	11-6
Neutral Site Games	2-2
August	1-0
September	8-4
October	8-3
November	8-4
December	2-1
January	0-1

DYKES CAREER ACCOLADES

National Coach of the Year Awards (10)

2022	Eddie Robinson Award
2022	Associated Press National Coach of the Year
2022	Walter Camp National Coach of the Year
2022	ESPN Home Depot National Coach of the Year
2022	Sporting News National Coach of the Year
2022	CBS Sports National Coach of the Year
2022	AFCA National Coach of the Year
2022	Stallings Award
2022	Paul "Bear" Bryant Coach of the Year
2022	Steve Spurrier First-Year Coach of the Year

Conference Coach of the Year Awards (3)

2022	Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year
2022	Associated Press Big 12 Conference Coach of the Year
2011	Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year

HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Won	Lost	Pct.	Bowl
2010	Louisiana Tech	5	7	.417	
2011	Louisiana Tech	8	5	.615	Poinsettia
2012	Louisiana Tech	9	3	.750	
2013	Cal	1	11	.083	
2014	Cal	5	7	.417	
2015	Cal	8	5	.615	Armed Forces
2016	Cal	5	7	.417	
2017	SMU	0	1	.000	
2018	SMU	5	7	.417	
2019	SMU	10	3	.769	Boca Raton Bowl
2020	SMU	7	3	.700	Frisco Bowl
2021	SMU	8	4	.667	Fenway Bowl
2022	TCU	13	2	.867	Fiesta Bowl/CFP
2023	TCU	5	7	.417	
2024	TCU	9	4	.692	New Mexico Bowl
Totals		**98**	**76**	**.563**	**(15 Years)**

MILESTONE VICTORIES

1	9/4/10	Grambling State	Grambling, La.	20-6
25	9/6/14	Sacramento State	Berkley, Calif.	55-14
50	9/21/19	TCU	Fort Worth, Texas	41-38
75	10/1/22	Oklahoma	Fort Worth, Texas	55-24

VS. RANKED OPPONENTS

CALIFORNIA (2-15)

10/26/10	at Boise State (2)	L	20-49
12/4/10	Nevada (14)	L	17-35
12/21/11	vs. TCU (15)	L	24-31
10/13/11	Texas A&M (22)	L	57-59
8/31/13	Northwestern (22)	L	30-44
9/14/13	Ohio State (3)	L	32-54
9/28/13	at Oregon (2)	L	16-55
10/12/13	at UCLA (11)	L	10-37
11/23/13	at Stanford (10)	L	13-63
10/24/14	Oregon (6)	L	41-59
10/10/15	at Utah (5)	L	24-30
11/21/15	at Stanford (15)	L	22-35
9/17/16	Texas (11)	W	50-43
10/1/16	Utah (18)	W	28-23
11/5/16	Washington (4)	L	27-66
11/12/16	at Washington State (23)	L	21-56
11/19/16	Stanford (24)	L	31-45

SMU (4-6)

9/7/18	TCU (16)	L	12-42
9/15/18	at Michigan (19)	L	20-45
10/6/18	at UCF (12)	L	20-48
11/3/18	Houston (17)	W	45-31
9/21/19	at TCU (25)	W	41-38
10/19/19	Temple (25)	W	45-21
11/2/19	at Memphis (24)	L	48-54
10/3/20	Memphis (25)	W	30-27
10/24/20	Cincinnati (9)	L	13-42
11/20/21	Cincinnati (3)	L	14-48

TCU (6-4)

10/1/22	Oklahoma (18)	W	55-24
10/8/22	at Kansas (19)	W	38-31
10/15/22	Oklahoma State (8)	W	43-40 (2ot)
10/22/22	Kansas State (17)	W	38-28
11/12/22	at Texas (18)	W	17-10
12/3/22	vs. Kansas State (10)	L	38-31 (ot)
12/31/22	vs. Michigan (2)	W	51-45
1/9/23	vs. Georgia (1)	L	7-65
11/11/23	Texas (7)	L	26-29
11/24/23	at Oklahoma (14)	L	45-69
55 Games			**12-25 (.324)**

BOWL GAMES

2011 Poinsettia (Louisiana Tech)	TCU	L	24-31
2015 Armed Forces Bowl (Cal)	Air Force	W	55-36
2017 Frisco Bowl (SMU)	Louisiana Tech	L	10-51
2019 Boca Raton Bowl (SMU)	Florida Atlantic	L	28-52
2020 Frisco Bowl (SMU)	UTSA	Canceled	N/A
2021 Fenway Bowl (SMU)	Virginia	Canceled	N/A
2022 Fiesta Bowl (TCU)	Michigan	W	51-45
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)	Louisiana	W	34-3
8 Bowls			**3-3 (.500)**

VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Abilene Christian	**1-0**
Air Force	1-0
Arizona	1-2
Arizona State	**1-1**
Arkansas State	1-0
Baylor	**2-1**
Boise State	0-1
BYU	**1-1**
Central Arkansas	1-0
Cincinnati	**1-3**
Colorado	**2-2**
Connecticut	1-0
East Carolina	1-1
Florida Atlantic	0-1
Fresno State	1-1
Georgia	0-1
Grambling State	2-0
Hawaii	1-2
Houston	**4-3**
Houston Baptist	1-0
Idaho	3-0
Illinois	1-0
Iowa State	**1-1**
Kansas	2-0
Kansas State	**1-2**
LIU	1-0
Louisiana	1-0
Louisiana Tech	1-1
Memphis	1-3
Michigan	1-1
Mississippi State	0-1
Navy	3-2
Nevada	1-1
New Mexico State	3-0
Nicholls	1-0
North Texas	3-1
Northwestern	1-1
Ohio State	0-1
Oklahoma	1-1
Oklahoma State	2-0
Ole Miss	1-0
Oregon	1-3
Oregon State	2-2
Portland State	1-0
Rice	1-0
Sacramento State	1-0
San Diego State	1-1
San Jose State	2-1
SMU	**2-1**
South Florida	2-0
Southern Miss	0-2
Stanford	1-4
Stephen F. Austin	1-0
Tarleton	1-0
TCU	2-2
Temple	2-0
Texas	3-1
Texas A&M	0-2
Texas State	3-0
Texas Tech	2-1
Tulane	4-0
Tulsa	1-3
UCF	1-2
UCLA	1-3
UNLV	1-0
USC	0-4
Utah	2-1
Utah State	2-1
UTSA	1-0
Virginia	1-0
Washington	1-3
Washington State	2-2
West Virginia	**1-1**
Total	**98-76**

Bold - 2025 season opponents



KENDAL BRILES

ASSOCIATE HEAD COACH
OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS

3rd Season at TCU
Houston, 2005

Kendal Briles joined the TCU football staff in January 2023 as associate head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach.

In each of Briles' two seasons at TCU, the Horned Frogs have ranked among the national leaders in several offensive categories. The Horned Frogs were eighth in passing offense (312.9 yards per game) in 2024 as quarterback Josh Hoover set a TCU season record with 3,949 yards. TCU was also third nationally in fourth-down conversions (78.3 percent, 18-of-23) and 13th in red-zone offense (91.2 percent, 52-of-57). In Briles' first year in Fort Worth, TCU ranked 11th in the FBS in total offense (466.7 yards per game) and seventh in passing (312.2). Both marks were TCU's highest averages since 2015. Briles mentored Hoover into being the 2023 Honorable-Mention Big 12 Offensive Freshman of the Year.

A 2015 Broyles Award Finalist, Briles came to TCU after serving the previous three seasons in a similar role at Arkansas. TCU is his sixth school as an offensive coordinator.

Prior to his time in Fayetteville, Briles directed offenses and was the play caller at Florida State, Houston, FAU and Baylor. At each of his stops, his units were ranked among the nation's leaders in offense as well as showing dramatic improvement from the year prior to his arrival.

The 2022 season saw Arkansas rank seventh nationally in rushing (236.7 yards per game) and 15th in total offense (471.4 yards per game). The Razorbacks' 3,075 yards rushing were their most since 2003. Arkansas' balance on offense made it one of just three FBS teams in 2022 to average more than 230 yards rushing and 230 passing per game.

Briles made an immediate impact at Arkansas in his first season in 2020. He inherited an offense that averaged just 21.4 points and 340.1 yards per game the previous year and led the Razorbacks to an improvement of more than 50 yards per game with an average of 391.5 per contest. The following season, Arkansas posted its best offensive numbers in five seasons with averages of 30.9 points and 441.7 yards per game.

Briles' emphasis on both the running game and passing game was immediately noticeable. Arkansas led all Power 5 teams in 2021 and ranked second in the FBS with 227.8 rushing yards per game, the most since the Razorbacks set a school record in 2007. The Hogs eclipsed 300 yards rushing three times, including a season-best 353 in the Outback Bowl win over Penn State. Arkansas' rushing attack defined explosive with 113 runs of 10-plus yards to rank second nationally.

Briles' impact on the passing game was also noticeable in the Razorbacks' record book. The top-two seasons in completion percentage came under Briles. In 2020, Feleipe Franks set a program record by connecting on 68.5 percent of his passes. In 2021, KJ Jefferson posted the second-best mark at 67.3 percent.

At Florida State in 2019, Briles took over a struggling unit that ranked 103rd in total offense (361.2 yards per game) and 113th in scoring (21.9 points). In his lone season in Tallahassee, he engineered an offensive turnaround that saw the Seminoles average 29.1 points and 403.2 yards per game. FSU's running game saw the biggest improvement, going from one of the worst in the FBS (91.1 yards per game) in 2018 to 133.8 each contest.

Briles was behind one of the most explosive offenses in the nation in 2018 at Houston. The Cougars ranked in the top 10 in both total offense (512.5 yards per game) and points per game (43.9). Houston was one of just three teams to place in the top-25 nationally in passing and rushing, averaging 295.5 yards in the air and 216.8 on the ground. The Cougars defined explosive, scoring at least 30 points in each of the first 12 games of the season, including 40-plus points in the opening eight contests. Houston led the NCAA with at least 40 points in 10 games. The offense scored in 47 of 52 quarters. Houston had 42 scoring drives of less than two minutes and ranked fifth in the country with 92 plays of 20-plus yards. Its 44 plays of at least 30 yards placed seventh in the nation.

Briles coordinated the offense at FAU in 2017, helping the Owls to top-10 rankings in rushing (285.3 yards per game), scoring (40.6 points per game) and total offense (498.4 per game). Briles was instrumental in FAU winning its first Conference USA championship, including a victory in the Boca Raton Bowl. Devin Singletary became FAU's first Associated Press All-American as he led the nation with 32 rushing touchdowns, en route to being a third-round pick by the Chicago Bears.

The first nine years of Briles' coaching career came at Baylor. His first game as the play caller was the 2015 Cotton Bowl, when the Bears set an NCAA bowl record with 601 passing yards against Michigan State. He served in numerous roles at Baylor, including inside receivers coach, passing game coordinator and recruiting coordinator before taking over as the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach his final two seasons in Waco. His recruiting efforts were recognized in 2013 and 2014 as the Big 12's Recruiter of the Year.

In 2015, Briles led Baylor's offense to historic numbers. The Bears topped the nation at 48.1 points per game and 616.2 yards of total offense, the third-best mark in NCAA history. Behind an NCAA bowl record 645 rushing yards and a bowl mark 756 in total offense, Baylor closed the season with a win over No. 10 North Carolina in the Russell Athletic Bowl. Briles' 2016 unit led the Big 12 in rushing with 241.2 yards per game. Baylor's 2013 offense, when he was passing game coordinator, produced the second-highest total offense season average in NCAA history at 618.8 yards per game.

During his seven years as the Bears' wide receivers coach, Briles tutored four All-Americans and five eventual NFL receivers.

Briles was an outstanding high school quarterback in Texas. He earned Texas 4A Offensive Player of the Year honors in each of his final two seasons after generating 9,322 yards of total offense and accounting for 98 touchdowns. He began his collegiate playing career at Texas. After redshirting in 2001, he played seven games at safety and intercepted two passes in 2002. He then transferred to Houston and moved to wide receiver, catching 70 passes for 680 yards and a touchdown. He earned his bachelor's degree in sport management from Houston in 2005 and was inducted into the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

Briles and his wife, Sarah, have three children: sons Jaytn and Kru, and daughter Kinley.

BRILES FILE

Hometown: Abilene, Texas
Married: Sarah
Children: Jaytn, Kru, Kinley
Alma Mater: Houston (2005)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2001-02 Texas
2003-05 Houston

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2008-11 Baylor (Wide Receivers/Run Coordinator)
2012-14 Baylor (Wide Receivers/Passing Game Coordinator)
2015-16 Baylor (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2017 Florida Atlantic (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2018 Houston (Associate Head Coach Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2019 Florida State (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2020-22 Arkansas (Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)
2023-pres. TCU (Associate Head Coach/Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks)

BOWL GAMES

2000* Holiday Bowl (Texas)
2001* Holiday Bowl (Texas)
2003* Hawaii Bowl (Houston)
2005* Fort Worth Bowl (Houston)
2010 Texas Bowl (Baylor)
2011 Alamo Bowl (Baylor)
2012 Holiday Bowl (Baylor)
2013 Fiesta Bowl (Baylor)
2014 Cotton Bowl Classic (Baylor)
2015 Russell Athletic Bowl (Baylor)
2016 Cactus Bowl (Baylor)
2017 Boca Raton Bowl (Florida Atlantic)
2018 Armed Forces Bowl (Houston)
2019 Sun Bowl (Florida State)
2021 Outback Bowl (Arkansas)
2022 Liberty Bowl (Arkansas)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

* - Participated as player



ANDY AVALOS

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

2nd Season at TCU
Boise State, 2005

Andy Avalos joined the TCU football staff as defensive coordinator in December 2023.

In his first season on campus, TCU allowed just 345.6 yards per game, an improvement of 62.7 yards per game from the previous season. It was TCU's best overall defensive performance since the 2019 season.

Avalos served the previous three seasons as Boise State's head football coach. He was the 2022 Mountain West Coach of the Year after leading the Broncos to a 10-4 record.

Before becoming a head coach, Avalos was a successful defensive coordinator at Oregon (2019-20) and Boise State (2016-18). With the Ducks, he was a 2019 semifinalist for the Broyles Award as the nation's top assistant coach.

During his career, Avalos has been a part of 15 conference championships and 13 bowl games while coaching seven NFL Draft picks, four All-Americans, five freshman All-Americans, three conference defensive players of the year and 50 all-conference selections.

Oregon won Pac-12 championships each season with Avalos in charge of its defense. In his first year, Oregon improved significantly in nearly every major statistical category while ranking among the nation's elite units on its way to a Pac-12 title, Rose Bowl win and 12-2 record. The Ducks would go on to win a second straight Pac-12 championship in 2020, earning an invitation to the 2021 Fiesta Bowl.

Oregon led the Pac-12 in sacks over the course of Avalos' two seasons as coordinator while ranking third in the conference in both rush defense and total defense. Oregon finished the 2019 season ninth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 16.5 points per game. The Ducks ranked 13th in rushing defense (108.9 yards per game) and 22nd in total defense (329.1 yards per game) with an improvement of nearly 57 yards from the previous season. Avalos' defense finished second in the country in interceptions (20), sixth in passes defended (76), 13th in sacks (41.0) and 21st in tackles for loss (97.0).

Prior to joining the Oregon staff, Avalos spent seven seasons coaching at Boise State, including the final three as defensive coordinator. While at his alma mater, he also served as linebackers coach (2014-15) and defensive line coach (2012-13). He was instrumental in the Broncos winning Mountain West Championships in 2012, 2014 and 2017. The 2014 Broncos earned a Fiesta Bowl trip against Arizona.

During his time as coordinator, the Broncos led the Mountain West in sacks, ranked second in rush defense and third in total defense.

In 2018, the Broncos were 10th nationally in sacks (3.0 per game) and 20th in turnovers forced (24). Included in the count were a nation's-best 17 fumble recoveries. Boise State also scored four defensive touchdowns, tying for sixth-most in the country.

Boise State ranked 22nd nationally in total defense in 2017, allowing 332.6 yards per game. The Broncos' 26 forced turnovers ranked 16th in the country. The unit was led by Mountain West Defensive Player of the Year Leighton Vander Esch, a first-round selection by the Dallas Cowboys.

During Avalos' two seasons overseeing the defensive line, three Broncos combined to earn five All-Mountain West honors. Included in that total was two-time first-team honoree and Dallas Cowboys' second-round pick DeMarcus Lawrence. The Broncos ranked 11th nationally in sacks in 2012 with 2.9 per game. In Avalos' debut season with the Broncos, the Broncos were eighth nationally in scoring defense (15.8 points per game) and 12th in total defense (315.6 yards per game).

Avalos also spent time working at Colorado (2006-08), Sacramento State (2011) and Nebraska-Kearney (2009-10). He began his coaching career in his hometown of Corona, Calif., where he coached linebackers at Corona High School.

A team captain and all-conference linebacker during his playing career (2000-04), Avalos was just the second graduate of Boise State to lead the Broncos' football program. He earned first-team All-WAC honors at outside linebacker in each of his final two seasons, completing his career fourth all-time at the school with 355 tackles. He was named to the All-Blue Team during the 2016 season, a list of the 30 greatest players in Boise State history. The Broncos won three WAC championships (2002, 2003, 2004) in his four years as a starting linebacker.

Avalos and his wife Summer have two daughters, Paityn and Paige.

AVALOS FILE

Hometown: Corona, Calif.
Married: Summer
Children: Paityn, Paige
Alma Mater: Boise State (2005)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2000-04 Boise State

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-08 Colorado (Graduate Assistant)
2009-10 Nebraska-Kearney (Defensive Line)
2011 Sacramento State (Graduate Assistant)
2012-13 Boise State (Defensive Line)
2014-15 Boise State (Linebackers)
2016-18 Boise State (Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers)
2019-20 Oregon (Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers)
2021-23 Boise State (Head Coach)
2024-pres. TCU (Defensive Coordinator)

BOWL GAMES

2000* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)
2002* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)
2003* Fort Worth Bowl (Boise State)
2004* Liberty Bowl (Boise State)
2007 Independence Bowl (Colorado)
2012 Las Vegas Bowl (Boise State)
2013 Hawaii Bowl (Boise State)
2014 Fiesta Bowl (Boise State)
2015 Poinsettia Bowl (Boise State)
2016 Cactus Bowl (Boise State)
2017 Las Vegas Bowl (Boise State)
2018 First Responder Bowl (Boise State)
2019 Rose Bowl (Oregon)
2020 Fiesta Bowl (Oregon)
2022 Frisco Bowl (Boise State)
2023 LA Bowl (Boise State)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

* - Participated as player



A.J. RICKER

CO-OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/ OFFENSIVE LINE

4th Season at TCU
Missouri, 2004

A.J. Ricker arrived at TCU in December 2021 as co-offensive coordinator and offensive line coach.

Over his first three seasons with the Horned Frogs, Ricker has seen six of his players sign NFL contracts. Steve Avila was a second-round draft pick of the Los Angeles Rams in 2023 with Brandon Coleman a third-round selection of the Washington Commanders in 2024. Additionally, Alan Ali (Minnesota Vikings), Andrew Coker (Las Vegas Raiders), Bless Harris (Las Vegas Raiders) and Willis Patrick (Los Angeles Chargers) inked free-agent contracts. All six earned All-Big 12 honors with Avila a Consensus All-American.

Ricker has been instrumental in TCU ranking among the national leaders in all major offensive categories in each of the last three seasons, including the 2022 campaign en route to an appearance in the College Football Playoff National Championship.

Before TCU, Ricker served the previous two seasons in the same roles under Head Coach Sonny Dykes at SMU.

A Broyles Award nominee, Ricker coached SMU offensive linemen Jaylon Thomas and Hayden Howerton to all-conference honors.

In his first season with the Mustangs, Ricker helped lead them to top-10 national rankings in scoring offense (41.8) and total offense (489.8). SMU was 13th in passing offense (309.0). Its highest ranking in those categories the previous season was 27th in passing offense while scoring and total offense didn't make the top 50. The Mustangs also ranked 14th in the FBS in fewest sacks allowed per game (1.31), surrendering just 17 on the season.

Ricker made the move to SMU after serving in the same capacity at Kansas in 2018. He was an offensive analyst at Oklahoma State in 2017 and Houston in 2016.

While Ricker was in Stillwater, the Cowboys posted the nation's top passing offense with 389.2 yards per game and ranked second nationally in total offense (568.9).

Ricker spent two seasons (2014-15) coaching the offensive line at Missouri, his alma mater. He helped the Tigers to an SEC Eastern Division title in 2014. Mizzou totaled 5,138 yards of offense that season, including 2,648 passing and 2,490 rushing.

At Mizzou, Ricker mentored Mitch Morse into a 2015 second-round draft pick by the Kansas City Chiefs. He also coached Even Boehm to a fourth-round selection by the Arizona Cardinals in 2016.

Prior to his time at Mizzou, Ricker served as a graduate assistant at Western Michigan (2006-07). He was promoted to full-time offensive line coach in 2008.

Ricker served in the same capacity at St. Joseph's College in Indiana in 2009 and was promoted to head coach in 2010. Ricker then returned to Western Michigan (2011-12) to serve as the offensive line coach and run game coordinator. In 2013, he was the offensive line coach at Illinois.

Ricker was an All-Big 12 center at Missouri from 2000-03 and Team Captain for two seasons. He started a program record 47 consecutive games and was part of Mizzou's first bowl-eligible team since 1998.

Ricker earned a degree in agriculture in 2004 and went on to sign a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears, before being allocated to the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe in 2005. He was a member of the 2006 Tampa Bay Storm in the Arena League.

He and his wife, Lauren, have two sons, Andrew and Luke, and one daughter, Carly.

RICKER FILE

Hometown: Spring, Texas
Married: Lauren
Children: Andrew, Carly, Luke
Alma Mater: Missouri (2004)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2000-03 Missouri
2004 Chicago Bears
2005 Rhein Fire
2006-07 Tampa Bay Storm

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2006-07 Western Michigan (Graduate Assistant)
2008 Western Michigan (Offensive Line)
2009 Saint Joseph's (Ind.) (Offensive Line)
2010 Saint Joseph's (Ind.) (Head Coach)
2011-12 Western Michigan (Offensive Line)
2013 Illinois (Offensive Line)
2014-15 Missouri (Offensive Line)
2016 Houston (Offensive Analyst)
2017 Oklahoma State (Offensive Analyst)
2018 Kansas (Offensive Line)
2019 SMU (Offensive Line)
2020-21 SMU (Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line)
2022-pres. TCU (Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line)

BOWL GAMES

2003* Independence Bowl (Missouri)
2007 International Bowl (Western Michigan)
2008 Texas Bowl (Western Michigan)
2011 Little Caesars Pizza Bowl (Western Michigan)
2014 Cotton Bowl (Missouri)
2015 Citrus Bowl (Missouri)
2016 Las Vegas Bowl (Houston)
2017 Camping World Bowl (Oklahoma State)
2019 Boca Raton Bowl (SMU)
2020 Frisco Bowl (SMU)
2021 Fenway Bowl (SMU)
2022 Fiesta Bowl (TCU)

* - Participated as player



JULIUS BROWN

CORNERBACKS

2nd Season at TCU
Boise State, 2006

Julius Brown came to TCU in March 2024.

Brown joined the Horned Frogs as a senior defensive analyst before being promoted to assistant coach - cornerbacks.

Brown was cornerbacks coach for two seasons at Washington, including its 2023 team that played in the College Football Playoff National Championship. He also spent two seasons (2021-22) at Fresno State coaching their huskies, a hybrid linebacker/safety position. During his time with the Bulldogs, which included a 10-win season in 2021, Brown was named by 247Sports as the No. 2 recruiter in the Mountain West.

Brown also coached cornerbacks at Texas Tech (2019) and Utah State (2016-18).

While Brown was in Lubbock, the Red Raiders allowed their lowest points per game since 2009. He helped guide a Utah State defense that led the FBS with 32 forced turnovers and 22 interceptions, including six returned for touchdowns, in 2018. The Aggies totaled 71 takeaways over his three seasons on staff. The 2018 Utah State team tied a school record with its 11 wins and earned a No. 21 final ranking in the Associated Press Top 25. Brown coached Jalen Davis who became just the ninth first-team All-American in Utah State history before embarking on an NFL career.

Brown worked with TCU Defensive Coordinator Andy Avalos at Boise State for two seasons (2014-15). Similar to his time at Utah State, Brown mentored a Boise State secondary that was among the nation's leaders in interceptions, picking off 22 passes in each of his two seasons. The Broncos led the Mountain West in interceptions both years, ranking fifth nationally in 2014 and fourth in 2015. Darian Thompson earned All-America honors and was a third-round draft pick of the New York Giants. Brown also coached Donte Deayon who played five NFL seasons.

Brown had additional stops at Arkansas State (2013) and Troy (2012) as well as an initial tenure with the Broncos (2006-11). He was a graduate assistant for three seasons before being promoted to director of player personnel in 2009, under former Boise State and Washington Head Coach Chris Petersen.

A native of Stockton, Calif., Brown is a 2006 graduate of Boise State where he was a three-year starter at cornerback and led the WAC in passes defended as a senior.

Brown and his wife, Cassidy, have two daughters, Lyric and Jazzi, and a son, Kash.

BROWN FILE

Hometown: Stockton, Calif.
Married: Cassidy
Children: Lyric, Jazzi, Kash
Alma Mater: Boise State (2006)

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005 Capital HS (Idaho) (Defensive Backs)
2006 Boise State (Operations Graduate Assistant)
2007-08 Boise State (Offensive Graduate Assistant)
2009-11 Boise State (Director of Player Personnel)
2012 Troy (Cornerbacks)
2013 Arkansas State (Cornerbacks/Recruiting Coordinator)
2014-15 Boise State (Defensive Backs/Recruiting Coordinator)
2016 Utah State (Cornerbacks)
2017-18 Utah State (Defensive Backs)
2019 Texas Tech (Cornerbacks)
2020-21 Fresno State (Huskies/Recruiting Coordinator)
2022-23 Washington (Cornerbacks)
2024 TCU (Senior Defensive Analyst)
2025-present TCU (Cornerbacks)

BOWL GAMES

2000* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)
2002* Humanitarian Bowl (Boise State)
2003* Fort Worth Bowl (Boise State)
2007 Fiesta Bowl (Boise State)
2007 Hawaii Bowl (Boise State)
2009 Fiesta Bowl (Boise State)
2010 Maaco Bowl Las Vegas (Boise State)
2011 Maaco Bowl Las Vegas (Boise State)
2013 GoDaddy.com Bowl (Arkansas State)
2014 Fiesta Bowl (Boise State)
2015 Poinsettia Bowl (Boise State)
2017 Arizona Bowl (Utah State)
2018 New Mexico Bowl (Utah State)
2022 Alamo Bowl (Washington)
2023 Sugar Bowl (Washington)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)



MALCOLM KELLY

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/WIDE RECEIVERS

7th Season at TCU
Oklahoma, 2016

Malcolm Kelly joined the TCU football staff as outside receivers coach in March 2019 and was promoted by Head Coach Sonny Dykes to assistant head coach in 2022.

Kelly has coached two first-round NFL Draft picks in the last five seasons with Quentin Johnston taken by the Los Angeles Chargers in 2023 and Jalen Reagor by the Philadelphia Eagles in 2020.

Johnston was TCU's Offensive Most Valuable Player in its 2022 College Football Playoff Semifinal win over Michigan, totaling six receptions for 163 yards with a 76-yard touchdown. Johnston became TCU's first 1,000-yard receiver since Reagor (1,061) in 2018. Johnston's career 19.0 yards per catch average ranks first in TCU history for players with at least 100 receptions.

Johnston earned All-America honors in 2022, was a Biletnikoff Award Semifinalist and repeated as a First-Team All-Big 12 selection. Reagor was also a two-time All-Big 12 recipient.

The 2023 campaign saw Kelly coach Savion Williams into a strong campaign that saw him earn All-Big 12 accolades along with Jaylon Robinson. Another all-conference season followed as the 2024 season saw Williams put up career-highs in receptions, yards and touchdown catches en route to being selected in the third round of the NFL draft by Green Bay.

Kelly came to the Horned Frogs after spending the previous two seasons at the University of Houston. He was a graduate assistant in 2017 before being elevated into an analyst position for the 2018 campaign. He began his path towards becoming a collegiate coach when he worked in a quality control role at Texas A&M-Commerce in 2016.

A two-time First-Team All-Big 12 honoree and a 2005 Freshman All-American at Oklahoma, Kelly totaled 144 receptions for 2,285 yards and 21 touchdowns in just three seasons. When he left Norman, Kelly ranked second all-time at Oklahoma with his 21 touchdown catches and nine career 100-yard receiving games. He tied a school record with 11 receptions as a sophomore versus Texas Tech in 2006.

Kelly was selected in the second round of the 2008 NFL Draft by Washington and was with the Redskins for three seasons. He made 10 starts in 2009 and had 25 receptions for 347 yards. After concluding his NFL career, Kelly worked in private business before arriving at Texas A&M-Commerce.

A native of Longview, Texas, Kelly was a two-time first-team all-state selection at Longview High School.

Kelly and wife Alexis have a daughter, Phoenix.

KELLY FILE

Hometown: Longview, Texas
Married: Alexis
Children: Phoenix
Alma Mater: Oklahoma (2016)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2005-07 Oklahoma
2008-09 Washington Redskins

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2016 Texas A&M-Commerce (Quality Control)
2017 Houston (Graduate Assistant)
2018 Houston (Offensive Analyst)
2019-21 TCU (Outside Wide Receivers)
2022-24 TCU (Assistant Head Coach/Outside Receivers)
2025 TCU (Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers)

BOWL GAMES

2005* Holiday Bowl (Oklahoma)
2006* Fiesta Bowl (Oklahoma)
2007* Fiesta Bowl (Oklahoma)
2017 Hawaii Bowl (Houston)
2018 Armed Forces Bowl (Houston)
2020 Texas Bowl (TCU)
2022 Fiesta Bowl (TCU)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

* - Participated as player



MITCH KIRSCH

TIGHT ENDS

4th Season at TCU
JMU, 2016

Mitch Kirsch arrived at TCU in December 2021.

Originally a senior offensive analyst, Kirsch was promoted by Head Coach Sonny Dykes to assistant coach with the tight ends in 2024.

Before TCU, Kirsch was an offensive graduate assistant under Dykes at SMU.

Kirsch was a consensus FCS All-America offensive lineman at James Madison, helping lead the Dukes to a 2016 National Championship. He was the Virginia Collegiate Athlete of the Year in 2017, before signing a free-agent contract with the Chicago Bears.

A 2016 JMU graduate, Kirsch began his coaching career as an offensive assistant at St. John's High School in Washington D.C. He earned his master's degree in liberal arts at SMU in 2021.

Mitch and his wife Dora have one child, Carter.

KIRSCH FILE

Hometown: Washington, D.C.
Married: Dora
Children: Carter
Alma Mater: James Madison (2016)
Master's Degree: SMU (2021)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2013-16 James Madison
2017 Chicago Bears

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2018-21 SMU (Graduate Assistant - Offense)
2022-24 TCU (Senior Offensive Analyst)
2025-present TCU (Tight Ends)

BOWL GAMES

2019 Boca Raton Bowl (SMU)
2020 Frisco Bowl (SMU)
2021 Fenway Bowl (SMU)
2022 Fiesta Bowl (TCU)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)



JAMARKUS MCFARLAND

DEFENSIVE TACKLES

3rd Season at TCU
Oklahoma, 2012

JaMarkus McFarland joined the TCU football staff in February 2022 as defensive tackles coach.

In his first season, McFarland made an immediate impact in the Horned Frogs reaching the College Football Playoff National Championship. He coached Dylan Horton into being a fourth-round NFL Draft pick by the Houston Texans. Horton set a CFP single-game record with 4.0 sacks in TCU's semifinal win over Michigan at the Fiesta Bowl.

The 2023 campaign saw two defensive linemen, Caleb Fox and Damonic Williams, earn All-Big 12 honors under McFarland's tutelage. In 2024, Zachary Chapman's breakout freshman campaign earned him second-team Freshman All-American accolades from The Athletic. Devean Deal was named honorable mention for Big 12 Defensive Newcomer of the Year, while NaNa Osafo-Mensah earned honorable mention all-conference accolades.

Before arriving in Fort Worth, McFarland served three seasons at Stephen F. Austin. As assistant head coach and defensive line coach in 2021, McFarland helped lead the Lumberjacks to an 8-4 record, national ranking and FCS playoff berth.

Under McFarland, the SFA defensive line recorded 27 sacks in 2021. It was part of 40 sacks overall, ranking third in the country. SFA's defense led the WAC in scoring defense, total defense, takeaways, sacks and opponent third down conversion percentage while also placing among the national leaders in each category.

The 2020 season saw SFA top the Southland Conference in pass defense efficiency, interceptions and takeaways while ranking second in scoring defense and total defense.

Prior to SFA, McFarland was a defensive graduate assistant at his alma mater Oklahoma. The Sooners won three straight Big 12 Championships during those years, playing in the 2016 Sugar Bowl, 2017 Rose Bowl and 2018 Orange Bowl.

A native of Lufkin, Texas, McFarland was a four-year letterman at Oklahoma. He earned All-Big 12 honors his senior year when he posted a career-high 28 tackles, including six for loss and three sacks. He totaled 17.0 TFLs and six sacks for his career, helping the Sooners to three Big 12 Championships. He was a three-time First-Team Academic All-Big 12 recipient and an ESPN.com All-Big 12 Freshman Team honoree.

McFarland was signed by the San Diego Chargers in 2013 and by the Canadian Football League's British Columbia Lions in 2015.

McFarland earned his bachelor's degree in human relations from Oklahoma in 2012. He received his master's in human relations, also from OU, in 2017 while recording a 4.0 grade point average.

McFarland and his wife, Shakiyla, have a son, JaMarkus, Jr., and daughter, Savanna.

MCFARLAND FILE

Hometown: Lufkin, Texas
Married: Shakiyla
Children: JaMarkus Jr., Savanna
Alma Mater: Oklahoma (2012)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2009-12 Oklahoma
2013 San Diego Chargers
2015 BC Lions
2015 Winnepeg Blue Bombers

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2016-19 Oklahoma (Graduate Assistant)
2019-21 Stephen F. Austin (Defensive Tackles)
2022-pres. TCU (Defensive Tackles)

BOWL GAMES

2009* Sun Bowl (Oklahoma)
2010* Fiesta Bowl (Oklahoma)
2011* Insight Bowl (Oklahoma)
2012* Cotton Bowl (Oklahoma)
2022 Fiesta Bowl (TCU)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

*as player



JIMMY SMITH

RUNNING BACKS

2nd Season at TCU
TCU, 2005

Jimmy Smith joined the TCU football staff as running backs coach in March 2024.

Smith served the previous four seasons as running backs coach at Arkansas, including the first three with TCU Associate Head Coach and Offensive Coordinator Kendal Briles. Smith was promoted to associate head coach his final season in Fayetteville.

With Briles and Smith working together in 2022, the Arkansas running game was highly productive in rushing for 3,077 yards and averaging 236.7 yards per game to finish seventh in the nation. The Razorbacks eclipsed the 3,000-yard mark for just the 10th time in school history with the eighth-most yards in a season by an Arkansas offense.

Smith's running backs also produced an impressive 2021 season as Arkansas led the Power 5 and ranked second nationally with 227.8 rushing yards per game. The Razorbacks' ground game was explosive with its 113 runs of 10-plus yards leading all P5 members.

In 2020, his first season in Fayetteville, Smith oversaw a rushing offense that produced 151.3 yards per game against a conference-only schedule.

As running backs coach at Georgia State in 2019, Smith helped guide a run attack that totaled 213 yards in a 38-30 win at Tennessee. It was Georgia State's first victory over a Power 5 program.

Prior to jumping to college football, Smith coached for 12 years at Cedar Grove High School in Metro Atlanta, including his last six as athletics director, head football coach and head track and field coach.

In his six seasons at the helm of the football program, he led the Saints to a 67-14-1 record. From 2015-18, Smith guided Cedar Grove to two Class AAA state championships in 2016 and 2018 – the first two state titles in school history – as well as berths in the state final four in 2015 and 2017, all while winning 51 games.

Smith arrived at Cedar Grove in 2007 as an assistant football coach, working with receivers and defensive backs. He was then elevated to offensive coordinator in 2010 for three seasons before taking over as head coach in 2013.

Smith earned numerous coaching accolades, including a pair of Georgia Coach of the Year awards in Class AAA (2016 and 2018) as well as multiple region and county Coach of the Year honors. He coached six prep All-Americans and more than 30 of his former student-athletes went on to play at the collegiate level.

As the head track and field coach, Smith led Cedar Grove to four consecutive state titles (2015-18), the first in school history. He was honored as the 2018 Region 5-AAA Athletics Director of the Year.

Smith began his coaching career at Darlington (S.C.) High School, his alma mater, where he was the offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for one season in 2005.

Smith was a quarterback at Tennessee State, helping the Tigers to back-to-back Ohio Valley Conference championships in 1998 and 1999.

He earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Fayetteville State in 2002 and added a master's of education from Georgia State in 2009.

A native of Darlington, S.C., Smith and his wife Quanisha have a son, Jermaine II, and daughter, Joss.

SMITH FILE

Hometown: Darlington, S.C.
Married: Quanisha
Children: Jermaine II, Joss
Alma Mater: Fayetteville State (2002)
Master's Degree: Georgia State (2009)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1998-99 Tennessee State

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2005 Darlington HS (S.C.) (Offensive Coord./Quarterbacks)
2007-09 Cedar Grove HS (Ga.) (Assistant Coach)
2010-12 Cedar Grove HS (Ga.) (Offensive Coordinator)
2013-18 Cedar Grove HS (Ga.) (Head Coach)
2019 Georgia State (Running Backs)
2020-22 Arkansas (Running Backs)
2023 Arkansas (Associate Head Coach/Running Backs)
2024-present TCU (Running Backs)

BOWL GAMES

2019 Arizona Bowl (Georgia State)
2021 Outback Bowl (Arkansas)
2022 Liberty Bowl (Arkansas)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

*as player



TRE WATSON

SAFETIES/NICKELS

1st Season at TCU
Washington, 2013

Tre Watson joined the TCU football staff in January 2025 as safeties/nickels coach.

Watson served the previous four seasons as defensive backs coach at Cal. He worked with TCU Defensive Coordinator Andy Avalos at Oregon in 2019, when Avalos was the Ducks' DC and Watson was a graduate assistant.

Watson helped lead a Cal defense in 2024 that forced 22 turnovers, including 17 interceptions. He coached Nohl Williams into a First-Team All-American and semifinalist for the Jim Thorpe Award and Chuck Bednarik Award.

The Golden Bears' 2023 defense tied for the national lead with 28 takeaways while topping the FBS with 16 fumble recoveries. Cal also had three defensive touchdowns.

Watson coached three NFL Draft picks at Cal: Patrick McMorris, a 2024 sixth-round selection by the Miami Dolphins, Daniel Scott who was a fifth-round choice by the Indianapolis Colts in 2023 and All-American Elijah Hicks, a seventh-round pick of the Chicago Bears in 2022.

Prior to his four years at Cal, Watson was defensive backs coach at UNLV in 2020 when he was named by 247Sports to its "30-under-30" list.

Watson broke into coaching as a graduate assistant at Oregon in the 2018-19 seasons. With Avalos directing the defense, the Ducks won the 2019 Pac-12 Championship and Rose Bowl. Oregon intercepted 37 passes during Watson's two years in Eugene. He coached future NFL safeties Ugo Amadi, Jevon Holland and Verone McKinley III.

A 2013 graduate of Washington with a BA in communications, Watson played in all 26 games over his final two seasons with the Huskies. He totaled 74 tackles, including 2.5 for loss. His two interceptions included one returned 84 yards for a touchdown. He added 12 pass breakups. Prior to Washington, he played at West Hills College and Central Washington.

In between his playing and coaching careers, Watson spent three years in Seattle training NFL players in the offseason as well as college players preparing for the NFL Combine. His client list included Budda Baker, DeShawn Shead, Shaq Tompson, Bobby Wagner and K.J. Wright.

Watson is a Seattle native. He and his wife, Taryn, have a son, TJ, and daughter, Noa Grace

WATSON FILE

Hometown: Seattle, Wash.
Married: Taryn
Children: TJ, Noa Grace
Alma Mater: Washington (2013)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

2009 West Hills College
2010 Central Washington
2011-13 Washington

COACHING EXPERIENCE

2020 UNLV (Defensive Backs)
2021-24 Cal (Defensive Backs)
2025-pres. TCU (Safeties/Nickels)

BOWL GAMES

2011* Alamo Bowl (Washington)
2012* Maaco Bowl (Washington)
2013* Fight Hunger Bowl (Washington)
2018 Redbox Bowl (Oregon)
2019 Rose Bowl (Oregon)
2023 Independence Bowl (Cal)
2024 LA Bowl (Cal)

*as player



KEN WILSON

LINEBACKERS

2nd Season at TCU
North Central College, 1986

Ken Wilson joined the TCU football program in January 2024 as linebackers coach.

His first season at TCU saw two members of his linebacker corps sign free-agent contracts in Johnny Hodges (Los Angeles Chargers) and Cooper McDonald (Kansas City Chiefs). Hodges earned all-conference accolades for the second time in his career.

Wilson served the previous two years as head coach at Nevada. In the 2019-20 seasons, he was the linebackers coach at Oregon under then Ducks' Defensive Coordinator and now TCU DC Andy Avalos. Wilson spent a total of three seasons in Eugene.

Wilson has been part of 12 conference championships during his coaching career, including three at Oregon, and 18 bowl games. Eight of his position players became NFL Draft picks with 10 others signing free-agent contracts. He has coached 35 all-conference selections, three conference players of the year, an All-American and Freshman All-American.

In Wilson's first season as head coach at Nevada in 2021, the Wolf Pack's defense made an immediate impact with nine takeaways in season-opening victories over New Mexico State and Texas State. Nevada totaled 35 takeaways in his two years as head coach.

Prior to taking over leadership of the program, Wilson was a Nevada assistant coach for 19 seasons which included five years as associate head coach (2008-12), four as defensive coordinator (1996-98, 2007) and 10 as a position coach (1989-95, 2004-06) with the defensive line, linebackers and safeties.

As the nation's youngest FBS defensive coordinator, Wilson directed Nevada's 1996 unit to the top of the conference in every statistical category and was part of the Las Vegas Bowl victory over Ball State.

During Wilson's coaching tenures, the Wolf Pack reached 11 bowl games and twice won the Western Athletic Conference (2005, 2010) to go with five Big West Conference championships (1992, 1994-97) and two Big Sky Conference titles (1990-91).

In between coaching, Wilson spent four years (1999-2003) in the Wolf Pack administration, serving as Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Services. He oversaw the football, men's basketball, baseball, track and field and tennis programs while coordinating grant-in-aid for all student-athletes in Nevada's 19-sport athletics program.

Wilson returned to the Nevada football sidelines in 2004 as assistant head coach and linebacker coach. He was with the Wolf Pack coaching staff for nine seasons before serving six years (2013-18) as linebackers coach at Washington State.

In his first two seasons at Oregon (2019-20), the Ducks won back-to-back Pac-12 Conference championships.

Oregon's 2020 defense was dominant in the Pac-12 Championship game, holding No. 13 USC to just 38 rushing yards on 28 carries in a 31-24 win. Wilson's linebackers, Mase Funa, Noah Sewell and Isaac Slade-Matautia, played a huge part in the win as they combined for 17 tackles, including one for loss.

Sewell, a five-star recruit, was a consensus Freshman All-American and the Pac-12 Freshman Defensive Player of the Year. He was named Honorable Mention All-Pac-12.

In Wilson's first season at Oregon in 2019, the Ducks won the Rose Bowl with a 28-27 victory over Wisconsin led by a defensive unit that ranked among the nation's elite.

Oregon ranked either first or second in the Pac-12 in every major defensive statistical category. The Ducks were also ninth in the nation in scoring defense, allowing just 16.5 points per game. The Ducks ranked 13th in rushing defense (108.9 yards per game) and 22nd in total defense (329.1 yards per game) with an improvement of nearly 57 yards from the previous season. Oregon was also second in the country in interceptions (20), sixth in passes defended (76), 13th in sacks (41.0) and 21st in tackles for loss (97.0).

Two of Wilson's linebackers finished the 2019 season in the top five on the team in tackles with Troy Dye posting a team-high 84 stops which included 9.5 for loss and 2.5 sacks.

Wilson made a major impact on the recruiting trail in his first two seasons in Eugene. In the 2020 247Sports recruiter rankings, Wilson was rated third in the Pac-12 and 29th in the nation. He helped Oregon finish with the country's No. 12 class which included a pair of linebackers who ranked among the nation's top 13 overall players.

In the 2021 cycle, Wilson continued to help Oregon be a national leader in recruiting as he was ranked No. 8 among Pac-12 coaches. The Ducks closed with the sixth-ranked class in the country while finishing with the Pac-12's top class for the second consecutive year.

Wilson first made his mark in the Pac-12 at Washington State. In his final season in Pullman in 2018, the Cougars recorded a program-record 11 wins, including a 28-26 victory over Iowa State in the Alamo Bowl, and a No. 10 ranking in both major polls. The Cougars led the Pac-12 and tied for 16th nationally in sacks (38) while ranking in the top three in the conference in takeaways, rushing defense and third-down defense.

Washington State's linebacker corps supplied the defense's leaders in tackles, tackles for loss and sacks. Peyton Pelluer and Jahad Woods both earned All-Pac-12 honors, while the position group totaled 37.5 tackles for loss and 17.5 sacks.

Wilson's linebacker group helped Washington State finish in the top four in the Pac-12 in tackles for loss each of his last four seasons in Pullman, highlighted by a league-best 103.0 in 2017 to place eighth nationally. The Cougars also finished in the top three in the Pac-12 in rushing defense each of his final three seasons (2016-2018).

A Virginia, Ill., native, Wilson is a graduate of North Central College while completing all course work in two years of graduate school at New Mexico.

Wilson and his wife, Heather, have a son, Tyler, and daughter, Baylie. Tyler was a long snapper at Nevada from 2012-14.

WILSON FILE

Hometown: Virginia, Ill.
Married: Heather
Children: Tyler, Baylie
Alma Mater: North Central College (1986)

PLAYING EXPERIENCE

1982-85 North Central College

COACHING EXPERIENCE

1986 North Central College (Graduate Assistant)
1987-88 New Mexico (Graduate Assistant)
1989-90 Nevada (Outside Linebackers/Defensive Ends)
1991-95 Nevada (Inside Linebackers)
1996-98 Nevada (Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers)
2004-06 Nevada (Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers)
2007 Nevada (Defensive Coordinator/Safeties)
2008-09 Nevada (Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers)
2010-11 Nevada (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Ends)
2012 Nevada (Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers)
2013-19 Washington State (Linebackers)
2020 Oregon (Linebackers)
2021 Oregon (Co-Defensive Coordinator/Inside Linebackers)
2022-23 Nevada (Head Coach)
2024-pres. TCU (Linebackers)

BOWL GAMES

1992 Las Vegas Bowl (Nevada)
1995 Las Vegas Bowl (Nevada)
1996 Las Vegas Bowl (Nevada)
2005 Hawaii Bowl (Nevada)
2006 MPC Computers Bowl (Nevada)
2007 New Mexico Bowl (Nevada)
2008 Humanitarian Bowl (Nevada)
2009 Hawaii Bowl (Nevada)
2010 Kraft Fight Hunger Bowl (Nevada)
2011 Hawaii Bowl (Nevada)
2012 New Mexico Bowl (Nevada)
2013 New Mexico Bowl (Washington State)
2015 Sun Bowl (Washington State)
2016 Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
2017 Holiday Bowl (Washington State)
2018 Alamo Bowl (Washington State)
2019 Cheez-It Bowl (Washington State)
2021 Alamo Bowl (Oregon)
2024 New Mexico Bowl (TCU)

*as player

FOOTBALL COACHING/SUPPORT STAFF



MIKE ANTHONY
Assistant Coach
Quarterbacks



JOSH BOOKBINDER
Assistant Coach
Linebackers



RANDY CLEMENTS
Assistant Coach
Offensive Line



COREY COLEMAN
Assistant Coach
Wide Receivers



CADE FORTIN
Assistant Coach
Running Backs



JORDAN IOSEFA
Assistant Coach
Defensive Line



JULIUS LEWIS
Assistant Coach
Cornerbacks



ROBERT LUCE
Assistant Coach
Offensive Line



BRIAN NORWOOD
Assistant Coach
Safeties



JACOB OEHRLEIN
Assistant Coach
Tight Ends



CASEY PETREE
Assistant Coach
Special Teams



ERIC SIMONELLI
Assistant Coach
Linebackers



SHAUN TAYLOR
Assistant Coach
Wide Receivers



SEDRICK WILLIAMS
Assistant Coach
Defensive Line



GENARO AGUIRRE
Coaches Video
Assistant



OLIVIA ALLEN
Assistant Athletic
Trainer - Intern



JESSE AYALA
Executive
Chef



TYRELL BROWN
Associate AD - Football Human
Performance/Movement Specialist



SHAUNA BOLES
Director of Recovery
and Wellness



TYLER BULLARD
Director of
Football Video



DAVID CASE
Director of
Football Equipment



JOHN CHANNELL
Graduate Assistant
Equipment



LAUREN CRAINE
Director of
On-Campus Recruiting



BRETT CUMNOCK
Assistant Director of
Player Personnel



CHRIS DAWSON
Assistant Director - Football
Human Performance

FOOTBALL SUPPORT STAFF



JOSHUA DRAYDEN
Assistant Director of Player Personnel



RYAN DORCHESTER
General Manager



NATALIE FERNANDO
Graduate Assistant - Recruiting



DAVID GABLE
Associate AD for Sports Medicine



AARON GREEN
Assistant Director of Player Development



KEGAN HODGES
Creative Media Assistant



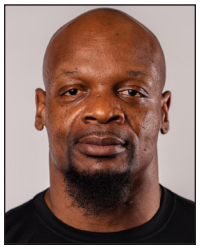
RYAN JACKSON
Associate Director - Football Human Perfomance/Nutrition



NICOLE JOHNSON
Football Sports Dietitian



JEFF JORDAN
Assistant AD for Player Personnel



KAZ KAZADI
Assistant AD for Football Human Performance



SAM KING
Assistant Athletic Trainer



SAM LAZARUS
Director of Creative Media



MATT LEWIS
Assistant AD for Player Development



MONTANA MANNHEIMER
Assistant Director - Equipment Servics



TYLER OLKER
Director of Player Personnel



CHRIS OWENS
Assistant Director of Player Personnel



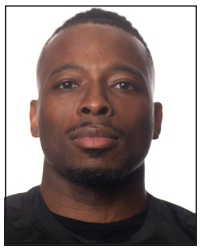
JACOB PENDLETON
Graduate Assistant - Equipment



ANDREA ROBERTS
Assistant to the Head Football Coach



RYAN RODEMS
Assistant Athletic Trainer



CHARLES "REV" SIMMONS III
Assistant Director - Football Human Performance



MORGAN SUMNER
Director of Football Academic Services



MARK SZILAGYI
Assistant Director - Creative Media



CJ TALLEY
Athletic Training - Intern



MARK TOMMERDAHL
Special Assistant to the Head Coach



BOB WAGER
Director of High School Relations



SARAH WOODRUFF
Director of Football Operations

ALL-TIME ASSISTANT COACHES

Mike Adams — 1972-73
Jarrett Anderson — 2001-21
Bryan Applewhite — 2020-21
Steve Armstrong — 1983-89
Andy Avalos — 2024-present
David Bailiff — 2001-03
Phil Bennett — 1997
Jerry Boudreaux — 1971-73
Andy Bourgeois — 1971-72
Buster Brannon — 1949-54
Steve Brickey — 1993-97
Kendal Briles — 2023-present
Julius Brown — 2025-present
Scott Brown — 1983-91
Mike Brumbelow — 1936-41
Dick Bumpas — 2004-14
Carlton Buckels — 2022-224
Rusty Burns — 2009-2018
Bud Casey — 1994-97
Steve Casteel — 1978
Russell Coffee — 1971-73
Pete Cordelli — 1979
Kurt Crain — 1992
DeMontie Cross — 2013-15, 2018-20
Sonny Cumbie — 2014-20
Milton Daniel — 1915
Jim Dawson — 1983-86
Bob DeBesse — 1983-91
Dan Dodd — 1998-99
Marc Dove — 1988-91
Chuck Driesbach — 2001
Kasey Dunn — 2003
Stan Eggen — 1998-00
Hunter Enis — 1964-66
Bobby Etheredge — 1992-93
Bob Fello — 1994-97
Zarnell Fitch — 2016-21
Clyde Flowers — 1946-49
Mal Fowler — 1962-64
Charlie Frazier — 1977-82
Dick Frey — 1976
Justin Fuente — 2007-11
Chip Garber — 1991
Richard Garrison — 1979-81
Willie Mack Garza — 2001-03
Joe Gillespie — 2022-23
Ken Gire — 1974-75
Chad Glasgow — 2001-10, 2012-21
Paul Gonzales — 2015-24
Bob Griffin — 1979-80
Ben Griffith — 1989
Frank Grimm — 1977-80
Howard Grubbs — 1934-37
Vernon Hallbeck — 1958-63
John Harville — 1967
Mark Hatley — 1977-82
Trey Haverty — 2011-12
Jim Bob Helduser — 1998-00
Gene Henderson — 1970
Pat Henderson — 1994-96
Reggie Herring — 1992-93
Kenny Hill — 2021
Pete Hoener — 1992-97
Mike Hudson — 1977-78
Jamie Hunter — 1977-82
Don Jackson — 1964-70
Clay Jennings — 2008-13
Paul Jette — 1992-93
Rick Johnson — 1987
Anthony Jones Jr. — 2022-23
Bob Junko — 1977-82
Malcolm Kelly — 2019-present
Mitch Kirsch — 2025-present
Dutch Kline — 1936
Carl Knox — 1952-53
Les Koenning — 2000
Hank Kotzur — 1983-87
Marvin Kristynik — 1971-73
Marvin Lasater — 1967-76
Don Lawrence — 1974-75
Earl Leggett — 1972-73
Rocky Long — 1988-90
Bob Loose — 1974-76
Dan Lounsbury — 2001
Tommy Lucas — 1971
Curtis Luper — 2013-19
JaMarkus McFarland — 2022-present
Abe Martin — 1943-52
Noel Mazzone — 1985-91
David McGinnis — 1982
Charles McMillian — 2004-07
Hub McQuillan — 1941-50
Doug Meacham — 2014-16, 2020-24
Dutch Meyer — 1929-33
Curtis Modkins — 1996-97
Jeremy Modkins — 2018-21
Tom Mueller — 1983-92
Hugh Nall — 1989-94
Charlie North — 2000
Kyle Nystrom — 2002-04
Joe Pannunzio — 1990-91
Mark Parks — 1998-00
Gary Patterson — 1998-00
John Payne — 1981-82
Ronnie Peoples — 1979
Kenny Perry — 2013-14
Tom Perry — 1983-86
Tookie Perry — 1977
Alec Pittman — 1980-82
Ted Plumb — 1968-70
Kenith Pope — 1998-00
Tommy Raye — 1993
Harvey Reeves — 1967-70
Steve Reid — 1976
Dean Renfro — 1974-76
AJ Ricker — 2022-present
Harold Richardson — 1977-78
Garrett Riley — 2022
Charlie Rizzo — 1992-97
Walter Roach — 1938-66
Tommie Robinson — 1994-97
Don Ross — 1954
Tommy Runnels — 1972-76
Eric Russell — 2015-17
Mike Schultz — 1998-2008
Kenneth Scott — 1967-70
Ray Sewalt — 1981-87
Randy Shannon — 2012
Dan Sharp — 1990-97, 2001-21
Jim Shofner — 1966
Jimmy Smith — 2024-present
Ralph Smith — 1971-73
John Somsky — 1977-80
Bob Stanley — 1982
Tony Tademy — 2005-11
Clifford Taft — 1968-70
Fred Taylor — 1953-66
Tim Teykl — 1983-88
Jimmy Thomas — 1974-76
Mel Thomas — 1972-75
Guy Shaw Thompson — 1966-67
Chris Thomsen — 2017-19
Bill Thornton — 1983-88
Chris Thurmond — 1995, '98-00
Billy Tohill — 1971
Mark Tommerdahl — 1998-00, 2022-23
Pat Washington — 1992-93
Tre Watson — 2025-present
Mike Westhoff — 1981
Allie White — 1950-70
Charlie Williams — 1988-91
Greg Williams — 1977-78
Ken Wilson — 2024-present
Dick Winder — 2002-06
Raymond Wolf — 1929-35
Junior Wren — 1974-76
Frank Young — 1972-73