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GARY KUBIAK HEAD COACH SEVENTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/19TH NFL SEASON

Gary Kubiak has constructed a talent-laden roster and installed an offensive system that has ranked among the NFL's best since taking the reins of the Houston Texans. Kubiak was named the AFC Coach of the Year by Kansas City-based NFL 101 after leading the Texans to a 10-6 regular season record and the franchise's first AFC South division crown, playoff berth and playoff win in 2011. He has a franchise-record 48 wins (including the playoffs) since being named the second head coach of the Houston Texans on Jan. 26, 2006.

The Houston native has led the Texans to the four best seasons in franchise history, going 8-8 in 2007 and 2008 before producing the first winning season in team history in 2009, narrowly missing the playoffs at 9-7. His tenure has been marked by offensive proficiency, producing the top five scoring, total offense and passing season marks in franchise history from 2007-11. The top two rushing seasons in franchise history have come on Kubiak's watch as well, including a franchise-record 153.0 yards per game in 2011, which ranked second in the NFL.

Four of the Texans' top five defensive seasons have come under Kubiak, including the third-largest defensive turnaround in NFL history from 2010 to 2011. The 2011 Texans gave up 285.7 yards per game to rank second in the League after giving up 376.9 yards per game and ranking 30th in 2010.

Strong team performances on offense and defense have been sparked by some outstanding individual ef-

forts under Kubiak. Seventeen of the 21 Pro Bowl elections in team history have come during Kubiak's tenure and the Texans are the only team in the NFL to produce a rushing, receiving and passing yardage champion since Kubiak became head coach.

One of Kubiak's primary goals upon arriving in Houston was to create a home field advantage at Reliant Stadium, and he has made significant strides in that direction. The Texans have posted a 30-19 (.612) home record since 2006 and have had at least a .500 record at home in each of Kubiak's six seasons. The team was 10-22 (.315) at home prior to Kubiak's arrival.

In 2011, Houston's offense battled through a glut of maladies to reach the playoffs for the first time, including season-ending injuries to quarterbacks Matt Schaub and Matt Leinart. Despite the injuries, Houston posted a franchise-record seven-game winning streak, ranked second in the NFL in rushing and became the first team since 2003 to win three consecutive games with three different starting quarterbacks. Rookie quarterback T.J. Yates led a stretch run to the playoffs, while cornerback Johnathan Joseph, center Chris Myers and defensive end Antonio Smith earned their first trips to the Pro Bowl, and running back Arian Foster earned his second consecutive selection. The Texans defeated Cincinnati 31-10 in the franchise's first playoff game on Jan. 7, 2012 at Reliant Stadium.

The Texans experienced key injuries on defense and a number of last-minute losses to finish the 2010 season at 6-10. While the 2010 season fell short of expectations, the Texans set a team record for total offense for the fourth consecutive season and ranked third in the NFL, averaging 386.6 yards per game. Houston was the only AFC team to rank in the top 10 in both rushing (seventh with 127.6 yards per game) and passing (fourth with 259.0 yards per game).

The offense produced three Pro Bowl selections in 2010, with the backfield combination of Foster and fullback Vonta Leach making their first trips to Hawaii, while wide receiver Andre Johnson fought through injury to make his fifth Pro Bowl. Foster essentially re-wrote the team single-game and season rushing records on the way to becoming the Texans' first-ever NFL rushing champion. The former practice squad player set an NFL record for an undrafted back with 1,616 yards rushing and also led the League with 2,220 yards from scrimmage and 18 total touchdowns.

Foster's breakout year was complemented by Schaub becoming the 12th player in NFL history to throw for 4,000-plus yards in back-to-back seasons; and the duo



Gary Kubiak led the Texans to the franchise's first-ever playoff appearance in 2011.

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became just the second pair of teammates in NFL history to lead the League in passing yards one year and rushing yards the next year.

Kubiak guided the Texans to a 9-7 record in 2009, highlighted by a season-ending four-game win streak to capture the franchise's first winning season. Houston narrowly missed its first-ever playoff berth, losing a tie-breaker for the final spot on the last day of the season. The 2009 Texans set franchise records for total offense, scoring offense, total defense and scoring defense. A franchise-record five players earned trips to the Pro Bowl, led by Pro Bowl MVP Schaub.

The 2008 Texans matched their record from the year before, going 8-8 despite an 0-4 start in the aftermath of Hurricane Ike, which devastated much of Houston and southeast Texas. Houston became just the 10th team in NFL history to finish at .500 or better after an 0-4 start. Houston was one of 11 teams to go 8-4 or better over the last 12 games; nine of those teams were in the playoffs. The offense enjoyed its most productive season, ranking third in the NFL and setting a franchise record with 6,113 total yards.

In Kubiak's second season, the team achieved the best record in franchise history to that point, finishing 8-8. The Texans won three of their last four and five of their last seven to finish the season at .500. Kubiak's team also set a franchise mark with a 6-2 record at Reliant Stadium after going 4-4 at home in 2006, which was the best home mark at the time.

In his rookie season, Kubiak tripled the team's win total of the previous year, guiding the club to a 6-10 record. The six victories included wins in three of the last five games of the season and the franchise's first ever win against Indianapolis. All six wins came against AFC opponents, giving the Texans their most wins against conference foes in team annals to that point.

Kubiak came to Houston with the reputation of being an offensive mastermind and has lived up to that billing. In 96 regular-season games under Kubiak, Houston has averaged 356.1 yards per game, which ranks third in the AFC and eighth in the NFL, compared to an average of 266.5 yards per game from 2002-05, which was last in the AFC and 31st in the NFL. Houston has averaged 22.6 points per game under Kubiak to rank fourth in the AFC and is 6.4 points per game better than before his arrival.

The most dramatic improvement has been made by the offensive line. After giving up a League-worst 68 sacks in 2005, the line has allowed an average of 31.1 per season under Kubiak. This has allowed the passing game to flourish, averaging 240.6 yards per game to rank fourth in the AFC since 2006. The line also allowed the Texans rushing attack to average 115.5 yards per game during the last six years, another improvement

from the first four years.

Kubiak has made a habit of surrounding himself with great coaches throughout his tenure in Houston. One of his first hires in 2006 was former Green Bay head coach Mike Sherman, who served as the assistant head coach/offense and then offensive coordinator in Kubiak's first two seasons. In 2008, Kubiak bolstered his staff with two of the brightest minds in football, hiring offensive line guru Alex Gibbs as the assistant head coach/offense and 1995 NFL Coach of the Year Ray Rhodes as the assistant defensive backs coach. In 2010, he hired former Denver Broncos teammate and colleague, Rick Dennison, as offensive coordinator. The Texans set a franchise record for total yards in 2010 and have set the franchise rushing record in consecutive seasons since Dennison's arrival.

In 2011, Kubiak added one of the most respected defensive minds in the game, Wade Phillips, as defensive coordinator. Phillips implemented his 3-4 defensive scheme that has now led teams to the playoffs in his first year coaching at each of his last eight stops, including the 2011 Texans.

As head coach, Kubiak has also been responsible for the performance of the defense, which is stocked full of talent, including four starters with Pro Bowl experience and several other rising stars. The 2009 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, Brian Cushing, has led the team in tackles in two of his first three seasons. Fourth-year outside linebacker Connor Barwin set a franchise record with four sacks against Jacksonville on the way to leading the team with 11.5 sacks in 2011. Last year's first-round draft pick, defensive end J.J. Watt (5.5 sacks) and second-round draft pick Brooks Reed (6.0 sacks) became the first rookie duo to record at least five sacks apiece since 1997.

Now former Texans, outside linebacker Mario Williams and inside linebacker DeMeco Ryans, the 2006 AP Defensive Rookie of the Year, were the first two draft picks of the Kubiak era, and they set the tone for an excellent track record on draft day. Following the lead of Ryans and Williams, tight end Owen Daniels gave the Texans a League-best three Pro Bowlers from the 2006 draft class. Former right tackle Eric Winston also emerged as a starter from that class. All totaled, Kubiak's first draft class started a total of 352 combined games for the Texans from 2006-11.

The Texans' 2007 draft class was led by former defensive tackle Amobi Okoye, the youngest first-round draft pick in NFL history. Okoye held the franchise rookie sack record with 5.5 until the 2011 season and was the most productive player at that position from that draft class. In 2008, first-round pick Duane Brown started all 16 games at left tackle, while running back Steve Slaton won the rookie rushing title with a franchise-record

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1,282 yards. The 2009 class was highlighted by Cushing, cornerback-turned-safety Glover Quin, a fourth-round pick who went on to start 12 games as a rookie, and college free agent Foster. Cornerback Kareem Jackson, the Texans' first-round pick in 2010 started all 16 games as a rookie. The 2011 draft class, highlighted by the play of Watt, Reed and Yates, had the biggest collective impact as rookies in franchise history.

Kubiak spent 20 of the previous 23 years in the Denver area, where he earned a reputation as a brilliant offensive strategist. He played in 119 games and tossed 14 touchdowns for the Broncos from 1983-91 as the backup for Hall of Fame quarterback John Elway. During his time as a player in the Mile High City, he was a part of three teams that reached the Super Bowl.

Kubiak began his coaching career in 1992-93 as the running backs coach at his alma mater, Texas A&M. Under Kubiak's watchful eye, running back Greg Hill was named second team All-America his junior year. Hill was selected by the Kansas City Chiefs in the first round of the 1994 draft.

Kubiak started his NFL coaching career as the quarterbacks coach of the San Francisco 49ers in 1994 and guided Hall of Famer Steve Young to his best season as a pro. Young was named the NFL MVP for the second time in his career.

Under Kubiak's tutelage, Young had a career-high 70.3 completion percentage, threw for 35 touchdowns and 3,969 yards, and set an NFL record with a 112.8 passer rating, a mark that stood for 10 seasons. Young captured Super Bowl XXIX MVP honors by tossing a record six touchdowns in San Francisco's 49-26 win against the San Diego Chargers.

In the spring of 1995, Kubiak returned to the Broncos as offensive coordinator, where he steered Denver to the organization's best numbers in team history and helped lead the team to seven postseason trips and two Super Bowl titles in 11 seasons.

Kubiak began his tenure in Denver as the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach to his former teammate, Elway. Kubiak made an immediate impact as Elway threw for 3,970 yards, the second-best mark of his Hall of Fame career. Elway increased his touchdown passes from 16 in 1994 to 26 in 1995. During the final four years of his career (1995-98), Elway tossed 101 touchdown passes, second only to Brett Favre in that span.

Kubiak's offense featured one of the best tight ends in NFL history. Shannon Sharpe, who ranks second all-time among tight ends in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdowns, spent seven years under Kubiak. Sharpe, a 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee, averaged 61 receptions and had a career-high 1,107 yards receiving in 1997.

Kubiak's offenses have always been based on balance. The Broncos' running game was focused around

a strong system instead of an individual. A Broncos runner eclipsed the 1,000-yard rushing mark in 10 of Kubiak's 11 seasons. Denver saw five different runners rush for more than 1,000 yards, more than any team in the NFL, in that span.

Kubiak turned to Terrell Davis to tote the ball as the Broncos won back-to-back Super Bowls in the late '90s. In 1997, Davis became only the fourth running back in NFL history to rush for more than 2,000 yards in a season. During the 1997-98 seasons, he rushed for 3,758 yards, most of any running back in back-to-back campaigns between 1995-2005. Davis' 2,008 rushing yards in 1997 are the fourth-most in NFL history. He won AP Offensive Player of the Year honors in 1996 and 1998.

Following Elway's retirement, Kubiak turned his offense over to second-year quarterback Brian Griese, who threw for 3,032 yards in his first season as the Broncos' starter. In the 2000 season, Griese was named to the Pro Bowl and guided the Broncos' offense to rank second in the NFL in points scored and total offense.

That same season, Mike Anderson rushed for 1,487 yards, at the time a franchise rookie record. Anderson set the NFL single-game rookie rushing record with 251 yards against the New Orleans Saints. That year, Kubiak's receivers, Ed McCaffrey (101) and Rod Smith (100), became just the second pair of teammates in NFL history to grab at least 100 receptions.

In 2002, the Broncos drafted running back Clinton Portis in the second round. In his rookie season, Portis rushed for 1,508 yards, breaking Anderson's rookie mark, and was named the AP Offensive Rookie of the Year. The Broncos' rushing attack averaged 141.6 yards per game, which ranked second in the AFC. The offense totaled 380.6 yards per game, which was third in the NFL.

Kubiak relinquished his quarterbacks coach title in 2003, turning the duties over to Pat McPherson. That offseason, Denver signed quarterback Jake Plummer from the Arizona Cardinals and Plummer was immediately transformed. Despite missing five games his first season in Denver, Plummer threw for more touchdowns (15) than interceptions (seven) for the second time in his career. The 2004 season saw Plummer throw for 4,089 yards, most in Broncos history. He also tossed 27 touchdown passes, tying Elway's 1997 club record.

Plummer stayed on his feet in Kubiak's offense. After being sacked an average of 36 times per season in Arizona, Plummer was sacked an average of 17 times per year in Denver. Every season in Kubiak's system, Plummer threw more touchdowns than interceptions and led the Broncos to the playoffs from 2003-05.

In 2005, Kubiak's offense ranked fifth in the NFL with 5,766 total yards and his rushing attack was second in the League, averaging 158.7 yards per game. The Broncos were led by Anderson's 1,014 yards on the



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ground and Tatum Bell's 921 yards. Denver finished 2005 with a 13-3 record, winning their division for the first time since 1998, the last time they appeared in the Super Bowl.

In his 11 years as offensive coordinator, Kubiak's Broncos amassed 66,501 total yards and 465 touchdowns, most in the NFL in that span. He coached 14 different Broncos who made the Pro Bowl and Denver's rushing attack totaled 25,022 yards, most in the NFL, during his tenure.

KUBIAK OFF THE FIELD

Kubiak has been active in his support of U.S. military services for a number of years. For the past seven years, Kubiak has served as the celebrity spokesperson for Impact A Hero, a non-profit organization that provides a means to provide emotional and financial support for severely wounded and disabled War on Terror veterans and their families. He participated in the Eighth Annual Impact A Hero 5k Run, Walk and Wheel on June 2, 2012. In June 2011, he embarked on his first USO Tour to the Middle East.

In addition to his individual efforts, Kubiak has also supported U.S. military services with the Texans. For the last two years, the Texans and Kubiak have hosted more than 150 guests from all five branches of the military at practice during Salute To The Military Week, among other events. Salute To The Military Week has culminated with hundreds of servicemen and women attending a Texans game at which they are recognized. In 2010, the Texans defeated Kansas City, 35-31; and

Houston topped Cleveland last year, 30-12.

Kubiak returned to his roots when he took the reins as head coach of the Texans. He starred at Houston's St. Pius High School, where he was an all-state selection, passing for 6,190 yards during his high school career. He was inducted into the Texas High School Hall of Fame in 1999.

Kubiak attended Texas A&M, where he was selected All-Southwest Conference in 1982. He led the conference in attempts (324), completions (181), percentage (55.9) yardage (1,948), touchdowns (19), and total offense (1,885) as a senior. He set the SWC passing touchdown record with six against Rice during his junior season. He earned his degree in physical education before being drafted by the Broncos in the eighth round (197th overall) in the 1983 draft.

Kubiak, born in Houston, is married to Rhonda. The couple has three sons: Klint, Klay, and Klein. Klint is in his second season as a graduate assistant at Texas A&M, while Klay played quarterback at Colorado State and is now a graduate student at Texas Christian University. Klein is a junior wide receiver at Rice.

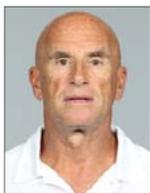
KUBIAK'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2006-12: Head Coach, Houston Texans
- 2003-05: Offensive Coordinator, Denver Broncos
- 1995-02: Offensive Coordinator/Quarterbacks, Denver Broncos
- 1994: Quarterbacks, San Francisco 49ers
- 1992-93: Running Backs, Texas A&M

GARY KUBIAK'S YEAR-BY-YEAR NFL COACHING RESULTS

Year	Team	Position	Reg. Season			Playoffs		
			W	L	T	W	L	Finish
1994	San Francisco 49ers	Quarterbacks	13	3	0	3	0	NFC West/Super Bowl Champions
1995	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	8	8	0	0	0	4th AFC West
1996	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	13	3	0	0	1	AFC West Champions/Divisional
1997	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	12	4	0	4	0	2nd AFC West/Super Bowl Champions
1998	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	14	2	0	3	0	AFC West/Super Bowl Champions
1999	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	6	10	0	0	0	5th AFC West
2000	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	11	5	0	0	1	2nd AFC West/Wild Card
2001	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	8	8	0	0	0	3rd AFC West
2002	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord./Quarterbacks	9	7	0	0	0	2nd AFC West
2003	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord.	10	6	0	0	1	2nd AFC West/Wild Card
2004	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord.	10	6	0	0	1	2nd AFC West/Wild Card
2005	Denver Broncos	Off. Coord.	13	3	0	1	1	AFC West Champions/AFC Championship
2006	Houston Texans	Head Coach	6	10	0	0	0	4th AFC South
2007	Houston Texans	Head Coach	8	8	0	0	0	4th AFC South
2008	Houston Texans	Head Coach	8	8	0	0	0	3rd AFC South
2009	Houston Texans	Head Coach	9	7	0	0	0	2nd AFC South
2010	Houston Texans	Head Coach	6	10	0	0	0	3rd AFC South
2011	Houston Texans	Head Coach	10	6	0	1	1	AFC South Champions/Divisional
Totals			174	114	0	12	6	
6-Year Texans Totals			47	49	0	1	1	





BILL KOLLAR **ASSISTANT HEAD COACH/DEFENSIVE LINE** **FOURTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/24TH NFL SEASON**

Bill Kollar is in his fourth year as the Texans assistant head coach/defensive line. Kollar, who played eight seasons in the NFL as a defensive lineman, has 24 years of experience coaching in the NFL, including the last 23 as a defensive line coach. Prior to Houston, he spent the previous three years coaching the defensive line in Buffalo.

Kollar helped the Texans transition from a 4-3 to a 3-4 scheme with great success in 2011 and received huge contributions from the defensive line. Houston saw the third-largest defensive improvement in NFL history since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. The Texans ranked second in the NFL in total defense with 285.7 yards per game in 2011 after giving up 376.9 yards per game and ranking 30th in 2010. The defensive line played its part in helping the Texans set team records for rushing yards allowed (96.0 per game) and sacks (44). Defensive end Antonio Smith earned his first career Pro Bowl berth with a career-high 6.5 sacks. Rookie defensive end J.J. Watt earned team Rookie of the Year honors and was named to the PFW/PFWA All-Rookie team after recording 5.5 sacks and 56 tackles in the regular season.

Kollar directed Houston's first line of defense to the two best run-stopping seasons in franchise history in his first two years with the team. In addition, the Texans defense recorded at least 30 sacks in three consecutive seasons for the first time in franchise history from 2009-11 under Kollar's tutelage. Houston's 2010 rush defense held three opponents to less than 50 yards and set a franchise record by limiting Washington to 18 yards rushing in an overtime win.

Several individuals posted personal bests on Kollar's defensive line in 2010. Veteran defensive tackle Shaun Cody started all 16 games for the first time in his career and registered a career-high 38 tackles, while defensive tackle Amobi Okoye also set a career high with 44 tackles. Defensive end Mario Williams fought through injury the entire season to lead the team with 8.5 sacks despite spending the final three games of the season on injured reserve.

In his first season with the Texans, Kollar helped the defensive line improve throughout the season. Williams led the team with 9.0 sacks and earned his second consecutive Pro Bowl trip. Rookie defensive end Connor Barwin and free agent Smith were second on the team with 4.5 sacks apiece. The unit was a key on the defense's overall improvement, helping hold opponents to 84.3 yards per game on the ground in the last 13 contests.

Prior to his stint with Buffalo, Kollar coached the defensive line in St. Louis from 2001-05. Kollar helped defensive end Leonard Little emerge as a premier sack artist, with 57 sacks in that time. The Rams earned a trip to the Super Bowl in 2001, Kollar's first season with the team.

From 1990-2000, Kollar worked as the Atlanta Falcons defensive line coach. In 1998, the Falcons' defensive line tied for the NFL lead by giving up only six rushing touchdowns and set a team record by allowing an average of 75.2 rushing yards as Atlanta won the NFC Championship and earned a trip to Super Bowl XXXIII.

Kollar, 59, began his coaching career as a defensive assistant/special teams for Tampa Bay in 1984. He spent a year as a graduate assistant at Illinois in 1985 following his year in Tampa Bay. He was promoted to defensive line/special teams coach for the Illini in 1986 and spent two years in that position. Kollar assumed the same role at Purdue from 1988-89 before returning to the NFL.

Kollar was an All-America defensive lineman at Montana State and earned the Most Valuable Player award at the 1974 Senior Bowl. He was selected in the first round (23rd overall) of the 1974 NFL Draft by the Cincinnati Bengals and played eight seasons for Cincinnati and Tampa Bay.

Kollar and his wife, Jan, have two sons, Chad and Clint.

KOLLAR'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2009-12: Assistant head coach/defensive line, Houston Texans
- 2007-08: Defensive line, Buffalo Bills
- 2001-05: Defensive line, St. Louis Rams
- 1990-00: Defensive line, Atlanta Falcons
- 1988-89: Defensive line/special teams, Purdue
- 1986-87: Defensive line/special teams, Illinois
- 1985: Graduate assistant, Illinois
- 1984: Defensive assistant/special teams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers





RICK DENNISON **OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR** **THIRD SEASON WITH TEXANS/18TH NFL SEASON**

Rick Dennison is in his third season as the Texans' offensive coordinator. Dennison is entering his 18th

season in the NFL as a coach and his 27th year in the League overall. Prior to joining head coach Gary Kubiak's staff in 2010, Dennison had spent his entire NFL tenure with the Denver Broncos, first as a player from 1982-90 and then as a coach from 1995-2009.

Houston's offense has become synonymous with success in the run game since Dennison joined the staff in January 2010. Houston ranks fourth in the NFL with 140.3 rushing yards per game, is tied for the NFL lead with 38 combined rushing touchdowns and has set franchise rushing records in consecutive years in Dennison's first two seasons running the offense.

Dennison's offense persevered through several injuries to key players for another successful offensive campaign in 2011. Houston set franchise records with 2,448 rushing yards (153.0 per game) and 546 rushing attempts to rank second in the NFL, and excelled in the postseason, averaging 159.5 rushing yards per game in helping the Texans reach the Divisional round of the playoffs. Houston led the NFL in time of possession (32:41) and set a franchise record for fewest interceptions thrown with nine, despite having three different starting quarterbacks. Starting quarterback Matt Schaub and backup Matt Leinart went down with season-ending injuries in Weeks 10 and 12 of the regular season, leaving rookie fifth-round draft pick T.J. Yates to lead the offense throughout the remainder of the regular season and postseason.

The 2011 Texans had two running backs rush for more than 900 yards in a season for the first time in franchise history, with Arian Foster finishing fifth in the NFL with 1,224 yards and Ben Tate rushing for 942 yards. Foster and Tate both rushed for more than 100 yards in the same game twice during the season, making Houston just the sixth team since 1985 to accomplish the feat. Center Chris Myers was selected to the Pro Bowl, a first for a Texans lineman, and left tackle Duane Brown earned second team AP All-Pro and PFW/PFWA All-AFC honors.

Houston's offense experienced record-setting success with a renewed emphasis on the running game under Dennison's direction in 2010. The Texans offense ranked third overall in the NFL with the league's seventh-ranked rushing offense and fourth-ranked passing attack. Houston set franchise records with 390 points scored, 6,186 total yards of offense (386.6 per game) and 2,042 yards rushing (127.6 yards per game). Den-

nison's offense helped Foster become the franchise's first NFL rushing and scoring leader with a franchise-record 1,616 yards rushing and 18 touchdowns.

Dennison's first stint as an offensive coordinator in the NFL came in Denver from 2006-08 after his predecessor, Kubiak, left the Broncos to become the head coach of the Houston Texans. Dennison coached the Broncos offensive line from 2001-05 and again in 2009. He also coached Denver's special teams from 1997-00 and was an offensive assistant from 1995-96.

With Dennison at the helm, Denver's offense averaged 350.5 yards per game from 2006-08 and rushed for 124.4 yards per game, averaging 4.6 yards per carry. Despite starting a rookie at left tackle and a second-year player at right tackle in 2008, the Broncos offense gained 6,333 yards to rank second in the NFL and the offensive line allowed a franchise-record-low 12 sacks on the season.

In 2007, Denver was fourth in the NFL in yards per play (5.7) and fifth in yards per rush (4.6). In 2006, Dennison's first season at the helm of the offense, Denver ranked fifth in the NFL with an average of 360.4 yards per game.

With Dennison in charge of either the offensive line or the entire offense from 2001-09, the Broncos ranked second in the NFL with a nine-year average of 135.1 rushing yards per game, and Denver's 4.5-yard rushing average in that time period was the third-highest in the League. The Broncos line also excelled in pass blocking, surrendering just 226 sacks in nine years, which was the fourth-fewest in the League in that time.

Dennison coached Denver's special teams from 1997-00 and helped the Broncos win back-to-back World Championships in 1997 and 1998. Under his tutelage, punt returner Darrien Gordon and kicker Jason Elam both earned trips to the Pro Bowl and punter Tom Rouen was one of the most consistent punters in the League. Dennison began his coaching career as an offensive assistant in Denver from 1995-96 after coaching for three years at the high school level for Suffield Academy in Suffield, Conn.

Dennison played linebacker for the Broncos from 1982-90, appearing in 128 games with 52 starts and three Super Bowls (XXI in 1986, XXII in '87 and XXIV in '89). In 1989, he received the Ed Block Memorial Courage Award. Dennison ranked second on the Broncos in tackles with 133 during the 1988 campaign while posting a team-high three fumble recoveries.

Dennison joined the Broncos as a college free agent in 1982 after a fine collegiate career at Colorado State,



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where he was a second-team Academic All-American as a senior and earned three varsity letters. In 1979, Dennison earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from CSU followed by a master's degree in the same field from CSU in 1982.

Born in Kalispell, Mont., Dennison attended Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins, Colo., where he lettered in football, basketball and baseball. His father, George, was president of the University of Montana before retiring in July 2010. Rick and his wife, Shannon, have five children, sons Joseph, Steven and Trey, and twin daughters, Abrynn and Allie.

Joseph graduated from Yale, where he played football and now works in Seattle. He was married to his wife, Hayley, in February 2011. Steven, a left-handed pitcher, was drafted in the 34th round of the 2010 Major League

Baseball Draft by the Florida Marlins out of Wheaton (Ill.) College and signed a free agent contract with the Houston Astros in June 2011.

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2010-12: Offensive coordinator, Houston Texans
 2009: Offensive line, Denver Broncos
 2006-08: Offensive coordinator, Denver Broncos
 2001-05: Offensive line, Denver Broncos
 1997-00: Special teams, Denver Broncos
 1995-96: Offensive assistant, Denver Broncos
 1992-94: Assistant, Suffield (Conn.) Academy

DENNISON AND THE RUN GAME

Whether as an offensive line coach (Denver, 2001-05, '09) or offensive coordinator (Denver, 2006-08; Houston, 2010-11), **Rick Dennison** has helped produce a 1,000-yard rusher in seven of his 11 years in those roles.

1,000-YARD PERFORMANCES UNDER DENNISON

Year	Team	Back	Att.	Yds	Avg	TD
2002	DEN	Clinton Portis	273	1,508	5.5	15
2003	DEN	Clinton Portis	290	1,591	5.5	14
2004	DEN	Reuben Droughns	275	1,240	4.5	6
2005	DEN	Mike Anderson	239	1,014	4.2	12
2006	DEN	Tatum Bell	233	1,025	4.4	2
2010	HOU	Arian Foster	327	1,616	4.9	16
2011	HOU	Arian Foster	278	1,224	4.4	10

Dennison has helped orchestrate the running game for performances that rank among the NFL's top 10 in nine of the last 11 seasons, including seven seasons producing 2,000 or more yards.

TEAM RUSHING UNDER DENNISON

Year	Team	Position	Att.	Yds	Avg	Rnk
2001	DEN	Offensive Line	481	1,877	3.9	10
2002	DEN	Offensive Line	457	2,266	5.0	5
2003	DEN	Offensive Line	543	2,629	4.8	2
2004	DEN	Offensive Line	534	2,333	4.4	4
2005	DEN	Offensive Line	542	2,539	4.7	2
2006	DEN	Offensive Coordinator	488	2,152	4.4	8
2007	DEN	Offensive Coordinator	429	1,957	4.6	9
2008	DEN	Offensive Coordinator	287	1,862	4.8	12
2009	DEN	Offensive Line	440	1,836	4.2	18
2010	HOU	Offensive Coordinator	423	2,042	4.8	7
2011	HOU	Offensive Coordinator	546	2,448	4.5	2

RE-WRITING THE RECORD BOOKS

Houston's offense has re-written the franchise record books with Rick Dennison as the offensive coordinator. Below is a look at some of the notable records set under Dennison.

NOTABLE TEAM SEASON RECORDS SET OR TIED UNDER DENNISON

Category	Previous Record	New Record
Points	388 (2009)	390 (2010)
Extra Points	43 (2009)	43 (2010)
Net Yards	6,129 (2009)	6,186 (2010)
First Downs	340 (2009)	360 (2010)
Rushing Yards	2,042 (2010)	2,448 (2011)
First Downs Rushing	118 (2010)	131
Rushing Avg./Carry	4.3 (2008)	4.8 (2010)
Rushing Touchdowns	16 (2004, 2008)	20 (2010)
100-Yard Rushing Games	8 (2010)	11 (2011)
By An Individual		
Fewest Ints. Thrown	13 (2005, 2006)	12 (2010)
Fewest Fumbles	18 (2003)	15 (2010)
Fewest Fumbles Lost	9 (2003)	6 (2010)

NOTABLE GAME RECORDS SET UNDER DENNISON

Category	Previous Record	New Record
Rushing Yards	257 (vs. IND, 9/12/10)	261 (vs. CLE, 11/6/11)
Rushing Attempts	44 (at JAC, 12/26/04)	47 (at TEN, 10/23/11)
Net Yards Passing	408 (vs. GB, 12/7/08)	468 (at WAS, 9/19/10)
Gross Yards Passing	414 (vs. GB, 12/7/08)	497 (at WAS, 9/19/10)
Scoring Drive	98 (vs. TEN, 10/21/07)	99 (vs. BAL, 12/13/10)
Points, Half	29 (vs. TEN, 10/21/07)	34 (vs. IND, 9/11/11)
Margin of Victory	29 (vs. CIN, 10/26/08)	34 (at TEN, 10/23/11)
Scoring Drive (Plays)	18 (at NYG, 11/5/06)	19 (vs. PIT, 10/2/11; vs. ATL, 12/4/11)
Scoring Drive (Time, longest)	10:26 (vs. KC, 9/9/07)	10:55 (vs. PIT, 10/2/11)
Scoring Drive (Time, shortest)	0:04 (vs. SD, 11/7/10)	0:02 (vs. CLE, 11/6/11)





JOE MARCIANO SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR 11TH SEASON WITH TEXANS/27TH NFL SEASON

Joe Marciano is in his 11th season as special teams coordinator for the Houston Texans. Regarded as one

of the League's top coaches in his field, Marciano has directed special teams for 26 NFL seasons. Marciano and running backs coach Chick Harris are the only coaches to have been with the Texans since the team's inception in 2002.

The Texans set numerous special teams records on returns, coverages and kicking in 2011. Houston had 529 punt return yards, besting the franchise standard of 512 set in 2001. Wide receiver Jacoby Jones had a career-high 518 yards on punt returns and set a franchise record with the third punt return touchdown of his career, a 79-yarder in the season opener against Indianapolis. Kicker Neil Rackers set franchise records with 135 points scored and 32 field goals made. Rookie Brett Hartmann and veteran Matt Turk combined for a franchise-record 44.0-yard punting average, and Hartmann and Rackers set a team mark with 38 combined touchbacks on kickoffs. Marciano's kickoff coverage unit ranked seventh in the NFL and held opponents to a franchise-low 22.4-yard kickoff return average.

Marciano's special teams units were affected greatly by injury throughout the 2010 season but excelled in the kicking game. With Rackers leading the way, Houston set a franchise record by converting 90 percent of its field goal attempts (27-of-30) and converted all 43 point-after attempts. It was the most successful season for Houston's kicking game in franchise history, accounting for 124 points on 70-of-73 combined kick attempts (95.9 percent).

Marciano's coverage units excelled in 2009, holding opponents to a 4.3-yard punt return average and 22.5 yards per kickoff return. Jones continued to be one of the most dangerous return men in the NFL, averaging 10.9 yards per punt return and 26.6 yards per kick return, including a 95-yard kick return for touchdown against Oakland. Kicker Kris Brown surpassed the 1,000-point plateau for his career and finished the year with 106 points, marking his third straight 100-point season, and booted a pair of game-winning field goals. Turk set the team single-season punting record for the third straight year, averaging 42.8 yards per punt.

The 2008 special teams unit was one of the most consistent and explosive in the NFL. Brown turned in the best season of his career, setting franchise records with 124 points, 29 field goals and an .879 field goal percentage. Jones returned two punts for touchdowns, a franchise record, and finished third in the AFC with a

12.1-yard punt return average. Turk broke his own franchise mark with a 42.3-yard average on a record-low 53 attempts.

Marciano's special teams unit provided many of the biggest highlights of the 2007 season, tying three NFL records. The Texans tied the NFL single-season record with four kickoff returns for touchdown on the season, becoming just the fourth team in League history to do so. Wide receiver André Davis tied another League record when he became the seventh player in history to return two kickoffs for a touchdown in one game, doing so against Jacksonville in the season finale. Brown, who scored a team-leading 115 points, became just the third kicker in League history to make three field goals of 50 yards or longer in one game when he did so against Miami on Oct. 7. Turk also set team records for gross and net punting average in his first season as a Texan, and the coverage unit held opponents to a record-low 151 punt return yards on the season.

Under Marciano's guidance in 2006, punter Chad Stanley posted the best gross punting average of his career, averaging 41.6 yards per punt, and Brown led the team in scoring for the fifth consecutive season. The Texans ranked sixth in the League in punt return average, at 10.5 yards per return; and the kick coverage team held opponents to the sixth-worst starting field position in the League.

Marciano's tenure as special teams coordinator was highlighted during the 2005 season. Pro Bowl selection and AP first-team All-Pro kick returner Jerome Mathis was also honored by the NFL Alumni as the Special Teams Player of the Year and the Texans Rookie of the Year. He finished the season ranked second in the League for return men, returning 54 kickoffs for 1,542 yards and two touchdowns. He was the only player in the NFL to return two kicks for scores that season.

Marciano helped Brown finish the 2005 season with 102 points, including 26 field goals. Stanley also had a stellar 2005 season, finishing with 29 punts inside the 20-yard line, the fourth most in the NFL. His 6.6 yard-per-return average ranked sixth in the NFL.

In 2004, Brown set a club record with 85 points and nailed a career-high nine touchbacks. Second-year linebacker Antwan Peek had a breakout year with 18 special teams tackles and a blocked punt. Meanwhile, the Texans ranked seventh in the AFC in opponent average starting field position.

In 2003, Stanley led the NFL with 36 punts inside the 20 and his 36.7-yard net average ranked sixth in the League. Brown nailed 18-of-22 field goals, missing just



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one inside 50 yards. J.J. Moses ranked fifth in the AFC with a 23.4-yard kickoff return average.

In 2002, Brown connected on 13 field goals from 40-plus yards and Stanley ranked second in the AFC in net average (36.8), leading the conference with 36 punts inside the 20. The Texans also scored two touchdowns on special teams (punt return, punt block), recovered three fumbles, and yielded just 5.7 yards per punt return, leading the AFC.

Marciano arrived in Houston after spending the previous six seasons in the same capacity with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Under Marciano, the Bucs boasted one of the NFC's most consistent special teams units. Tampa Bay blocked 20 kicks, registered nine of the 10 longest punt and kickoff returns in club annals, and recorded 10 NFC Special Teams Player of the Week awards during his six seasons.

Kicker Martin Gramatica posted remarkable numbers during his first three NFL seasons. Gramatica nailed 84-of-101 field goal attempts (counting playoffs) and earned a Pro Bowl berth in 2000, breaking his own club single-season records in points scored (126), field goals (28), consecutive field goals (16), 50-plus-yard field goals (five), and extra points (42). Tampa Bay also set a team mark and tied a League mark by blocking seven kicks (four field goals, three punts), returning two for touchdowns in 2000.

In 1999, linebacker Shelton Quarles broke a 10-year Bucs single-season record with 31 special teams tackles. Tampa Bay opponents averaged just 17.6 yards per kickoff return, which set a club record. In 1998, Marciano's charges set single-season club marks in both kickoff return average (23.7) and punt-return average (13.7). In 1997, the Bucs finished first in the NFL in opponent net punting and opponent field-goal percentage.

Marciano joined the Bucs after spending the previous 10 years as the special teams coach for the New Orleans Saints. For the first nine of those campaigns, he also coached the team's tight ends. During Marciano's New Orleans tenure, he coached three special teams players who were selected for the Pro Bowl (Morten Andersen, Tyrone Hughes, Bennie Thompson).

Marciano's first professional football job came as the special teams/tight ends coach for the Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars of the USFL, helping the club win two league championships. Marciano joined the Stars after spending 1982 as the tight ends/special teams coach at Temple.

In 1981, Marciano tutored the tight ends for Joe Paterno at Penn State. Marciano also coached wide receivers at Villanova (1980) and Rhode Island (1978-79). He began his college coaching career overseeing the tight ends at East Stroudsburg University in 1977. Marciano

coached at Wyoming Area High School in West Pittston, Pa., in 1976.

A native of Dunmore, Pa., Marciano was a quarterback at Temple, where he earned his bachelor's degree in health and physical education. He serves as a spokesperson for Autism Speaks and is very active in the organization's annual fundraising walk held each fall in Houston.

Marciano is an avid fisherman who has conducted various fishing tournaments and has appeared on numerous ESPN fishing shows. In 1993, Marciano was inducted into the Northeast Chapter of the Pennsylvania Sports Hall of Fame. He is single and resides in Missouri City with his son, Joseph.



Joe Marciano (above) and Running Backs Coach Chick Harris are the only two Texans coaches who have been on staff since the inaugural 2002 season.

MARCIANO'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2002-12: Special Teams Coordinator, Houston Texans
- 1996-01: Special Teams, Tampa Bay Buccaneers
- 1995: Special Teams, New Orleans Saints
- 1986-94: Special Teams/Tight Ends, New Orleans Saints
- 1983-85: Special Teams/Tight Ends, Philadelphia/Baltimore Stars
- 1982: Special Teams/Tight Ends, Temple
- 1981: Tight Ends, Penn State
- 1980: Wide Receivers, Villanova
- 1978-79: Wide Receivers, Rhode Island
- 1977: Tight Ends, East Stroudsburg State
- 1976: Wyoming Area (Pa.) High School





WADE PHILLIPS DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR SECOND SEASON WITH TEXANS/36TH NFL SEASON

Wade Phillips is in his second season as the Houston Texans defensive coordinator. Phillips has 36 years of

coaching experience, including the last 30 as a defensive coordinator or head coach. Phillips was named Texans defensive coordinator on Jan. 5, 2011.

Phillips has helped orchestrate 13 top-10 defensive performances and has helped lead teams to 12 playoff appearances, all of which have come since 1988, as a head coach or defensive coordinator. He has reached the playoffs in his first season with each of the last eight teams he has taken over as head coach or defensive coordinator, including the Houston Texans in 2011.

In 2011, Phillips earned recognition as the PFW/PFWA Assistant Coach of the Year after the Texans' defense finished second in the NFL with 285.7 yards allowed per game. Phillips installed a 3-4 scheme that yielded the third-largest single-year improvement since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, flipping a unit that gave up 379.6 yards per game and ranked 31st in the NFL in 2010.

Phillips' current post with the Texans marks the second time he and head coach Gary Kubiak have been on the same sideline. Kubiak and Phillips' tenures overlapped with the Denver Broncos from 1989-91. Kubiak played for the club from 1983-91 and Phillips served as defensive coordinator from 1989-92 before taking over as the franchise's head coach from 1993-94.

Phillips, 65, served as head coach of the Dallas Cowboys from 2007 until midway through the 2010 season, compiling a 34-22 record (.607 winning pct.). Under Phillips, the Cowboys' defense gave up an average of 329.9 yards per game to rank 10th in the NFL during his tenure and played a key role in producing three straight winning seasons from 2007-09, including two playoff appearances and the franchise's first playoff win in 12 seasons in 2009. He owns a career coaching record of 83-66, including the postseason.

Prior to his tenure in Dallas, Phillips served as defensive coordinator for the San Diego Chargers from 2004-06. The Chargers gave up fewer than 20 points per game all three years Phillips was at the helm of the defense, posted three straight winning seasons and qualified for the playoffs in 2004 and 2006.

He served as interim head coach of the Atlanta Falcons for the final three games of 2003 after joining the franchise as defensive coordinator in 2002. From 1998-2000, Phillips was the head coach of the Buffalo Bills, compiling a 29-19 record and leading the team to two playoff appearances and the top overall defense in that time. Buffalo led the NFL in total defense in 1999, allowing only

266.2 yards and 14.3 points per game. Before taking the reins in Buffalo, he was the team's defensive coordinator from 1995-97.

Phillips' first coordinator position came with the New Orleans Saints from 1981-85. He then moved on to serve as defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1986-88. His NFL coaching career began in Houston, with the Oilers in 1976, serving on the staff of his father, legendary coach Bum Phillips, until 1980.

The Texans' defensive coordinator has strong ties to the city of Houston and the state of Texas, coaching at the high school, collegiate and professional levels in the Lone Star State. He was born in Orange, Texas and played his prep career at Port Neches-Grove High School in Port Neches. Phillips played linebacker at the University of Houston from 1966-68 and coached for the Cougars in 1969.

Phillips returned to his roots from 1970-72, serving as the defensive coordinator at Orange (Texas) High School. In 1973, he joined the Oklahoma State University staff, coaching linebackers for two seasons. Phillips was then hired to coach the defensive line at Kansas in 1975, his last season coaching in the college ranks.

Phillips and wife Laurie have one son, Wesley, who is an assistant offensive line coach with the Dallas Cowboys, and a daughter, Tracy, who is a professional actress, dancer and choreographer in Hollywood, Calif. He resides in Houston and is the only member of the Texans' coaching staff on Twitter (@sonofbum).

PHILLIPS' COACHING LEDGER

- 2011-12: Defensive Coordinator, Houston Texans
- 2007-10: Head Coach, Dallas Cowboys
- 2004-06: Defensive Coordinator, San Diego Chargers
- 2002-03: Defensive Coordinator, Atlanta Falcons
- 1998-00: Vice President of Football Operations/
Head Coach, Buffalo Bills
- 1995-97: Defensive Coordinator, Buffalo Bills
- 1993-94: Head Coach, Denver Broncos
- 1989-92: Defensive Coordinator, Denver Broncos
- 1986-88: Defensive Coordinator, Philadelphia Eagles
- 1981-85: Defensive Coordinator, New Orleans Saints
- 1977-80: Defensive Line, Houston Oilers
- 1976: Linebackers, Houston Oilers
- 1975: Defensive Line, University of Kansas
- 1973-74: Linebackers, Oklahoma State
- 1970-72: Defensive Coordinator, Orange H.S.
- 1969: Graduate Assistant, University of Houston



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HISTORICAL IMPROVEMENT

Houston's second-ranked defense was far and away the NFL's most improved unit in 2011, giving up 285.7 yards per game compared to 376.9 yards per game in 2010. The Texans defense is just as impressive in a historical context. **Houston's 91.2-yard-average improvement was the third-best since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger.**

BIGGEST TURNAROUND DEFENSES SINCE THE

1970 MERGER

Team	Season	G	Rush Yds	Pass Yds	Tot Yds	Tot Yds/G	Y1-Y2 Diff
Oakland	1997	16	2,246	3,870	6,116	382.3	
Oakland	1998	16	1,674	2,876	4,550	284.4	(97.9)
Atlanta	1976	14	2,577	2,001	4,578	327.0	
Atlanta	1977	14	1,858	1,384	3,242	231.6	(95.4)
Houston	2010	16	1,751	4,280	6,031	376.9	
Houston	2011	16	1,536	3,035	4,571	285.7	(91.2)
Pittsburgh	1989	16	2,008	3,541	5,549	346.8	
Pittsburgh	1990	16	1,615	2,500	4,115	257.2	(89.6)
Tennessee	1999	16	1,550	3,695	5,245	327.8	
Tennessee	2000	16	1,390	2,423	3,813	238.3	(89.5)
Chicago	1983	16	2,000	3,132	5,132	320.8	
Chicago	1984	16	1,377	2,486	3,863	241.4	(79.4)

A COMPLETE TURNAROUND

Houston had the most improved defensive unit in the NFL in 2011. The Texans ranked fourth and gave up 17.4 points per game in 2011, 9.3 points per game less than the team gave up in 2010 (26.7), which ranked 29th in the NFL. That difference was the largest in the NFL from 2010-11.

MOST IMPROVED SCORING DEFENSES, 2010-11

Team	2011 Rank	2011 Pts/Gm	2010 Rank	2010 Pts/Gm	Diff.
Houston	4	17.4	29	26.7	-9.3
San Francisco	2	14.3	16	21.6	-7.3
Seattle	7	19.7	25	25.4	-5.7
Dallas	16	21.7	31	27.3	-5.6
Jacksonville	11	20.6	27	26.2	-5.6

The Texans also gave up 91.2 fewer yards per game than they did in 2010 to lead the NFL.

MOST IMPROVED TOTAL YARDAGE DEFENSES, 2010-11

Team	2011 Rank	2011 Yds/Gm	2010 Rank	2010 Yds/Gm	Diff.
Houston	2	285.7	30	376.9	-91.2
Jacksonville	6	313.0	28	371.8	-58.8
Washington	13	339.8	31	389.3	-49.5
Seattle	9	332.2	27	368.6	-36.4
Denver	20	357.8	32	390.8	-33.0

PHILLIPS AS A COORDINATOR

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS (1981-85)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
1981	4-12	12	343.3	23.6	24
1982 (Strike)	4-5	6	315.3	17.8	8t
1983	8-8	3	320.5	21.1	12
1984	7-9	5	333.4	22.6	19
1985	5-11	24	383.6	25.1	22

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES (1986-88)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
1986	5-10-1	18	351.9	19.5	12
1987 (Strike)	7-8	26	380.1	25.3	25
1988	*10-6	28	380.9	19.9	14

DENVER BRONCOS (1989-92)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
1989	*11-5	3	298.8	14.1	1
1990	5-11	22	352.1	23.4	23
1991	12-4	7	305.9	14.7	3
1992	8-8	23	337.5	20.6	19

BUFFALO BILLS (1995-97)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
1995	*10-6	17	343.1	20.9	12t
1996	*10-6	10	317.4	16.6	6
1997	6-10	11	324.8	22.9	23

ATLANTA FALCONS (2002-03)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
2002	*9-6-1	23	352	19.6	8
2003	5-11	32	394.6	26.4	30

SAN DIEGO (2004-06)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
2004	*12-4	16	343.9	19.6	11
2005	9-7	16	327.3	19.5	13
2006	*14-2	10	323.5	18.9	7

HOUSTON TEXANS (2011-12)

Year	Record	Def. Rnk	Total Defense	Pts. Allowed	Rnk
2011	*10-6	2	285.7	17.4	4

*Indicates playoff team





JOHN BENTON OFFENSIVE LINE SEVENTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/NINTH NFL SEASON

John Benton is in his seventh season as the offensive line coach for the Houston Texans. Benton's offensive lines have provided protection and paved the way for some of the top individual and team offensive performances in the NFL in that time and have helped turn the Texans offense into one of the most productive in the League. Houston set team records for total offense each year from 2008-10 and has set franchise rushing records in each of the last two seasons.

Houston's offensive line led the charge in 2011 as the Texans set franchise records with 2,448 rushing yards (153.0 per game) and 546 rushing attempts, and ranked second in the NFL. The run game excelled in the playoffs, averaging 159.5 yards per game in helping the Texans reach the Divisional round. The dominant rushing game also helped set a franchise-record 32:41 average time of possession to the lead the NFL.

The 2011 Texans had two running backs rush for more than 900 yards in a season for the first time in franchise history, with Arian Foster finishing fifth in the NFL with 1,224 yards and Ben Tate rushing for 942 yards. Foster and Tate both rushed for more than 100 yards in the same game twice during the season, making Houston just the sixth team since 1985 to accomplish the feat. Center Chris Myers was selected to the Pro Bowl, a first for a Texans lineman, and left tackle Duane Brown earned second-team AP All-Pro and PFW/PFWA All-AFC honors.

Benton's unit paved the way for another record-setting season for Houston's offense in 2010. The Texans

ranked third in the NFL in 2010 with a franchise-record 6,186 yards of offense (386.6 yards per game) and seventh with a franchise rushing record 127.6 yards per game. The team set a franchise record with 390 points (24.4 points per game) scored and helped Foster lead the NFL in rushing and touchdowns scored. Foster set franchise records with 1,616 yards rushing, the most yards ever in a season for an undrafted player, and 18 total touchdowns. It was the third-straight season Houston's offense finished among the NFL's top-five offenses.

In 2009, the line provided protection for the NFL's leading passer, quarterback Matt Schaub, who threw for 4,770 yards and 29 touchdowns. Overall, the offense ranked fourth in the League, averaging 383.1 yards per game. The passing attack netted a League-best 290.9 yards per game and gave up the fifth-fewest sacks in the League with 25.

In 2008, Benton's line featured the same starting lineup for all 16 games, a first in team history. The line paved the way for rookie running back Steve Slaton to set a then-franchise record with 1,282 rushing yards, while the 32 sacks allowed were the third-fewest in team history. The 2008 offense ranked third in the NFL, gaining 6,113 total yards.

Stellar pass protection has been a hallmark of Benton's lines in Houston. Despite using eight different starting lineups in 2006, Benton's first season, the Texans surrendered 25 fewer sacks than in 2005. On the ground, the line improved throughout the year and helped the team average 123.4 rushing yards per game in the second half of the season.

The line was even better in 2007, cutting the sack total in half from 2006, allowing 22 on the year, which set a team record. The record-low sack total came while the team attempted a then-record-high 529 passes. The line also paved the way for the team to rush for 1,586 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Benton spent two years working with the St. Louis Rams offensive line prior to joining the Texans' staff. As the Rams' assistant offensive line coach in 2004, Benton helped St. Louis reach the playoffs as a Wild Card team and advanced to the Divisional round with an offensive line led by Pro Bowl left tackle Orlando Pace. The Rams' offensive line helped St. Louis finish fourth in the NFL with 252.3 passing yards per game and produce 1,496 yards on the ground.

In 2005, Benton was promoted to offensive line coach and his unit blocked for running back Stephen Jackson's first career 1,000-yard season. Rams running

BENTON'S LINE LEADING THE WAY

Houston's offensive line has blocked for 19 100-yard rushing performances since the start of the 2010 season, the most in the NFL in that time. The Texans' line blocked for eight 100-yard performances in 2010 and 11 in 2011, including two in both Week 7 at Tennessee and Week 9 against Cleveland. Houston was 7-2 in 2011 when having a 100-yard rusher.

100-YARD RUSHING PERFORMANCES, 2010-11

Team	100-Yard Games
Houston Texans	19
Jacksonville Jaguars	15
Atlanta Falcons	14
Oakland Raiders	12
Tennessee Titans	12
Philadelphia Eagles	12



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backs averaged 1,579 rushing yards during Benton's two years as the line coach.

Benton lettered at Colorado State from 1983-86 and earned honorable mention All-WAC accolades during his junior and senior seasons. He was a graduate assistant at Colorado State from 1987-90 before moving on to California University (Pa.), where he coached the offensive line and also served as the recruiting coordinator until 1994.

Benton returned to his alma mater in 1996, where he served as offensive line coach until 2000 and added responsibilities as the co-offensive coordinator from 2000-03, sharing duties with current Texans offensive assistant Dan Hammerschmidt from 2001-03.

A Durango, Colo. native, he and his wife Nicole, have two daughters, Gabrielle and Paige. The family resides in Sugar Land.



PERRY CARTER

ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE BACKS

SEVENTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/SEVENTH NFL SEASON

Perry Carter is in his seventh season as a coach with the Texans and his third as assistant defensive

backs coach.

Carter worked closely with defensive backs coach Vance Joseph in 2011 to help Houston's secondary become one of the most improved units in the NFL. In 2011, Houston ranked third in pass defense, giving up 189.7 yards per game, after finishing 30th in 2010 with 267.5 yards per game. The Texans had the NFL's lowest pass completion percentage allowed (51.9), ranked second with 6.17 yards per attempt allowed and had the second-lowest opponent passer rating at 69.0.

Carter also worked with the defensive backs in his five previous seasons with the Texans, including his four seasons as a defensive assistant. He originally joined the Texans staff through the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship program during the 2006 training camp.

Carter's coaching career began in 2004 as the secondary coach at Texas A&M-Commerce. He worked in private business in 2005, then returned to coaching with NFL Europa's Hamburg Sea Devils as a defensive backs/defensive assistant in the summer of 2006. Carter also worked with the special teams in Hamburg.

The 40-year-old Carter, a native of McComb, Miss., earned four letters playing cornerback at Southern Mississippi from 1990-94. Carter was drafted by the Arizona Cardinals in the fourth round (107th pick overall) of the 1994 NFL Draft, and played for the Kansas City Chiefs in 1995 and the Oakland Raiders from 1996-98.

BENTON'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2006-12: Offensive Line, Houston Texans
- 2005: Offensive Line, St. Louis Rams
- 2004: Assistant Offensive Line, St. Louis Rams
- 2000-03: Co-Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line, Colorado State
- 1995-00: Offensive Line, Colorado State
- 1990-94: Offensive Line/Recruiting Coordinator, California University (Pa.)
- 1987-90: Graduate Assistant, Colorado State

Carter also played five seasons in the Canadian Football League with the Edmonton Eskimos (2000-01), Montreal Alouettes (2002) and British Columbia Lions (2003-04).

Carter and his wife, Nicole, live in Houston with their daughter, Bria, and son, Perry Jr.

CARTER'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2010-12: Assistant defensive backs, Houston Texans
- 2006-09: Defensive assistant, Houston Texans
- 2006: Defensive backs/defensive assistant, Hamburg Sea Devils (NFL Europa)
- 2004: Secondary, Texas A&M-Commerce





KARL DORRELL

QUARTERBACKS

FIRST SEASON WITH TEXANS/EIGHTH NFL SEASON

Karl Dorrell joined the Houston Texans coaching staff as quarterbacks coach on Feb. 10, 2012.

Dorrell brings 24 years of collegiate and professional coaching experience to the Texans, including the last four seasons with the Miami Dolphins.

In 2011, Dorrell oversaw a career season for Dolphins quarterback Matt Moore, who took over as the team's starter in Week 5. Moore set career highs with 210 completions on 347 attempts for 2,497 yards and 16 touchdowns. He ranked fourth among AFC passers with an 88.7 passer rating after taking over as the starter and tied or set single-game career highs for passer rating, touchdown passes and longest touchdown pass.

From 2008-10, Dorrell served as the Dolphins' wide receivers coach. In 2010, Dolphins wide receivers Brandon Marshall and Davone Bess combined for 165 receptions, the fourth-highest total by a duo in the NFL. Bess totaled 209 receptions from 2008-10 under Dorrell's guidance, the most by any Dolphins player in his first three years with the team.

Dorrell joined the Dolphins following a five-year stint as head coach at UCLA, where he compiled a 35-27 record and led the Bruins to a bowl appearance each year from 2003-07. In 2005, Dorrell was named the Pac-10 Conference co-Coach of the Year after leading UCLA to a 10-2 record, a No. 13 national ranking in the USA Today Coaches' Poll and a Sun Bowl victory against Northwestern.

Prior to coaching at UCLA, Dorrell was wide receivers coach with the Denver Broncos from 2000-02, serving with current Texans head coach Gary Kubiak, offensive coordinator Rick Dennison and tight ends coach Brian Pariani. Wide receiver Rod Smith posted a pair of 100-reception seasons, earned his first two Pro Bowl selections and eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark three times under Dorrell. In 2000, wide receiver Ed McCaffrey posted 101 receptions for 1,317 yards and combined with Smith for 201 receptions, 2,919 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns.

Dorrell also worked with the Broncos' staff during training camp in 1993 and 1999 as part of the NFL's Minority Coaching Fellowship program.

In 17 seasons as a head coach or assistant coach at the collegiate level, Dorrell was part of 10 winning records and 12 bowl appearances. Dorrell served as a collegiate assistant for 12 seasons, including seven years as an offensive coordinator. He began his coaching career at UCLA as a graduate assistant in 1988 before moving on to Central Florida (wide receivers,

1989), Northern Arizona (offensive coordinator/wide receivers, 1990-91), Colorado (wide receivers, 1992-93) and Arizona State (wide receivers, 1994); Dorrell returned to Colorado from 1995-98 (offensive coordinator/wide receivers) before coaching at Washington (offensive coordinator/wide receivers, 1999).

Dorrell played wide receiver at UCLA from 1982-86, where he helped the Bruins win three Rose Bowls. He was an honorable mention All-America receiver at Helix High School in San Diego, where he was a classmate and teammate of Texans offensive assistant Dan Hamersmidt.

Dorrell and his wife, Kim, have two children, Chandler and Lauren.

DORRELL'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2012: Quarterbacks, Houston Texans
- 2011: Quarterbacks, Miami Dolphins
- 2008-10: Wide receivers, Miami Dolphins
- 2003-07: Head coach, UCLA
- 2000-02: Wide receivers, Denver Broncos
- 1999: Offensive coordinator, University of Washington
- 1995-98: Offensive coordinator, Colorado
- 1994: Wide receivers, Arizona State
- 1992-93: Wide receivers, Colorado State
- 1990-91: Offensive coordinator, Northern Arizona
- 1989: Wide receivers, Central Florida





DAN HAMMERSCHMIDT

OFFENSIVE ASSISTANT

FIRST SEASON WITH TEXANS/FIRST NFL SEASON

Dan Hammerschmidt joined the Houston Texans coaching staff as an offensive assistant on Feb. 14, 2012

after coaching 26 years in the collegiate ranks.

Hammerschmidt has coached in 11 bowl games and spent 19 of the previous 26 seasons coaching at Colorado State, spanning three different tenures. He previously coached in Houston as wide receivers coach at Rice in 2008, mentoring current Texans fullback James Casey and former Jacksonville wide receiver Jarett Dillard in their final collegiate seasons.

A graduate of CSU, Hammerschmidt began his coaching career at his alma mater as a student assistant in 1986, followed by stints at TCU (1987), Duke (1988-94) and Virginia Military Institute (1995). He returned to CSU in 1996 as wide receivers coach and took over as the Rams' co-offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 2001-07. Hammerschmidt shared coordinator duties with Texans offensive line coach John Benton from 2001-03 and also served on the CSU staff with Texans assistant wide receivers coach Marc Lubick from 2001-02.

Following the 2008 season at Rice, Hammerschmidt served as the assistant head coach/wide receivers and tight ends coach at Wyoming in 2009 before returning for a third tenure at CSU in 2010 as wide receivers coach and passing game coordinator.

A standout athlete at San Diego's Helix High School where he was a classmate and teammate of Texans

quarterbacks coach Karl Dorrell, Hammerschmidt went on to be a four-year starter at safety at CSU from 1982-85 and led the team in interceptions as a senior.

Hammerschmidt graduated from CSU in 1987 with a degree in business economics. He has two children, Holly and Michael. His brother, Jeff, was Texans linebacker Brooks Reed's position coach at the University of Arizona and now serves as the special teams coordinator and running backs coach at CSU.

HAMMERSCHMIDT'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2012: Offensive assistant, Houston Texans
- 2010-11: Wide receivers/passing game coordinator, Colorado State
- 2009: Assistant head coach/wide receivers and tight ends, Wyoming
- 2008: Wide receivers, Rice
- 2001-07: Co-offensive coordinator/quarterbacks, Colorado State
- 1996-00: Wide receivers, Colorado State
- 1995: Secondary, Virginia Military Institute
- 1989-94: Secondary, Duke
- 1988: Outside linebackers/special teams, Duke
- 1987: Graduate assistant, TCU
- 1986: Student assistant, Colorado State



CHICK HARRIS

RUNNING BACKS

11TH SEASON WITH TEXANS/32ND NFL SEASON

Chick Harris is in his 11th season as running backs coach for the Houston Texans. Harris and special teams coordinator Joe Marciano are the only coaches to have been with the team since its inception in 2002. He has 31 years of NFL coaching experience and has mentored eight running backs who have eclipsed the 1,000-yard mark in a season a collective 14 times.

In 2011, Arian Foster and Ben Tate became the first backfield duo in franchise history to rush for more than 900 yards apiece in a season. Foster earned his second consecutive Pro Bowl selection, finished fifth in the NFL with 1,224 yards rushing and was third with 1,841

yards from scrimmage despite missing three and a half games. Tate was second on the team with 942 yards on the ground in his first full NFL season. The duo rushed for more than 100 yards in the same game twice, making Houston just the sixth team since 1985 to accomplish the feat.

Harris has turned in impressive coaching performances seemingly every year, no matter who is carrying the ball, but 2010 was one of his finest as both fullback Vonta Leach and Foster earned AP First Team All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors. Foster led the NFL with franchise records of 1,616 yards rushing, 2,220 total yards from scrimmage and 18 touchdowns scored. He also set a



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franchise single-game record with 231 yards in the 2010 season opener against Indianapolis. Veteran Derrick Ward helped Houston rush for 2,042 yards, a franchise record at the time, contributing 315 yards on 50 carries (6.3 average).

In 2009, the Texans had four backs each rush for at least 250 yards, led by Steve Slaton, who finished with 437 yards in an injury-shortened season. Veteran Ryan Moats rushed for a career-high 390 yards, while Foster, then a rookie, rushed for 216 of his 257 yards in the last two games.

In 2008, Slaton, then a rookie third-round draft pick, started the final 15 games and won the rookie rushing title with a franchise-record 1,282 yards. Slaton led all AFC players with 1,659 total yards from scrimmage, and his five 100-yard rushing days were also a team single-season record.

Harris leaned on 2006 leading rusher Ron Dayne, who produced a team- and career-high 773 yards and six touchdowns in 2007. Rookie undrafted free agent Darius Walker came on late in the year and ran for 264 yards in the last four games.

Dayne led a committee of running backs with 612 yards and five touchdowns, including a career-high 153 yards and two touchdowns to lead Houston to its first-ever win over Indianapolis in 2006. Houston was one of three teams to have three different players rush for at least 90 yards in a game, and the Texans were the only team that had a pair of rookies each top the 90-yard mark in a game.

Harris helped Domanick Williams earn the 2003 Diet Pepsi Rookie of the Year award and develop into a two-time 1,000-yard rusher. Williams, drafted in the fourth round in 2003, is the franchise's all-time leading rusher with 3,195 career yards.

During Harris' seven-year tenure with the Panthers, injuries forced the club to suit up a bevy of running backs, which included Tshimanga Biakabutuka, Richard Huntley, Brad Hoover, Fred Lane, Anthony Johnson and Derrick Moore. Harris helped Carolina set an expansion record with seven wins in 1995 and also helped the Panthers reach the NFC Championship Game the following season.

Harris launched his NFL coaching career with the Buffalo Bills in 1981, coaching two seasons. He entered the coaching profession at Colorado State in 1970, coaching three seasons before heading to Long Beach State. After one season at Long Beach, Harris joined the Detroit Wheels of the World Football League in 1974. He then moved on to the University of Washington, where he spent six seasons, helping the Huskies to two bowl wins, including a Rose Bowl victory against Michigan.

Harris lettered in football and track at Northern Arizona, where he is a member of the Lumberjacks' athletic hall of fame.

Born in Durham, N.C., Harris attended Long Beach (Calif.) Poly High School. He has a son, Tyler, and a daughter, Tarana. Harris and his wife, Karen, have a daughter, Kara. The family lives in Sugar Land.

HARRIS' MILLENIUM RUSHERS

1,000-YARD PERFORMANCES UNDER HARRIS

Year	Team	Back	Att.	Yds	Avg.	TD
1981	Buffalo	Joe Cribbs	257	1,097	4.3	3
1983	Seattle	Curt Warner	335	1,449	4.3	13
1985	Seattle	Curt Warner	291	1,094	3.8	8
1986	Seattle	Curt Warner	319	1,481	4.6	13
1988	Seattle	Curt Warner	266	1,025	3.9	10
1992	L.A. Rams	Cleveland Gary	279	1,125	4.0	7
1993	L.A. Rams	Jerome Bettis	294	1,429	4.9	7
1994	L.A. Rams	Jerome Bettis	319	1,025	3.2	3
1996	Carolina	Anthony Johnson	300	1,120	3.7	6
2003	Houston	Domanick Williams	238	1,031	4.3	8
2004	Houston	Domanick Williams	302	1,188	3.9	13
2008	Houston	Steve Slaton	268	1,282	4.8	9
2010	Houston	Arian Foster	327	1,616	4.9	16
2011	Houston	Arian Foster	278	1,224	4.4	10

HARRIS' COACHING LEDGER

2002-12:	Running Backs, Houston Texans
1995-01:	Running Backs, Carolina Panthers
1994:	Offensive Coordinator, Los Angeles Rams
1992-93:	Running Backs, Los Angeles Rams
1983-91:	Offensive Backfield, Seattle Seahawks
1981-82:	Running Backs, Buffalo Bills
1975-80:	Defensive Backs, University of Washington
1974:	Wide Receivers, Detroit Wheels (World Football League)
1973:	Wide Receivers, Long Beach State
1970-72:	Wide Receivers, Colorado State





REGGIE HERRING LINEBACKERS FOURTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/SEVENTH NFL SEASON

Reggie Herring is in his fourth season overall with the Texans and the second year of his second tenure as

Houston's linebackers coach. Herring re-joined the Texans with the hiring of defensive coordinator Wade Phillips as linebackers coach in 2011.

Herring's linebackers played a pivotal role in Houston undergoing the third-largest defensive improvement in NFL history since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger in 2011. The Texans ranked second in the NFL in total defense, allowing 285.7 yards per game, after giving up 376.9 yards per game and ranking 30th in 2010. Houston's linebackers accounted for 27 of a franchise-record 44 sacks, which ranked sixth in the NFL.

In 2011, inside linebacker Brian Cushing earned second-team AP All-Pro recognition and led the team with 114 tackles. Connor Barwin made the transition to outside linebacker from defensive end and tied for third in the AFC with a team-high 11.5 sacks. Barwin also set a franchise single-game record with 4.0 sacks at Jacksonville on Nov. 27. Outside linebacker Brooks Reed set a Texans rookie record with 6.0 sacks on the season.

Herring also made the defensive calls in Weeks 15 and 16 of the regular season while Phillips recovered from surgery.

From 2002-03, Herring served as the Texans linebackers coach and helped former Texans linebacker Jamie Sharper lead the NFL with 166 tackles in 2003. Sharper's tackle total from 2003 still stands as the Texans single-season standard. Linebacker Jay Foreman joined Sharper in posting back-to-back seasons with more than 130 tackles during Herring's first two years with the team.

Prior to re-joining the Texans staff, Herring was the Dallas Cowboys linebackers coach from 2008-10, while Phillips was head coach. Dallas linebacker DeMarcus Ware led the NFL with a combined 46.5 sacks in that time, including the second-most sacks ever by a linebacker in a season and League-best 20.0 in 2008. Former Cowboy and current Texans linebacker Bradie James led the team with 202 tackles in 2008, making him the second player in Cowboys history to surpass the 200-tackle mark in a season. The Cowboys top-three tacklers were from Herring's linebacker corps all three seasons he was in Dallas.

Herring was named defensive coordinator at Texas A&M on former Texans offensive coordinator Mike Sherman's staff early in 2008, but left a month later to take his position with the Cowboys.

In addition to his successes as an NFL coach, Herring spent 25 years in the collegiate ranks coaching some of the country's best defenses, and coached in 18 bowl games overall. From 2005-07, Herring was the defen-

sive coordinator and linebackers coach at the University of Arkansas and served as the interim head coach for the Razorbacks in the 2008 AT&T Cotton Bowl Classic. Herring's defense helped Arkansas win the 2006 South-eastern Conference Western Division and earn two postseason bowl berths. In 2006, Herring was a finalist for the Broyles Award, given annually to the nation's top assistant coach.

Before going to Arkansas, Herring served as the defensive coordinator at North Carolina State in 2004, where the Wolfpack led the country in total defense (221.4 yards per game), pass efficiency defense, and was second in total pass defense. Herring helped coach former Texan Mario Williams to an All-America performance.

Herring coached linebackers at Clemson from 1994-2001, and added the title of defensive coordinator in 1997. Seven of Herring's linebackers were drafted during his tenure at Clemson, including Anthony Simmons, who was taken 15th overall by Seattle in 1998. In 2000, he coached Butkus Award finalist Keith Adams, who also led the NCAA in tackles.

Herring's first coordinator experience came at TCU from 1992-93. He coached linebackers at Auburn from 1986-91, winning three SEC championships. His coaching career began in 1981 as a graduate assistant on Jimmy Johnson's staff at Oklahoma State, where he was the linebackers coach from 1982-85.

A Florida State Hall of Fame selection in 1989, Herring was a three-year starting linebacker for head coach Bobby Bowden from 1978-80. He led the Seminoles in tackles all three years and is still the third-leading tackler in FSU history. He was a team captain as a senior and played in the Tangerine Bowl and the Orange Bowl twice.

The 53-year-old Myrtle Beach, S.C. native, is married to the former Lisa Ward of Griffin, Ga. The couple has a daughter, Caroline, 26, and a son, Adam, 23.

HERRING'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2011-12: Linebackers, Houston Texans
- 2008-10: Linebackers, Dallas Cowboys
- 2007: Interim Head Coach/Cotton Bowl, Arkansas
- 2005-07: Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, Arkansas
- 2004: Defensive Coordinator, North Carolina St.
- 2002-03: Linebackers, Houston Texans
- 1997-01: Defensive Coordinator/Linebackers, Clemson
- 1994-96: Linebackers, Clemson
- 1992-93: Defensive Coordinator, TCU
- 1986-91: Linebackers, Auburn
- 1982-85: Linebackers, Oklahoma State
- 1981: Graduate Assistant, Oklahoma State



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VANCE JOSEPH DEFENSIVE BACKS SECOND SEASON WITH TEXANS/EIGHTH NFL SEASON

Vance Joseph is in his second season as the Houston Texans defensive backs coach and was hired on Feb. 11, 2011. Joseph spent the previous six seasons with the San Francisco 49ers, including the last five as the secondary coach.

Joseph's first year with the Texans yielded dramatic returns in pass defense. The 2011 Texans were third in the NFL in overall pass defense, allowing 189.7 yards per game compared to the 267.5 net passing yards it allowed in 2010, which ranked last in the NFL. Houston led the NFL with a 51.9 opponent completion percentage and held opposing quarterbacks to a 69.0 passer rating. Cornerback Johnathan Joseph tied for the team lead with four interceptions and earned his first career Pro Bowl berth under Vance Joseph's direction.

In 2010, Joseph's defensive backs keyed the NFL's top third-and-long defense, stopping opposing offenses nearly 80 percent of the time. Joseph's secondary led the 49ers defensive effort in 2009, recording 21 of the team's 33 takeaways, helping result in the NFL's largest turnover ratio improvement from 2008 to 2009 (plus-26). San Francisco also led the NFL in opponent passer rating inside its own 30-yard line in 2009, with a stingy 53.5 mark. Free safety Dashon Goldson had a breakout year with three interceptions and a career-high 114 tackles.

In 2008, the 49ers gave up the second-fewest pass plays of 20-plus yards in the NFL and allowed the third-fewest passing yards in the NFL over the last five games of the season, giving up just 887 yards through the air in that span.

Prior to his stint with the 49ers, Joseph spent six years coaching in the college ranks. He served as defensive backs coach at Wyoming (2002), Colorado (2002-03) and Bowling Green (2004) before moving on to join Mike Nolan's staff in San Francisco as the secondary assistant.

Joseph began his coaching career at his alma mater, Colorado, serving as a graduate assistant from 1999-2001.

Joseph made the transition from college quarterback back at Colorado from 1990-94, to NFL cornerback. Joseph signed and played with the New York Jets as an undrafted free agent in 1995 and played for the Indianapolis Colts in 1996, compiling two interceptions in 17 career games.

Born and raised in Marrero, La., Joseph earned his bachelor's degree in marketing from Colorado in 1994.

JOSEPH'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2011-12: Defensive Backs, Houston Texans
- 2006-10: Defensive Backs, San Francisco 49ers
- 2005: Assistant Secondary Coach, San Francisco 49ers
- 2004: Defensive Backs, Bowling Green
- 2002-03: Defensive Backs, Colorado
- 2002: Defensive Backs, Wyoming
- 1999-01: Graduate Assistant, Colorado

TEXANS FLIP THE SCRIPT ON PASS DEFENSE

The Texans were third in the NFL in overall pass defense in Vance Joseph's first year on staff, allowing 189.7 passing yards per game compared to the 267.5 net passing yards the 2010 defense allowed, which ranked last in the NFL. In addition to cutting down the number of yards it allowed through the air, Houston's defense improved in every significant passing category. The Texans led the NFL with a 51.9 opponent completion percentage and had the second-lowest opponent passer rating, 69.0. Houston also had more interceptions (17 to 14) and sacks (44 to 30) than it had the previous year.

HOUSTON PASS DEFENSE COMPARISON 2011-10

	Pct	Y/A	Y/C	TD%	Int	Int%	Lg	Sack	Sk%	Lost	Rate
2011	51.9	6.17	11.91	3.3	17	3.2	56	44	7.6	283	69.0
2010	64.7	8.22	12.71	6.0	13	2.4	73t	30	5.2	219	100.5
+/-	-13.6	-2.05	-.80	-2.7	+4	+0.8	-	+14	+2.4	+64	-31.5

HOUSTON PASS DEFENSE RANKING COMPARISON 2011-10

	Pct	Y/A	Y/C	TD%	Int	Int%	Lg	Sack	Sk%	Lost	Rate
2011	1	2	12	6	13t	14	-	6	5	6	2
2010	27	31	28	30	23t	25	-	23t	26	21	32





BOBBY KING **ASSISTANT LINEBACKERS** **SECOND SEASON WITH TEXANS/THIRD NFL SEASON**

Bobby King is in his second season with the Houston Texans and first as assistant linebackers coach. King joined the Texans as a defensive assistant in 2011 and was promoted to his current position in March 2012. He has spent his entire collegiate and pro coaching career in the state of Texas.

In 2011, King's efforts helped produce the third-largest defensive improvement in NFL history since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger. The Texans ranked second in the NFL in total defense with 285.7 yards per game after giving up 376.9 yards per game and ranking 30th in 2010.

King came to the Texans after serving as the defensive quality control/assistant linebackers coach for the Dallas Cowboys in 2010 where he worked directly under Texans linebackers coach Reggie Herring and defensive coordinator Wade Phillips. Prior to his tenure in Dallas, King was the defensive line coach at West Texas A&M University in 2008-09, and helped the 2009 team reach its first bowl game since 1967.

From 2006-07, King worked with the defensive line as a graduate assistant at Baylor. In 2005, King ended his

first stint at WTAMU by helping the team win the Lone Star Conference championship and make the school's first NCAA Division II Playoff appearance.

King began his coaching career as a student assistant at his alma mater, Texas-El Paso, working with the defensive line from 2002-03. He was a three-year letter winner and two-year starter at UTEP on the defensive line from 1998-2000.

King and his wife, Elizabeth, have a son, Jack Robert, who was born in March.

KING'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2011-12: Defensive Assistant, Houston Texans
- 2010: Defensive Quality Control/
Assistant Linebackers, Dallas Cowboys
- 2008-09: Defensive Line, West Texas A&M
- 2006-07: Graduate Assistant (Defensive Line),
Baylor
- 2005: Defensive Line, West Texas A&M
- 2002-03: Student Assistant, UTEP



LARRY KIRKSEY **WIDE RECEIVERS** **SIXTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/16TH NFL SEASON**

Larry Kirksey is in his sixth season as the wide receivers coach for the Texans and his 16th year coaching NFL wide receivers. Kirksey has coached some of the best wide receivers in NFL history, including four who have more than 850 career receptions: Jerry Rice (1,549), Terrell Owens (1,078), Derrick Mason (943) and Jimmy Smith (862).

Kirksey's star pupil in Houston is five-time Pro Bowler Andre Johnson. In five seasons under Kirksey's tutelage, Johnson has averaged an NFL-best 93.5 yards per game, led the League in receiving yards in 2008 and 2009, and led the NFL in receptions in 2008. Johnson joined Rice as the only receivers in NFL history to lead the League in receiving yards in consecutive seasons and joined Marvin Harrison as the only receivers to surpass 1,500 yards in back-to-back years.

The emergence of Houston's run game and injuries to its quarterbacks and receiving corps saw the receiving numbers decline from recent years, but the Texans receivers were not without success in 2011. Despite missing nine games to injury, Johnson caught 33 passes

for 492 yards for an average of 14.9 yards, his third consecutive season averaging more than 14 yards per catch. Once healthy in the playoffs, Johnson totaled 13 receptions for 201 yards (15.5 average). Kevin Walter led the Texans receivers with 39 receptions for 474 yards (12.2 average) and three touchdowns, including the game-winning grab in a playoff-clinching win at Cincinnati in December. Jacoby Jones caught 31 passes for 512 yards (16.5 average) and two scores.

Houston's receivers put up big numbers in leading the NFL's third-ranked offense in 2010. Despite injury, Johnson led the team and ranked sixth in the NFL with 86 receptions for 1,216 yards and eight touchdowns to earn another Pro Bowl selection. Walter had his fourth-straight 50-catch, 600-yard season under Kirksey, with 51 receptions for 621 yards. Jones set career highs with 51 receptions for 562 yards.

The receiving corps was a team strength in 2009 as the Texans led the NFL in passing offense at 290.9 yards per game. In addition to Johnson, Walter caught 53 passes for 611 yards while Jones emerged as a big-play threat, averaging a touchdown every 4.5 receptions. David An-



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erson turned in a career year with 38 receptions for 370 yards.

In 2008, Johnson led the NFL with career-highs of 115 receptions and 1,575 receiving yards. The franchise's all-time leading receiver earned Associated Press first-team All-Pro honors and started for the AFC in the Pro Bowl. Johnson teamed with Walter for the most prolific receiving tandem in the League, combining for 2,474 receiving yards. Walter's 899 yards were a career high and he shared the team lead with Johnson with eight touchdown receptions.

In his first year with the Texans, Kirksey oversaw a group that had three players top 700 receiving yards, making Houston one of just four teams to achieve that feat. The unit's depth was tested when Johnson missed seven games due to injury, but fellow receivers Walter and André Davis stepped up to fill the void. Walter set career highs with 65 receptions, 800 yards and four touchdowns. He led the team in receptions and he was second in receiving yards. Davis emerged as one of the best deep threats in the NFL, averaging nearly 18 yards per catch. Despite playing in just nine games, Johnson once again led the team with 851 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

Prior to joining the Texans staff, Kirksey helped lead Middle Tennessee State to the 2006 Sun Belt Conference title and a Motor City Bowl win as the assistant head coach and running backs coach for the Blue Raiders in 2005. He was a volunteer coach for the Denver Broncos in 2004.

Kirksey spent 2003 as the wide receivers coach with the Jacksonville Jaguars, where Jimmy Smith led the team with 54 receptions despite missing four games. From 2001-02, Kirksey coached wide receivers for the Detroit Lions. In 2001, Johnnie Morton finished the year 12th in the NFL with 1,154 receiving yards and the Lions finished sixth in the league with 224.8 yards per game.

A Kentucky native, Kirksey served as assistant head coach and was in charge of the wide receivers at Texas A&M in 2000. That year, he helped lead the Aggies to a berth in the Independence Bowl while injecting hints of the West Coast offense.

In 1994, Kirksey began his NFL coaching career with the responsibility of coaching the NFL's all-time reception and receiving yards leader, Rice. Under Kirksey, Rice set an NFL record with 1,848 receiving yards, and had a career-high 122 receptions in 1995. From 1994-99 Rice caught 606 passes for 6,666 yards. Kirksey's receivers helped set a Super Bowl record in Super Bowl XXIX with six touchdown catches, including three by Rice.

From 1990-93, Kirksey coached running backs for Alabama, where he helped lead the Crimson Tide to a national championship in 1992. Kirksey's running backs led the SEC with 252 rushing yards per game. He coached running backs at the University of Florida under Charlie Pell and Galen Hall from 1984-88. During his tenure at Florida, he coached star running backs Lorenzo Hampton, Neal Anderson, John L. Williams and Emmitt Smith. After leaving Florida, Kirksey spent one year as running backs coach at Pittsburgh. Prior to joining the Gators, Kirksey gained valuable experience by taking over head coaching duties at Kentucky State in 1983.

Kirksey got his start in coaching as the wide receivers/tight end coach at Miami of Ohio in 1974, and remained there for three seasons before joining the staff at Kentucky. He also coached wide receivers and tight ends for the Wildcats from 1977-81, then spent the 1982 campaign coaching the same positions at Kansas.

Kirksey earned a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky in 1974, where he was a four-year letterman and three-year starter at wide receiver. As a senior, he earned all-conference honors. He was out of coaching in 2005 while serving as deputy executive director of the Kentucky Sports Authority.

He and wife Anita have two children, Jessica and Jared.

KIRKSEY'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2007-12: Wide Receivers, Houston Texans
- 2006: Asst. Head Coach/Running Backs, Middle Tennessee
- 2004: Asst. Special Teams/ Volunteer, Denver Broncos
- 2003: Wide Receivers, Jacksonville Jaguars
- 2001-02: Wide Receivers, Detroit Lions
- 2000: Asst. Head Coach/Wide Receivers, Texas A&M
- 1994-99: Wide Receivers, San Francisco 49ers
- 1990-93: Running Backs, Alabama
- 1989: Running Backs, University of Pittsburgh
- 1984-88: Running Backs, Florida
- 1983: Head Coach, Kentucky State
- 1982: Wide Receivers/Tight Ends, Kansas
- 1977-81: Wide Receivers/Tight Ends, Kentucky
- 1974-76: Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers/Tight Ends, Miami (Ohio)

KIRKSEY AND THE TOP 50

TOP 50 RECEPTIONS LEADERS COACHED BY KIRKSEY

Rnk	Player	Rec.	Yds	Years Coached	Team
1	Jerry Rice	1,549	22,895	1994-99	SF
6	Terrell Owens	1,078	15,934	1996-99	SF
11	Derrick Mason	943	12,061	2011	HOU
15†	Jimmy Smith	862	12,287	2003	JAX
34	Andre Johnson	706	9,656	2007-12	HOU
42	Herman Moore	670	9,174	2001	DET





MARC LUBICK

ASSISTANT WIDE RECEIVERS

THIRD SEASON WITH TEXANS/FIFTH NFL SEASON

Marc Lubick is in his third season with the Houston Texans and first as assistant wide receivers coach.

Lubick joined the Texans as an offensive assistant on Feb. 11, 2010 and was promoted to his current position on Feb. 14, 2012.

The Texans offense set a franchise record for total offense in 2010, as well as franchise rushing records in 2010 and 2011 with Lubick on staff. Entering the 2012 season, Houston ranks fourth in the NFL with 140.3 rushing yards per game, is tied for the NFL lead with 38 combined rushing touchdowns and set franchise rushing records in consecutive years in Lubick's first two seasons working with the offense.

The 2011 Texans set franchise records with 2,448 rushing yards (153.0 per game) and 546 rushing attempts to rank second in the NFL; and excelled in the postseason, averaging 159.5 rushing yards per game in helping the Texans reach the Divisional round of the playoffs. In 2010, Houston set franchise records with 390 points scored, 6,186 total yards of offense (386.6 per game) and 2,042 yards rushing (127.6 yards per game).

Lubick, 34, has 11 seasons of coaching experience, including eight seasons at Colorado State, where he served as the tight ends coach and recruiting coordinator from 2008-09 prior to joining the Texans. He was named to Rams head coach Steve Fairchild's staff on Dec. 12, 2007 after coaching CSU's wide receivers from 2005-07. During that time, he coached former Texans wide receiver David Anderson, a seventh-round draft pick in 2006, along with 2007 NFL free agent signee Dustin Osborn.

A former college safety, Lubick launched his coaching career in 2000 as a defensive student assistant at CSU. During the 2002 season, Lubick was an academic grad-

uate assistant coach at CSU, working with the team's wide receivers.

Lubick then worked in the NFL with Fairchild on Mike Martz's St. Louis Rams staff as a scouting assistant for two seasons (2003-04) before returning to CSU in the spring of 2005.

A defensive back at Montana State from 1996-99, Lubick earned academic all-conference honors three times.

Lubick's father, Sonny, is considered the most successful head football coach in CSU history, and in addition to working at Miami (Fla.), also served as an assistant at Stanford, Colorado State and Montana State. He was also the head coach at Montana State from 1978-81. Marc's brother, Matt, is the wide receivers coach and recruiting coordinator/pass game coordinator at Duke.

In 2006, Marc began a difficult but successful year-long battle with a rare form of cancer, fighting through months of chemotherapy and inspiring his family, players and fellow coaches.

A 2001 graduate of Colorado State, he has a bachelor's degree in health and exercise science.

LUBICK'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2012: Assistant wide receivers, Houston Texans
- 2010-11: Offensive assistant, Houston Texans
- 2008-09: Tight ends/recruiting coordinator, Colorado State
- 2005-07: Wide receivers, Colorado State
- 2003-04: Scouting assistant, St. Louis Rams
- 2002: Academic graduate assistant, Colorado State
- 2000-01: Defensive student assistant, Colorado State





BRIAN PARIANI **TIGHT ENDS** **SEVENTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/22ND NFL SEASON**

Brian Pariani is in his seventh season with the Houston Texans as the tight ends coach. Pariani is responsible for one of the more utilized units in the Texans' offensive scheme. Under Pariani's guidance, Owen Daniels has established himself as one of the best tight ends in the NFL.

The Texans relied on their tight ends in 2011 more than any other year in franchise history. Pariani's unit, which included Daniels, Joel Dreessen, Garrett Graham and James Casey, caught a combined 101 passes for 1,314 yards and 10 touchdowns. The group also blocked for the NFL's second-ranked run game and set a franchise record 153.0 rushing yards per game. Daniels stepped up to lead the team with 54 receptions for 677 yards and three touchdowns. Dreessen caught 28 passes for 353 yards and a team-best and career-high six touchdowns. Casey set career highs with 18 receptions for 260 yards and a touchdown.

Houston's tight end trio of Daniels, Dreessen and Casey combined to make 82 receptions for 1,087 yards and six touchdowns in 2010, marking the most yards in a season by Texans tight ends in franchise history at the time.

In addition to pass-receiving production, Houston's tight ends also blocked for NFL rushing champion Arian Foster's 1,616 yards on the ground in 2010. It marked the second time during Pariani's tenure the Texans have had a 1,000-yard rusher. Dreessen set career highs with 36 receptions for 518 yards, a 14.4 average per catch and had four touchdown receptions. Daniels, who fought through a residual hamstring injury suffered during rehabilitation from his 2009 knee injury, posted 38 receptions for 471 yards and two touchdowns. Casey had eight receptions for 98 yards.

Daniels earned his first Pro Bowl trip in 2008 while under Pariani's watch and was on pace for a second all-star nod in 2009 before his season was cut short by injury. Daniels caught 40 passes for 519 yards and five touchdowns before going down with a season-ending knee injury in the eighth game of the year.

Despite the loss of Daniels, the tight end position remained a vital cog in the League's top-ranked passing attack. Dreessen put together a career year, catching 26 passes for 320 yards and a touchdown.

In 2008, Daniels caught 70 passes for 862 yards, both career highs, and two touchdowns. He ranked among the top five AFC tight ends in receptions, receiving yards, first downs (46), yards per catch (12.3) and yards per game (53.9). In addition to Daniels' stellar year, Dreessen caught 11 passes for 77 yards on the season.

In 2007, Pariani's tight ends had what was then the third-most productive year in team history, combining to catch 73 passes for 859 yards and six touchdowns. They were led by Daniels, who was sixth among NFL tight ends with 63 receptions for 768 yards and three touchdowns. Nearly 70 percent of Daniels' receptions (44-of-63) went for first downs, which ranked fourth in the League among tight ends. Dreessen caught four passes for 55 yards and the first two touchdowns of his career.

In his first season with Houston, Pariani developed Daniels, a fourth-round draft choice, into the most productive rookie tight end in the NFL and a first-team PFWA/PFW all-rookie selection. Daniels set the Texans rookie record with five receiving touchdowns, which matched wide receiver Andre Johnson for the team lead. Daniels finished his first year with 34 catches for 352 yards and five touchdowns, all of which were first among rookie tight ends.

The move to Houston returned Pariani to the pro coaching ranks after spending the 2005 season as the offensive coordinator at Syracuse University. He spent 1995-04 coaching tight ends with the Denver Broncos alongside Texans head coach Gary Kubiak. Before his time with the Broncos, Pariani coached with the San Francisco 49ers from 1991-94. Pariani teamed with Kubiak to bring the 49ers a Super Bowl championship in 1994.

Having coached with the Broncos in Super Bowl XXXII and XXXIII and with the San Francisco 49ers in Super Bowl XXIX, Pariani is one of only eight coaches in the NFL to have won World Championships with teams from both conferences.

While with the Broncos, Pariani coached Shannon Sharpe, the second-leading receiving tight end in NFL history and 2011 Pro Football Hall of Fame inductee. Sharpe led the NFL in receptions by a tight end from 1996-98 averaging 73 catches over the three-year span. Sharpe totaled 425 receptions for 5,373 yards and 38 touchdowns with Pariani. Sharpe retired in 2004, finishing his career with eight Pro Bowl selections. He retired as the NFL career record holder among tight ends with 815 receptions, 10,060 yards and 62 touchdowns. On Oct. 20, 2002, Sharpe set an NFL record with 214 receiving yards by a tight end in a 37-34 overtime win at Kansas City.

From 1995-2004, Pariani's tight ends combined for 859 receptions and 9,948 receiving yards, the most in the NFL during that 10-year period. In 2001, Pariani's unit combined to catch 100 passes, sending tight end Dwayne Carswell to his first Pro Bowl.

On the ground, Pariani's group helped lead the way for Denver runners to rush for 22,483 yards, most in the NFL



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BRIAN PARIANI

from 1995-04. Denver running backs topped the 1,000-yard mark nine times during Pariani's tenure in the Mile High City.

In 1990, Pariani served as a scouting assistant with the San Francisco 49ers before being promoted to offensive coaches assistant in 1991. The 49ers' offense led the NFL in total yards in 1992 and '93, and scored a team-record 505 points and 62 touchdowns in 1994 en route to a Super Bowl title. After earning his bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA in 1989, Pariani began his career as a graduate assistant at his alma mater under Terry Donahue.

Pariani was born in San Francisco and was a three-sport athlete at Marin Catholic High School in Kentfield,

Calif. Pariani and his wife, Stephanie, have two daughters, Jessica and Gianna. The family resides in Houston.

PARIANI'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2006-12: Tight Ends, Houston Texans
- 2005: Offensive Coordinator, Syracuse
- 1995-04: Tight Ends, Denver Broncos
- 1991-94: Offensive coaches assistant, San Francisco 49ers
- 1990: Scouting assistant, San Francisco 49ers
- 1989: Offensive graduate assistant, UCLA



JIM RYAN ASSISTANT OFFENSIVE LINE SECOND SEASON WITH TEXANS/SEVENTH NFL SEASON

Jim Ryan is in his second year with the Houston Texans and first as the assistant offensive line coach. He was promoted to his current position in March 2012 after joining the Texans as an offensive assistant prior to the 2011 season.

Houston set franchise records with 2,448 rushing yards (153.0 per game) and 546 rushing attempts to rank second in the NFL; and excelled in the postseason, averaging 159.5 rushing yards per game in helping the Texans reach the Divisional round of the playoffs in Ryan's first year on staff. Houston also led the NFL in time of possession (32:41) and set a franchise record for fewest interceptions thrown with nine.

Ryan played 10 seasons and coached for six more in the professional ranks prior to joining the Texans staff. He spent the 2010 season as the special teams coordinator with the Omaha Nighthawks of the UFL and also worked with the team's linebackers. He began his NFL coaching career in November 2004 when he joined the Denver Broncos staff as a volunteer defensive assistant. He was hired as a full-time defensive assistant in 2005.

After three years assisting with the defense, Ryan worked as an offensive assistant in 2006 alongside current Texans offensive coordinator Rick Dennison. He returned to the defensive side of the ball as the linebackers coach in 2007.

Ryan began his coaching career as a volunteer coach in 2001 at Regis Jesuit High School in Colorado. He was head coach at Regis from 2002-04, leading the team to the 5A state playoffs each year.

Ryan enjoyed a 10-year playing career with the Denver Broncos, joining the team as an undrafted free agent out

of William & Mary in 1979. From 1979-88, Ryan started 91 games at linebacker in the Broncos' 3-4 system and played in 150 games overall, including Super Bowls XXI and XXII.

Following his playing career, Ryan entered the broadcasting arena and called all University of Colorado football and basketball games for six years as the "Voice of the Buffs." He also served as the president of the Denver Broncos Youth Foundation from 1992-95.

A native of Bellmawr, N.J., Ryan is a member of the Bishop Eustace High School (N.J.) Hall of Fame and the William & Mary Hall of Fame. He earned a bachelor's degree in business management from William & Mary and an MBA in real estate and construction management from the University of Denver while playing for the Broncos.

Ryan and his wife, Sara, have three sons and a daughter-in-law: Ben, an Air Force captain, and his wife, Becca, a third-year law student; Jonathan, a project manager; and Sam, a recent graduate of TCU.

RYAN'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2012: Assistant offensive line, Houston Texans
- 2011: Offensive Assistant, Houston Texans
- 2010: Special Teams Coordinator, Omaha Nighthawks (UFL)
- 2007-08: Linebackers, Denver Broncos
- 2006: Offensive Assistant, Denver Broncos
- 2005: Defensive Assistant, Denver Broncos
- 2004: Volunteer Defensive Assistant, Denver Broncos



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CEDRIC SMITH HEAD STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING COACH THIRD SEASON WITH TEXANS/12TH NFL SEASON

Cedric Smith is in his third season as the Texans head strength and conditioning coach and his 12th season overall as an NFL coach. The former NFL fullback has implemented a vigorous off-season program that not only puts an emphasis on strength training and cardiovascular endurance, but also focuses on enhancing speed and flexibility. Smith also supervises the club's personalized in-season training regimen.

Smith was hired as the Texans head strength and conditioning coach following a three-year stint as Kansas City's strength and conditioning coach. He also spent six years as an assistant strength coach with the Denver Broncos (2001-06).

Prior to joining the Broncos, Smith was a fitness manager and consultant with Gold's Gym in Phoenix for two years (1999-00) after concluding a successful seven-year NFL playing career. During his professional playing tenure, Smith enjoyed stints with Arizona (1996-98), Washington (1994-95), New Orleans (1991) and Minnesota (1990). He finished his NFL career with 40 carries for 100 yards (2.5 avg.) with two touchdowns and 20 receptions for 141 yards (7.1 avg.) with two scores. He also had five kickoff returns for 83 yards (16.6 avg.). He originally entered the NFL as the second of Minnesota's two fifth-round selections (131st overall) in the 1990 NFL Draft. Smith appeared in 15 games for the Vikings as a rookie, opening holes for running back Herschel Walker.

Smith enjoyed his finest NFL campaign in 1994 with Washington. He played in 14 games (eight starts), rushing 10 times for 48 yards (4.8 avg.) and catching 15 passes for 118 yards (7.9 avg.).

Prior to entering the NFL, Smith was a three-year starter at fullback at the University of Florida, where he paved the way for running back Emmitt Smith, the NFL's all-time leading rusher. Cedric Smith finished his collegiate career with 20 starts, carrying the ball 102 times for 300 yards (2.9 avg.) with four touchdowns and catching 11 passes for 77 yards (7.0 avg.). He was a three-time Academic All-Southeastern Conference selection.

Before enrolling at Florida, Smith was named All-Alabama as a fullback at Enterprise High School in Enterprise, Ala. Smith graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Health Sciences in 1990. He has five children: Chandler, Canyon, Cole, Cameron and Cerraya.

SMITH'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2010-12: Head strength and conditioning coach, Houston Texans
- 2007-09: Head strength and conditioning coach, Kansas City Chiefs
- 2001-06: Assistant strength and conditioning coach, Denver Broncos

TEXANS COACHES IN THE BIG GAME

Houston's coaching staff is stocked with coaches who have either played, coached, or played and coached in the NFL's biggest game, the Super Bowl. They are listed below:

COACHED	TEAM	SUPER BOWLS	PLAYED	TEAM	SUPER BOWLS
Rick Dennison, Spec. Tms	Denver	XXXII#, XXXIII#	Rick Dennison, LB	Denver	XXI, XXII, XXIV*
Larry Kirksey, WRs	San Fran.	XXIX#	Gary Kubiak, QB	Denver	XXI, XXII, XXIV
Bill Kollar, DL	Atlanta	XXXIII	Jim Ryan, LB	Denver	XXI*, XXII*
Bill Kollar, DL	St. Louis	XXXVI	*Denotes starter; #Denotes winning team		
Gary Kubiak, QB	San Fran.	XXIX#			
Gary Kubiak, Off. Coord.	Denver	XXXII#, XXXIII#			
Brian Pariani, Off. Asst.	San Fran.	XXIX#			
Brian Pariani, TEs	Denver	XXXII#, XXXIII#			
Wade Phillips, Head Coach	Denver	XXIV			

- Denotes winning team





MATT SCHIOTZ **ASSISTANT STRENGTH AND CONDITIONING** **FOURTH SEASON WITH TEXANS/13TH NFL SEASON**

Matt Schiotz is in his fourth season as the Texans' assistant strength and conditioning coach and 13th season as a strength and conditioning coach in the NFL.

Schiotz served as the Miami Dolphins head strength and conditioning coach in 2007 prior to joining the Texans staff. He joined the Dolphins after spending the previous five seasons (2002-06) as the assistant strength and conditioning coach with the San Diego Chargers. He also served in that capacity with the Washington Redskins in 2001.

Schiotz got his start in the coaching profession when he served as an intern in the strength room of the Kansas City Chiefs in 1994. From 1995-96, he was a graduate assistant at the University of Kansas. He then spent the 1997 season assisting with the Chiefs' strength program before being named the head strength and conditioning coach at the University of Southern California in 1998, a role in which he served the next three years (1998-00).

A native of Menomonie, Wisc., Schiotz earned his degree in exercise science from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse in 1994 and his master's degree in

exercise physiology and nutrition from the University of Kansas in 1997. Schiotz is a certified strength and conditioning specialist (CSCS) by the national Strength and Conditioning Association (NSCA). He is also certified in the Functional Movement Screen (FMS).

SCHIOTZ'S COACHING LEDGER

- 2009-12: Assistant Strength and Conditioning, Houston Texans
- 2007: Head Strength and Conditioning, Miami Dolphins
- 2002-06: Assistant Strength and Conditioning, San Diego Chargers
- 2001: Assistant Strength and Conditioning, Washington Redskins
- 1998-00: Head Strength and Conditioning, University of Southern California
- 1997: Strength and Conditioning Assistant, Kansas City Chiefs
- 1995-96: Graduate Assistant, University of Kansas
- 1994: Intern, Kansas City Chiefs