



JAY VALAI

CORNERBACKS

FIRST-AND-10

JAY VALAI (vuh-LIE) was named cornerbacks coach of the Bills in 2026. He joins the Bills after spending the past four seasons at Oklahoma. Prior to Oklahoma he coached in the college ranks at Alabama (2021), Texas (2020), Rutgers (2019) and Georgia (2016-17), and spent one season in the NFL working for the Kansas City Chiefs (2018).

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2022-25: (Oklahoma)

- Named Oklahoma's co-defensive coordinator/pass defense in 2022, and added the title assistant head coach for defense in the 2024 offseason.
- Part of a 2024 defensive staff that helped the Sooners rank 19th nationally in total defense (318.2 ypg) and 29th in scoring defense (21.5 ppg).
- Oversaw a 2023 Oklahoma passing defense that ranked first nationally in interceptions per game (1.5) and second in total interceptions (20).
- In 2022, the Sooners passing defense tied for seventh nationally with 17 interceptions.

2021: (Alabama)

- As the cornerbacks coach, helped Alabama to a 13-2 record, an SEC title and an appearance in the CFP National Championship Game.
- Alabama ranked seventh nationally in total defense (304.1 yards per game) and 18th in scoring defense (20.1 points per game) while totaling 15 interceptions and 45 pass breakups.

2020: (Texas)

- Served as cornerbacks coach, where he helped the Longhorns' Josh Thompson earn second-team All-Big 12 honors after making 28 tackles, three tackles for loss and an interception.
- Texas ranked third in the Big 12 in opponent yards per completion (13.5), fourth in pass efficiency defense (128.7) and fourth in opponent yards per pass attempt (6.8).

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2019: (Rutgers)

- Served as the cornerbacks coach at Rutgers in 2019.

2018: (Kansas City Chiefs)

- Spent 2018 with the Kansas City Chiefs in a defensive quality control role and as assistant defensive backs coach.
- In 2018, the Chiefs ranked 12th in the NFL regular season in pass efficiency defense (92.7).

2016-17: (Georgia)

- Spent the 2016 and 2017 seasons at Georgia as a defensive quality control coach, helping the Bulldogs to a double-overtime Rose Bowl win over Oklahoma at the end of the 2017 season and earn a spot in the CFP National Championship Game.

PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- A four-year letterwinner as a defensive back at Wisconsin, where he was a senior captain on the 2010 Rose Bowl team. Earned second-team All-Big Ten honors in 2008 and 2009 and totaled 153 tackles, four forced fumbles and a pair of interceptions in 48 career games.

PERSONAL

- A native of Euless, Texas, he lettered in football, basketball and track and Colleyville Heritage High School.
- He and his wife, Courtney, have two daughters, Jayla and Kenzli, and a son, Jaxon.
- Following his playing career, opened a sports performance training facility and for six years (2011-16) worked with professional athletes from the NBA and NFL, as well as with high school student-athletes.