



MARCUS WEST

DEFENSIVE LINE

FIRST-AND-10

MARCUS WEST was named the defensive line coach of the Bills on February 2, 2024. West originally joined the Bills in 2022 as the team's assistant defensive line coach. West has served as the defensive line coach at several colleges and most recently was the assistant head coach/co-defensive coordinator/defensive line coach at UNC Charlotte.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2022-present: (Buffalo Bills)

- Greg Rousseau led all Bills pass rushers with 8.0 sacks in 2024, tying his career-high previously set in 2022. His 24 QB hits were also a career-high and tied for seventh in the NFL and he collected 16 TFLs which was tied for sixth in the AFC.
- In 2023, the Bills tallied 54 sacks on the season which ranked fourth best in the NFL. Led by DE Leonard Floyd who had 10.5 sacks and became the first Bills defender with 10+ sacks in a season since Lorenzo Alexander had 12.5 in 2016.
- DT Ed Oliver finished 2023 with a career high in tackles with 51 (34 solo), 9.5 sacks, 14 TFLs, 16 QB hits, 1 INT and tied a career high in passes defended (3). His 9.5 sacks was the most by a Bills DT since Jordan Phillips in 2019 (9.5). Oliver's INT was also the first INT by a Bills DT since 2019.
- A.J. Epenesa collected 6.5 sacks in 2023 tying a personal season high (6.5 in 2022). He also intercepted two passes on the season and became the 12th Bills defensive lineman with 2 INTs in his career and only the third with multiple in a season, joining Ron McDole (2 in 1968) and Sean Moran (2 in 1997). Epenesa returned an INT for a touchdown at WAS (9/24/23) becoming the first DL to score on a INT return since Aaron Schobel (9/14/09).
- The Bills defense finished 2022 ranked first in the AFC with 17.8 points allowed per game and ranked second in the NFL with 286 points allowed.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2019-21: (Charlotte)

- During his first season with the 49ers, the defensive unit set school records for sacks (36) and tackles for loss (86) and finished the season with a school-record 7 wins.
- Mentored All-American Alex Highsmith who ranked top 5 in the nation in 2019 with school records in sacks (14.0), and TFL (21.5).

2018: (Minnesota)

- Spent one season with Minnesota as the team's defensive line coach. Helped DL Carter Coughlin to 15 tackles for loss and second-team All-Big Ten recognition.

2016-17: (Austin Peay)

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2009-15: (Chattanooga)

- Coached two Southern Conference Defensive Players of the Year in Josh Beard (2009) and Davis Tull (2012-14). Beard set a school record with 12 sacks in 2009.

PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- West had a professional playing career that spanned three leagues. He had one-season stints with the Indianapolis Colts (2006), Amsterdam Admirals (2007) and Hamilton Tiger-Cats (2007).

PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Was a standout defensive lineman at the University of Memphis. Earned All-Conference USA honors in 2004 and 2005 and also garnered honorable mention All-America honors in 2005.
- West married his wife, Nikki, in June 2011. Nikki currently serves as Associate Head coach for the NC State Women's basketball team.