



JEFF RODGERS

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR

FIRST-AND-10

JEFF RODGERS was named special teams coordinator of the Bills on January, 31 2026. Rodgers spent the past eight seasons with the Arizona Cardinals, joining the team in 2018 as a special teams coordinator before adding the title of assistant head coach in 2019. He has 25 years of coaching experience, including 22 seasons coaching special teams in the NFL.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2018-25: (Arizona Cardinals)

- During his first season with the Cardinals, Arizona's special teams finished the season with the NFL's #5 ranked unit after finishing #30 in 2017. In the Cardinals season finale at Seattle, Dennis Gardeck had a deflected punt and recovered a Cameron Malveaux blocked punt in the end zone for a touchdown. It was Arizona's first blocked punt for a touchdown since 2008.
- In 2024, Cardinal K Chad Ryland and RB DeeJay Dallas (as a kick-returner) earned Pro Bowl alternate honors working under Rodgers.
- Ryland connecting for a team-high 110 total points in just 13 games played during the 2024 season after joining the team in October. Dallas became the first player in the NFL to return one of the new "dynamic kickoffs" for a TD with his 96-yard return in Week 1.
- K Zane Gonzalez set career highs and ranked 4th in the NFL in 2019 in both total points (127) and made FGs (31) under Rodgers. His 31 FGs remain the third-most in a single season in team history while his 127 points are tied for the fourth-best single-season total in franchise history.

2015-17: (Chicago Bears)

- In Rodgers second season with the Bears, KR Deonte Thompson ranked 2nd in the NFL in kickoff returns (804) and DB Sherrick McManis led the Bears in special teams tackles for the second consecutive season with 13.
- While working with Chicago, the Bears had three special teams TDs in 2017 (two punt returns, one fake punt), tied with the Rams for the most in the NFL.
- Pat O'Donnell allowed 22 punt returns in 2016, tied for the 3rd fewest in the NFL among punters who appeared in 16 games.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2011-14: (Denver Broncos)

- Denver returned six kicks for TDs during Rodgers tenure with the Broncos (2011-14), tied for the second most in the NFL in that span. In 2012, Trindon Holliday became the first player in NFL history to record multiple return TDs in a playoff game when he scored on a 90-yard punt return and a 104-yard kickoff return in a 38-35 double-overtime loss to the Ravens.
- K Matt Prater was named to the Pro Bowl in 2013 after setting franchise records in field goal percentage (96.2%; 25-of-26) and points scored (150). Prater's 64-yard field goal in 2013 was the longest in NFL history until 2021.
- In Rodgers second year with the Broncos in 2012, the special teams unit finished with one of the best all-around performances in team history.

2009-10: (Carolina Panthers)

- In 2009 Rodgers was the special teams assistant and was later promoted to special teams coordinator in 2010.

2003-07 (San Francisco 49ers)

- He entered the NFL coaching ranks with San Francisco in 2003 as a special teams quality control coach for two seasons before being elevated to assistant special teams coach (2005-07). During his five seasons with the 49ers, LS Brian Jennings (2004) and P Andy Lee (2007) both earned Pro Bowl selections. Lee set an NFL single-season record with 42 punts inside the 20-yard line (since broken) and ranked 2nd in the NFL with a 41.0 net punting average in 2007.

PLAYING SHOUTOUTS

- Played linebacker at North Texas (1996-2000)

PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Graduated from the University of North Texas. Earned his degree in business, specializing in entrepreneurship and strategic management in 2000. Rodgers prepped at Westlake High School in Austin TX.
- Rodgers began his coaching career at the University of Arizona in 2001, spending two seasons as a graduate assistant working with the secondary and linebackers under head coach John Mackovic. Rodgers also served as the special teams coordinator for one season at Kansas State in 2008.