



MIKE PELLEGRINO

NICKEL

FIRST-AND-10

MIKE PELLEGRINO was named the Bills nickel coach in 2025. Pellegrino joined the Bills after spending all 10 years of his NFL coaching career with the New England Patriots, most recently serving as the Patriots' cornerbacks coach from 2019-24. He was a member of the Patriots Super Bowl LI and LIII winning teams.

COACHING SHOUTOUTS

2015-24: (New England Patriots)

- Entered the NFL in 2015 as a Patriots coaching assistant and remained in that role until he was promoted to cornerbacks coach in 2019.
- A member of the Patriots Super Bowl LI and LIII winning teams.
- During his tenure as the Patriots' cornerbacks coach oversaw the development of Christian Gonzalez (2024 Second Team All-Pro), J.C. Jackson (2021 Second Team All-Pro) and Stephon Gilmore (2019 NFL Defensive Player of the Year & First Team All-Pro).
- In 2023, the Patriots defense finished 7th overall in total defense.
- In 2022, led a secondary as part of a defense that finished No. 1 in interception yards (383), interceptions returned for touchdowns (5) and defensive touchdowns (7). The unit also ranked third in interceptions (19) and tied for second in total takeaways (30).
- Under his guidance in 2021, J.C. Jackson finished second in the league in total takeaways with nine and led the league in passes defended with 23.
- In his first season as cornerbacks coach in 2019, the defense finished No. 1 in the NFL in total defense (275.9 yards per game) and scoring (14.1 points allowed per game). Helped Stephon Gilmore become the first Patriot to win Associated Press NFL Defensive Player of the Year after finishing with a career-high six interceptions and his second straight year with 20 passes defended.

PERSONAL

- Graduated from Johns Hopkins in 2015 where he majored in political science with a minor in entrepreneurship and management.
- Was a two-time All-American and team captain for Johns Hopkins' lacrosse team as a long stick midfielder.
- Was drafted in the 2015 Major League Lacrosse Draft by the New York Lizards. Played one season with New York and spent the 2016-17 seasons with the Boston Cannons, while working as a coaching assistant with the Patriots.
- A native of Long Island, Pellegrino and his wife, Amanda, were married in 2022. Amanda ran track at Towson University.