



# AL HOLCOMB

## LINEBACKERS

### FIRST-AND-10

**AL HOLCOMB** was named the linebackers coach of the Bills on February 2, 2024. Holcomb joined the Bills in 2023 serving as the senior defensive assistant after he spent the 2022 season as the Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Holcomb has spent 16 seasons in the NFL and aided the play of Luke Kuechly (2013 DPOY) and Thomas Davis (first team All-Pro in 2015).

### COACHING SHOUTOUTS

#### 2023-present: (Buffalo Bills)

- Terrel Bernard collected 104 total tackles in 2024, marking his second consecutive year with 100+ tackles. Dorian Williams collected a team-high 114 total tackles in 2024 for the first time in his career, he also is the first Bills player since George Wilson in 2011 to register 10+ tackles in four straight games.
- In his first season with the Bills, Holcomb served as the senior defensive assistant and helped CB Taron Johnson earn second team All-Pro honors for the first time in his career. Johnson played in all 17 games in 2023, totaling 98 tackles (72 solo), 1 sack, two QB hits, 8 passes defended, 3 TFLs, 3 forced fumbles and 1 fumble recovery.

#### 2020-22: (Carolina Panthers)

- Holcomb was promoted to Defensive Coordinator on October 10, 2022 after serving as the assistant head coach, defense for the first five games of the season. Holcomb previously served as the defensive run game coordinator 2020-21.
- DE Brian Burns was named a Pro Bowl starter for the second season in a row in 2022 and garnered PFWA All-NFC honors after finishing tied for eighth in the NFL with a career-high 12.5 sacks and tying for seventh with 17 tackles for loss. In 2021, the Panthers recorded 84 tackles for loss which ranked 6th in the NFL. Holcomb worked with Haason Reddick and Brian Burns, helping Burns to his first Pro-Bowl selection.
- Worked closely with standout rookie Jeremy Chinn in 2020 where Chinn garnered votes for the NFL Rookie of the Year award and earned PFWA All-Rookie honors as he led the NFL with the most tackles (116) by a rookie.

### COACHING SHOUTOUTS

#### 2018: (Arizona Cardinals)

- Holcomb served as the Cardinals defensive coordinator in 2018 and helped CB Patrick Peterson to his eighth consecutive Pro Bowl, joining Hall of Famers Jim Brown and Barry Sanders as the only players in NFL history to be chosen to eight Pro Bowls before their 29th birthday.

#### 2013-17: (Carolina Panthers)

- Holcomb coached the Panthers linebackers during a five-year stretch that saw Carolina advance to the playoffs four times, win three division titles and the 2015 NFC Championship.
- The Panthers linebackers led the NFL with 24 interceptions while making 35 total takeaways. The defense as a whole led the NFL with 241 sacks and allowed just 93.4 rush yards per game, fewest in the league.
- Linebacker Luke Kuechly was named NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2013, was chosen to five consecutive Pro Bowls and named first team All-Pro four times. He also led the NFL with 153 tackles in 2014. Teammate Thomas Davis made three consecutive Pro Bowls and was named first team All-Pro in 2015. He reached the 100-tackle plateau in four of five seasons under Holcomb.

### PERSONAL/OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Prior to working in the NFL, Holcomb spent 14 seasons as an assistant coach on the college level. He was the defensive line coach at Lafayette for three seasons (2006-08). He worked as the defensive coordinator and defensive backs coach at Kutztown University (2004-05) in addition to being the interim head coach in the winter of 2005 after spending six years (1998-03) at Bloomsburg University as the linebackers coach and special teams coordinator.
- He began his coaching career at Temple as a graduate assistant in 1995 working with the linebackers before serving as linebackers coach, assistant track coach and physical education instructor at Colby College in 1997.
- A native of Queens, N.Y., Holcomb graduated from West Virginia with a degree in sport management and earned a master's degree in athletic coaching in 1996. He and his wife, Toni, have a son, Alex.