



# AL HOLCOMB

SENIOR DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

## FIRST-AND-10

**AL HOLCOMB** joined the Buffalo Bills in 2023 after he spent the 2022 season as the Carolina Panthers defensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Holcomb has spent 14 seasons in the NFL and aided the play of Luke Kuechly (2013 DPOY) and Thomas Davis (first team All-Pro in 2015).

## COACHING SHOUTOUTS

### 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.
- 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.
- Holcomb 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.

### 2019: (Cleveland Browns)

- In 2019, the Browns tied for eighth in the NFL with 14 interceptions, while the 2018 Cardinals tied for fifth in the NFL with 49 sacks and were second with 982 tackles.

### 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.

## COACHING SHOUTOUTS (CONT.)

### 2013-17: (Carolina Panthers)

- 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.

### 2009-12: (New York Giants)

- Holcomb worked as a defensive assistant (2009-10) and defensive quality control coach (2011-12), helping the Giants win Super Bowl XLVI.

## 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), helping five different defensive linemen to All-Patriot League honors. 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.



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### HOLCOMB'S COACHING HISTORY

#### NFL

Buffalo Bills	2023-present	Senior Defensive Assistant
Carolina Panthers	2022	Interim Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach
Carolina Panthers	2020-21	Defensive Run Game Coordinator
Cleveland Browns	2019	Linebackers Coach/Run Game Coordinator
Arizona Cardinals	2018	Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach
Carolina Panthers	2013-17	Linebackers Coach
New York Giants	2011-12	Defensive Assistant
New York Giants	2009-10	Defensive Quality Control

#### COLLEGE

Lafayette	2006-08	Defensive Line Coach
Kutztown	2004-05	Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Backs Coach
Bloomsburg	1998-03	Linebackers Coach and Special Teams Coordinator
Colby	1997	Linebackers Coach
Temple	1995-96	Graduate Assistant