



KELLY SKIPPER

RUNNING BACKS

Kelly Skipper is in his sixth season as the Bills running backs coach. Over his five seasons as the running backs coach for Buffalo, Skipper has led the Bills unit to 123.3 yards per game, which is the 10th-highest average in the NFL.



COACHING HIGHLIGHTS

2017-present: (Bills)

- Has overseen the development of RB Devin Singletary, who finished the 2021 season with touchdowns in six consecutive games (regular and postseason). Singletary posted a career-high 870 yards and seven touchdowns in 2021.
- In 2019, Skipper coached Singletary to the highest yards per carry (5.13) of any running back with at least 150 carries for that season.

2015-16: (Jaguars)

- In 2015, tutored rookie T.J. Yeldon, who became the first Jaguars rookie to surpass 1,000 scrimmage yards since Maurice Jones-Drew (1,377) in 2006.

2007-14: (Raiders)

- Served as running backs coach for the Raiders for six seasons, after two years as tight ends coach.
- In 2013, he oversaw a running backs group that ranked third in the NFL with 18 rushes of 20-plus yards. The Raiders became the first team since 1978 to have four different players rush for 100 yards in the same season. Fullback Marcel Reese was named to the Pro Bowl for the second straight year in 2013 and was also named to the 2013 Associated Press All-Pro second team.
- In 2012, Reese ranked fourth among all NFL running backs with 52 receptions and second with 496 receiving yards.
- In 2010, oversaw a running game that ranked second (155.9 yards per game) in the NFL and established a franchise record by averaging 4.9 yards per attempt. Darren McFadden became the first Raider since 2007 to eclipse the 1,000-yard mark (1,157 yards).

COACHING HIGHLIGHTS (CONT.)

2003-06: (Washington State)

- Skipper spent four seasons (2003-06) coaching running backs and special teams at Washington State. He helped develop future NFL players Jerome Harrison, Chris Ivory and Jed Collins.
- Also spent two summers, one with Seattle and one with Washington, as an NFL minority fellowship coaching intern.

1998-2002: (UCLA)

- Served as offensive coordinator from 2001-02.
- Worked with several players who went on to the NFL, including RB DeShaun Foster.

1989-97: (Fresno State)

- Started as a graduate assistant at his alma mater before being elevated to full-time assistant in 1991. Coached future NFL players running backs Lorenzo Neal, Michael Pittman, Ron Rivers and Reggie Brown.

COLLEGE

- Skipper played running back at Fresno State and finished his career with 2,237 rushing yards and 28 touchdowns. He was a first-team All-Big West selection as a senior.

PERSONAL

- Born in Brawley, Calif. Earned his degree in business.
- He was inducted into the Churchill High School Hall (Eugene, OR) of Fame in 2008.
- Has two children.
- Skipper's father, Jim, was a longtime NFL assistant who retired prior to the 2019 season, and his brother, Tim, is the Assistant Head Coach/linebackers coach at Fresno State.

SKIPPER'S COACHING HISTORY

NFL

Buffalo Bills	2017-present	Running Backs
Jacksonville Jaguars	2015-16	Running Backs
Oakland Raiders	2007-14	Running Backs

COLLEGE

Washington State	2003-06	RBs/Special Teams Coach
UCLA	2001-02	Offensive Coordinator
UCLA	1998-2000	RBs/Kickoff Return Coach
Fresno State	1991-1997	RBs/Return Specialist Coach
Fresno State	1989-1990	Graduate Assistant