

SHAWN JEFFERSON

ASSISTANT HEAD COACH / OFFENSE COLLEGE: CENTRAL FLORIDA NFL: 27TH SEASON DOLPHINS: THIRD SEASON

Shawn Jefferson is in his third season with the Miami Dolphins and first as assistant head coach/offense. He originally joined the organization as wide receivers coach on Jan. 12, 2016.

In 2017, Jefferson helped Jarvis Landry have one of the most productive seasons by a receiver in team history. Landry broke his own team record with 112 receptions, becoming the second Dolphins player to lead the NFL in receptions, joining O.J. McDuffie, who topped the league with 90 receptions in 1998. Landry also set a career high with nine touchdown receptions. Kenny Stills continued to produce, totaling 847 receiving yards and six touchdowns.

In Jefferson's first season with the team in 2016, he helped Landry earn a Pro Bowl selection for the second straight year. Landry caught 94 passes for 1,136 yards (12.1 avg.) and four touchdowns. His 94 receptions were tied for seventh in the NFL and his 1,136 receiving yards were 10th in the league. The 94 receptions were also the fourth-most in a single-season in team history, while the 1,136 receiving yards were eighth-best in Dolphins annals. Landry finished the season tied for seventh in the NFL with 26 third-down receptions and ninth with 335 receiving yards on third down. He became the first Dolphins wide receiver to top 1,000 yards in back-to-back seasons since 2012-13 (Brian Hartline) and is tied for the NFL record for most receptions (288) in the first three seasons of a career. Landry also tied the team's postseason single-game record with 11 receptions in the AFC Wild Card game at Pittsburgh (1/8/17). Jefferson also helped Stills have one of the finest seasons of his career. Stills caught 42 passes for 726 yards (17.3 avg.) and a team-leading nine touchdowns. His 17.3 yards per reception was third in the NFL and his nine touchdown receptions tied for sixth in the league. Stills became the first Dolphins player to have three touchdown catches of at least 50 yards in a season since Mark Duper did in 1986.

A former wide receiver, Jefferson played for 13 seasons in the NFL and spent nine years coaching the position for the Tennessee Titans (2013-15) and Detroit Lions (2005-12), prior to joining the Dolphins in 2016.

As the wide receivers coach for the Titans (2013-15), Jefferson mentored Kendall Wright, who ranked No. 12 among AFC wide receivers in receptions (187) and receiving yards (2,202) from 2013-15, despite missing several games of the 2015 season due to injury.

An immediate impact was made on Wright and the Titans' receivers when Jefferson joined the staff in 2013. In just his second year in the NFL, Wright totaled 94 receptions in 1,079 yards (11.5 avg.), the fifth-most receptions by a Titans player in team history. His receiving total was the fourth-best among second-year players. Wright became the first receiver in franchise history to lead the team in receptions in each of his first two years. In 2011, Wright and wide receiver Nate Washington combined to catch 152 passes for 1,998 yards (13.1 avg.).

Prior to Tennessee, Jefferson spent eight seasons on the Lions' coaching staff. As wide receiver Calvin Johnson's position coach, Jefferson helped the standout break the NFL record for receiving yards in a season (1,964) in 2012. Jefferson worked with Johnson in 2011 and 2012 where he led the NFL in receiving both seasons. Johnson set numerous NFL records, including most receiving yards in a single season (1,964), first player to have consecutive seasons with 1,600 receiving yards (2011, 2012), first player with consecutive games of at least 100-receiving yards (8), first player with consecutive games of at least 10 receptions (4) and most receptions in a four-quarter game (329). During the five years that Jefferson worked with him, Johnson led the NFL in receiving yards (7,080), receiving touchdowns (50) and receptions of 25 yards or more (70). Johnson earned three Pro Bowl invitations (2010-12) and twice was named to the Associated Press All-Pro team in 2011 and 2012.

In 2011, Detroit's vaunted passing attack earned the Lions a 10-win season and their first playoff berth since 1999. The Lions offense set team records for completions (423) and passing yards (5,071) as Johnson caught 16 touchdowns, the most by an NFL player since 2007. Jefferson also helped develop wide receiver Nate Burleson, who posted a career high with 73 receptions, and rookie wide receiver Titus Young, who totaled 48 grabs.

He joined the Lions in 2005 as a coaching assistant and was promoted to offensive assistant in 2006 and assistant wide receivers coach in 2007.

Jefferson played wide receiver for four NFL teams over 13 seasons – the San Diego Chargers (1991-95), New England Patriots (1996-99), Atlanta Falcons (2000-02) and Detroit Lions (2003). He totaled 195 games played, 470 receptions, 7,023 receiving yards and 29 touchdowns. Jefferson was a ninth-round selection (240th overall) of the Houston Oilers in 1991.

A Jacksonville, Florida native, Jefferson played at Central Florida from 1988-90. He and his wife, Marla, have two daughters, Paige and Faith, and a son, Van.

SHAWN JEFFERSON'S COACHING CAREER		
2005-12	Detroit Lions	Coaching Assistant (2005) Offensive Assistant (2006) Assistant Wide Receivers Coach (2007) Wide Receivers Coach (2008-12)
2013-15 2016-present	Tennessee Titans Miami Dolphins	Wide Receivers Coach Wide Receivers Coach Wide Receivers Coach (2016-17) Assistant Head Coach/Offense (2018-present)