



Tony Oden enters his second season with the Miami Dolphins and his first as safeties coach. He joined the organization after being named defensive backs coach on Jan. 31, 2018.

Oden has 15 years of NFL coaching experience, all with defensive backs. In four of his past six seasons, Oden's teams have ranked in the NFL's top five in interceptions (2013-14, 2017, 2018). He's played an instrumental part in six players earning eight Pro Bowl selections.

In 2018, Oden served as defensive backs coach and led a Dolphins secondary that was among the best in the NFL at forcing turnovers. Miami's 21 interceptions ranked second in the league and were the most by a Dolphins defense since 2003. His defensive backs contributed to 17 of those 21 picks, good for second in the NFL, and allowed a 93.1 quarterback rating, the ninth-lowest in the league. The Miami defense also allowed an average of just 1.26 points per drive in the final two minutes of a half, which was the fourth-best rate in the NFL, and forced seven turnovers in those situations. Cornerback Xavien Howard tied for the league lead with seven interceptions despite missing the last four games due to injury and earned Pro Bowl honors for the first time in his career. Safety Minkah Fitzpatrick's two interceptions were tied for seventh among NFL rookies while his 80 tackles (51 solo) ranked 10th.

Prior to 2018, Oden spent four seasons (2014-17) coaching defensive backs and cornerbacks for Detroit. During his tenure in Detroit, the Lions recorded 58 interceptions, which were the ninth-most in the NFL during that time span.

In 2017, he helped the Lions tie for fourth in the NFL with 19 interceptions. Among cornerback units, Detroit tied for the league-high with four fumble recoveries and two defensive touchdowns and tied for second with 12 total takeaways. Cornerbacks Nevin Lawson and DJ Hayden contributed to the team's record-tying seven defensive touchdowns as both scored on fumble returns. Cornerback Darius Slay tied for the league lead with eight interceptions, more than the previous four years of his NFL career combined. Slay's breakout season also included a league-high 26 passes defended and 60 tackles (54 solo). The 26 passes defended were tied for the second-most in the NFL in the previous decade (2008-17). Slay earned first-team All-Pro honors and the first Pro Bowl selection of his career, becoming the first Lions cornerback to do so since 2004.

During the 2016 season, Slay and Lawson were among the team's top six leading tacklers, while Lawson's nine passes defended were second-most on the team. The Lions finished 9-7 that season and earned an NFC Wild Card playoff berth.

The 2015 Lions finished in the top half of the NFL in passing defense, surrendering just 236.6 passing yards per game. The team limited downfield passing plays by holding opponents to just a 5.8 yards depth at catch average, the 10th-best in the league. Oden developed rookie cornerback Quandre Diggs into one of the team's most versatile players, as Diggs recorded 35 tackles (28 solo), six passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery.

In Oden's first season in Detroit in 2014, he helped the Lions win 11 games and earn a playoff berth. Slay had 17 passes defended, tied for the sixth-most in the NFL and second among all rookie and second-year players. The Lions were tied for third in the NFL with 20 interceptions and 13th in pass defense, allowing just 231.6 passing yards per game.

Oden spent the 2013 season coaching cornerbacks for Tampa Bay. The Buccaneers were tied for third in the NFL with 21 interceptions. Cornerback Darrelle Revis earned a Pro Bowl selection just one year removed from ACL surgery after posting 50 tackles (43 solo), two interceptions and two forced fumbles. He led the team with 11 passes defended. Rookie cornerback Johnthan Banks led the team with three interceptions.

Oden was in Jacksonville for the 2012 campaign. Cornerback Derek Cox led the team with four interceptions despite not having a pick in the previous season. Cox also led the team with 11 passes defended. Safety Dawan Landry totaled 100 tackles (81 solo) and one interception.

Oden spent six seasons (2006-11) with the New Orleans Saints, beginning as the assistant secondary coach (2006-10) before being promoted to secondary coach (2011). During his tenure with the Saints, the team won three NFC South titles (2006, 2009, 2011) and won Super Bowl XLIV following the 2009 season. His teams twice finished in the top five in the league in passing yards allowed, ranking third in 2006 (178.4 passing

yards allowed per game) and fourth in 2010 (193.9). Harper earned Pro Bowl selections following the 2009 and 2010 seasons.

Oden began his NFL career in 2004 with the Houston Texans, where he spent two seasons (2004-05) as a defensive assistant and assistant defensive backs coach. In 2004, the team set the franchise record for interceptions (22).

Prior to joining the NFL coaching ranks, Oden spent eight seasons as a collegiate coach. He held various defensive assistant coaching positions at Eastern Michigan (2003), East Carolina (2000-02), Army (1998-99), Boston College (1997) and Millersville University (1996).

Oden was a two-time all-conference linebacker at Baldwin-Wallace where he was a captain his senior season and earned All-America honors as a junior. He was inducted into the Cleveland Heights High School Hall of Fame in 2017.

A native of Cleveland, Oden and his wife, Amanda, have a son, Jaylen, and a daughter, Ryan.

TONY ODEN'S COACHING CAREER		
1996	Millersville (Pa.) University	Assistant Defensive Backs
1997	Boston College	Graduate Assistant (Wide Receivers)
1998-99	Army	Assistant Defensive Backs
2000-02	East Carolina	Outside Linebackers (2000); Secondary (2001); Safeties (2002)
2003	Eastern Michigan	Defensive Backs
2004-05	Houston Texans	Defensive Assistant/Assistant Defensive Backs
2006-11	New Orleans Saints	Assistant Secondary (2006-10); Secondary (2011)
2012	Jacksonville Jaguars	Defensive Backs
2013	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Secondary/Cornerbacks
2014-17	Detroit Lions	Defensive Backs/Cornerbacks
2018-present	Miami Dolphins	Defensive Backs (2018) Safeties (2019)