



PATRICK GRAHAM

DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR

COLLEGE: YALE

NFL: 11TH SEASON

DOLPHINS: FIRST SEASON

Patrick Graham enters his first season with the Dolphins after being named defensive coordinator on Feb. 8, 2019.

Graham arrives in Miami with 10 years of NFL coaching experience and has coached in the playoffs in eight of those seasons. He has been part of teams that have won seven division titles, two conference championships and one Super Bowl (XLIX).

Most recently, Graham was the defensive run game coordinator/inside linebackers coach for Green Bay during the 2018 season. He helped linebacker Blake Martinez have the best year of his career to date, totaling 144 tackles (91 solo) and five sacks. Martinez's 144 tackles were second in the NFL and his five sacks were tied for fourth among inside linebackers. Green Bay's defense limited opponents to 4.3 yards per rush, which was in the top half (13th) of the league.

Graham arrived in Green Bay from the N.Y. Giants, where he was the team's defensive line coach for two seasons (2016-17). In 2017, he helped defensive end Jason Pierre-Paul lead the team with 8.5 sacks in his first 16-game season since 2014. Defensive tackle Damon Harrison posted 76 tackles (51 solo), which was second on the team and led all NFL defensive tackles.

In 2016, Graham helped the Giants become the most improved defense in the league. The team allowed 158 fewer points and 1,290 fewer yards than it did in 2015. Their 17.8 points per game allowed was second in the NFL and the team's best since 2002. The Giants also tied for third in the NFL in rushing yards allowed (88.6 yards per game). Harrison totaled 86 tackles (55 solo), which was the most by an NFL defensive tackle since 1996 when Buffalo's Ted Washington had 92 stops (70 solo). Harrison also earned first-team All-Pro honors.

Graham began his NFL coaching career in New England, where he spent seven seasons (2009-15). He began as a coaching assistant in 2009 before being promoted to defensive assistant in 2010 and linebackers coach in 2011. He moved to defensive line from 2012-13 before going back to linebackers in 2014-15.

During his tenure with New England, the Patriots won the division all seven seasons, the AFC twice and Super Bowl XLIX. In his five seasons as a position coach (2011-15), New England led the NFL in takeaways (150) and was tied for fourth in sacks (214).

In 2015, Graham's linebacking unit helped the team finish ninth in total yards allowed (339.4) and rushing yards allowed (98.8) and 10th in points allowed (19.7). Linebacker Jamie Collins tied a Patriots record with five forced fumbles and earned the first Pro Bowl selection of his career. He was also named second-team All-Pro.

The 2014 Patriots finished their season as champions of Super Bowl XLIX. Graham helped the team's defense rank eighth in the league in points allowed (19.6) and ninth in rushing yards allowed (104.3) despite linebackers Jerod Mayo and Dont'a Hightower missing 14 games combined due to injury. Collins led the team with 115 tackles (74 solo) and also totaled four sacks and four forced fumbles.

Graham worked with the Patriots defensive line for the second straight season in 2013. Despite losing nose tackle Vince Wilfork for the rest of the season in Week 4, the New England defense finished fifth in the league in sacks (48) and 10th in points allowed (21.1). The team's five leading sack totals all came from defensive linemen, with defensive ends Chandler Jones (11.5) and Rob Ninkovich (8.0) leading the way.

In 2012, Graham helped Wilfork earn first-team All-Pro honors and a selection to his fifth Pro Bowl. Wilfork totaled 59 tackles (41 solo) with three sacks, six passes defended, two forced fumbles and six fumble recoveries. Ninkovich transitioned from linebacker to defensive end and totaled eight sacks including four strip-sacks, which were tied for the second-most in team history. The Patriots were second in the NFL with 41 takeaways and registered 41 sacks, the team's most since 2003.

Graham's first season as a position coach was in 2011 with the linebackers. He helped New England go 13-3 and win the AFC. Mayo and Ninkovich were one of three pairs of linebacker teammates to each intercept two passes that season. Mayo led the team with 103 tackles (97 solo) and became the first Patriots player to total 100-plus tackles in each of his first four seasons.

Graham spent the 2010 seasons as a defensive assistant with New England. He helped the Patriots finish second in the NFL with 38 takeaways and eighth in points allowed (19.6). He began his NFL coaching career in 2009 as a coaching assistant with New England.

Graham came to New England following two seasons (2007-08) as a graduate assistant at Notre Dame,

where he worked with the defense. He spent three seasons (2004-06) as an assistant coach at Richmond, mentoring tight ends from 2005-06 and the defensive line in 2004.

Graham began his coaching career as a graduate assistant at Wagner (2002-03), while he pursued an MBA with a concentration in finance. He coached the junior-varsity team to an undefeated season and also served as strength and conditioning coach and academic coordinator.

Graham played collegiately at Yale, where he was a defensive lineman for the 1999 team that shared an Ivy League title with Brown. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration in economics and African-American studies.

A native of Des Plaines, Illinois, Graham and his wife, Pamela, have two children, Morgan and Silas.

PATRICK GRAHAM'S COACHING CAREER

2002-03	Wagner	Graduate Assistant
2004-06	Richmond	Assistant Defensive Line (2004) Tight Ends (2005-06)
2007-08	Notre Dame	Graduate Assistant
2009-15	New England Patriots	Coaching Assistant (2009) Defensive Assistant (2010) Linebackers (2011) Defensive Line (2012-13) Linebackers (2014-15)
2016-17	N.Y. Giants	Defensive Line
2018	Green Bay Packers	Defensive Run Game Coordinator/Inside Linebackers
2019-present	Miami Dolphins	Defensive Coordinator