



DERRICK LeBLANC

ASSISTANT DEFENSIVE LINE
COLLEGE: NORTHWESTERN STATE
NFL: FIRST SEASON
DOLPHINS: FIRST SEASON

Derrick LeBlanc (pronounced luh-BLON with a silent “c”) joined the Miami Dolphins as assistant defensive line coach in 2022.

The 2022 season marks LeBlanc’s 22nd year of coaching. He spent the previous 21 seasons coaching at the collegiate level, primarily the defensive line position.

LeBlanc was Arkansas’ defensive line coach in 2020. He coached defensive tackle Jonathan Marshall, who became the Razorbacks’ only selection in the 2021 NFL Draft when he went in the sixth-round (207th overall) to the New York Jets.

From 2017-19, LeBlanc was the defensive line coach at Kentucky, where he helped develop defensive tackles Quinton Bohanna and Phil Hoskins, both of whom were selected in the 2021 NFL Draft. During LeBlanc’s tenure, Kentucky advanced to three consecutive bowl games and went 25-14 (.641). In 2019, defensive end Calvin Taylor Jr. finished second in the SEC with 8.5 sacks. The 2018 Wildcats had the fourth-best total defense (337.9) in the SEC and helped the team win 10 games for the first time in 41 years. Despite having no senior starters on the defensive line in 2017, Kentucky held six opponents under 100 rushing yards, the first time the team accomplished that since 1949.

In 2016, LeBlanc served as defensive line coach at North Texas where the Mean Green went from winning just one game in 2015 to five in 2016, earning a bowl game appearance. The defense allowed 8.6 points per game less than they did the previous season, which was the 13th best turnaround in the nation.

LeBlanc was the defensive coordinator/defensive line coach at Pearl River Community College in 2015.

From 2013-14, LeBlanc was the defensive line coach at Southern Mississippi. He helped develop two NFL draft picks – defensive tackle Khyri Thornton, who earned second-team All-Conference USA honors in 2013 and was a third-round pick (85th overall) by Green Bay in the 2014 NFL Draft, and defensive tackle Rakeem Nuñez-Roches, who earned first-team All-Conference USA honors in 2014 and was a sixth-round pick (217th overall) by Kansas City in the 2015 NFL Draft.

LeBlanc was the defensive line coach for Wyoming in 2012. He mentored defensive tackle Mike Purcell, who earned first-team All-Mountain West honors and has played eight seasons in the NFL.

LeBlanc was an assistant strength and conditioning coordinator at LSU from 2008-11. LSU won the SEC Championship in 2011 and played in the 2012 BCS National Championship Game.

LeBlanc has also coached the defensive line at Missouri State (2006-07), Arkansas Tech (2005) and Henderson State (2001-04). His first collegiate coaching position came as a graduate assistant at LSU in 2000. He began his coaching career in his hometown as offensive line/defensive line coach at Breaux Bridge High School in Louisiana.

LeBlanc was a four-year letterman (1992-96) at Northwestern State, where he played both offensive and defensive line. He earned Southland Conference All-Academic team honors as a junior and senior and graduated with a degree in business administration. He also earned a master’s degree in sports administration from LSU.

A native of Breaux Bridge, Louisiana, LeBlanc and his wife, Niema, have two sons, Dayton and Derrick, and one daughter, Kennedy.

DERRICK LeBLANC'S COACHING CAREER

1997-99	Breaux Bridge (La.) High School	Offensive Line/Defensive Line
2000	LSU	Graduate Assistant
2001-04	Henderson State	Defensive Line/Strength & Conditioning Coordinator
2005	Arkansas Tech	Defensive Line/Academic Coordinator
2006-07	Missouri State	Defensive Line
2008-11	LSU	Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coordinator
2012	Wyoming	Defensive Line
2013-14	Southern Mississippi	Defensive Line
2015	Pearl River Community College	Defensive Coordinator/Defensive Line
2016	North Texas	Defensive Line
2017-19	Kentucky	Defensive Line
2020	Arkansas	Defensive Line
2022-present	Miami Dolphins	Assistant Defensive Line