



Patrick Surtain (pronounced sir-TAN) re-joined the Miami Dolphins as a defensive assistant in 2022 after a standout playing career nearly two decades ago.

A member of the franchise’s 50th Season All-Time Team, Surtain had a seven-year (1998-2004) career as a Dolphins cornerback.

Surtain spent nine years (2013-21) coaching at American Heritage High School in Plantation, Florida. He began his tenure as an assistant coach in 2013 before being promoted to head coach in 2016.

In his six seasons (2016-21) as head coach at American Heritage, the Patriots won three state championships (2016, 2017 and 2020). In addition to building a successful team, Surtain also helped develop several players that earned Division I scholarships and became NFL draft picks.

During the 2021 NFL Draft, six players were selected that played for Surtain at American Heritage. They include cornerback Patrick Surtain II (first round, ninth overall, Denver), cornerback Tyson Campbell (second round, 33rd overall, Jacksonville), wide receiver Anthony Schwartz (third round, 91st overall, Cleveland), cornerback Marco Wilson (fourth round, 136th overall, Arizona), defensive tackle Tedarrell Slaton (fifth round, 173rd overall, Green Bay) and running back Khalil Herbert (sixth round, 217th overall, Chicago). Defensive end Brian Burns (first round, 16th overall, Carolina) was picked in the 2019 NFL Draft after playing high school football for Surtain at American Heritage.

Surtain played 11 seasons in the NFL including seven for Miami (1998-2004) and four for Kansas City (2005-08). He appeared in 163 games with 131 starts, totaling 534 career tackles (425 solo), 7.5 sacks, 37 interceptions, 114 passes defensed, six forced fumbles and eight fumble recoveries.

Surtain is tied for fourth in Dolphins history with 29 interceptions. He earned first-team All-Pro honors in 2002 and second-team All-Pro honors in 2003. Surtain was also a three-time Pro Bowl selection from 2002-04. In 2002, he was named the NFL Alumni Association’s Defensive Back of the Year.

Surtain was a four-year letterman (1994-97) at Southern Mississippi and was named the Conference USA Defensive Player of the Year in 1997. He earned first-team All-CUSA honors as both a junior in 1996 and a senior in 1997.

A New Orleans native, Surtain and his wife, Michelle, have three children, Patrick II, Paris and Parker. Patrick II plays cornerback for the Denver Broncos and was the ninth overall pick of the 2021 NFL Draft.

PATRICK SURTAIN'S COACHING CAREER

2013-21	American Heritage (Fla.) High School	Assistant Coach (2013-15) Head Coach (2016-21)
2022-present	Miami Dolphins	Defensive Assistant