



KARL SCOTT

DEFENSIVE BACKS

COACHING EXPERIENCE: 15TH SEASON
NFL EXPERIENCE: 1ST SEASON
VIKINGS EXPERIENCE: 1ST SEASON

Karl Scott will serve as the defensive backs coach in his 1st season with the Vikings and 1st in the NFL in 2021. Scott most recently served as Alabama's cornerbacks coach from 2018-20.

In 2020, Scott helped Alabama to a national championship title as the defense allowed just 19.4 points per game, ranking 13th in the nation. The Crimson Tide ranked third in the SEC in pass defense and opposing quarterbacks completed just 58.1% of passes, throwing 12 interceptions. Alabama finished the 2020 season leading the SEC in pass efficiency defense and scoring defense. Under Scott's guidance, CB Patrick Surtain II led the SEC with 13 passes defended and 12 pass breakups, en route to being tabbed a unanimous All-American.

Scott tutored 2020 second round NFL draftee Trevon Diggs on one side and Surtain II on the other while senior Shyheim Carter manned the star position in 2019. Diggs picked off three passes and recorded 37 tackles and eight pass breakups. Surtain II made 42 stops with two interceptions, three forced fumbles and eight deflections, while Carter added 43 tackles and seven pass breakups. Under Scott's direction, Alabama ranked fourth nationally and first in the SEC in pass efficiency defense (109.75), finishing with 17 interceptions and 50 pass breakups.

In 2018, Scott was charged with replacing five starters in the defensive secondary from the Tide's 2017 national championship team with Minkah Fitzpatrick, Ronnie Harrison, Anthony Averett, Levi Wallace and Tony Brown all off to the NFL.

The completely overhauled secondary turned in quality season, ranking 26th nationally in pass efficiency defense (115.79) and 33rd in pass yards allowed (198.3). Led by consensus All-America safety Deionte Thompson, the Tide allowed just 22 passing touchdowns while intercepting 15 passes. Thompson was second on the team in tackles with 79 while picking off two passes and breaking up six more. Safety Xavier McKinney also excelled at safety with 73 stops, six tackles for loss, three sacks and two interceptions. At cornerback, true freshman Patrick Surtain II earned freshman All-America honors on the opposite side with 37 tackles and an interceptions while Shyheim Carter played the nickel and added 44 tackles, two interceptions and 3.5 tackles for loss.

Scott spent the previous two seasons as the secondary coach at Texas Tech before being named the defensive coordinator at Louisiana-Lafayette in late December of 2017. His secondary at Texas Tech in 2017, his unit posted an impressive turnaround, helping produce 29 turnovers, including 14 interceptions. He mentored two All-Big 12 selections in Jah'Shawn Johnson and Justus Parker.

Prior to his time at Texas Tech, Scott spent one season as the safeties coach at Louisiana Tech under head coach Skip Holtz. He helped the Bulldogs to a 9-4 record in 2015 and a second-place finish in the Western Division of Conference USA. Louisiana Tech defeated Arkansas State in the New Orleans Bowl as the Bulldogs finished eighth nationally in defensive touchdowns after forcing 22 turnovers, including 13 interceptions.

Scott worked at Southeastern Louisiana for three years, serving as the defensive coordinator in 2014 and linebackers coach in 2012-13. During his tenure with the Lions, he helped lead the program to back-to-back Southland Conference Championships (2013-14) and two NCAA Football Championship

Division playoff appearances.

His 2014 defense at Southeastern led the Southland Conference in total defense while ranking seventh in the FCS. The Lions also led the nation in pass efficiency defense (94.3), and ranked fifth in red zone defense, eighth in scoring defense (17.7 ppg) and 11th in turnovers gained (28).

Isiah Corbett and Harlan Miller were two mainstays on Scott's defense at Southeastern Louisiana, both earning All-America honors in 2014, while seven other defenders – Denzel Thompson, Jacob Newman, Tyler Stoddard, A.J. Bowen, Drew Misita, Jordan Batiste and Micah Eugene – joined the pair on the All-Southland Conference teams.

Scott's linebacker unit was a key factor in Southeastern's 2013 Southland Conference championship campaign. His corps benefited from the emergence of Cquelin Hubert, who was named Southland Defensive Player of the Year after recording a team-leading 90 tackles, including 11.0 that went for a loss.

Before his time at Southeastern Louisiana, Scott served as recruiting coordinator, defensive backs coach and linebackers coach for four years at Tusculum College from 2008-11.

He made an immediate impact at Tusculum, as he mentored two all-conference selections in Justin Scott and Jarvis Littlejohn. Scott collected all-region honors following the 2008 season, establishing new school records for single-season (22) and career (51) tackles for loss while finishing the season with 113 tackles and 277 for his career.

Scott's coaching career began at Delta State as a graduate assistant in 2007. In his lone season at DSU, he helped lead the Statesman to a 10-2 record, a No. 10 final national ranking, Gulf South Conference championship and NCAA Division II playoff appearance.

A native of Houston, Scott played at McMurry University in Abilene, Texas, where he earned his degree in exercise and sports studies in 2007. Scott and his wife Taron have a daughter, Kina Bailey.

SCOTT'S BACKGROUND

Player

2003-06..... McMurry University

Coaching

2007..... Delta State // Graduate Assistant
2008-11Tusculum // Defensive Backs/Linebackers
2012-13Southeastern Louisiana // Linebackers
2014 Southeastern Louisiana // Defensive Coordinator/DB
2015Louisiana Tech // Assistant Coach/Safeties
2016-17 Texas Tech // Secondary
2018-20..... Alabama // Cornerbacks
2021Minnesota Vikings // Defensive Backs