Brad White

SEC Defensive Coordinator | Teacher-driven development | Faith, Family & Football

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Football • University of Florida • Gainesville, FL

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Biography

Brad White is the defensive coordinator for the Florida Gators, bringing SEC-tested leadership, NFL experience, and a proven record of player development to Gainesville. At Kentucky, his defenses produced seven consecutive top-45 FBS finishes from 2018–24, four top-25 national defenses, six bowl appearances, and 14 defensive NFL Draft picks. His philosophy centers on playing fast, attacking pressure points, teaching players where to put their eyes, and building confidence through development. At Florida, his mission is to help construct a defense that plays with the pace, violence, discipline, and scoring-defense standard expected in The Swamp.

Statement

I build defenses that play fast, understand where their eyes belong, and attack pressure points with confidence. My job is to develop talented players into trusted playmakers and young men, with a points-first mindset on every possession.

Achievement

Kentucky defensive run
Six bowl appearances while White’s defenses ranked top-20 nationally across 2018–25 in scoring defense average, points allowed, and total defense average

Seven straight top-45 FBS defenses
From 2018–24, including top-25 national defenses in 2018, 2019, 2021, and 2022.

Player development
14 defensive NFL Draft picks coached at Kentucky, including six selected in the top two rounds

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Education

Bachelor’s Degree in Analytical Finance | Master’s Degree in Accounting.
Wake Forest University

Feature

Meet Brad White, Florida’s New Defensive Coordinator
https://floridagators.com/news/2025/12/19/football-gators-meet-brad-white-floridas-new-defensive-coordinator-southeastern-conference-florida-gators

Brad White Bolsters Sumrall's Staff as Defensive Coordinator
https://floridagators.com/news/2025/12/4/football-brad-white-bolsters-sumralls-staff-as-defensive-coordinator

Florida Football Coach Interview | Brad White, Defensive Coordinator
Sit-down interview with Brad White, defensive coordinator for the Florida Gators.

PRINCIPLES

- Points-first Defense
- Play fast | Attack pressure points | Teach the eyes
- Development over scheme ego
- Pace and violence
- Situational mastery

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Josh Paschal
Detroit Lions | Football
Second round pick

Maxwell Hairston
Buffalo Bills | Football
2025 first-round pick

Josh Hines-Allen
Jacksonville Jaguars | Football
Seventh overall pick in 2019 after a national-defensive-player-of-the-year season

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ATHLETIC CAREER

Linebacker — Wake Forest University
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2000 - 2003
Three year starter

COACHING CAREER

Defensive Coordinator — University of Florida
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2026

Defensive Coordinator — University of Kentucky
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2018 - 2025

Linebackers Coach — Indianapolis Colts
NFL - National Football League | Football | 2012 - 2017

Linebackers Coach — Air Force
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2010 - 2011

Safeties Coach — Murray State
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2009 - 2009

Graduate Assistant — Wake Forest University

NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2007 - 2008