

Ryan Lewis

Former NFL/XFL Defensive Back | Eastern Washington Cornerbacks Coach
| Pitt Football Alum

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CAREER RECORDS

Defensive Backs Coach — Colorado School of Mines
NCAA Division II - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II | 2 seasons | 15W-7L (68.2%)

Biography

I’m a former professional defensive back turned collegiate football coach, passionate about developing players on and off the field. My playing career taught me the value of preparation, discipline, and consistency, and those lessons now shape how I coach, teach, and lead.

I believe football is a powerful tool for growth. My approach centers on building strong fundamentals, teaching the “why” behind the game, and holding players to high standards while supporting them personally. Every interaction matters, and I take pride in creating an environment built on trust, accountability, and genuine care for the people I work with.

Whether you’re a player, parent, coach, or visitor, I’m grateful you stopped by. I’m always learning, always growing, and committed to serving others through the game of football.

Statement

I coach with a focus on preparation, accountability, and intentional development. My mindset is grounded in professionalism, humility, and service, shaped by seven years of professional football experience and applied daily to developing players and supporting the team.

Achievement

7 Years of Professional Football
Seven years of professional football experience at the NFL and XFL levels, providing a strong foundation in elite preparation, film study, and defensive technique. Proven ability to transition professional playing experience into collegiate coaching through player development, detailed game planning, opponent film breakdown, recruiting support, and special teams assistance. Experienced in building relationships with players, coaches, and families.

Education

Administration of Justice

University of Pittsburgh

Four-year collegiate football student-athlete with experience balancing high-level athletic demands alongside academic and leadership responsibilities.

Career

Defensive Backs Coach at Colorado School of Mines

Serve as the Cornerbacks Coach, responsible for the technical and mental development of defensive backs through detailed film study, practice planning, and position-specific instruction. Contribute to weekly game planning, opponent breakdowns, and the creation of scouting reports, scout cards, and film cut-ups. Assist with special teams preparation across multiple units and support recruiting efforts, including evaluation and relationship building within assigned recruiting territories.

Feature

Pick Six

Pick Six vs New York Giants

Interception

Interception vs Cleveland Browns

Interception

Interception vs Penn State 2016

Pass Break Up

PBU vs Miami 2016

Pass Break Up

PBU vs Green Bay Packers

3rd Down Stop

1 Rat Coverage vs LA Rams

PBU

PBU vs Syracuse 2016

Interception

Interception vs Carolina Panthers Joint Practice

Pass Break Up

Pass Break Up vs Virginia Tech 2016

Interception

Interception vs Clemson 2016

PRINCIPLES

- I believe in development before results, clear standards, detailed preparation, and teaching players the “why.” My approach emphasizes accountability, adaptability, and professionalism built through daily habits and intentional coaching.

PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Jackson Zimmermann

Colorado School of Mines | Football (Men)

Helped coach Jackson Zimmermann to an All American & All Conference season in 2024 and 2025.

ATHLETIC CAREER

Cornerback — San Antonio Brahmas

XFL | Football (Men) | 2023 - 2024

Cornerback — New York Giants

NFL - National Football League | Football (Men) | 2020 - 2021

Cornerback — Miami Dolphins

NFL - National Football League | Football (Men) | 2019 - 2020

Cornerback — Buffalo Bills

NFL - National Football League | Football (Men) | 2018 - 2019

Cornerback — New England Patriots

NFL - National Football League | Football (Men) | 2017 - 2018

Cornerback — University of Pittsburgh

NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football (Men) | 2012 - 2016

COACHING CAREER

Cornerbacks Coach — Eastern Washington University

NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2026

Defensive Backs Coach — Colorado School of Mines

NCAA Division II - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II | Football (Men) | 2024

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