



DAVE FIPP

SPECIAL TEAMS COORDINATOR



NFL Experience: 13th season (8th with Eagles)
College: Arizona **Hometown:** Albuquerque, NM

Dave Fipp originally joined the Eagles coaching staff as the team's special teams coordinator in 2013 and has engineered one of the most consistently productive units in the NFL in that span.

Since his arrival in Philadelphia in 2013, Fipp's special teams units rank second in the NFL in special teams touchdowns (12 – four kick-off return touchdowns, four punt return touchdowns and four blocked punts returned for touchdowns) and total blocks (18 – seven blocked kicks and 11 blocked punts). Additionally, the Eagles have committed the fifth-fewest special teams penalties (94) in that span.

Fipp coached **Rick Lovato** to his first Pro Bowl selection in 2019 after helping **Jake Elliott** establish a career-high 84.6 percent field goal percentage and **Cameron Johnston** produce Top 10 finishes in gross (46.4, 9th) and net (42.3, 8th) punting averages. Lovato became just the third long snapper in franchise history to make the all-star game.

In 2018, Johnston set single-season team records in both gross (48.2) and net (42.7) punting averages, while ranking third and fourth in the NFL, respectively, in each category.

Elliott enjoyed a historic rookie campaign in 2017, converting the longest regular-season (61 yards vs. N.Y. Giants on Sept. 24, 2017) and postseason (53 yards vs. Atlanta in the Divisional Round on Jan. 13, 2018) field goals in franchise and NFL rookie history. Elliott also kicked the two longest field goals by a rookie in Super Bowl history (42 and 46 yards) in the 41-33 victory over New England in **Super Bowl LII**.

Philadelphia's special teams units continued to thrive in the return game in 2016, as the Eagles ranked second in the NFL with a franchise-record 27.3 kickoff return average, led the league with five kickoff returns of 50-plus yards, and were the only team to record multiple kick-off return touchdowns (two). Additionally, Philadelphia ranked second in the NFL in punt return average (12.9).

The Eagles special teams units posted the second-highest punt return average (11.4) in the NFL and accounted for three touchdowns in 2015. **Darren Sproles** earned his second consecutive trip to the Pro Bowl as a return specialist after leading all punt returners in yards (446) and touchdowns (11.7) and **Donnie Jones** broke his own single-season team record for net punting average (41.6).

In 2014, Philadelphia's special teams units were key to the team's success, as they produced a franchise-record and NFL-leading seven touchdowns as well as a league-best six blocked kicks. The Eagles special teams units were rated as the best in the league by *Dallas Morning News* columnist Rick Gosselin in his annual special teams rankings.

Sproles earned All-Pro and Pro Bowl honors for the first time in his career in 2014 after leading the NFL in punt return average (13.0), punt return yards (506 - 101 yards ahead of the next closest returner) and punt returns for touchdowns (two). Acquired from the Colts in training camp, rookie K **Cody Parkey** turned in one of the best kicking seasons in Eagles history en route to Pro Bowl honors. Parkey (150 points) broke Kevin Butler's NFL rookie record and the Eagles franchise record for points scored in a single season while finishing second in the league in scoring. LS **Jon Dorenbos** also garnered Pro Bowl honors.

In 2013, Jones set team records in net punting average (40.5 - broken in 2015), single-game net punting average (50.7) and punts inside the 20 (33 - broke his own record with 34 in 2014). He became the fourth punter in league history to earn NFC Special Teams Player of the Week recognition in consecutive games in a single season.

COACHING TIMELINE

| YEARS | TEAM | POSITION |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 2013- | Philadelphia Eagles | Special Teams Coordinator |
| 2011-12 | Miami Dolphins | Assistant Special Teams |
| 2008-10 | San Francisco 49ers | Assistant Special Teams |
| 2007 | San Jose State | Defensive Coordinator |
| 2005-06 | San Jose State | Co-Defensive Coordinator/Safeties |
| 2004 | Nevada | Co-Defensive Coordinator/Secondary |
| 2002-03 | Cal Poly | Defensive Coordinator |
| 2001 | Cal Poly | Assistant Coach |
| 2000 | Arizona | Graduate Assistant |
| 1999 | Holy Cross | Secondary/Special Teams Coord. |
| 1998 | Holy Cross | Safeties |

During his two seasons with Miami, the Dolphins ranked second (2011) and fourth (2012) in the NFL in overall special teams rankings, according to Gosselin's data. With the help of Fipp, LS **John Denney** earned his second career Pro Bowl berth in 2012 while P **Brandon Fields** led the league with a 50.2 gross punting average.

The Dolphins special teams units showed the largest improvement in the NFL from 2010 to 2011, improving from 24th to second overall, according to Gosselin's rankings.

Fipp joined the Dolphins staff after a three-year stint as the assistant special teams coach for the San Francisco 49ers from 2008-10. Under Fipp's direction in 2009, P **Andy Lee** earned his second career Pro Bowl selection after ranking second in the NFL in gross punting average (47.6) and net punting average (41.0).

Prior to entering the NFL, Fipp spent three seasons with San Jose State, where he served as the Spartans defensive coordinator in 2007 after spending the previous two seasons as co-defensive coordinator and safeties coach. Fipp joined the Spartan coaching staff after spending the 2004 season at the University of Nevada as the Wolfpack's co-defensive coordinator and secondary coach. He also served as the defensive coordinator at Cal Poly from 2002-03 after coaching the Mustangs' defensive backs in 2001.

Fipp began his coaching career at Holy Cross as the safeties coach in 1998 before becoming the secondary coach and special teams coordinator during 1999 season. Following his tenure at Holy Cross, Fipp returned to his alma mater, the University of Arizona, serving as a defensive graduate assistant in 2000.

A four-year letterman and former walk-on at Arizona, Fipp played for the Wildcats from 1994-97. He was a leading tackler on special teams as a sophomore in 1995 and started at safety during his final two years with the Wildcats. The 1997 Wildcats defense ranked among the top defensive units in the Pac-10 Conference and ranked 12th nationally in rushing defense.

A native of Albuquerque, NM, Fipp and his wife, Jenny, have two daughters, Ashlee and Lilly, and a son, Tyler.