

James Tarver

Offensive Coordinator

Coach Tarver is entering his 16th season coaching high school football and 4th at FCHS. Tarver coached six years at Fossil Ridge HS where he served as Varsity Offensive Coordinator from 2010-13 and QBs coach from 2009-13. In 2008 he was the Freshmen Defensive Coordinator at Fossil Ridge. Prior to FRHS, Tarver coached the Varsity WRs and was the JV Offensive Coordinator at Frederick (CO) HS in 2007. His coaching career began at Agoura HS (Agoura Hills, CA) where he coached Varsity WRs, kickers, punters and served as the JV Offensive Coordinator from 2002-06. A native of Pleasanton, CA, Tarver played football and baseball at Granada HS in Livermore, CA. He graduated in 2000 from California Lutheran University (Thousand Oaks, CA) with a degree in Mathematics and pitched for CLU's baseball team from 1997-2000. Tarver works as a math teacher at FCHS, and he and his wife Sarah have two boys, Jaxon and Kade. His brother Jason is an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers.

Matt Yemm

Head JV Coach/Wide Receivers Coach

Coach Yemm has been coaching at FCHS for five years. He played for the Lambkins from 2003-2006. He was a quarterback, wide receiver, defensive back and return man. He was part of the team that made the 5A semifinals in 2004 and 2006. He was a team captain, an All-Conference selection, and the 2006 Front Range League player of the year. He went on to play for Colorado State University as a wide receiver. Coach Yemm also played quarterback in the Swiss football league for the Basel Gladiators in the spring of 2012. His parents are Stephen and Shannon Yemm, and he is the youngest of four kids: Katie, Riley, and Erin.

Brian Keefe

Running Backs Coach

Coach Brian Keefe has 12 prior years of experience as wide receivers coach, running backs coach, and an 8-year stint as the offensive coordinator (2002-2012). Prior to his high school coaching experience, Keefe coached at Leshar Jr. High from 1997-99, serving as a running backs and wide receivers coach. He also spent 4 years as the wide receivers coach for the Colorado Ice of the Indoor Football League from 2007-2010. Coach Keefe attended Ottumwa HS in Iowa, and was first team all-conference in his senior year of 1991. Brian has two children: Madison and Myles.

Nick Baltzell

Defensive Backs Coach

Coach Baltzell is entering his seventh season coaching for FCHS. For the past four years, he has served as the Freshman Head Coach. Prior to coaching at Collins, he was a frequent volunteer coach with the City of Fort Collins. At Grafton High School (Grafton, WI), he was elected Team Captain by his teammates and received All-Conference recognition his Junior and Senior years at the center position. Coach Baltzell graduated from Colorado State University in 2012 with a degree in History and Secondary Education; he earned his Master's Degree from the University of Wisconsin in 2016. He is a Social Studies teacher at Fort Collins High School.

Dan Hedstrom

Assistant Running Backs Coach

Coach Hedstrom began coaching with the Lambkins in the fall of 2004, and has 20 years of football coaching experience. Coach Hedstrom played football for Rocky Mountain High School (1983 graduate) and then in college for Colorado Mesa (1988 graduate. He and his wife Amie have three children: Breanna, Danni and Tanner. Breanna is married to Josh Self and they gave Amie and Dan their first grandchild four years ago. Danni is married to Brain Barringer. Tanner was the long snapper for the CSU Rams. Coach Hedstrom has also served as the president of the Fort Collins Buckaroos Organization (girls' competitive fastpitch softball).

Junior Boyle

Defensive Line Coach

Coach Boyle has been with the Lambkins for a number of years. He was born in Goodland, KS 1965. He graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in 1983. He married wife Kelley in 1993, and they have 3 kids: Megan, Conner, and Rachel. Coach Boyle lived in Las Vegas, Nevada for 8 Years and coached Nevada Sports. He was the head varsity Football and Baseball coach for 8 years. He moved to Danville California and coached Football at Northgate High School for 6 years, 1 year as a JV Head Coach and 6 years Varsity OL and DL coach as well as an assistant varsity head and assistant varsity defensive coordinator . He also coached 1 Year at Fossil Ridge high School coaching varsity outside linebackers.

Travis Avila

Asst. Defensive Backs Coach

Coach Avila is entering his second season at FCHS. Coach Avila played quarterback at Fossil Ridge High School during 2012 football season. He also played one season at Colorado Mesa University. He is currently attending Colorado State University as he works towards becoming a doctor.

Steve Vecchio

Offensive Line Coach

Coach Vecchio is in his second season with the Lambkins, after a previous stint in 2003. He has been coaching football for 11 years. In that time, he spent one season as the Head Freshmen coach at FCHS (2003), five seasons as the Offensive Line/Offensive Coordinator at Fossil Ridge (2004-2009), and 3 years as the head coach at Fossil Ridge (2010-2013). As a player, Coach Vecchio was an all-conference player for the Lambkins. He went on to play at the University of Northern Colorado and at the University of Nebraska at Kearney. There, he was a two-time first team All-Conference player, an All-West Region (1st team) player, and earned Honorable Mention All-American honors. He played for the Tri-City Diesel (NIFL), as well. He is father of two daughters: Alice and Avery.

Derek Franz

Head Freshmen Coach

Coach Franz is in his first season with the Lambkins. He began his playing career at Rocky Mountain High School and was named to the All-Colorado football team in 1993. He earned 2nd team all-conference honors in baseball. At CSU, he was an all-conference kicker in 1998. He began his coaching career at University High School (WR/DB coach), and went on to work at Adams State (2000-2001), Highland Community College (2002-2005), Lafayette High School (2006), Pembroke Hill School (2007-2010), Monet High School (2011), Liberty High School (2012-2013), and Rocky Mountain High School (2014). He also served as the RMHS JV Girls basketball coach from 2014-2016. He and his wife Maggie are the proud parents of Madison and Cameron.

Austin Edson

Assistant Freshmen Coach

Coach Edson is in his first season with the Lambkins. He played football for Skyline High School and one year at Western State University. He is currently a junior at Colorado State University and he hopes to one day be a high school Social Studies teacher.