

## **Kevin Rice**

### **Defensive Coordinator/Assistant Head Coach**

Coach Rice is entering his second season with the Lambkins. He is a Physical Education teacher in Longmont and lives with his family in Severance. Coach Rice attended Green Mountain High School in Lakewood, CO where he played on the football team, earning 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-Conference Linebacker honors in 1993 and 1994 and Honorable Mention All-State in 1994. He played college football at Adams State from 1995-1996 as a Linebacker. He then transferred to Colorado State University in 1997 where he walked onto the football team. In 1998, he transferred again to Western State College. In 1999, he coached the defensive line at Green Mountain High School during their State Championship season. Coach Rice went back to Western State in 2000 to finish college and his playing career as a Defensive End. Coach Rice returned to Green Mountain HS as Defensive Coordinator (2002-2004) and then Head Coach (2005-2006). From Green Mountain, Coach Rice moved on to Skyline HS where he was the Head Coach from 2007-2014. He led Skyline to their best record in a decade in 2012 including a win over the future state champion Silver Creek HS. Overall, Coach Rice has been a high school head coach for 10 years. He can trace his coaching roots to his Dad, Ron, who coached him through youth sports; Don McGatlin, the legendary head coach at Green Mountain High School; and his older brother Eric, who is the head coach at FCHS. Coach Rice earned his Master's Degree in Coaching Education through Ohio University in 2014. He is married to Shara and has a 7-year old son, Knox, and twin daughters, Maddie and Emma, who are 1.

## **James Tarver**

### **Quarterbacks Coach**

Coach Tarver is entering his 15<sup>th</sup> season coaching high school football and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 four 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 returns to FCHS football this year after 11 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 Keefe, who is 13, and Myles Keefe, who is 5.

## **Dan Hedstrom**

### **Assistant Running Backs Coach**

Coach Hedstrom began coaching with the Lambkins in the fall of 2004, and has 19 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 is also the president of the Fort Collins Buckaroos Organization (girls' competitive fastpitch softball).

## **Junior Boyle**

### **JV/Varsity Defensive Line Coach**

Coach Boyle is beginning his first year coaching at FCCHS. 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 (19) who attends CSU and plays soccer for the Rams, Conner (17) who attends Fossil Ridge, and Rachel (14) who is starting Windsor High School this year. 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.

## **Steve Vecchio**

### **Offensive Line Coach**

Coach Vecchio is returning to the Lambkins for his first season since 2003. He has been coaching football for 11 years. In that time, he spent one season as the Head Freshmen coach at FCCHS (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 (1<sup>st</sup> 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 (9) and Avery (7).

## **Travis Avila**

### **Defensive Backs Coach**

Coach Avila is entering his first season at FCCHS. 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.

## **Nick Baltzell**

### **Head Freshmen Coach**

Coach Baltzell is entering his sixth season coaching for FCHS. Prior to coaching at Collins, he was a frequent volunteer coach with the City of Fort Collins. He comes from Wisconsin where he played football all his life. In high school, he was elected Team Captain by his teammates and received All-Conference recognition his Junior and Senior years. 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.

## **Reggie Handy**

### **Assistant Freshmen Coach**

Coach Handy is in his fifth year coaching for FCHS. He was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. He is 25 years old and very passionate about football. His dream is to become a Head Coach himself one day. This is his second year coaching at any level. He played high school football at Sheridan and Littleton High Schools. He played at Sheridan his freshman and sophomore years and at Littleton for his senior year. He played various positions but mainly O and D line. Fun facts: he also plays bass in a band, and enjoys animals and nature.

## **Scott Krehbiel**

### **Assistant Freshmen Coach**

Coach Krehbiel is in his second season with the Lambkins. He played football for four years at Pratt High School in Kansas, where he was an offensive and defensive tackle. He was voted as team captain by his teammates in his senior year. Coach Krehbiel was also an All-League selection at both positions all three years, an All-Area selection as a junior and a senior, a Kansas To 11 team selection as a junior and a senior, the Kansas FB Coaches All-State team as a senior, an All-American selection as senior (OL), and the Class 4A defensive player of the year as a senior (DL). In addition to football, he also played golf (All-League for three years) and basketball (All-League as a junior). He went on to play for one year at Kansas State University. Coach Krehbiel previously coached for one year of middle school basketball in Kansas. He has an MBA with a concentration in Sports Administration from Southern New Hampshire University, and he currently works for the Colorado Rapids. He is married to Beth, who is currently a graduate student at CSU and is working towards her PhD. He has two older brothers and two older sisters, all of whom had collegiate athletic careers in Kansas.