



CLARENCE BROOKS

SENIOR DEFENSIVE ASSISTANT

COLLEGE: MASSACHUSETTS
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EXP. (NFL/RAVENS): 24/12



CLARENCE BROOKS is the team's longest-tenured coach, originally joining the Ravens in 2005. Brooks, who transitioned into a senior defensive assistant position in 2016 due to his battle with esophageal cancer, coached Baltimore's defensive line for 11 seasons. "C.B." was one of six assistant coaches retained by head coach John Harbaugh in 2008.

BROOKS COACHING HIGHLIGHTS: During Brooks' tenure (2005-15), the Ravens have allowed the NFL's fewest rushing TDs (89), second-fewest points per game (18.9) and the league's second-fewest rushing yards per game (94.2). In the team's first 16 years (1996-2011), Baltimore held opponents to under 4.0 yards per rush, ranking as the longest streak in NFL history. (Ravens allowed 4.0 ypr in 2012, then 3.8 ypr in 2013, 3.6 in 2014 and 4.0 in 2015.) Baltimore has ranked in the Top 5 in rushing yards allowed per game in seven of the past 10 seasons, while also ranking in the Top 10 in 10 of the last 13 seasons in that category. Stellar play by the defensive line has also helped the Ravens become the only team to rank among the NFL's Top 5 in red zone defense in 10 of the past 12 seasons (2004-15). In 2010, the Ravens allowed only 5 rushing TDs, tying (Pittsburgh) for fewest in the NFL. A year before that (2009), the Ravens had the NFL's stingiest defense against the run, allowing 3.4 yards per rush. In each of Brooks' first seven full seasons in Baltimore (2005-11), the Ravens' defense ranked in the Top 10 in total yards allowed. In his second year (2006), the defense ranked No. 1 (264.1 ypg), while finishing second overall in 2008 (261.1 ypg). Under his leadership, NT Haloti Ngata earned five Pro Bowl selections and became the team's fifth all-time tackler. Prior to his 2005 arrival in Baltimore, Brooks coached successful NFL D-line units in Miami, Cleveland and Chicago. He was also instrumental in the notable "Desert Swarm" defense at the University of Arizona, which led the nation in scoring defense in 1992.

2005-15: (with Baltimore) Over the past two seasons (2014-15), the Ravens have produced the NFL's fourth-most sacks (86, tied, Phi.). **2015:** Ravens ranked No. 8 in total defense (337.4 ypg), marking the 11th time the team has finished in the NFL's Top 10 over the last 13 seasons (2003-15)...Over final eight games, defense posted the NFL's No. 2 overall defense (291.1 ypg) and the No. 1 pass defense (183.3 ypg). **2014:** Ravens ranked fourth in NFL in rush defense (88.3 ypg) and were second in red zone defense (42.6)...Allowed sixth-fewest points (18.9) and eighth-fewest yards per game (336.9) and were one of five teams to rank in Top 8 in both categories... Tied (Philadelphia) for second in NFL with 49 sacks... NT Haloti Ngata upped his career tackles total to 528, the fifth most in franchise history. **2013:** Ngata earned his fifth-straight Pro Bowl on a defense that allowed the NFL's fifth-fewest rushing TDs (7)...Baltimore also had the league's 11th-ranked rushing defense (105.4 ypg) and finished third in third-down defense (33.5%)...The Ravens held their opponents (3.8 ypc) to under 4.0 ypc for the 17th time in the team's 18 years in Baltimore. **2012:** D-line was led by Ngata, who earned his fourth-straight Pro Bowl...Ravens were the NFL's No. 2 red zone defense, allowing a 43.4% TD efficiency mark...Although the defense was mired by injuries all year, it finished strong (in final six weeks, unit allowed NFL's fourth-fewest yards per game - 299.0) en route to the Super Bowl XLVII victory. **2011:** D-line helped the team allow the third-fewest points (16.6 ppg) in the NFL for the fourth-consecutive year, tying a league mark for ranking in the Top 3...Unit was No. 3 overall, including second against the rush (92.6 ypg). **2010:** Defense allowed only 16.9 points per game, the NFL's third-best mark...Five rushing TDs permitted tied (Pittsburgh) for NFL's fewest. **2009:** Defense ranked No. 3 overall (300.5 ypg) and fifth against the run (93.3 ypg)...Ravens allowed an NFL-best 3.4 yards per rush and the third-fewest points per game (16.3)...Ngata earned his first

COACHING BACKGROUND

YEARS	COLLEGE/PRO TEAM	POSITION
1976-80	Massachusetts	Defensive Ends
1981-86	Syracuse	Outside LBs
1987-89	Syracuse	Defensive Line
1990-92	University of Arizona	Defensive Line
1993-98	Chicago Bears	Defensive Line
1999	Cleveland Browns	Defensive Line
2000-04	Miami Dolphins	Defensive Line
2005-15	Baltimore Ravens	Defensive Line
2016	Baltimore Ravens	Senior Defensive Assistant

"C.B.' is a great coach – a wonderful coach. You see him as a father figure, but also a good friend. He keeps us straight, tells you how it is and keeps it real with you. That's the part about coaches that I love, especially 'C.B.' With technique, I feel like he has raised my game to another level, just because of his teachings and how he strives for the best every time and every rep."

– DT Brandon Williams



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Pro Bowl honor. **2008:** Defense ranked second overall (261.1 ypg) and third against the run (81.4 ypg), all without the team's third all-time leading tackler and starting NT Kelly Gregg, who missed the entire season due to a knee injury...Ngata was a second-team *Associated Press* All-Pro honoree and Pro Bowl first alternate...Top reserve DE Dwan Edwards also spent the year on IR (back)...DT Justin Bannan filled in admirably for Gregg, posting a career-high 56 tackles and his first-career INT...Team did not allow a 100-yard rusher, extending the streak to 35-straight games...Defense only allowed 4 rushing TDs, fewest in franchise history. **2007:** Defense ranked second against the rush (79.3 ypg) and sixth overall in total defense (301.6 ypg)...The dynamic duo of Gregg (111) and Ngata (94) notched 205 tackles, surpassing DEs Michael McCrary (103) and Rob Burnett's (97) team-record 200 by a D-line tandem in 2000...Gregg made a career-high 111 tackles, adding 3 sacks, while earning his second-straight *USA Today* All-Joe honor... Ngata, in his second year, produced another stellar season with a career-high 94 tackles and 3 sacks, also making the All-Joe Team. **2006:** Defense ranked first in points allowed per game (12.6)...Baltimore was also first in total defense (264.1 ypg); first inside the 20 (33.3% TDs allowed); allowed the fewest third down conversions (28.8%) and fewest first downs (236); first in turnover differential (+17); and second in sacks (60 to SD's 61)...DE Trevor Pryce registered 13 sacks to lead the Ravens' strong pass rush...Gregg led the D-line with 101 tackles and returned a fumble a career- and franchise-long 59 yards vs. Oakland...Ngata, who was named to the NFL's All-Rookie Team, started all 16 games, snagging his first-career INT in the season opener at Tampa (9/10), returning it 60 yards. **2005:** Defense excelled, finishing second in the AFC and fifth in the NFL (284.7 ypg)...Starting RBs were held to under 100 yards 12 times and under 65 yards eight times...The 4.6 yards allowed per play was third in the NFL... Baltimore allowed the fourth-fewest first downs in the AFC (17.7 per game)...Finished first in the AFC and second in the NFL in yards allowed per pass play (5.63)...Ravens finished third in the AFC in third-down efficiency, allowing opponents to convert on just 36.1% of their opportunities.

2000-04: (with Miami) As Miami's D-line coach, Brooks helped lead a Dolphins' defense that recorded at least 44 sacks three times and averaged nearly 3 sacks a game over a four-year span...The Dolphins finished in the Top 5 in run defense two years straight (2002-03). **2004:** D-line recorded 28 of the team's 36 sacks...Ranked second in NFL passing defense (162.0 ypg)...Miami forced the second-most three-and-out series (58) in the league. **2003:** Pro Bowl DE Adewale Ogunleye's 15 sacks and Jason Taylor's 13 gave Miami the top sack tandem in the NFL...The defense allowed a run average of only 90.8 ypg. **2002:** Miami was second in the AFC and tied for fourth in the NFL with 47 sacks, the third-highest total in club history... The D-line accounted for 41.5 QB drops, including 18.5 by Taylor and 9.5 by Ogunleye, making them the most productive sack tandem in the NFL...Taylor's sack total led the league and tied a franchise single-season record...Dolphins tied

for fifth in the NFL in run defense (97.1 ypg). **2000:** DEs Trace Armstrong (16.5) and Taylor (14.5) combined for 31 sacks, ranking the duo first in Dolphins history and first in the NFL.

1999: (with Cleveland) Served as the defensive line coach.

1993-98: (with Chicago) Team averaged 34.2 sacks per year.

1995: Ranked fifth against the pass. **1993:** Ranked fourth in the NFL in total yards allowed and third in passing yards. **1994:** Ranked fifth in the league in passing yards.

1990-92: (with University of Arizona) As D-line coach, was instrumental in its "Desert Swarm" defense, which led the nation in scoring defense in 1992.


1981-89: (with Syracuse) Tutored OLBs for the first six years...Named D-line coach for final three...He also worked in Dallas' training camp as part of a minority coaching fellowship program in 1989.

1976-80: (with Massachusetts) First full-time coaching post came in 1976, overseeing the defensive ends.

COLLEGE: Was a guard at the University of Massachusetts from 1970-72 and team captain in his final season...Earned All-Conference and All-East honors on the O-line...Earned a bachelor's degree in sociology.

PERSONAL: Attended New Bedford (MA) HS, where he lettered in football and track and field...Clarence and his wife, Justa, have a son, Jason, and a daughter, Adrienne...Jason, who is the tight ends coach at Florida International, was an assistant on the Ravens' coaching staff for four seasons (2009-12)...Clarence is a proud grandfather to granddaughter, Aviana (4), and grandson, Avery (2).

WILLIAMS DOMINATES AT DT



DT Brandon Williams has emerged as one of the NFL's most dominant D-linemen. Williams, who was a third-round pick in 2013, produced 35 solo tackles in 2015, ranking eighth most among NFL DTs. His 53 overall stops stood ninth in the league among interior D-linemen.

TOTAL TACKLES / NFL DTs (2015 Season)

1. Aaron Donald (STL)69
2. Ndamukong Suh (Mia.) . .61
3. Quinton Dial (SF)59
4. Jaye Howard (KC)57
5. Linval Joseph (Min.)56
6. Bennie Logan (Phi.)55
- Kawann Short (Car.)55
8. Jurrell Casey (Ten.)54
9. **Brandon Williams (Bal.) . .53**

SOLO TACKLES / NFL DTs (2015 Season)

1. Aaron Donald (STL)44
2. Linval Joseph (Min.)42
3. Bennie Logan (Phi.)39
- Ndamukong Suh (Mia.) . .39
5. Marcell Dareus (Buf.)38
6. Jaye Howard (KC)36
- Kawann Short (Car.)36
8. **Brandon Williams (Bal.) . .35**
9. Jurrell Casey (Ten.)34