



MARQUAND MANUEL

DEFENSIVE BACKS



NFL Experience: 8th season (1st with Eagles)

College: Florida Hometown: Miami, FL

Marquand Manuel was named the Eagles’ defensive backs coach in the 2020 offseason following a four-year stint with the Atlanta Falcons, where he served as defensive coordinator from 2017-18 as well as secondary coach/senior defensive assistant from 2015-16.

In 2017, during his first year as defensive coordinator, Manuel helped mold the Falcons’ defense into a standout unit and played an integral role in helping the team reach the divisional round of the play-offs. Atlanta finished in the Top 10 in the NFL in total defense (318.4 ypg, 9th), rushing defense (104.1 ypg, 9th), red zone defense (45.8 pct., 5th) and scoring defense (19.7 ppg, 8th). LB **Deion Jones** and S **Keanu Neal** earned their first Pro Bowl nods following the 2017 season under Manuel’s direction. Jones finished the season with 138 tackles (91 solo), three interceptions, ten passes defended, 10 tackles for loss and one sack. Neal finished the season with 116 tackles (83 solo), one interception, six passes defended, and four tackles for loss.

Prior to being named defensive coordinator, Manuel served as the Falcons’ secondary coach/senior defensive assistant from 2015-16. After Manuel’s first season as his position coach, CB **Desmond Trufant** was selected to his first Pro Bowl in 2015 after starting in all 16 games, and recording 42 tackles (35 solo), one interception, 11 passes defended and two fumble recoveries. Another player who thrived under Manuel’s tutelage is **Ricardo Allen**, who transitioned from cornerback to safety in Manuel’s first few months as defensive backs coach, and started 30 out 31 games, notching 159 tackles (121 solo), five interceptions and one sack during that span.

Manuel began his NFL coaching career in 2012 as an assistant on special teams for the Seattle Seahawks, before becoming defensive assistant (2013) and then assistant secondary coach (2014) for the team. The 2013 Seahawks finished the regular season with a 13-3 record and went on to defeat the Broncos in **Super Bowl XLVIII**, 43-8. In Manuel’s last season with the Seahawks, the team defeated the Green Bay Packers 28-22 to become 2014 NFC Champions.

Before getting into coaching, Manuel enjoyed an eight-year NFL career as a defensive back for the Cincinnati Bengals (2002-03), Seattle Seahawks (2004-05), Green Bay Packers (2006), Carolina Panthers (2007), Denver Broncos (2008) and Detroit Lions (2009). A sixth-round draft choice of the Bengals in 2002, Manuel finished his NFL career with 332 tackles, two interceptions, 16 passes defended, four forced fumbles and 36 special teams tackles in 116 games (58 starts).

A native of Miami, Manuel was a four-year letterman at the University of Florida where he finished with 308 tackles and 6 interceptions. He graduated in 2000 with a bachelor’s degree in Criminology & Law.

COACHING TIMELINE		
YEARS	TEAM	POSITION
2020-	Philadelphia Eagles	Defensive Backs
2017-18	Atlanta Falcons	Defensive Coordinator
2015-16	Atlanta Falcons	Secondary/Senior Defensive Asst.
2014	Seattle Seahawks	Assistant Secondary
2013	Seattle Seahawks	Defensive Assistant
2012	Seattle Seahawks	Assistant Special Teams
2011	Florida	Coaching Intern (Defense)

