

OASIS HIRES FORMER DIVISION-1 ASSISTANT AND SOUTHWEST FLORIDA BORN JEFF LOVE AS HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

With over a decade of experience in major college athletics, Punta Gorda native Jeff Love has been named the new Head Football Coach at Oasis High School, announced principal Dr. Christina Britton. Love returns to Southwest Florida following a one-year stint as the Assistant Head Football Coach at Santa Margarita High School in Southern California. "We are very excited to welcome Coach Love to the Oasis family. I feel his experience at the collegiate level will provide valuable mentorship and perspective for our players as they navigate high school and beyond," said Dr. Britton.

While at Santa Margarita in 2019, Love coached the quarterbacks, helping develop 3-star prospect Colt Fulton (offers from Yale, Bucknell, and Northern Colorado), as well as coordinated all operations for the Eagle Football program including purchasing, fundraising, travel, video, and booster club. The Eagles compete in the Trinity League, widely known as one of the most competitive conferences of high school football in both California and in the United States. Prior to moving to California, Love spent 14 years in college athletics as a coach or in administrative roles in video and operations. Most recently, from 2016-2018, Love was on the football staff at the University of Kansas.

"We are grateful to Dr. Britton, the Administration Team, and the entire Oasis community for entrusting us with this awesome opportunity. My family and I are thrilled to move back to the great state of Florida, and we cannot wait to get started," said Love, the Sharks new Head Coach. "Our goal will be to create a championship culture by providing the tools for each student to have a focused, positive mindset to tackle the day in front of them. In our opinion, sports, and growth in general, is about creating a mentality. The bi-product of that mentality will be graduating students and competing for championships."

In the fall of 2018, after two seasons as the Jayhawks' Director of Football Technology, Love was promoted to coach the Kansas quarterbacks. Under Love's guidance, highlighted by the program's first victory over TCU in 21 years and a 40-point output against College Football Playoff contender Oklahoma, the 2018 Kansas quarterbacks threw only 4 interceptions in 392 pass attempts; a statistic that ranked 3rd in the entire nation. Before Kansas, Love served as a member of the inaugural coaching staff at Houston Baptist University that was tasked with building the Division 1 program from inception to compete in the Southland Conference. He coached three positions at HBU: the Quarterbacks, the Receivers, and the Safeties. Love also handled the Punt Return unit and Video Operations for the Huskies.

"Winning football games is going to be an essential objective for our program, however, our main job as educators will be to help develop and steer these young men through their academic and football careers, hopefully giving each of them the opportunity to get recruited to a university and play at the next level, if they wish," said Love, a University of Central Florida graduate.

Love's first coaching stop was in 2011 at Occidental College, a Division III school in Los Angeles, where he coached the secondary and handled the program's recruiting efforts. Early in his career, Love served as the Video Coordinator at both Kansas and Nevada, as well as video assistant positions at Washington State and UCF.

The Sharks are set to open training camp in late July and then will travel to a preseason contest at Estero on August 14th. For information about Oasis High School, visit the website at www.oasishighschool.net.