

## Jay Butler

Jay Butler joined the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for his first season in the NFL and first with the team in 2012, serving as Head Strength and Conditioning Coach following nearly two decades of experience running collegiate strength and conditioning programs.

Butler followed Buccaneers Head Coach Greg Schiano from Rutgers, where the former spent 11 seasons, first as Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coordinator (2001-03) and then as Assistant Athletic Director for Strength and Conditioning/Head Football Strength and Conditioning Coach (2004-2011).

While at Rutgers, Butler spearheaded the efforts to increase the on-field performance of Scarlet Knights football. His vast knowledge in the areas of strength and conditioning helped Rutgers make remarkable strides in the weight room and on the field, and his tireless work ethic and demanding approach were realized as he played a role in Rutgers' development from a virtual unknown to a consistently competitive and nationally respected program. His efforts resulted in his being named the 2006 Samson's strength and Conditioning Coach of the year by the American Football Monthly.

Butler's philosophy has also paid off for the athletes under his guidance, as Scarlet Knights - many of whom continued to train with Butler in the offseason - found success in the NFL in record numbers during years Butler led the strength and conditioning program.

Prior to joining the Scarlet Knights' staff, Butler served as the Director of Speed, Strength and Conditioning at Dartmouth College for five years (1996-2000). Before his stint at Dartmouth, Butler worked four years at East Carolina University in the Strength and Conditioning program. He began his coaching career as a graduate assistant for three years at ECU, while earning his master's degree. He was soon promoted to Assistant Director of Strength and Conditioning in 1995.

Butler, who graduated from Bucknell University in 1991 with a degree in mechanical engineering, also served as a three-year starter and two-time All-American offensive tackle for the Bison before playing two seasons professionally with the New York Giants and the Montreal Machine (World League).

A two-sport athlete at Hillsborough High School in New Jersey, Butler excelled in both football and baseball. A two-year letter-winner in football, and a three-year letter-winner in baseball, Butler was third-team All-Somerset County in baseball his senior season. He was also named the Scholar Athlete Award winner during his senior year.

Born September 10, 1969 in Hillsborough, New Jersey, Butler is married to wife JoAnn and has four daughters: Kylie, Casey, Sydney, and Katherine.

The Hall of fame Committee is proud to induct Jay into the Class of 2013

