

# Clancy Barone



## Tight Ends

Clancy Barone completed his first season as tight ends coach for the Denver Broncos in 2009 after instructing that position in the NFL for the last four years with the San Diego Chargers (2007-08) and Atlanta Falcons (2005-06). He was named to his current position on Jan. 23, 2009.

Barone is in his 24rd year of coaching and worked at the collegiate level for his first 17 years in the profession before beginning his NFL coaching career in 2004 as the Falcons' assistant offensive line coach.

During each of the last four years as a tight ends coach in the NFL, Barone has instructed a Pro Bowl selection with the Chargers' Antonio Gates (2007-08) and the Falcons' Alge Crumpler (2005-06) earning multiple Pro Bowl berths under his direction. A long-time offensive line coach at the collegiate level, Barone has instructed 27 offensive linemen who have signed NFL contracts while also coaching five Outland Award semifinalists (nation's best interior lineman) and three Rimington Award semifinalists (nation's best center).

Gates further cemented his reputation as one of the league's most productive tight ends in two seasons with Barone as his position coach from 2007-08, earning consecutive Pro Bowl appearances. Barone's instruction helped the Charger tie for first among NFL tight ends in touchdown catches (17), rank third in receiving yards (1,688) and tie for fourth in receptions (135) over that span.

During Barone's final year as San Diego's tight ends coach in 2008, Gates earned his fifth consecutive Pro Bowl selection after registering the second-most receiving touchdowns (8) in the NFL at his position group. He also placed sixth among league tight ends in receptions (60) and seventh in receiving yards (704).

Barone's first year coaching the Chargers' tight ends in 2007 saw Gates average a career-best 13.1 yards per reception that ranked second among league tight ends. He also picked up Pro Bowl accolades, finishing the year second among NFL tight ends in touchdown catches (9) while ranking fourth at the position in receptions (75) and receiving yards (984).

Crumpler benefited from Barone's guidance with the Falcons from 2005-06, appearing in the Pro Bowl during both of those seasons and totaling the third-most receiving yards (1,657) among NFL tight ends in that two-year period. He also tied for third in touchdown catches (13) and ranked eighth in receptions (121) at his position in two years under Barone. Crumpler became such a dominant Tight End in the NFL it caused then Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Bill Parcells to say "Without question, Alge Crumpler is the most complete Tight End in the NFL today and maybe ever. The Falcons run behind him in every critical situation and he is one of the best route runners and receivers at his position."

In addition, the blocking of Atlanta's tight ends with Barone on staff helped the club average an NFL-best 171.4 rushing yards per game from 2005-06 and lead the league in rushing during each of those two seasons.

Crumpler was named to his fourth consecutive Pro Bowl with Barone coaching Atlanta's tight ends in 2006 after leading NFC tight ends (2nd in NFL) with a career-high eight touchdown grabs and ranking fourth in the league at his position in receiving yards (780). His 877 receiving yards and 65 receptions working with Barone in 2005 represented Falcons single-season records for tight ends and resulted in a Pro Bowl selection.

In 2004, Barone began his NFL coaching career as Atlanta's assistant offensive line coach, helping the club lead the league with a franchise-record 5.1 yards per rush average and advance to the NFC Championship Game.

During Barone's tenure with the Atlanta Falcons, Sports Illustrated ranked his Tight Ends as the #1 Tight End group in the NFL in their annual Pre-Season Power Rankings. After Barone's first season with the San Diego Chargers, Sport Illustrated

once again honored Barone by naming his Chargers Tight Ends as the #1 Tight End group in the NFL.

Barone spent seven seasons as an offensive coordinator in college from 1997-2003, working in that capacity for Texas State University (2003), the University of Houston (2000-02) and the University of Wyoming (1997-99). He had additional responsibilities as assistant head coach for Texas State while also coaching the offensive lines for Houston and Wyoming.

Texas State's offense was one of the best in the nation under Barone's direction, ranking seventh in the country in yards per game (443.4) en route to setting numerous school offensive records. He was named Division-I Offensive Line Coach of the Year by the National Offensive Line Coaches Association following his final year at Houston in 2002, a year in which Cougars running back Joffrey Reynolds ranked ninth in the nation in rushing (128.8 ypg. / 1,545 yds.). During his three years at Wyoming, Barone's offensive line gave up a total of 35 sacks.

An offensive lineman at the University of Nevada and Sacramento State University, Barone's coaching career began at American River College (Sacramento, Calif.), where he coached its offensive line from 1987-90. He spent two seasons coaching the offensive line at Sacramento State from 1991-92 before serving as assistant offensive line coach at Texas A&M University in 1993 and coaching Eastern Illinois University's offensive line from 1994-96.

Barone was a four-sport star at Red Bluff High School in Red Bluff, Calif., and was born on July 26, 1963, in San Andreas, Calif. He and his wife, Rosie, have three children: Gianna, Stefano and Isabella.