

Steve Fifita

Football • Santa Margarita Catholic • Huntington Beach

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Biography

Defensive Coordinator – Santa Margarita Catholic High School

A native of Orange County and proud product of Fountain Valley High School, Steve Fifita brings elite playing and coaching experience to his role as Defensive Coordinator at Santa Margarita Catholic. A standout defensive lineman at the University of Utah, Fifita helped anchor the Utes’ historic 2004 team that finished 12-0 and won the Fiesta Bowl.

After college, Fifita spent time with the Miami Dolphins — including a full season on the active roster — and participated in NFL training camps with both the Dolphins and New England Patriots.

Following his playing career, Fifita began coaching as the defensive line coach at Idaho State, where he developed a passion for mentoring young athletes. Known for his energy, toughness, and connection to his players, he now leads Santa Margarita’s defense with the same intensity and discipline that defined his career.

With deep roots in Southern California and high-level experience on both sides of the game, Coach Fifita is committed to building elite defenses and helping young athletes reach their full potential — on the field, in the classroom, and in life.

Statement

Football changed my life -- it gave me direction, discipline, and a brotherhood that still matters to this day. Now as a coach, my mission is to give those same things back to the next generation. I've been blessed to compete at the highest levels, and I use those experiences to push my players every day to be tougher, smarter, and more accountable -- not just as athletes, but as men. My goal is simple: build a defense that dominates and develop young men who lead.

Education

Sociology
University of Utah

ATHLETIC CAREER

Defensive Tackle — Miami Dolphins
NFL - National Football League | Foo | 2006 - 2008

Defensive Tackle — University of Utah

NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2001 - 2005
2005 Fiesta Bowl Champions

COACHING CAREER

Defensive Coordinator — Santa Margarita Catholic High School
CIF - California Interscholastic Federation | Football | 2023

Defensive Line Coach/Recruiting Coordinator — Idaho State University
NCAA Division I - National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I | Football | 2012 - 2019
