



Phil Smith

Coach Phil Smith has been coaching football for 24 years and has a tremendous amount of love for this sport! He played high school football at Greer High School and won a state championship as a player in 1989. He then went on to play college football at Catawba College where he earned a BA degree in PE, a Master Degree in Elementary Ed and also has his certification in Driver Education. He was a three year starter at Catawba as a middle linebacker.

Coach Smith started his coaching career at Greer High School and was there for 12 years. While he was an assistant at Greer, they won the 2003 State Championship. After his stint at Greer he went to Dorman High School as the Defensive Coordinator. Dorman went 55-5 in the first five years Coach Smith served as the Defensive coach and won the State Championship in 2009. He took his defense to a number 2 ranking in the Massey's poll of top defenses in the country and Dorman again played for the State Championship in 2010.

After leaving Dorman, Coach Smith took the head coaching job at Riverside High School and in his 2nd year they made the playoffs in 5A for the first time in school history. Coach Smith won Region II-5A Coach of the year in 2014. After 5 years there he decided to take a coaching position at

Spartanburg High and has been there the past 2 seasons. He will be joining the Raiders this year as linebacker coach.

Subject you teach/Day job: PE/Drivers Education

Hometown: Greer, SC

College Alma Mater and degree: Catawaba

Family: Single/daughter - Hannah Smith (17)

Favorite Food: Bermuda Fish Cake

Favorite restaurant in Laurens: Whiteford's

Favorite professional sports team(s): Atlanta Braves

Most memorable moment while coaching: Winning the 2009 State Championship as a Defensive Coordinator at Dorman High School.