



RICO TIPTON NAMED TACOMA BAPTIST HEAD FOOTBALL COACH

Former Seahawk hired to lead the 6-12 football program starting in Fall 2020.

TACOMA, WASHINGTON (March 3, 2020) Former Seahawk, Rico Tipton, will be Tacoma Baptist Schools' new head football coach as well as the director of the 6th-12th grade football program beginning Fall 2020. He will also have a full-time presence on campus as a physical education instructor, student mentor, assisting with youth sports, and athletic department administration.

"We are thankful to God's faithfulness in this process" said TBS Athletic Director, Beth Wing. "What a blessing It is to have Rico Tipton coming to Tacoma Baptist Schools with his plethora of football experience, his passion for teaching and athletics, and his tremendous heart and faith."

Rico Tipton began his career in 1985 at California's Rancho Cordova High School as part of a staff and team that compiled a 14-0 record and won the league, section and state titles.

Coach Tipton coached at the collegiate level at California State University Sacramento leading the team to the Western Football Conference Championship. Several players under his leadership went on to play in the NFL and are now coaching for Division 1 and NFL teams.

The Seattle Seahawks called on Rico to take a break from coaching and play professional football as a Seahawks linebacker during the 1987-1988 season.

Coach Tipton returned to coaching in 1988 and has been at five local high schools (Juanita, Eastside Catholic, Lincoln Tacoma, Chief Leschi and Rogers of Puyallup). He helped turn around a struggling program at Eastside Catholic and built a strong program quickly at Chief Leschi, giving Coach Tipton a strong reputation for winning in locations where it may have been considered difficult to win.

Tipton and his family moved to Arizona in 2005 where his career included building a program from the ground up at Shadow Ridge. Coach Tipton led the program to the state quarterfinals in the second year.

"Striving to win is important and we will do it the Crusader Way, with humility and sportsmanship, always putting our faith and our team first." – Rico Tipton

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