

On May 28th, 2020, Oasis High School Principal Dr. Christina Britton announced Punta Gorda native Jeff Love as the Sharks new Head Football Coach. The vision is to operate like a college football program, with daily weights, video sessions, walk-thru's, and a detailed practice script that will allow the student athletes to experience what life is like in a college setting. With this process instilled, combined with a background in teaching, coaching, and technology, Love's plan is also to vigorously help prepare and then present all of the Oasis Football student-athletes to the college of their choice and ability. Love will also be teaching a Leadership course at Oasis's High School campus, designed to help students with life skills that they will use both as a teenager in high school and after graduation.

Coach Love returns home to the Southwest Florida following a one-year stint as the Assistant Head Football Coach at Santa Margarita High School in Southern California. While at Santa Margarita, Love coached the quarterbacks, helping develop 3-star prospect Colt Fulton (offers from Yale, Bucknell, and Northern Colorado), as well as coordinated all operations for the Eagle Football program including purchasing, fundraising, travel, video, and booster club. With the power of social media and national connections, Love assisted with the recruiting efforts of 2020 athletes Nick Barcelos (Nevada), Greg Doyle (Utah), Mark Ard (Dixie State), Tyler Hartigan (Chapman), and Jason Schillig (Chicago). Love also helped with the exposure of 2021 athletes (who all now have offers), Colt Fulton, Derek Wilkins, Maurice Heims, Charles Sims, Tyler Wetmore, Tyler Whitman, among others. The Eagles compete in the Trinity League, widely known as one of the most competitive conferences of high school football in both California and in the United States.

Prior to moving to California, Coach Love spent 14 years in college athletics as either a coach or in video operations. From 2016-2018, Love was on the football staff at the University of Kansas. In the fall of 2018, after two and a half seasons as the Jayhawks' Director of Football Technology, Love became the first video director in college football history to be promoted to assistant coach at mid-season when he was elevated to train the Kansas quarterbacks on October 11th, 2018. In just Love's second game coaching the Kansas offense, [the Jayhawks defeated TCU 27-26](#), on October 27th, 2018. The victory over the Horned Frogs marked the first Kansas victory in the month of October since 2009 and the first Big XII victory since November of 2016. The Jayhawks converted on 10 of 17 third downs versus the Horned Frogs and quarterback Peyton Bender completed 19 of 29 passes for 249 yards, with 2 TDs, and 0 INTs. For his efforts, Bender was named Pro Football Focus's Big XII Quarterback of the week. Even more remarkable, the previous season (2017), that same Gary Patterson TCU defense team blew out the Jayhawks 43-0 and held Kansas to 21 total yards of offense.

A few weeks later, in Norman, OK against College Football Playoff contender the Oklahoma Sooners, the Jayhawk attack would amass 524 yards of total offense and 40 points. Freshman running back Pooka Williams Jr. rushed for 252 yards and 2 touchdowns on just 15 carries against the Sooners enroute to [Big XII player of the week honors](#). The 40 points and the 524 yards was the largest offensive output in Big XII play by a Kansas team in over 6 years.

In all, under Love's guidance, the 2018 Kansas quarterbacks threw only 4 interceptions in 392 pass attempts during their 12 games. That statistic ranked 3rd in the nation, trailing only triple-option teams Georgia Southern and Army.

Prior to his promotion to assistant coach, Love served as the program's Director of Football Technology, where he led all aspects of technology as it related to facility development, social media content, and coaching staff video analysis. In 2017 as part of a multi-million-dollar facilities project, Love [oversaw the implementation of seamless, LED video boards inside the Jayhawk locker-room](#); the first project of its kind in college football. In 2016, Coach Love made news by changing the way the Jayhawks prepared for games by [adding the use of drones into the Jayhawks coaching staff practice plans](#). Upon his arrival to Lawrence, Love evolved the football video staff into a department of 10 students and an intern. During his five semesters as the Director, four of Love's interns were hired to full time positions throughout the country from the Kansas Video office: Kyle Lane (Director of Football

Technology at Mississippi State), Devon Kleich (Video Coordinator at UAB), Michael Iven (Video Coordinator at Oklahoma State) and John Kelly (Video Assistant at Oklahoma).

Before Kansas, Love served as a member of the inaugural staff at Houston Baptist University that was tasked with building the Southland Conference, Division 1 program from inception. He would coach three positions; the safeties in (2012), wide receivers (2013-2015) and the quarterbacks (2016). He also coordinated the Punt Return team in his first three seasons. In 2014, with a roster full of almost entirely freshmen and sophomores and just 15 games into the programs history, [the Huskies defeated conference opponent Nicholls State 24-14](#). Love signed, coached, and mentored Austin, Texas native Ethan Fry, who would go on to be the all-time leading receiver at HBU.

Love arrived to Houston from Occidental College, a division III school in Los Angeles where he coached the secondary for legendary coach Dale Widolff during the 2011 season. He also handled the program's recruiting efforts. In just 9 games, the Tigers led the SCIAC in turnovers created (27), interceptions (15), Red Zone interceptions (6), fumbles recovered (12), & fewest TDs allowed (11). Under Love's tutoring, defensive back Ayrton Bates led the Tiger defense with 55 Tackles, 5 interceptions, 3 forced fumbles and was a unanimous 1st-team, all-conference selection. As the recruiting coordinator at the high academic institution, Love also led an endeavor that saw Occidental sign 29 high school football student-athletes from around the United States with an average ACT score of a 27.

Prior to his time at Occidental, Love was a member of the Kansas staff for the first time, hired to Kansas by consensus National Coach of the Year Mark Mangino to serve as the Jayhawks video coordinator from 2008-2010. In his first year, at KU, the Jayhawks went 8-5 and won the Insight Bowl in Tempe Arizona, defeating the University of Minnesota 42-21. To date, the 2008 Jayhawks are the last team to have a winning season the University.

In 2007, Love was hired by Hall of Fame coach Chris Ault at Nevada, where he served for one season as the Video Director for the athletic department. With first year-starter, redshirt freshmen Quarterback Colin Kaepernick, the Wolf-Pack would go 6-6 in the regular season and earn a birth in the New Mexico Bowl versus Rocky Long's New Mexico Lobos. In addition to his work with the 2007 Football Team, as the video director of the department, Love also assisted with the 2007 Wolf Pack basketball team. Coached by Mark Fox (now the Head Coach at Cal), the Wolf Pack finished the season 29-5, including a second-round birth in the NCAA tournament where they lost to the National Runner-Up, John Calipari and the Memphis Tigers.

He began professional career in 2005, serving for two seasons as the video assistant at Washington State University, where Love worked for two-time Pac12 Video Coordinator of the year and current Oregon Ducks Video Director, Kevin Night Pipe.

Love earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Social Science Education from UCF in 2006, where he was served as a member of the UCF football staff, the UCF club tennis team, the UCF intramural athletics officiating staff, and was member of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity. A native of Punta Gorda, FL and graduate of nearby Charlotte High School,

Love is married to Antoinette Love (formerly Marjanovic), who was a two-time all-Pac 10 soccer player at Arizona State and a member of the Croatian National Team. Also a coach, Antoinette was the Head Coach at the University of Nevada (2007), the Head Coach at the University of La Verne (2012), and the Head Coach for the Santa Margarita High School Junior Varsity (2019). She has also held assistant coaching positions at both the University of Kansas and the University of Nevada, in addition to working for club organizations Los Angeles Premiere, the Houston Dynamo, and the Kansas Rush. The Loves have two boys, Cameron Robert (7) and Anthony Niko (4) and, as a family, they love to travel, visit their family in California, Florida, and Croatia, and be actively involved in all sports.