



TONY ODEN '95 BALDWIN-WALLACE COLLEGE BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION (as of 1/28/2010)



GENERAL INFORMATION:

MAIN SPORT: Football

NAME: Tony Oden

NICKNAME: Tony

YEAR OF GRADUATION: 1995

AGE: 21

POSITION: Outside Linebacker

HEIGHT: 6'0"

WEIGHT: 200 pounds

HOMETOWN: Cleveland Heights, Ohio

CURRENT HOMETOWN: New Orleans, Louisiana

CURRENT NEW ORLEANS SAINTS INFORMATION:

CURRENT PROFESSIONAL POSITION: Assistant Defensive Backs Coach for the New Orleans Saints of the National Football League.

COACHING BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION: Entering his fourth season with the Saints, assistant secondary coach Tony Oden brings a wealth of experience of working with defensive backs to his post, and will again assist Dennis Allen in tutoring the cornerbacks and safeties.

In 2008, the secondary suffered several injuries – including losing both starting cornerbacks for the season – but still combined for 12 interceptions. Oden helped develop rookie Tracy Porter into an immediate starter and also polished the talents of veterans Randall Gay, Usama Young and Roman Harper, who all had career years.

Over the last three seasons, the Saints have held 25 opponents to under 200 yards passing, and in 2006 the club ranked third in the NFL in defending the pass.

Oden arrived in New Orleans prior to the 2006 season after spending the previous two seasons with the Houston Texans in a similar capacity. In 2004, Oden's efforts were rewarded when Houston's secondary intercepted 18 passes, with CB Dunta Robinson leading all NFL rookies with six.

Oden tutored the defensive backs in 2003 at Eastern Michigan. He worked at East Carolina prior to his two seasons at EMU, serving as outside linebackers coach in 2000, secondary coach in 2001 and safeties coach in 2002. Each year he also was an assistant with the special teams.

Before to his stint with East Carolina, Oden spent two seasons at West Point as Army's assistant secondary coach. He also led the junior varsity program in 1999 after serving as its defensive coordinator in 1998.

In 1997, Oden coached wide receivers as a graduate assistant at Boston College. Oden's first college coaching job came at Millersville (Pa.), where he was an assistant secondary and assistant special teams coach.

Oden also acquired NFL experience by twice serving as a summer coaching intern, first for Green Bay (1999) and then for Cleveland in 2001.

A two-time all-conference selection at linebacker at Baldwin-Wallace (Ohio), Oden was the Yellow Jackets captain as a senior, earning All-America recognition and Co-Defensive MVP honors.

A native of Cleveland Heights, Ohio, Oden and his wife, Amanda, have a son, Jaylen and a daughter, Ryan.

COACHING TIMELINE: **1996:** Assistant Secondary and Special Teams Coach at Millersville (Pa.); **1997:** Graduate Assistant Coach at Boston College; **1998-99:** Assistant Secondary Coach at Army (West Point, N.Y.); **2000:** Outside Linebackers Coach at East Carolina; **2001:** Secondary Coach at East Carolina; **2002:** Safeties Coach at East Carolina; **2003:** Defensive Backs Coach at Eastern Michigan; **2004-2005:** Defensive Assistant/Assistant Secondary Coach for the NFL's Houston Texans; **2006-Current:** Assistant Secondary Coach for the NFL's New Orleans Saints.

B-W STUDENT-ATHLETIC INFORMATION:

MAJOR: Psychology

COLLEGE CAREER AMBITION: Tony originally wanted to work in the field of sports psychology when he graduated from B-W.

SPORTS PLAYED AT B-W (YEARS AND LETTERS WON): While at Baldwin-Wallace College, Tony played three years of football and earned three varsity letters. He also wrestled for two years and lettered once.

GENERAL FOOTBALL INFORMATION: Tony Oden had an outstanding three-year varsity football career at Baldwin-Wallace College. He earned three varsity letters and was a three-year starting outside linebacker. He had 160 career tackles, including 107 solo stops, 10 quarterback sacks (for minus 58 yards) and 26 tackles for losses totalling 97 yards. He was a two-time first-team All-Ohio Athletic Conference pick, the B-W Ray E. Watts Co-Most Valuable Defensive Player in 1994, the B-W Most Outstanding Linebacker in 1995 and a third-team Football Gazette NCAA Division III All-American.

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As a junior in 1994-95, Tony had 69 tackles, eight sacks and 16 tackles for loss as B-W finished 9-1 overall. His best game was a four-sack performance in a 23-10 win at Mount Union College that earned him the OAC Defensive Player of the Week award. For his efforts, he was a first-team All-OAC pick, the Ray E. Watts Co-Most Valuable Defensive Player and a third-team Football Gazette All-American.

As a senior in 195-96, Tony had 67 tackles, two sacks and seven tackles for loss as B-W finished 8-2 overall. He was a pre-season All-America choice by the Football Gazette, College Football Preview and The Sporting News. Tony served as a team captain. For his efforts, he earned first-team All-OAC honors and the B-W Most Outstanding Linebacker award.

TONY ODEN'S CAREER STATISTICS:

Year	GP	UT	AT	=	Total	QB Sacks	TFL/Total	Int-yds	Pass BrkUps
1992				--	DID NOT PLAY FOOTBALL				
1993	10	16	8	=	24	0	3 (-8)	1	0
1994	10	49	20	=	69	8 (-48)	16 (-66)	2	9
1995	10	42	25	=	67	2 (-10)	7 (-23)	0	6
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Totals	30	107	53	=	160	10 (-58)	26 (-97)	3	15

HIGH SCHOOL BACKGROUND:

HIGH SCHOOL ATTENDED: Cleveland Heights

NAME OF HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE (Write out full name): Lake Erie League

HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS PLAYED (YEARS & LETTERS EARNED): Tony played two seasons of football and lettered twice, wrestled for four years and lettered four times and played two seasons of lacrosse and earned two letters.

HIGH SCHOOL HONORS, SPECIFY SPORT & YEAR: (ALL-CONFERENCE, DISTRICT, ETC.): In wrestling, Tony earned All-Lake Erie League honors.