

Coach Marques Prior

Prior to coaching at Rancho Mirage I began my passion for coaching as a club coach for a local program that I started called Desert Elite Athletes.

I was born and raised in the Coachella Valley, and have lived my whole life on the west side from Desert Hot Springs to Rancho Mirage. Growing up as a youth I was coached by many amazing men who had a huge impact on my life who have inspired me to do the same for the younger generation.

I started my football career here at Rancho Mirage High School under Coach Matthews. I was a 4 year starter. In those 4 years our teams had 3 quarterfinals, 2 semi-final, and 1 CIF Divisional Championship appearance. Where I was 2x All-CIF and 2x League MVP.

After I graduated I went on to play at Saint John's University(MN) where I played both football and track. Unfortunately, that's when I had an unexpected injury running track that halted my career. I then came home to Mt San Jacinto CC where I faced more injuries and decided to hang up the cleats for good. This led me to find a passion for coaching in football.

I'm excited about what this program is starting to become and I see nothing but great things in the future. GO RATTLER!!