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# HEAD COACH DENNIS ERICKSON



It just made sense. That was what was stated in this space last year. One year later, ASU finds itself with another Pac-10 Coach of the Year, a Pac-10 co-championship, a 10-win season, seven more Pac-10 wins, bushels of publicity and excellent promise for the future with top-notch recruits picking ASU because of its experienced coach, its brand new practice facility and a burning desire by the administration to compete at the highest level.

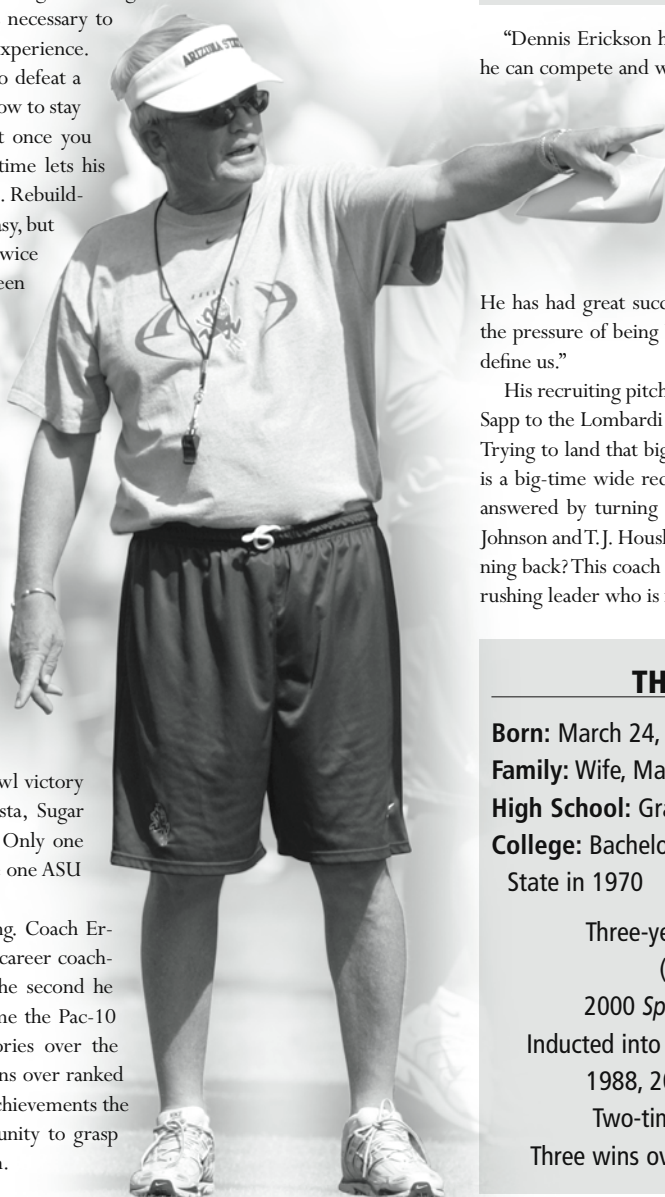
On Dec. 11, 2006, Arizona State named Dennis Erickson its 22nd football coach as it readied for its 30th year in Pacific-10 Conference play. The options were out there, but this one just made perfect sense.

The Sun Devils play in a big-time league with big-time games. It was necessary to get someone with Pac-10 experience. Someone who knows how to defeat a underdog, one who knows how to stay at the top and be consistent once you get there, and at the same time lets his players have fun and play fast. Rebuilding Pac-10 programs is not easy, but Coach Erickson has done it twice at places where it had not been done in decades.

How about trying a place that was on the doorstep of a national title in the past 12 years? A place with a great recruiting base in-state with California just a 50-minute flight away? Toss in a new practice facility in 2008.

ASU said hello to a two-time national champion (1989 and 1991) and the 2000 *Sporting News* National Coach of the Year. Dennis Erickson and ASU will try and complete his bowl victory cycle, with wins in the Fiesta, Sugar and Orange in your career. Only one left to get, and it is the same one ASU wants.

The numbers are numbing. Coach Erickson is 10th on the active career coaching list with 158. In fact, the second he signed his contract he became the Pac-10 leader in active wins. Victories over the top-ranked team (three), wins over ranked teams (27)...all notes and achievements the Sun Devils have the opportunity to grasp almost each and every season.



## MOST CAREER VICTORIES, ACTIVE COACHES

Coach, Current School	Years	Wins	Avg. Per Year
1. Bobby Bowden, Florida State	42	373	8.9
2. Joe Paterno, Penn State	42	372	8.9
3. Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech	27	209	7.7
4. Jim Tressel, Ohio State	22	208	9.5
5. Chris Ault, Nevada	23	191	8.3
6. Mack Brown, Texas	24	189	7.9
7. Joe Glenn, Wyoming	23	183	8.0
8. Dick Tomey, San Jose State	27	175	6.5
9. Steve Spurrier, South Carolina	18	163	9.1
10. Dennis Erickson, Arizona State	19	158	8.3
11. Mike Price, UTEP	26	154	5.9

List includes record at all four-year colleges per NCAA record book

"Dennis Erickson has proven both on the national level and in the Pac-10 that he can compete and win against the best," notes Lisa Love. "When you start looking at his accomplishments, what stands out is his big-game experience. He has been to the top of the college football world with two national titles at a proven national power in south Florida, and then took a program that had not had a winning season in three decades on the other side of the country to a BCS win. He coached in one of the nation's best rivalry games when it was at its highest level. He has had great success against the nation's top-ranked teams and also handled the pressure of being No. 1. Those things have defined him and we want them to define us."

His recruiting pitch will be easy. Going after a big lineman? He coached Warren Sapp to the Lombardi and Nagurski Awards and Russell Maryland to the Outland. Trying to land that big-time quarterback? Gino Toretta won the Heisman. If there is a big-time wide receiver the Sun Devils want to sign, maybe questions can be answered by turning on the Cincinnati Bengals on Sundays and watching Chad Johnson and T.J. Houshmandzadeh catch ball after ball. What about a marquee running back? This coach motivated Steven Jackson into becoming a two-time Pac-10 rushing leader who is now one of the best young running backs in the NFL.

## THE DENNIS ERICKSON FILE

**Born:** March 24, 1947, in Everett, Wash.

**Family:** Wife, Marilyn, and sons Bryce and Ryan

**High School:** Graduated from Everett High School in 1965

**College:** Bachelor's Degree in physical education from Montana State in 1970

Three-year letterman (1966-68), Montana State  
(two-time All-Big Sky quarterback)

2000 *Sporting News* National Coach of the Year

Inducted into the University of Miami Hall of Fame in 2005

1988, 2000 and 2007 Pac-10 Coach of the Year

Two-time national champion (1989 and 1991)

Three wins over nation's top-ranked team in past 20 years



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His relationships with players are legendary. Chad Johnson says he “just doesn’t like Coach E., I love him.” But another side is his football mind. Houshmandzadeh points it out by saying “he is an innovator” and mentions that “offensively he will just cut you up.”

“I don’t feel any different than I did 10 years ago,” says the 61-year old Erickson. “I have more energy now than I did when we rebuilt OSU. I am a couple of years removed from the NFL. Take away those six years and I think I could live over 100,” he quips. “The Xs and Os have changed a little over the years, but how a coach deals with players hasn’t.”

Coach Erickson, 158-68-1 (.698) in 19 seasons, is known in the Pac-10 as the architect of one of college football’s biggest turnarounds when he coached at Oregon State from 1999-2002. He led the Beavers, who had not had a winning season since 1970 (when Richard Nixon was still a popular President) to a 7-5 record in his first season. He then grabbed the attention of the football world with an 11-1 mark in 2000, punctuated by a 41-9 defeat of No. 10 Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2001, OSU’s first bowl win since the 1962 Liberty Bowl. OSU ended the season ranked fourth in the final AP poll and led the Pac-10 in scoring offense (32.6 points per game) and defense (18.5 ppg.) and total defense (314.4 yards per game). Coach Erickson earned Sporting News National Coach of the Year while the Pac-10 coaches gave him conference honors. In addition to the Fiesta Bowl win over the tenth-ranked Irish, he led the Beavers to wins over eighth-ranked USC (first over Trojans since 1967), at No. 23 UCLA (OSU’s first road win over a ranked team since 1970) and vs. No. 5 Oregon in 2000 as well as a win over eighth-ranked Washington in 2001 (first win over the Huskies since 1985).

“They were losing and that was the mind-set of the place. When we won, the mind-set changed,” notes Erickson of attitude changes. “Players know we’ve been there and what we’ve done. They have a respect for that. They know that, if they listen to what we ask them to do, they have a chance to be successful. If you do these things and are accountable, you will be successful.”

Since entering the head-coaching scene in 1982 at Idaho, he has shown the ability to beat the best, as Lou Holtz and Erickson are the only coaches in the past 20 seasons to win three games against the No. 1 ranked team in the Associated Press poll. He led unranked Washington State to a 34-30 win at top-ranked UCLA on Oct. 29, 1988, and then beat top-ranked Notre Dame 27-10 in his first year at Miami on Nov. 25, 1989, which stopped a 23-game win streak for the Fighting Irish. His Hurricanes then beat rival Florida State 17-16 on Nov. 16, 1991, in Tallahassee to end the Seminoles’ 16-game win streak. Only four teams have won a road game at a top-ranked team since that game.

“I can sit back now and evaluate a little better. This is going to be fun,” says Erickson of his eventual time in both a great college town (Tempe), yet a suburb of the nation’s sixth-largest city (Phoenix) whose growth continues at a rapid pace. “This is a great opportunity to have success. People are craving it around here. That is what is fun about it. This is a good way to end my career. It really is.”

His career has had him in the national picture since moving from Pullman, Wash., to Florida in 1989 and taking over the Miami head coaching job after Jimmy Johnson left to coach the Dallas Cowboys. As the 18th head coach of Miami, the 41-year old Erickson became just the second Division I head coach to win a national title in his first season at a school, leading the Hurricanes to an 11-1 record and the school’s third national title in seven seasons which was capped by a 33-25 win over seventh-ranked Alabama in the Sugar Bowl. That team boasted the nation’s top defense as it led the nation in fewest yards allowed per game (216.5) and points per game (9.3). The Hurricanes didn’t allow a touchdown during a 10-quarter stretch and held six opponents without a touchdown. It was the springboard that would lead to a 63-9 record (.875) while in South Florida, best by any Hurricane coach.

His 1990 squad went 10-2, including a 46-3 win over third-ranked Texas in the Cotton Bowl. Miami finished third in the national polls behind a school-record 482.9 yards per game of total offense, with another school record set in passing yards (324.8). The defense allowed just 79.7 rushing yards. That team also received mention as the national champion by the New York Times and the Jeff Sagarin

## NOTES ON DENNIS ERICKSON

- Won his first 32 home games at Miami from Sept. 3, 1989 until falling to Washington on Sept. 24, 1994. Those 32 wins remain part of the longest home winning streak in college football history, as Miami won 58 straight from 1985 to 1994. Coach Erickson and his staff had victories over No. 1 Notre Dame (Nov. 25, 1989), No. 2 Florida State (Oct. 6, 1990) and No. 3 Florida State (Oct. 3, 1992).
- Coach Erickson’s team have finished in the Associated Press Top 25 at the end of the year seven times, with Miami earning the No. 1 ranking in 1989 and 1991 and also finishing third in 1990 and 1992. The Hurricanes were No. 15 in 1993 while Oregon State climbed all the way to fourth in 2001. ASU finished 16th last year.
- Has been the head coach twice in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 matchup. His second ranked Hurricane squad won at top-ranked Florida State, 17-16, on Nov. 16, 1991, while second-ranked Alabama topped his top-ranked Hurricanes on Jan. 1, 1993, in the Sugar Bowl.
- Of his 19 teams, 15 have competed in postseason and he has five bowl victories (Fiesta, Orange, Cotton, Sugar and Aloha).



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## WINNING STREAKS OF 10 OR MORE STOPPED BY A DENNIS ERICKSON TEAM

**Nov. 16, 1991**

#2 Miami 17, @#1 Florida State 16  
Ends Seminole 16-game win streak

**Oct. 6, 1990**

Miami 31, #2 Florida State 22  
Ends 14-game Seminole winning streak

**Nov. 25, 1989**

#7 Miami 27, #1 Notre Dame 10  
Ends Irish 23-game win streak

son's finest coaching job might have been in 1992 when Hurricane Andrew ripped through South Florida, as several of Miami's coaches (including Erickson), staff and students were moved out of their homes to Vero Beach (200 miles away) to complete preseason drills. Top-ranked Miami, despite the adversity, won its first game, a 24-7 contest at Iowa, and went 11-0 during the year, defeating three top-10 teams, including two on the road. It fell to second-ranked and undefeated Alabama 34-13 in the Sugar Bowl. Erickson earned Big East Coach of the Year while quarterback Gino Torretta earned the Heisman Trophy.

His first trip through the Pac-10 was in 1987 when he took over at Washington State. The Cougars had been 7-14-1 the previous two seasons and Erickson's first squad went 3-7-1. One year later, the 1988 Cougars finished 9-3, won at top-ranked UCLA, won their first bowl game since 1931 (defeating No. 14 Houston 24-22 in the Aloha Bowl) and were 16th in the final Associated Press poll, their first top-25 finish since 1972 and highest since 1951 (tied for 14th). The six-win improvement was tied for the best in the nation. All those numbers and goals were enough to make the University of Miami come calling.

Coach Erickson got his start in coaching in the early 1980s at the University of Idaho, also where he coached in 2006. After being named head coach on Dec. 11, 1981, he won more than 70 percent of his games in his four years and reached the Division I-AA playoffs twice. In his first season, he led the Vandals to the Division I-AA playoffs. He made a return trip in 1985 but lost to Eastern Washington 42-38. He moved onto to Wyoming and went 6-6 in 1986 as the Cowboys won games at Air Force and at Wisconsin before Washington State offered him its head coaching job.

### Computer Ratings.

The second national title for Coach Erickson came in 1991 as Miami went 12-0 as it won the Associated Press vote and Washington was the Coaches' Poll winner. The Hurricanes shut out Nebraska 22-0 in the Orange Bowl and allowed just 100 points all year.

Despite the national titles and the OSU turnaround, Erick-

He was as an assistant at San Jose State (1979-81), the offensive coordinator at Fresno State (1976-1978) and at Idaho (1974-1975), the offensive backfield coach at Montana State (1971-1973), Billings High School's head coach (1970) and a Montana State graduate assistant (1969) before earning the Idaho job prior to the 1982 season.

Twice Erickson tried the NFL after excellent college performances. He took

over the Seattle Seahawks in 1995 and went 31-33 in four seasons, competing against the eventual Super Bowl Champion Denver Broncos twice a year. In 2003 and 2004 he coached the San Francisco 49ers and went 9-23 in two seasons.

He graduated from Everett High School near Seattle in 1965 and earned a bachelor's degree in 1970 from Montana State where he was a two-time All-Big Sky quarterback. His family includes his wife, Marilyn, and sons Bryce and Ryan.



## DENNIS ERICKSON YEAR-BY-YEAR AS A COLLEGE HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Notes
1982	Idaho	9-4	.692	5-2	Wins first-round playoff game
1983	Idaho	8-3	.727	4-3	
1984	Idaho	6-5	.545	4-3	
1985	Idaho	9-3	.750	6-1	Advances to playoffs
1986	Wyoming	6-6	.500	4-4	
1987	Washington State	3-7-1	.318	1-5-1	One year later, 6-win upgrade is best in nation
1988	Washington State	9-3	.750	5-3	Victory at No. 1 UCLA; first bowl win since 1931
	<b>WSU</b>	<b>12-10-1</b>	<b>.543</b>		<b>1988 Pac-10 Coach of the Year</b>
1989	Miami	11-1	.917	--	National Champion
1990	Miami	10-2	.833	--	Defeats Texas 46-3 in Cotton Bowl
1991	Miami	12-0	100.0	2-0	National Champion
1992	Miami	11-1	.917	4-0	Wins first 11 games of season
1993	Miami	9-3	.750	6-1	Held 6 teams to less than 10 points
1994	Miami	10-2	.833	7-0	Four wins over top 25 teams
	<b>Miami</b>	<b>63-9</b>	<b>.875</b>		<b>Inducted into Miami Hall of Fame in 2005</b>
1999	Oregon State	7-5	.583	4-4	First winning record since 1970
2000	Oregon State	11-1	.917	7-1	Ties for league title, finishes ranked fourth
2001	Oregon State	5-6	.455	3-5	Beats #8 Washington 49-24
2002	Oregon State	8-5	.615	4-4	6-1 home record
	<b>Oregon State</b>	<b>31-17</b>	<b>.646</b>		<b>2000 Pac-10 Coach of the Year</b>
2006	Idaho	4-8	.333	3-5	
	<b>Idaho</b>	<b>36-23</b>	<b>.610</b>		
2007	Arizona State	10-3	.769	7-2	2008 Pac-10 Coach of Year
	<b>18 Season Totals</b>	<b>158-68-1</b>	<b>.698</b>		

### ASSISTANT COACHING CAREER

Hired by Idaho for first head coaching job on Dec. 11, 1981; Assistant Coach at San Jose State (1979-81); Offensive Coordinator at Fresno State (1976-1978); Offensive Coordinator at Idaho (1974-1975); Offensive Backfield Coach at Montana State (1971-1973); Billings High School Head Coach (1970); Montana State Graduate Assistant (1969)



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## DENNIS ERICKSON VS. ALL OPPONENTS

Opponent	W	L	Home	Away	Neutral
Air Force	1	0		1-0	
Alabama	1	1			1-1
Arizona	8	2	6-0	2-1	0-1
Arizona State	1	4	0-1	1-3	
Arkansas	1	0		1-0	
Baylor	0	1	0-1		
Boise State	4	1	2-1	2-0	
Boston College	4	0	2-0	2-0	
BYU	0	2	0-1	0-1	
California (one tie)	8	0	6-0	2-0	
Cal State Fullerton	0	1		0-1	
Colorado	2	1	1-0	1-1	
Colorado State	0	1		0-1	
Cincinnati	1	0	1-0		
East Carolina	1	0	1-0		
Eastern Kentucky	1	1	1-0	0-1	
Eastern Washington	3	2	3-1	0-1	
Florida A&M	1	0	1-0		
Florida State	4	2	3-0	1-2	
Fresno State	3	2	3-0	0-2	
Georgia Southern	3	0	3-0		
Hawaii	0	3		0-2	0-1
Houston	2	0	1-0		1-0
Idaho State	3	2	2-0	1-2	
Iowa	2	0	1-0	1-0	
Iowa State	0	1		0-1	
Illinois	1	0		1-0	
Kansas	1	0	1-0		
Louisiana Tech	1	0		1-0	
Long Beach State	1	0	1-0		
Memphis State	1	0	1-0		
Michigan	0	1		0-1	
Michigan State	1	1		1-1	
Minnesota	1	0		1-0	
Minnesota State-Mankato	1	0	1-0		
Missouri	1	0		1-0	
Montana	4	1	4-0	0-1	
Montana State	3	1	1-1	2-0	
Nebraska	1	1			1-1
Nevada	2	4	1-2	1-2	
New Mexico	2	0	1-0	1-0	
New Mexico State	2	0	1-0	1-0	
Northern Arizona	5	0	3-0	2-0	
Northern Iowa	1	0		1-0	
Notre Dame	2	1	1-0	0-1	1-0
Oklahoma State	1	0	1-0		
Oregon	2	5	2-2	0-3	
Oregon State	3	2	3-0	0-2	
Pacific	3	0	2-0	1-0	
Penn State	2	0	1-0	1-0	
Pittsburgh	4	1	2-0	2-0	0-1
Portland State	4	0	2-0	2-0	
Rutgers	2	0	1-0	1-0	
San Diego State	5	1	3-0	2-1	
San Jose State	3	1	3-1		
Southern Colorado	1	0	1-0		
Stanford	4	2	1-1	3-1	
Syracuse	4	0	2-0	2-0	
TCU	1	0	1-0		
Temple	4	0	2-0	2-0	
Tennessee	1	0		1-0	
Texas	1	1			1-1
Texas-El Paso	1	0	1-0		
Texas Tech	1	0		1-0	
Tulsa	1	0		1-0	
Utah	1	0	1-0		
Utah State	1	0		1-0	
UCLA	4	2	1-1	3-1	
USC	1	5	1-0	0-5	
UNLV	1	0	1-0		
Virginia Tech	3	0	2-0	1-0	
Washington	3	6	3-2	0-4	
Washington State	3	2	1-0	2-2	
Weber State	2	2	1-1	1-1	
West Virginia	3	1	2-0	1-1	
Wisconsin	2	0		2-0	
Wyoming	1	0	1-0		

## DENNIS ERICKSON'S 27 WINS VS. RANKED TEAMS

Date	Score
Oct. 27, 2007	#7 Arizona State 31, #18 California 20
Nov. 10, 2001	Oregon State 49, #8 Washington 24
Jan. 1, 2001	#5 Oregon State 41, #10 Notre Dame 9 (Fiesta Bowl)
Nov. 18, 2000	#8 Oregon State 23, #5 Oregon 13
Oct. 21, 2000	#19 Oregon State 44, @#23 UCLA 38 (OSU's first road win vs. ranked team since 1970)
Sept. 30, 2000	Oregon State 31, #8 USC 21 (first win over USC since 1967)
Nov. 26, 1994	#4 Miami 23, #25 Boston College 7 (end regular season with 8 straight wins)
Nov. 5, 1994	#5 Miami 27, @#10 Syracuse 6 (third straight win over ranked 'Cuse team)
Oct. 29, 1994	#6 Miami 24, #13 Virginia Tech 3
Oct. 8, 1994	#13 Miami 34, #3 Florida State 20 (4-2 against FSU in 6 years)
Oct. 23, 1993	#6 Miami 49, @#23 Syracuse 0 (seventh shutout under Erickson)
Sept. 4, 1993	#4 Miami 23, @#23 Boston College 7 (season opener)
Nov. 21, 1992	#1 Miami 16, @#8 Syracuse 10 (second top-10 road win year)
Oct. 10, 1992	#2 Miami 17, @#7 Penn State 14 (second straight top-10 win)
Oct. 3, 1992	#2 Miami 17, #3 Florida State 16
Sept. 5, 1992	#1 Miami 24, @#23 Iowa 7 (season opener after Hurricane Andrew stuck Florida)
Jan. 1, 1992	#1 Miami 22, #11 Nebraska 0 (Orange Bowl; wins second national title/holds NU to 82 rush yards)
Nov. 16, 1991	#2 Miami 17, @#1 Florida State 16 (only three teams have beaten No. 1 on road since)
Oct. 12, 1991	#2 Miami 26, #9 Penn State 20
Sept. 12, 1991	#2 Miami 40, #10 Houston 10
Jan. 1, 1991	#4 Miami 46, #3 Texas 3 (Cotton Bowl; Hurricanes win over Texas in Dallas/ third in final poll)
Oct. 6, 1990	#9 Miami 31, #2 Florida State 22 (ends 14-game Seminole win streak in front of 80K+)
Jan. 1, 1990	#2 Miami 33, #7 Alabama 25 (Sugar Bowl; win and Irish win over CU gives Miami national title)
Nov. 25, 1989	#7 Miami 27, #1 Notre Dame 10 (ends Irish 23-game win streak in front of 81,634)
Nov. 11, 1989	#7 Miami 24, @#14 Pittsburgh 3 (road win in front of 52,528 Pittsburgh fans)
Dec. 25, 1988	#18 Washington State 24, #14 Houston 22 (first Cougar Bowl win since Jan. 1, 1931, Rose Bowl)
Oct. 29, 1988	Washington State 34, @#1 UCLA 30 (4 unranked teams have won road games vs. #1 since)



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**BEATING THE BEST:** Since 1988, only two coaches have beaten the top-ranked team on three occasions: Dennis Erickson and Lou Holtz. Coach Erickson won at #1 UCLA in 1988, beat top-ranked Notre Dame one year later and won at #1 Florida State in 1991. He has posted more victories over the No. 1 ranked team than eight Pac-10 schools. UA has done it twice, while ASU, OSU, Stanford, Washington and WSU all have one win while Cal and Oregon have never done it.

## VICTORIES OVER AP NO. 1 TEAM (1988-2007)

Date	Score	Winning Coach
Oct. 15, 1988	#4 Notre Dame 31, #1 Miami 30	Lou Holtz
<b>Oct. 29, 1988</b>	<b>Washington St. 34, @#1 UCLA 30</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
<b>Nov. 25, 1989</b>	<b>#7 Miami 27, #1 Notre Dame 10</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
Jan. 1, 1990	#4 Notre Dame 21, #1 Colorado 6 (Orange Bowl)	Lou Holtz
Sept. 8, 1990	#16 Brigham Young 28, #1 Miami 21	Lavell Edwards
Oct. 6, 1990	Stanford 36, @#1 Notre Dame 31	Dennis Green
Oct. 13, 1990	Michigan St. 28, @#1 Michigan 27	George J. Perles
Nov. 3, 1990	#16 Georgia Tech 41, @#1 Virginia 38	Bobby Ross
Nov. 17, 1990	#18 Penn State 24, #1 Notre Dame 21	Joe Paterno
<b>Nov. 16, 1991</b>	<b>#2 Miami 17, @#1 Florida State 16</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
Nov. 7, 1992	#12 Arizona 16, #1 Washington 3	Dick Tomey
Jan. 1, 1993	#2 Alabama 34, #1 Miami 13 (Sugar Bowl)	Gene Stallings
Nov. 13, 1993	#2 Notre Dame 31, #1 Florida State 24	Lou Holtz
Nov. 20, 1993	#17 Boston College 41, @#1 Notre Dame 39	Tom Coughlin
Oct. 15, 1994	#6 Auburn 36, @#1 Florida 33	Terry Bowden
Sept. 21, 1996	#17 Arizona State 19, #1 Nebraska 0	Bruce Snyder
Nov. 30, 1996	#2 Florida State 24, #1 Florida 21	Bobby Bowden
Jan 2, 1997	#3 Florida 52, #1 Florida State 20 (Sugar Bowl)	Steve Spurrier
Oct. 11, 1997	#14 LSU 28, #1 Florida 21	Gerry DiNardo
Nov. 7, 1998	Michigan State 28, @#1 Ohio State 24	Nick L. Saban
Oct. 7, 2000	#7 Miami 27, #1 Florida State 24	Butch Davis
Oct. 28, 2000	#3 Oklahoma 31, #1 Nebraska 14	Bob Stoops
Oct. 13, 2001	Auburn 23, #1 Florida 20	Tommy Tuberville
Nov. 9, 2002	Texas A&M 30, #1 Oklahoma 26	R.C. Slocum
Jan 3, 2003	#2 Ohio State 31, #1 Miami 24 (Fiesta Bowl)	Jim Tressel
Dec. 6, 2003	#13 Kansas State 35, #1 Oklahoma 7 (Big 12 Championship)	Bill Snyder
Jan 5, 2006	#2 Texas 41, #1 Southern California 38 (Rose Bowl)	Mack Brown
Jan. 8, 2007	#2 Florida 41, #1 Ohio State 14 (BCS Championship)	Urban Meyer
Oct. 13, 2007	#17 Kentucky 43, #1 LSU 37 (OT)	Rich Brooks
Nov. 10, 2007	Illinois 28, @#1 Ohio State 21	Ron Zook
Dec. 1, 2007	#9 Oklahoma 38, #1 Missouri 17 (Big 12 Championship)	Bob Stoops
Jan. 7, 2008	#2 LSU 38, #1 Ohio State 27 (BCS Championship)	Les Miles



**BEATING THE BEST II:** Coach Erickson is the only active head coach to have more than two wins against the nation's top team in the past 20 years. Only Lou Holtz can match the feat.

## THREE WINS OVER AP NO. 1 TEAM (1988-2007)

<b>Oct. 29, 1988</b>	<b>Washington St. 34, @#1 UCLA 30</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
<b>Nov. 25, 1989</b>	<b>#7 Miami 27, #1 Notre Dame 10</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
<b>Nov. 16, 1991</b>	<b>#2 Miami 17, @#1 Florida State 16</b>	<b>Dennis Erickson</b>
Oct. 15, 1988	@ #4 Notre Dame 31, #1 Miami 30	Lou Holtz
Jan. 1, 1990	#4 Notre Dame 21, #1 Colorado 6 (Orange Bowl)	Lou Holtz
Nov. 13, 1993	@ #2 Notre Dame 31, #1 Florida State 24	Lou Holtz



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**BEATING THE BEST:** Coach Erickson is one of just seven head coaches to take an unranked team and beat the top-ranked team in the past 20 years, and one of just four active coaches. Erickson's 34-30 Washington State win on Oct. 29, 1988, at the Rose Bowl over UCLA eventually led to the Cougars first bowl win since 1931. It also is one of just ten road wins over the nation's top-ranked team in that time and only four unranked teams have won road games over the top-ranked team since.

## UNRANKED TEAM BEATS TOP-RANKED TEAM IN PAST 20 YEARS (1988-2007)

Date	Score	Winning Coach
Oct. 29, 1988	Washington St. 34, @#1 UCLA 30	Dennis Erickson
Oct. 6, 1990	Stanford 36, @#1 Notre Dame 31	Dennis Green
Oct. 13, 1990	Michigan St. 28, @#1 Michigan 27	George Perles
Nov. 7, 1998	Michigan State 28, @#1 Ohio State 24	Nick Saban
Oct. 13, 2001	Auburn 23, #1 Florida 20	Tommy Tuberville
Nov. 9, 2002	Texas A&M 30, #1 Oklahoma 26	R.C. Slocum
Nov. 10, 2007	Illinois 28, @#1 Ohio State 21	Ron Zook

**BIG-TIME ROAD TRIP:** Only four teams have won at the nation's top-ranked team since Coach Erickson's second-ranked Miami squad won in Tallahassee on Nov. 16, 1991.

## ROAD VICTORIES OVER AP NO. 1 TEAM IN PAST 20 YEARS (1988-2007)

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Oct. 6, 1990	Stanford 36, @#1 Notre Dame 31	Dennis Green
Oct. 13, 1990	Michigan St. 28, @#1 Michigan 27	George J. Perles
Nov. 3, 1990	#16 Georgia Tech 41, @#1 Virginia 38	Bobby Ross
Nov. 16, 1991	#2 Miami 17, @#1 Florida State 16	Dennis Erickson
Nov. 20, 1993	#17 Boston College 41, @#1 Notre Dame 39	Tom Coughlin
Oct. 15, 1994	#6 Auburn 36, @#1 Florida 33	Terry Bowden
Nov. 7, 1998	Michigan State 28, @#1 Ohio State 24	Nick L. Saban
Nov. 10, 2007	Illinois 28, @#1 Ohio State 21	Ron Zook

**THREE-TIME WINNER:** Dennis Erickson is the only coach to win Pac-10 Coach of the Year at three schools, as he shared the honor at Washington State with Larry Smith of USC in 1988 and then won it outright in 2000 (Oregon State) and in 2007 (ASU). ASU's Bruce Snyder, the 1996 winner, also won the honor in 1990 while he was at California. Coach Erickson also has been named Coach of the Year in the Big Sky and the Big East.

## PAC-10 MULTIPLE COACH OF THE YEAR WINNERS

Name	Year	School
Dennis Erickson (3)	1988, 2000, 2007	Washington State, Oregon State
Pete Carroll (3)	2003, 2005, 2006	USC
Don James (3)	1980, 1990, 1991	Washington
Jeff Tedford (2)	2002, 2004	California
Mike Price (2)	1997, 2001	Washington State
Tyrone Willingham (2)	1995, 1999	Stanford
Bruce Snyder (2)	1990, 1996	California, Arizona State
Rich Brooks (2)	1979, 1994	Oregon
Terry Donahue (2)	1985, 1993	UCLA
Larry Smith (2)	1987, 1988	USC
Jim Walden (2)	1981, 1983	Washington State
John Robinson (2)	1976, 1978	USC



# DENNIS ERICKSON GAME-BY-GAME

## IDAHO, 1982 (9-4)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score
Sept. 11	L	at Washington State	14-34
Sept. 18	W	Pacific	36-17
Sept. 25	W	Portland State	56-0
Oct. 2	W	Weber State	35-34
Oct. 9	W	at Northern Iowa	38-13
Oct. 16	L	at Montana	16-40
Oct. 23	W	Montana State	36-20
Oct. 30	W	at Boise State	24-17
Nov. 6	W	at Idaho State	20-17
Nov. 13	W	Northern Arizona	55-37
Nov. 20	L	at Nevada	16-25
Division 1-AA Playoffs			
Nov. 27	W	Montana	21-7
Dec. 4	L	at Eastern Kentucky	30-38

## IDAHO, 1983 (8-3)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score
Sept. 10	W	Southern Colorado	43-28
Sept. 17	W	at Montana State	23-0
Sept. 24	L	at Idaho State	31-41
Oct. 1	W	Eastern Washington	38-24
Oct. 8	W	at Portland State	17-16
Oct. 15	L	at Weber State	10-28
Oct. 22	W	Montana	45-24
Oct. 29	W	at Pacific	31-19
Nov. 5	W	at Northern Arizona	40-10
Nov. 12	L	Nevada	24-43
Nov. 19	W	Boise State	45-24

## IDAHO, 1984 (6-5)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score
Sept. 8	W	Portland State	49-14
Sept. 15	L	at Cal State Fullerton	7-28
Sept. 22	L	at Montana State	28-34
Sept. 29	W	Oregon State	41-22
Oct. 6	L	at Nevada	17-23
Oct. 13	L	Weber State	37-40
Oct. 20	L	at Eastern Washington	25-32
Oct. 27	W	at Montana	40-39
Nov. 3	W	Northern Arizona	37-9
Nov. 10	W	Idaho State	45-42
Nov. 17	W	at Boise State	37-0

## IDAHO, 1985 (9-3)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score
Sept. 7	L	at Oregon State	28-43
Sept. 14	W	Minnesota St.-Mankato	46-7
Sept. 21	W	at Northern Arizona	27-3
Sept. 28	W	Nevada	25-21
Oct. 5	W	at Portland State	51-17
Oct. 12	W	at Weber State	31-28
Oct. 19	W	Montana	38-0
Oct. 26	L	at Idaho State	37-28
Nov. 2	W	Eastern Washington	42-21
Nov. 9	W	at Montana State	34-0
Nov. 23	W	Boise State	44-27
Division 1-AA Playoffs			
Nov. 30	L	Eastern Washington	38-42

## WYOMING, 1986 (6-6)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score
Sept. 6	L	Baylor	28-31
Sept. 13	W	Pacific	23-20
Sept. 20	W	at Air Force	23-17
Sept. 27	W	at Wisconsin	21-12
Oct. 4	L	at Iowa St.	10-21
Oct. 11	W	Utah	38-14
Oct. 18	L	Brigham Young	22-34
Oct. 25	L	at Colorado St.	15-20
Nov. 1	W	New Mexico	35-25
Nov. 8	W	Texas-El Paso	41-12
Nov. 15	L	at San Diego St.	24-31
Nov. 29	L	at Hawaii	19-35

## WASHINGTON STATE, 1987 (3-7-1)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 5	W	Fresno State	41-24	22,971
Sept. 12	W	Wyoming	43-28	24,151
Sept. 19	L	at Michigan (19)	18-44	103,521
Sept. 26	L	at Colorado	17-26	43,527
Oct. 10	L	Stanford	7-44	31,538
Oct. 17	L	at Arizona State	7-38	70,341
Oct. 24	W	Arizona	45-28	22,269
Oct. 31	L	at USC	7-42	24,834
Nov. 14	L	Oregon	17-31	14,089
Nov. 21	L	at Washington	19-34	74,038
Nov. 29	T	California (at Tokyo, Japan)	17-17	54,000

## WASHINGTON STATE, 1988 (9-3)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 3	W	at Illinois	44-7	54,458
Sept. 10	W	at Minnesota	41-9	40,071
Sept. 17	L	Oregon	28-43	30,263
Oct. 1	W	at Tennessee	52-24	92,276
Oct. 8	W	(19) California	44-13	27,077
Oct. 15	L	at Arizona	28-45	48,287
Oct. 22	L	Arizona State	28-31	33,170
Oct. 29	W	at UCLA (1)	34-30	51,970
Nov. 5	W	at Stanford	24-21	36,500
Nov. 12	W	Oregon State	36-27	19,702
Nov. 19	W	(19) Washington	32-31	40,000
Aloha Bowl (Honolulu, HI)				
Dec. 25	W	(18) Houston (14)	24-22	35,132

## MIAMI, 1989 (11-1) National Champions

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 9	W	(3) at Wisconsin	51-3	38,646
Sept. 16	W	(3) California	31-3	56,931
Sept. 23	W	(2) at Missouri	38-7	43,293
Sept. 30	W	(2) at Michigan State	26-20	76,217
Oct. 7	W	(2) Cincinnati	56-0	48,597
Oct. 14	W	(2) San Jose State	48-16	45,122
Oct. 28	L	(2) at Florida State (9)	10-24	62,602
Nov. 4	W	(7) East Carolina	40-10	35,159
Nov. 11	W	(7) at Pittsburgh (14)	24-3	52,528
Nov. 18	W	(7) San Diego State	42-6	42,362
Nov. 26	W	(7) Notre Dame (1)	27-10	81,634
Sugar Bowl (New Orleans, LA)				
Jan. 1	W	(2) Alabama (7)	33-25	77,425

## MIAMI, 1990 (10-2)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 8	L	(1) at BYU (16)	21-28	66,235
Sept. 15	W	(10) at California	52-24	47,000
Sept. 29	W	(10) at Iowa	48-21	70,420
Oct. 6	W	(9) Florida State (2)	31-22	80,396
Oct. 13	W	(3) Kansas	34-0	54,211
Oct. 20	L	(2) at Notre Dame (6)	20-29	59,075
Oct. 27	W	(8) at Texas Tech	45-10	50,028
Nov. 3	W	(8) Pittsburgh	45-0	50,412
Nov. 17	W	(3) Boston College	42-12	50,942
Nov. 24	W	(2) Syracuse	33-7	66,196
Dec. 1	W	(3) San Diego State	30-28	34,201
Cotton Bowl (Dallas, TX)				
Jan. 1	W	(4) Texas (3)	46-3	73,521

## MIAMI, 1991 (12-0) National Champions

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Aug. 31	W	(3) at Arkansas	31-3	46,308
Sept. 12	W	(2) Houston (10)	40-10	71,842
Sept. 28	W	(2) at Tulsa	34-10	35,689
Oct. 5	W	(2) Oklahoma State	40-3	42,751
Oct. 12	W	(2) Penn State (9)	26-20	75,723
Oct. 19	W	(2) Long Beach State	55-0	40,498
Oct. 26	W	(2) at Arizona	36-9	53,349
Nov. 9	W	(3) West Virginia	27-3	60,250
Nov. 16	W	(2) at Florida State (1)	17-16	63,442
Nov. 23	W	(1) at Boston College	19-14	32,071
Nov. 30	W	(1) San Diego State	39-12	56,721
Orange Bowl Classic (Miami, FL)				
Jan. 1	W	(1) Nebraska (11)	22-0	77,747

## MIAMI, 1992 (11-1) Big East Champions

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 5	W	(1) at Iowa (23)	24-7	70,397
Sept. 19	W	(1) Florida A&M	38-0	74,292
Sept. 26	W	(1) Arizona	8-7	47,049
Oct. 3	W	(2) Florida State (3)	17-16	77,338
Oct. 10	W	(2) at Penn State (7)	17-14	96,704
Oct. 17	W	(1) TCU	45-10	42,915
Oct. 24	W	(1) at Virginia Tech	43-23	51,423
Oct. 31	W	(1) West Virginia	35-23	51,246
Nov. 14	W	(1) Temple	48-0	41,212
Nov. 21	W	(1) at Syracuse (8)	16-10	49,857
Nov. 28	W	(1) at San Diego State	63-17	52,108
Sugar Bowl (New Orleans, LA)				
Jan. 1	L	(1) Alabama (2)	13-34	76,789

## MIAMI, 1993 (9-3)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 4	W	(4) at Boston College (20)	23-7	33,298
Sept. 18	W	(3) Virginia Tech	21-2	55,723
Sept. 25	W	(3) Colorado	35-29	52,391
Oct. 2	W	(3) Georgia Southern	30-7	43,137
Oct. 9	L	(3) at Florida State (1)	10-28	77,813
Oct. 23	W	(6) Syracuse (23)	49-0	63,194
Oct. 30	W	(4) Temple	42-7	33,927
Nov. 6	W	(4) at Pittsburgh	35-7	52,064
Nov. 13	W	(3) Rutgers	31-17	32,561
Nov. 20	L	(4) at West Virginia (9)	14-17	70,222
Nov. 27	W	(9) Memphis State	41-17	38,737
Fiesta Bowl (Tempe, AZ)				
Jan. 1	L	(10) Arizona (16)	0-29	72,260

## MIAMI, 1994 (10-2) Big East Champions

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 3	W	(6) Georgia Southern	56-0	54,058
Sept. 10	W	(5) at Arizona State	47-10	48,729
Sept. 24	L	(6) Washington (17)	20-38	62,663
Oct. 1	W	(13) at Rutgers	24-3	39,719
Oct. 8	W	(13) Florida State (3)	34-20	77,010
Oct. 22	W	(7) at West Virginia	38-6	63,760
Oct. 29	W	(6) Virginia Tech (13)	24-3	57,618
Nov. 5	W	(5) at Syracuse (10)	27-6	49,565
Nov. 12	W	(5) Pittsburgh	17-12	50,058
Nov. 19	W	(5) at Temple	38-14	11,873
Nov. 26	W	(4) Boston College (25)	23-7	60,579
Orange Bowl Classic (Miami, FL)				
Jan. 1	L	(4) Nebraska (1)	17-24	81,753

## OREGON STATE, 1999 (7-5)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 4	W	at Nevada	28-13	29,167
Sept. 11	W	Fresno State	46-23	30,339
Sept. 18	W	Georgia Southern	48-41	27,031
Oct. 2	L	at USC (16)	29-37	43,795
Oct. 9	L	Washington	21-47	35,470
Oct. 16	L	at Stanford	17-21	37,419
Oct. 23	W	UCLA	55-7	33,427
Oct. 30	W	at Washington State	27-13	34,240
Nov. 6	W	California	17-7	35,520
Nov. 13	W	Arizona	28-20	33,314
Nov. 20	L	at Oregon	14-25	46,115
Oahu Bowl (Honolulu, HI)				
Dec. 25	L	at Hawaii	17-23	40,974

## OREGON STATE, 2000 (11-1) #4 Final Ranking

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 2	W	Eastern Washington	21-19	30,782
Sept. 9	W	at New Mexico	28-20	30,830
Sept. 23	W	San Diego State	35-3	32,027
Sept. 30	W	USC (8)	31-21	33,775
Oct. 7	L	(23) at Washington (13)	30-33	73,145
Oct. 14	W	(23) Stanford	38-6	34,777
Oct. 21	W	(19) at UCLA (23)	44-38	48,293
Oct. 28	W	(18) Washington State	38-9	34,491
Nov. 4	W	(14) at California	38-32	36,000
Nov. 11	W	(10) at Arizona	33-9	44,109
Nov. 18	W	(8) Oregon (5)	23-13	36,044
Fiesta Bowl (Tempe, AZ)				
Jan. 1	W	(5) Notre Dame (10)	41-9	75,428

## OREGON STATE, 2001 (5-6)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Sept. 2	L	(10) at Fresno State	24-44	42,410
Sept. 8	W	(22) at New Mexico State	27-22	27,238
Sept. 29	L	(19) UCLA (12)	7-38	36,521
Oct. 6	L	at Washington State	27-34	35,283
Oct. 13	W	Arizona	38-3	36,619
Oct. 20	L	at Arizona State	24-41	54,114
Oct. 27	W	California	19-10	36,142
Nov. 3	L (OT)	at USC	13-16	44,880
Nov. 10	W	Washington (8)	49-24	36,682
Nov. 17	W	Northern Arizona	45-10	39,096
Dec. 1	L	at Oregon (4)	14-17	46,075

## OREGON STATE, 2002 (8-5)

Date	W/L	Opponent/Site	Score	Attendance
Aug. 29	W	Eastern Kentucky	49-10	35,546
Sept. 5	W	at Temple	35-3	20,162
Sept. 14	W	UNLV	47-17	36,121
Sept. 21	W	Fresno State	59-19	36,457
Sept. 28	L	(23) at USC (18)	0-22	56,417
Oct. 5	L	UCLA	35-43	36,529
Oct. 12	L	at Arizona State	9-13	47,434
Oct. 26	W	California	24-13	36,603
Nov. 2	W	Arizona	38-3	36,644
Nov. 11	L	at Washington	29-41	72,557
Nov. 16	W	at Stanford	31-21	29,850
Nov. 23	W	Oregon	45-24	37,154
Insight Bowl (Phoenix, AZ)				
Dec. 26	L	Pittsburgh	13-38	40,533



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## **RICH OLSON** **Offensive Coordinator/ QBs**

An accomplished coaching veteran at both the collegiate and professional level, Rich Olson enters his second season as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Arizona State.

Last season, Sun Devil quarterbacks led the Pac-10 Conference in Passing Efficiency, with a 144.6 rating.

Olson spent the 2006 season as the offensive coordinator at the University of Miami (Fla.). Olson begins his ninth season on Dennis Erickson's staff, including stops with the San Francisco 49ers (2004), the Seattle Seahawks (1995-98) and at the University of Miami (Fla.) (1992-94). Olson served as the Arizona Cardinals' offensive coordinator in 2001 and 2002, where he coached former Sun Devil star Jake Plummer.

Before his return to Miami in 2006, Olson spent 10 seasons in the NFL. He followed Erickson from Miami to the Seattle Seahawks in 1994, and has also coached with the Washington Redskins (1999-2000), San Francisco 49ers (2004) and Minnesota Vikings (2005).

A 31-year veteran coach in college football and the NFL, Olson has coached some of the top names in college and pro football. He also has extensive experience as an offensive tutor, having coached quarterbacks, running backs, wide receivers, and offensive linemen in addition to having served as the offensive coordinator at three locations. He was Miami's wide receivers coach in 1992 and was an integral part of Gino Torretta's success when the quarterback won the Heisman Trophy that year. In addition, Olson has coached quarterbacks such as former Sun Devil Jake Plummer, Daunte Culpepper and Warren Moon in the NFL, in addition to star players like Trent Dilfer, Eric Dickerson and Craig James at the college level.

During his three-year tenure (1992-94) as offensive coordinator and wide receivers coach Miami, Olson helped direct a total of 10 players drafted into the NFL, including five wide receivers.

From 1984-1991, Olson coached under Jim Sweeney at Fresno State, where he tutored first-round draft choice Trent Dilfer, as well as Kevin Sweeney, who finished his college career as the nation's all-time leader in passing yardage (10,808), surpassing the mark previously set by Boston College's Doug Flutie. Additionally, Sweeney won back-to-back conference Co-MVP awards in 1985 and 1986. Also, while coaching the Bulldogs, Olson guided a total of 21 Honorable Mention All-America recipients as well as 1991 Big West Conference Co-Offensive Player of the Year, quarterback Mark Barsotti.

Olson coached on Lou Holtz's staff at Arkansas for three years as the Razorbacks' secondary coach, as well as at Southern Methodist under head coach Ron Meyer.

Olson served as an assistant offensive line coach at USC under John Robinson in 1977, and helped develop Pro Football Hall of Fame offensive lineman Anthony Munoz.

Olson began his coaching career at Gahr High School in Cerritos, Calif. in 1971.

A native of Montebello, Calif., Olson was a quarterback at Washington State. He graduated in 1971 with a degree in physical education.



### **THE OLSON FILE**

**Born:** July 7, 1948 in Los Angeles, Calif.

**High School Education:** Montebello High School (Montebello, Calif.)

**College Education:** Washington State, 1971

**College Football:** Washington State, 1968-69.

**Coaching Career (NCAA):** USC, 1977; SMU, 1978-80; Arkansas, 1981-83; Fresno State, 1984-1991; Miami (Fla.), 1992-1994, 2006; Arizona State, 2007-Present

**Coaching Career (NFL):** Seattle Seahawks, 1995-1998; Washington Redskins, 1999-2000; Arizona Cardinals, 2001-2002; San Francisco 49ers, 2004; Minnesota Vikings, 2005.

**Recruiting Area:** Central Coast California, Florida.

**Family:** Wife Cindy, Daughter Kasey.

### **NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED**

Warren Moon, QB, Seattle Seahawks, Pro Football Hall of Fame

Gino Torretta, QB, Miami (Fla.), 1992 Heisman Trophy Winner

Eric Dickerson, RB, SMU, Pro Football Hall of Fame

Trent Dilfer, QB, Fresno State, Super Bowl XXXV MVP

Anthony Munoz, OL, USC, Pro Football Hall of Fame



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## CRAIG BRAY Defensive Coordinator/ Linebackers

Craig Bray begins his second season as the Defensive Coordinator and linebackers coach at Arizona State and his 34th overall in the profession. The 2008 season will be the sixth that Bray has coached under Dennis Erickson. Bray served as the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Oregon State from 2000 to

2002, and also as the secondary coach at Washington State from 1987 to 1988.

Bray came to ASU in 2007 after spending the previous season at Minnesota, coaching the defensive secondary for the Golden Gophers. He held the same position at Colorado from 2004 to 2005.

Throughout his career, Bray has coached in nine bowl games, including two New Year's Day bowl games and 10 Division I-AA playoff games during stints with the Idaho Vandals and Nevada Wolfpack. Bray was a member of the Oregon State staff during the 2000 season when the Beavers defeated Notre Dame 41-9 in the 2001 Fiesta Bowl. He also was a member of the Washington State staff that earned a Rose Bowl bid during the 1997 season. In 2006, Bray and the Golden Gophers played in the Insight Bowl at Sun Devil Stadium in Tempe.

During his time at Colorado, Bray and the Buffaloes reached consecutive Big 12 Conference Championship games, in addition to the 2004 EV1.net Houston Bowl and the 2005 Champs Sports Bowl in Orlando, Fla. Before his time in Boulder, Colo., Bray spent one season at Arizona in 2003 where he coached linebackers.

Prior to his one season in Tucson, Ariz., Bray was the defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Oregon State from 2000-02. His 2000 defense at OSU ranked as the best in both total and scoring defense in the Pac 10, while ranking 20th and 16th, respectively, in the NCAA. The unit allowed 314 yards per game and set a school record for fewest rushing yards per game at just over 80 yards per outing. In 2001, Bray coached the Beaver defense to a No. 3 ranking in the conference before taking the 2002 unit to a No. 9 ranking nationally in rushing defense and a No. 11 ranking in total defense.

Bray spent the second of two stints at Washington State from 1994-99, where he worked under Mike Price and helped coach the Cougars to the 1994 Alamo Bowl and the 1998 Rose Bowl. Bray first coached at Washington State from 1987-88 under Dennis Erickson and helped lead the Cougars to the 1988 Aloha Bowl where they defeated Houston. Bray first joined Erickson as the defensive backs coach in 1984 at the University of Idaho, where Erickson remained for two seasons before becoming the head coach at the University of Wyoming in 1986. After serving as the Cowboys' secondary coach for one season, Bray moved to Washington State with Erickson in 1987.



### THE BRAY FILE

**Born:** December 18, 1951

**High School Education:** Yreka HS (Yreka, Calif.)

**College Education:** UNLV, 1975

**College Football:** College of the Siskiyous, 1970-72; UNLV, 1973-74

**Coaching Career:** UNLV, 1975; Nevada, 1976-79; Northern Arizona, 1980-83; Idaho, 1984-85, 1989-93; Wyoming, 1986; Washington State 1987-88, 1994-99; Oregon State, 2000-02; Arizona, 2003; Colorado, 2004-05; Minnesota, 2006; Arizona State, 2007-Present

**Recruiting Area:** Houston, Northern California

**Family:** Kaprice, sons Josh and Trent

### NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED

Nick Barnett, LB, Oregon State

James Hasty, CB, Washington State

Marcus Trufant, CB, Washington State

Following the 1988 season, Bray moved with Erickson to the University of Miami (Fla.) to serve as the Hurricanes' secondary coach. Following the spring season, Bray returned to the Pacific Northwest to become defensive coordinator and secondary coach at Idaho under John L. Smith. Bray's defense at Idaho quickly became one of the best in the Big Sky Conference, recording a conference-best 29 interceptions in 1990 before leading the league and ranking seventh nationally in total defense during the 1992 season.

Bray got his first coaching job at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas following his graduation in 1975. He spent one season coaching the Rebels' wide receivers before moving to Nevada-Reno in 1976 where he coached wide receivers for one year. Bray coached running backs at Nevada-Reno for one year in 1977 before moving to defense in 1978, a place he has remained ever since. He coached the Wolfpack's secondary for two years in 1978-79 before spending four more seasons from 1980-83 coaching the secondary at Northern Arizona.

A two-year starter at wide receiver for UNLV, Bray received a degree in education. Bray began his collegiate playing career at the College of Siskiyous where he played two seasons between 1970-72 before transferring to UNLV where he was a two-year starter during the 1973 and 1974 seasons. A native of Yreka, Calif., Bray graduated from Yreka High School where he lettered in football, basketball and track.

Bray is married to the former Kaprice Rupp, a former head volleyball coach at Washington State. The couple has two sons, Josh and Trent.



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## JAMIE CHRISTIAN

### Running Backs/ Special Teams

Jamie Christian begins his second season at Arizona State in 2008. Christian coaches running backs, as well as special teams for the Sun Devils.

In 2007, Christian oversaw the development of redshirt freshman kicker Thomas Weber, who led the Pac-10 in field goals and

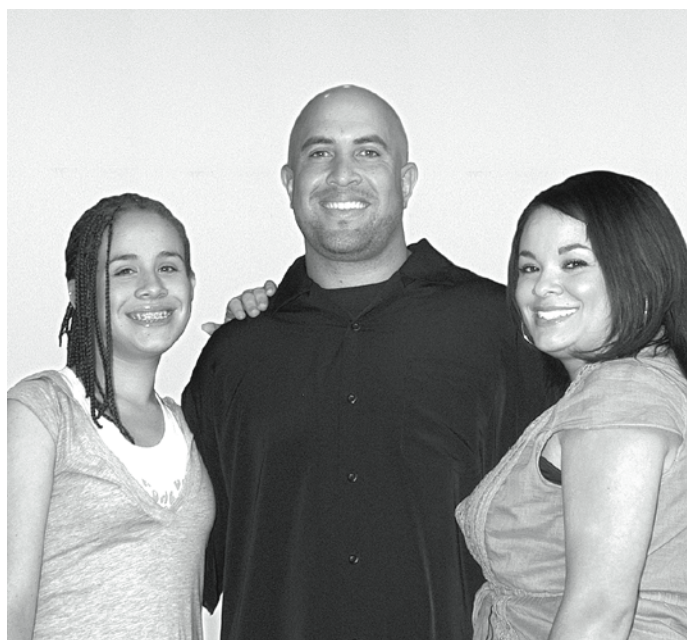
won the Lou Groza Collegiate Placekicker Award.

Christian spent five seasons with Dennis Erickson at the University of Idaho (2006), the San Francisco 49ers (2003, 2004) and at Oregon State University (2000, 2001). Christian has also coached at Northern Arizona University (2002) and at Sacramento State University (2005).

While at Idaho, Christian tutored a pair of 500-yard runners in Brian Flowers (561 yards) and Jayson Bird (506), who also combined for 11 rushing touchdowns.

Christian spent the first three years of his college playing career as a fullback at Fresno State before transferring to Central Washington. After transferring, Christian switched to running back and was CWU's leader in rushing yards and touchdowns, and helped lead the Wildcats to the 1995 NAIA National Championship.

Christian earned his bachelor's degree in law and justice from Central Washington in 1999. He and his wife Deja have one daughter, Cree (15).



## THE CHRISTIAN FILE

**Born:** February 10, 1972

**High School Education:** Milpitas HS, Milpitas CA

**College Education:** Central Washington University, 1999

**College Football:** Fresno State University, 1992-94; Central Washington University, 1995

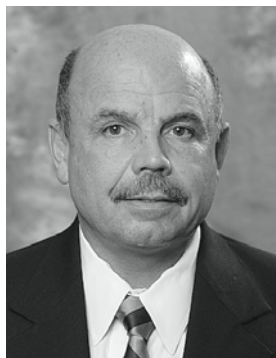
**Coaching Career:** Oregon State, 2000-01; Northern Arizona, 2002; San Francisco 49ers, 2003-04; Sacramento State, 2005; Idaho, 2006; Arizona State, 2007-Present

**Recruiting Area:** Northern California, Los Angeles Valley

**Family:** Deja; Daughter, Cree



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## DAN COZZETTO

### Tight Ends

Dan Cozzetto begins his second season coaching the Sun Devil tight ends under head coach Dennis Erickson.

Cozzetto, a 28-year coaching veteran served as ASU's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach from 1992-99. Additionally, he has coached for a total of 14 years for four different teams in the Pacific-10 Conference. Overall, Cozzetto has coached under Erickson for five

seasons at the University of Idaho (2006), with the NFL's San Francisco 49ers (2004) and at Oregon State University (2000-02). He has also served as an assistant coach at the University of Washington (2003), the University of California (1990-91) and at the University of Idaho (1979-89).

During Cozzetto's eight seasons as ASU's offensive coordinator and offensive line coach, his offenses averaged 396.3 yards of total offense per game and Cozzetto guided a total of 20 offensive players (eight offensive linemen) that were ultimately drafted into the NFL.

In 1999, Cozzetto led a Sun Devil offense that averaged 172.1 rushing yards-per-game, an average that has not been topped by an ASU offense since that season. Offensive tackle Marvel Smith (Sporting News) and tight end Todd Heap (AP) both earned Third-Team All-America honors, while Heap, tailback J.R. Redmond and Smith earned First-Team All-Pac-10 recognition and tight end Kendrick Bates, tailback Delvon Flowers, offensive tackle Victor Leyva and guard Scott Peters all earned Honorable Mention All-Conference accolades.

Cozzetto's 1998 offense averaged 411.8 yards per game, the third straight season ASU cracked the 400-yard mark. That year, ASU averaged 259 yards per game passing, which at the time was the highest average in school history. Center Grey Ruegamer was recognized as a Walter Camp All-America selection, and was named a Second-Team All-American by Football News. Additionally, tailback J.R. Redmond and Ruegamer earned First-Team All-Pac-10, and wide receiver Lenzie Jackson, fullback Jeff Paulk and left tackle Marvel Smith were named as Honorable Mention All-Pac-10.

In 1997, Cozzetto's offense led the Pac-10 in rushing (193.8 ypg) and was fourth in total offense (406.5 ypg). Offensive linemen Kyle Murphy and Grey Ruegamer were first-team all-Pac-10 while Murphy was a Third-Team All-American by The



Football News and the Associated Press. Ruegamer was Third-Team All-American by The Sporting News. Cozzetto helped guide Murphy, tailback J.R. Redmond and Ruegamer to First-Team All-Pac-10 recognition, while wide receiver Lenzie Jackson, tailback Michael Martin and tight end Zack Romero all were tabbed as Honorable Mention All-Pac-10 honorees.

Cozzetto's offense for the 11-1, 1996 Pac-10 Conference Champion and Rose Bowl participant Sun Devils was one of the most potent and dangerous in school history, averaging 474.4 total yards-per-game and 42.6 points-per-game. Leading the way was quarterback Jake Plummer, a Heisman Trophy finalist and the Pac-10 Conference's Offensive Player of the Year, one of eight offensive players for ASU to earn All-Conference recognition. Also, Cozzetto mentored four offensive players to earn All-America honors, including tailback Terry Battle, Plummer, wide receiver Keith Poole and left tackle Juan Roque (Consensus All-America). In the past 34 seasons, only the 1981 Sun Devil squad topped ASU's 234.1 rushing yards-per-game average that year. Also, Cozzetto's offense helped to accumulate the 64 touchdowns scored by ASU as a team that season, the second-highest single-season total in Sun Devil history.

During Cozzetto's first four seasons at ASU, 18 offensive players for the Sun Devils earned All-Pac-10 recognition, and in 1995, left tackle Juan Roque earned Second-Team All-America recognition by The Sporting News, while both Roque and quarterback Jake Plummer earned Honorable Mention All-America honors by Football News.

## THE COZZETTO FILE

**Born:** May 26, 1955 (Spokane, Wash.)

**High School Education:** Gonzaga Prep High School

**College Education:** University of Idaho

**College Football:** University of Idaho

**Coaching Career (NCAA):** Idaho, 1979-89, 2006; California, 1990-91;

Arizona State, 1992-99, 2007-Present; Oregon State, 2000-02;

Washington, 2003. Coaching Career (NFL): San Francisco 49ers, 2004.

**Recruiting Area:** Arizona, Nevada

**Family:** Wife Debbie, Children: Adrian, Rachel, Ryan, Tara.

## NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED

Todd Heap, TE, Arizona State

Jeff Paulk, FB, Arizona State

Jake Plummer, QB, Arizona State

Marvel Smith, OL, Arizona State





# ASSISTANT COACHES



## MATT LUBICK

### Safeties/ Recruiting Coordinator

Matt Lubick begins his second season at Arizona State, coaching safeties and acting as head coach Dennis Erickson's recruiting coordinator.

Lubick previously coached with Erickson at Oregon State University in 1999 and 2000.

Prior to joining the Sun Devils staff, Lubick

coached wide receivers at the University of Mississippi from 2005 to 2006.

Lubick arrived at Ole Miss after spending the previous four seasons at his alma mater, Colorado State, where he served as wide receivers coach under his father, Rams' head coach Sonny Lubick from 2001-04. During his four years coaching in Fort Collins, Colo., Lubick helped guide Colorado State to three consecutive postseason bowl game appearances (New Orleans, 2001, Liberty, 2002 and San Francisco, 2003).

Lubick came to Colorado State after having served as secondary coach at Oregon State where he worked under Erickson during the 1999 and 2000 seasons. While at OSU, Lubick helped coordinate the team's recruiting efforts during the Beavers' emergence into the upper echelon of the college football scene, as the Beavers enjoyed the school's finest season in 2000, finishing 11-1 and defeated Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl. While at OSU, Lubick aided the development of defensive back Dennis Weathersby, who earned First-Team All-Pacific-10 Conference honors in 2000.

Prior to his stint with Oregon State, Lubick spent two seasons (1997-98) at San Jose State working with the wide receivers, and one season (1996) as the cornerbacks coach at California State-Northridge. He began his coaching career in 1995 as a student assistant coach and academic supervisor at Colorado State under his father, Sonny Lubick.

Lubick is a 1995 graduate of Colorado State, earning a bachelor's degree in exercise and sport science with an emphasis in pre-medicine. Lubick attended Western Montana College for three-and-a-half years, where he was a four-year starter at defensive back on the football team. He earned all-league honors and NAIA All-America honors as a senior.



## THE LUBICK FILE

**Born:** January 26, 1971

**College Education:** Colorado State University, 1995.

**College Football:** Western Montana College, 1990-93.

**Coaching Career:** Cal State Northridge, 1996; San Jose State, 1997-98; Oregon State, 1999-2000; Colorado State, 2001-04; Mississippi, 2005-06; Arizona State, 2007-Present

**Recruiting Area:** Colorado, southern California, Florida

**Family:** Single



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## GREG BURNS Cornerbacks

Greg Burns begins his first season as cornerbacks coach at Arizona State. Burns comes to ASU from Kansas State, where he spent the 2007 season as the Wildcat's secondary coach.

Burns has found success at many levels during his coaching career, spending 2006 as the defensive backs coach of the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers after coaching the secondary at USC under Pete Carroll for four years (2002-05). Burns also coached for four seasons at Louisville (1998-2001) as well as one season at Idaho (1997).

In his 10 seasons as an assistant coach at the collegiate level, Burns has been a part of eight bowl teams, including four BCS bowls, and won national championships in 2003 and 2004 while at USC.

During his time at Southern California, Burns developed a reputation as one of the brightest young secondary coaches in the country and mentored a number of stand-out performers, including All-American safeties Troy Polamalu (2002) and Darnell Bing (2005). He also coached first-team All-Pacific-10 Conference cornerback Will Poole in 2003. Burns also produced six All-Conference USA cornerbacks during his tenure at Louisville, including first-teamers Anthony Floyd (2000 and 2001) and Antonio Roundtree (1998). Burns also coached All-Pro cornerback Ronde Barber while with the Buccaneers.

Burns was a four-year letterwinner (1991-93, 1995) at Washington State, earning honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors in 1992. He earned his bachelor's degree in psychology from Washington State in 1995 and his master's from Washington State in 1997.



### THE BURNS FILE

**Born:** November 9, 1972

**High School Education:** Dorsey

**College Education:** Washington State University, 1995

**College Football:** Washington State University, 1991-93, 95.

**Coaching Career (NCAA):** Idaho, 1997; Louisville, 1998-2001; USC, 2002-05; Kansas State, 2007.

**Coaching Career (NFL):** Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 2006.

**Recruiting Area:** Southern California

**Family:** Wife: Crystal; sons Christopher and Carter

### NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED

Troy Polamalu, USC

Darnell Bing, USC

Will Poole, USC

Antonio Roundtree, Louisville

Anthony Floyd, Louisville

Ronde Barber, Tampa Bay Buccaneers



# ASSISTANT COACHES



## GREGG SMITH Offensive Line

Gregg Smith begins his second season as offensive line coach at Arizona State and his 39th year overall as a football coach.

Smith has coached alongside Dennis Erickson for 25 years and has 38 total years of football coaching experience. During the majority of Smith's career, he has served as Erickson's assistant head coach and offensive line coach.

Smith spent the 2006 season coaching at the University of Idaho after spending the 2003 and 2004 seasons with the San Francisco 49ers. Under Smith's direction, offensive lineman Jade Tadvick earned First-Team All-Western Athletic Conference honors for the Vandals in 2006.

During the 1999-2002 seasons, Smith served as Erickson's assistant head coach and offensive line coach at Oregon State University. During his tenure coaching with the Beavers, Smith mentored Chris Gibson, who earned Third-Team All-America recognition by the Associated Press. At the time, Gibson was only the second offensive lineman in the previous 22 seasons to earn All-America honors for the Beavers. Gibson also earned First-Team All-Pac-10 honors in 2000, as did Aaron Koch before him in 1999, the first time Oregon State registered back-to-back First-Team All-Pac-10 offensive linemen since the 1972-73 seasons. Also, Smith's Beaver offensive linemen helped enable OSU tailbacks Steven Jackson and Ken Simonton to submit three of the top four single-season rushing totals in school history during the 1999, 2000 and 2002 seasons.

From 1995-1998, Smith enjoyed his first stay in the National Football League, coaching among Erickson's staff with the Seattle Seahawks.

From 1989 to 1994, Smith coached with Erickson at the University of Miami (Fla.), highlighted by two National Championship seasons (1989 and 1991). Three of Smith's offensive line pupils at Miami were drafted into the NFL, including Carlos Etheredge (1993), Leon Searcy (1992) and Mike Sullivan (1991).

Before joining Erickson as part of the Hurricanes' staff, Smith coached at Washington State University (1987, 1988), at the University of Wyoming (1985) and at the University of Idaho (1982-85). While at Washington State, Smith



helped develop guard Mike Utley, who in 1988 earned First-Team All-America honors from the Associated Press, UPI, AFCA-Kodak, Scripps-Howard and from Football News. Utley earned First-Team All-Pac-10 honors that year as well.

Smith began his coaching career at the high school level, coaching at Buhl (Idaho) High School (1973-81) and at Sunset High School in Beaverton, Ore. (1969-72).

Smith graduated from the University of Idaho in 1969.

## THE SMITH FILE

**Born:** October 28, 1946

**High School Education:** Moscow High School (Moscow, Idaho)

**College Education:** University of Idaho, 1969.

**College Football:** Idaho, 1965 (Injured, did not play)

**Coaching Career (NCAA):** Idaho, 1982-85, 2006; Wyoming, 1985; Washington State, 1987-88; Miami (Fla.), 1989-94; Oregon State, 1999-2002; Arizona State, 2007-Present.

**Coaching Career (NFL):** Seattle Seahawks, 1995-98; San Francisco 49ers, 2003-04.

**Recruiting Area:** Pacific Northwest

**Family:** Wife, Gloria, Children: Cori (33), Laci (31) and Tyler (28)

## NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED

Carlos Etheredge, OL, Miami

Chris Gibson, OL, Oregon State

Aaron Koch, OL, Oregon State

Leon Searcy, OL, Miami

Mike Sullivan, OL, Miami

Mike Utley, OL, Washington State





# ASSISTANT COACHES



## GRADY STRETZ Defensive Line

Tempe native and former McClintock High School and UCLA star Grady Stretz begins his third season at Arizona State and second under head coach Dennis Erickson. Stretz will handle the defensive line.

Stretz came to ASU after having spent eight years at the University of New Mexico, coaching defensive line and safeties. After five years tutoring the defensive line from 1998-2002,

Stretz mentored the Lobo safeties his final three years in Albuquerque in addition to coaching the Lobo special teams units. Stretz helped New Mexico become one of only three schools to finish in the top-30 in the nation in total defense six of the past seven seasons.

Under Stretz in 2004 senior co-captain Josh Bazinet, a safety and former walk-on, was named second-team All-Mountain West Conference. He tied for the league lead in fumble recoveries with four, including a 70-yard score on a return against Oregon State.

Following the 2003 campaign, senior safety Brandon Ratcliff was named first-team All-Mountain West Conference for the second year in a row. Additionally, senior Sidney Wiley earned honorable mention honors from his strong safety position, while fellow senior Terrell Golden started 38 games from 2000-03.

Lobo defensive linemen also flourished under Stretz's guidance. Daniel Kegler and D.J. Renteria were both second-team all-league in 2002 while Hebrews Josue was selected team captain and honorable mention all-conference. Defensive end Brian Johnson was a two-time All-Mountain West Conference selection in 2000-01, the first UNM defensive lineman to be so recognized in consecutive years since John Bell in 1989-90.

Due to an improved defensive front, the Lobos led the Mountain West Conference in rushing defense in 2000 and '01 and finished second in '02. The 2001 unit allowed a paltry 87.4 yards a game, the second-lowest total in school history.



In 2000, the Lobos finished 17th in the nation in total defense (309.4 ypg), their best ranking since 1964. UNM recorded 52 sacks which was a school record, 23.5 of which came from the defensive line. Johnson was named all-league and he led the conference with 9.5 sacks. The UNM run defense held foes to an MWC-low 115.3 yards a game, including just 93.7 yards per game in league contests.

In Stretz's second season (1999), Jason Purvis led the squad with five tackles for loss. Thanks to several forced fumbles by the defensive line, the Lobos went from an -0.83 turnover margin in 1998 to +0.18 in 1999, the third-best figure in the Mountain West.

Stretz was a four-year letterwinner at UCLA and a member of the 1993 Rose Bowl team that finished the season ranked 17th nationally. During his senior year (1995), Stretz earned honorable mention All-Pacific-10 Conference accolades at defensive tackle. He also had the distinction of being named CBS Player of the Game versus Washington State, earning the Chevrolet Scholarship Award. Stretz culminated his final campaign at Westwood by winning the N.N. Sugarman Trophy for Best Leadership on the squad.

Stretz graduated from McClintock High in 1991, where he was a member of the 1989 football team that won a state championship. He received both of his degrees from UCLA – a bachelor's in History in 1995 and master's in Arts and Education in 1997. Following his UCLA playing career, Stretz spent some time in camp with the New York Giants where he signed on as a rookie free agent in 1996.

Stretz and his wife, Sarah, have a five-year-old son, Maddox and a three-year-old daughter, Makenna.



### THE STRETZ FILE

**Born:** November 8, 1972 in Tempe, Ariz.

**High School Education:** McClintock (Tempe, Ariz.).

**College Education:** UCLA 1995; UCLA 1997.

**College Football:** UCLA, 1991-95.

**Coaching Career:** UCLA, 1996-97; New Mexico, 1998-2005; Arizona State, 2006-present.

**Recruiting Area:** Arizona, San Diego, Calif.

**Family:** Wife, Sarah; son, Maddox (5) and daughter, Makenna (3).

# ASSISTANT COACHES



## ERIC YARBER

### Wide Receivers

Eric Yarber begins his second season at Arizona State, coaching the wide receivers on head coach Dennis Erickson's staff.

Yarber coached with Erickson for seven seasons during Erickson's tenures with the San Francisco 49ers (2003, 2004), at Oregon State University (1999-2002) and with the Seattle Seahawks (1998). He also played for Erickson during his college career at the University of

Idaho (1984-85). Yarber has also coached at the University of Washington (2005, 2006), at UNLV (1997) and at the University of Idaho (1996).

Yarber spent the 2005 and 2006 seasons as the University of Washington's wide receivers coach among head coach Tyrone Willingham's staff. Under Yarber's tutelage during the 2006 season, Husky wide receiver Sonny Shackleford finished fourth in the Pacific-10 Conference in touchdown catches (seven) and eighth in receptions (50) and receiving yards (666), while teammate Anthony Russo ranked third in the conference with a 17.3 yards-per-catch average. Yarber joined the Washington staff after having spent two seasons with the San Francisco 49ers.

Yarber coached the 49ers' wide receivers in 2003 and 2004 under Erickson, guiding Pro Bowler Terrell Owens to a 1,000-yard season in his first year. Yarber also played an integral part in the development of rookie wide receiver Brandon Lloyd, who led the team with a 15.1-yard average per catch in 2004.

Yarber was also a member of Erickson's staff at Oregon State from 1999-2002. He coached the receivers for three seasons after switching from running backs coach following the 1999 season. During the 1999 season, Yarber coached running back Ken Simonton, who rushed for 1,486 yards and 19 touchdowns that year. Yarber also coached wide receiver James Newson, who gained over 2,200 yards in 2001 and 2002, including a 1,284 yard season in 2002. During Yarber's tenure, the Beavers sent two receivers to the NFL in 2000, as Chad Johnson was a second-round selection of Cincinnati and T.J. Houshmandzadeh was the seventh-round pick of the Bengals.

Yarber's coaching career began at his alma mater, Idaho, as secondary coach in 1996. He spent one season at Idaho before joining the staff at UNLV as receivers coach. Erickson brought Yarber to the NFL ranks as offensive quality control coach for the Seattle Seahawks in 1998.



A 12th-round draft pick out of Idaho by Washington in the 1986 NFL Draft, Yarber spent three seasons with the Redskins as a wide receiver and kick returner. He was a member of Washington's Super Bowl XXII championship team in 1988, leading the team that season with 37 punt returns.

While playing for Erickson at the University of Idaho, Yarber was a Kodak All-American and the Big Sky Conference Most Valuable Player as a senior after catching 75 passes for 1,103 yards. As a junior, he finished 10th in the nation in punt returns and third in the conference with 817 yards receiving on 54 catches.

He graduated from Idaho with a bachelor's degree in general studies with an emphasis in criminal justice in 1995.

## THE YARBER FILE

**Born:** September 22, 1963, Chicago

**High School Education:** Crenshaw High School, Los Angeles, Calif.

**College Education:** University of Idaho, 1995.

**College Football:** Idaho, 1984-85.

**Professional Football:** Washington Redskins, 1986-1988

**Coaching Career (NCAA):** Idaho, 1996; UNLV, 1997; Oregon State, 1999-2002; Washington, 2005-06; Arizona State, 2007-Present

**Coaching Career (NFL):** Seattle Seahawks, 1998; San Francisco 49ers, 2003-04.

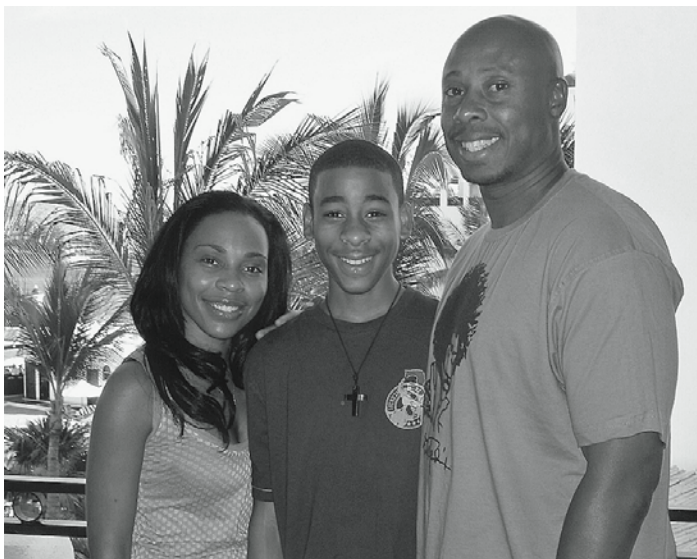
**Recruiting Area:** Los Angeles

**Family:** Wife, Estevanica, sons Kameryon (14), Robert (23)

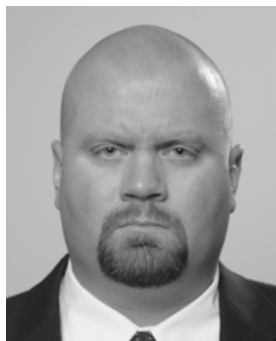
## NOTABLE PLAYERS COACHED

T.J. Houshmandzadeh, WR, Oregon State

Chad Johnson, WR, Oregon State







## Ben Hilgart Sports Performance

Ben Hilgart was named Head Sports Performance Coach in January, 2008 after spending the prior three years as the Senior Assistant Sports Performance Coach at ASU. In his new role, Hilgart will work directly with the Sun Devil football program in addition to overseeing the sports performance programs for all 20 ASU sports.

Prior to being promoted to his current position, Hilgart served as the lead assistant to the football team in addition to managing all facets of the sports performance programs for the men's and women's track and field and wrestling teams. During that three-year span, the Sun Devil track and field teams won a combined four national titles in indoor and outdoor competition.

Before arriving at ASU, Hilgart spent three seasons at The Ohio State University in Columbus. He started as the assistant strength and conditioning coach before being promoted to associate strength and conditioning coach. Hilgart also spent two years at UTEP as the graduate assistant strength and conditioning coach. He served as the head strength coach and assistant defensive line coach at his alma mater, Western Illinois, in 2001.

Hilgart was a two-year letterman at Western Illinois, earning his bachelor's degree in Physical Education. He earned his master's degree in Kinesiology from UTEP in 2003. Hilgart has also served as the head strength coach at Deer Valley High School in Glendale.

Hilgart and his wife, Jamie, have a daughter, Riley (3).

### THE HILGART FILE

**Born:** Dec. 1, 1976 in Park Falls, Wisc.  
**High School Education:** Centennial High School, Peoria, Ariz.  
**College Education:** Western Illinois, 2000; UTEP, 2003  
**College Football:** Glendale Community College, 1995-96; Western Illinois University, 1997-98.  
**Coaching Career:** Western Illinois, 2001; UTEP, 2002-2003; Ohio State, 2003-05; Arizona State, 2005-Present  
**Family:** Wife, Jamie, and daughter, Riley (3).



## Tom Kleinlein Assistant Athletics Director for Football Operations

Tom Kleinlein is in his fourth year as the assistant athletics director for football operations at Arizona State. He came to ASU after spending three years as a member of the football staff at Rutgers University. He served as the director of football operations for two years for the Scarlet

Knights before being promoted to assistant director of athletics in January of 2004.

Kleinlein's duties include assisting head coach Dennis Erickson with public and community relations, team travel and coordination of the Sun Devil football camps. In addition, he runs the day-to-day operations of the football program.

Prior to Rutgers, Kleinlein spent four years as a member of the football staff at Wake Forest University, including serving as Assistant Director of Football Operations in 2002. Kleinlein joined the Demon Deacon staff in 1998 as an academic counselor. In addition to his academic oversight role, Kleinlein also served as the program's liaison with high school coaches and NFL scouts, while aiding with recruiting.

A four-year letterwinner and starter at Wake Forest on the offensive line (left tackle), Kleinlein was a member of the Deacons' 1992 team that posted an 8-4 record, including a 39-35 win over Oregon in the Independence Bowl. A history major, Kleinlein taught and coached on the high school level following graduation before returning to the college game.

Originally from Inwood, N.Y., Kleinlein attended Lawrence High School, where he earned all-state honors. He attended the same high school as ASU sports performance coach Joe Kenn and was Kenn's teammate at Wake Forest.

He and his wife, Tara, have two sons, Austin (9) and Mason (6).

### THE KLEINLEIN FILE

**Born:** April 28, 1970 in Far Rockaway Queens, N.Y.  
**High School Education:** Lawrence High School, Cedarhurst, N.Y.  
**College Education:** Wake Forest University, 1992.  
**College Football:** Wake Forest University, 1988-92.  
**Coaching Career:** Greensboro (N.C.) High School, 1992-98.  
**Administrative Career:** Wake Forest 1998-02; Rutgers 2003-05; Arizona State 2005-present.  
**Family:** Wife, Tara, and sons, Austin (9) and Mason (6).





## **Trent Bray** **Graduate Assistant**

Trent Bray begins his first season as a graduate assistant on the Sun Devil coaching staff in 2008.

Bray comes to ASU just three years removed from a stellar playing career at Oregon State. A member of Dennis Erickson's 2001 signing class,

Bray was a standout linebacker for the Beavers from 2002-2005, starting 34 of 49 career games.

As a junior in 2004, he collected 122 tackles and was named Second-Team All-Pac-10. He also earned Insight Bowl Defensive MVP honors by making an Oregon State-bowl record 10 tackles in a victory over Notre Dame.

He was selected a co-captain of the Beaver football team as a senior, and he backed it up with another terrific season, recording 116 tackles and earning First-Team All-Pac-10 honors.

Bray finished his collegiate career with 337 tackles, the sixth-highest total in Oregon State history, 29.0 tackles for loss and 10.5 sacks while making 33 consecutive starts over his final three seasons in Corvallis. He then moved on to the National Football League, where he spent time with the Miami Dolphins and Houston Texans.



## **Bryce Erickson** **Graduate Assistant**

Bryce Erickson begins his second season as a graduate assistant on the Sun Devil coaching staff. Erickson will work with the offense and serve as the assistant quarterbacks coach.

Prior to joining ASU, Erickson spent the previous three seasons on the coaching staff at New Mexico Highlands University in Las Vegas, N.M., working with

former ASU graduate assistant Arna Bontemps. Erickson spent the 2004 and 2005 seasons as the quarterbacks coach before becoming offensive coordinator during the 2006 season.

Erickson played college football at the University of Miami in 1993, before finishing his career at Chaffey College in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.

Erickson earned a B.S. in Exercise Science from New Mexico Highlands in 2006.



## **Horace Raymond** **Coordinator for Football Student-Athlete Development**

Horace Raymond enters his third year as Coordinator for Football Student-Athlete Development after working in a mentoring/tutor capacity on Jean Boyd's academic staff for two years. He also served as assistant to the Director of Football Operations during the 2005 season.

Raymond will work to ensure the continual development of student-athletes on the Sun Devil football team. He will manage player community service programs; serve as a liaison between several ASU affiliates; assist with team meetings and on campus recruiting; and assist with game day operations.

Raymond graduated from Tulane University in 1998, earning a bachelor's degree in Sport Management/Business Studies while competing as a running back on the football team. He later earned his MBA degree from The University of Phoenix, where he worked in various academic capacities over a three-year period.

Raymond and his wife Ashly have two kids, Kyan (6) and Marlee (2).





## Equipment Operations

The Equipment Operations department is headed up by Mark Zimmer. He is assisted by Paul Lopez, John Bieber and Cecilia Snipes. Along with 11 student managers, this staff handles the order, inventory and issue of equipment for every sport at ASU.

Upon entering the Sun Devil football program, each new student-athlete is outfitted with new equipment that is maintained throughout the year by the equipment staff. At the end of each year, the helmets and shoulder pads are re-conditioned and re-certified for use the following year. All practice gear is washed on a daily basis throughout the season and is replaced as needed; game gear is washed immediately after home games or upon return from road games.

In addition to handling the daily equipment needs for the football team, Zimmer and his staff also make arrangements for the transportation of equipment for all football road trips. This process begins on Thursday evening, when all selected travelers' helmets are thoroughly inspected for new hardware, facemasks and the application of new decals. Once each player packs his equipment bag, the equipment staff loads the bags on to a truck, which will then transport them and the rest of the equipment to that weeks game. Approximately 7,500 pounds of equipment (including sports medicine and video equipment) is transported for each road game.



**Equipment Operations Staff (L to R): Mark Zimmer, John Bieber, Paul Lopez and Cecilia Snipes.**

## Video Services

Director Rob Roberson and assistant Greg Vaughn are responsible for all video services for the Arizona State football team. They also oversee the video needs of the entire ASU athletic department.

Among the many duties of the video department is opponent scouting. Roberson and Vaughn assist the coaching staff with the breaking down of opponent video and prepares that video for further analysis. They also videotape all games and practices for the team, running as many as four video cameras.

The video crew uses the state-of-the-art XOS Digital Editor. The XOS system has allowed Sun Devil Football to be completely tape less. The video itself is captured into the Sun Devil computer system and then fed through a closed intranet set system to both the 10 coaches' offices as well as all of the meeting rooms at the Carson Student-Athlete Center.



**Sun Devil Video Department:  
Rob Roberson (R) and Greg Vaughn.**

## Football Office Staff

Karen Schultz, Victoria Gaytan, and Lora Borup are integral members of the everyday football operations for the Sun Devils. The ladies perform a myriad of tasks, which keep the football office up and running.

As the administrative associate to Coach Erickson, Borup keeps the whole office organized. She is in charge of day-to-day operations including keeping the coaches schedules, making travel arrangements and providing support to the office staff. Borup is also the co-director of the high school football camps.

Gaytan acts as the administrative secretary to four of the coaching staff members, which includes clerical support and travel arrangements. She answers inquiries and assists pro scouts with obtaining video footage of the Sun Devils.

As recruiting secretary, Schultz assists with the entire recruiting process. She keeps track of all recruiting data, including inputting potential recruits. Schultz also prepares all official and unofficial visits, making sure they meet compliance standards and processing travel arrangements for recruits.



**The 2008 Sun Devil office staff (L to R):  
Karen Schultz , Victoria Gaytan and Lora Borup.**