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**Best All-Time NCAA
College Football Team**

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You won't be surprised to read that our pick for best all-time NCAA college football team comes from our very own Southeastern (SEC) Conference.

If you've read The SEC is the Best College Sports Conference, you know that SEC football is the single biggest reason that SEC sports, overall, is the best.

There have been many great football teams in the history of the SEC. However, one stands out. That team is the 1961 Alabama Crimson Tide football team.

The '61 Alabama football squad was led by legendary coach Bear Bryant. The "Bear" went on to become the Best All-Time

NCAA College Football Coach. That's another story, but certainly being led by the greatest college football coach in history is an important factor to consider when thinking about which team is the best in history.

Everyone knows about the great football legacy at the University of Alabama. Certainly Alabama had won football championships before Bear Bryant came along. But when he arrived at Alabama in 1958, the Tide had only won a total of four games in the three prior years.

When Bear Bryant took the Alabama head coaching job, he vowed to bring home a National Championship. And eventually he did. But, not right away. Bryant gradually turned the program around, going 5-4-1 in '58; 7-2-2 in '59; and 8-1-2 in '60.

The '61 Bama team was the breakthrough team for Bear

Bryant and for Alabama football. It was the first of many great teams (Bryant would lead the Crimson Tide to five more NCAA Football National Titles). But, being the first is the toughest, and the '61 team has that distinction.

OK, so what are the hard facts about the 1961 team? Here you go:

- Undeclared, 11-0 record
- Outscored opponents by an incredible 297-25
- Led by All-SEC and Heisman Trophy finalist (finished 5th), QB, Pat Trammell; Center/Linbacker Lee Roy Jordan (All-SEC in '61; All-American in '63); and, Offensive Lineman, Billy Neighbors (All-American). Jordan, and Neighbors were later selected for the College Football Hall of Fame and had outstanding professional careers as well.
- Beat Arkansas 10-3 in the Sugar Bowl to win the National Championship

It is well recognized that the 1961 Alabama Crimson Tide

football team was the best defensive team in college football history. Not only did the '61 Tide outscore opponents 297-25; they shut out six teams and never allowed more than 7 points in any game.

Tex Noel, a college football StatHistorian, with 1st-N-Goal has conducted a comprehensive review of all 90 official NCAA 1-A National Champions since 1936 (counting the major polls over the years using NCAA official champions). Tex's research shows that the 1961 Alabama Crimson Tide team had the top all-time defense as far as points scored. The team gave up an incredible average of only 2.3 points per game.

When you combine the incredible defense; the undefeated record; undisputed National Championship; legend of Bear Bryant; and, the fact they were the first of a long line of outstanding teams. You really have a hard time picking any team over this one.

If you ask me who is the Best All-Time NCAA college football team – I say it's the 1961 Alabama Crimson Tide.

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*Georgia (3-7)	32	6
*Tulane (2-8)	9	0
*Vanderbilt (2-8)	35	6
North Carolina State (4-6)	26	7
*Tennessee (6-4)	34	3
North Carolina State (4-6)	17	0
*Mississippi State (5-5)	24	0
Richmond (5-5)	66	0
*Georgia Tech (7-4)	10	0
*Auburn (6-4)	34	0
Arkansas (8-3)**	10	3

*SEC Opponents... **Sugar Bowl Opponent

OSA: 27.3...**DSA:** 2.3...**AMV:** 25.0.

Opponents Composite Record: [53-47-1 .530]. {When not playing Alabama.}

WHICH TEAM IS THE BEST? NAIA I, NCCAA, ETC.

by Patrick M. Premo

In the last issue, we saw 1998 Northwest Missouri State capture the NCAA Division II all-time best crown. We then witnessed 1997 Mount Union (NCAA Division III) down 1998 NW Missouri State (NCAA Division II), to move “up the ladder,” so to speak. This issue will feature **NCCAA (National Christian College Athletic Association)**, **MID-MAJOR**, and **NAIA I (1970-1996)** teams. I selected these divisions because I felt that they would be competitive against one another. As I stated previously, I am using Tex Noel’s rankings to pair these champions, with

1961 National Champions: (AP, UPI and NFFHF)...and 6 Actual Selectors for #1

Led Nation: **Total Defense**-132.6; **Scoring Defense**-2.2.

the proviso that no school is represented more than once.

PART I:

NCCAA: I chose the top four teams:

1. 2006 North Greenville, SC
4. 1999 Geneva, PA
3. 2000 Northwestern College, MN
2. 1997 Olivet Nazarene

MID-MAJOR: This “division” has only been in existence since 2001, so I only selected the top four teams:

1. 2001 Sacred Heart
4. 2004 Monmouth, NJ

3. 2007 Dayton
2. 2006 San Diego

NAIA I (1970-1996): This is the era when there were two NAIA divisions (future articles will cover the NAIA from 1956 thru 1969 and 1997 to the present, and the NAIA II from 1970 thru 1996). The top 8 teams in this era were chosen:

1. 1976 Texas A&I
8. 1987 Cameron, OK
5. 1989 Carson-Newman, TN
4. 1978 Angelo St.
3. 1973 Abilene Christian
6. 1985 Hillsdale, MI
7. 1980 Elon, NC
2. 1990 Central St., OH

Once again, my **FAST-ACTION COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOARD GAME** will be used to stage all of these games. All games will be played at neutral sites.

Round 1:

NCCAA: 2006 North Greenville, SC, had little trouble with 1999 Geneva, PA, winning 35-3. 2000 Northwestern College, MN, also easily disposed of 1997 Olivet Nazarene, winning 28-9.

Mid-Major: 2004 Monmouth, NJ, won a squeaker over the number one seed, 2001 Sacred Heart, 16-15, with a last second field goal. 2006 San Diego also won a close game against 2007 Dayton, 24-20.

NAIA I: 1976 Texas A&I had no trouble with 1987 Cameron, OK, defeating them 39-17. 1978 Angelo State ripped 1989 Carson-Newman, TN, 38-6. 1973 Abilene Christian was in a closer game against 1985 Hillsdale, MI, but prevailed 34-23. 1980 Elon, NC, the number seven seed, upset the number two seed, 1990 Central State, OH, 34-29 when Elon rallied for a touchdown with time running out.

Round 2:

NCCAA: 2006 North Greenville had an easy time against 2000 Northwestern College, MN, winning 33-13, and earning the right to represent the NCCAA in the quarter-finals.

Mid-Major: 2004 Monmouth, NJ, continued on its upset ways as it downed 2006 San Diego, 31-20. Monmouth will carry the banner for the Mid-Major teams.

NAIA I: 1976 Texas A&I led all the way to defeat 1978 Angelo

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State, 32-21. 1973 Abilene Christian ended 1980 Elon's upset plans with a 41-10 shellacking.

Round 3:

2006 North Greenville, representing the NCCAA, could not handle upset-minded 2004 Monmouth, NJ, representing the Mid-Major schools, which won 14-8 in a close game. 1976 Texas A&I continued its dominance as it rolled over 1973 Abilene Christian, 52-30.

Third Place:

1973 Abilene Christian, still stinging from its embarrassing defeat by 1976 Texas A&I, took out its frustration on 2006 North Greenville, 58-29, to claim third place.

Championship:

1976 Texas A&I would not be denied as it took the measure of the Mid-Major rep, 2004 Monmouth, NJ, 32-7, to claim the championship for this mixed tournament. Some may say that the NCCAA and the Mid-Major teams were overmatched against the NAIA, and it looks like they were right, at least this time around!

So **1976 Texas A&I** can lay claim to being the best **NAIA I** champion, at least from the 1970-1996 time period.

Prologue:

I am going to change my format a little bit at this point. Instead of 1976 Texas A&I taking on 1997 Mount Union, here is my plan. In the next issue, I will conduct the NAIA II all-time tournament. The winner of that will take on 1997 Mount Union. Tentatively, the following issue will feature the remaining NAIA (Division I) teams. The winner of that tournament will take on 1976 Texas A&I. And then, still tentatively at this point, the winner of that game will take on 1997 Mount Union.

That should keep you on the edge of your seats for a while!

Remember, if you were to conduct these tournaments using my **FAST-ACTION COLLEGE FOOTBALL BOARD GAME**, your results will most likely vary. Just as in real life, when two teams play one another twice (or more) in the same season, the results are not always the same.

The End of a 47 Game Winning Streak

By George Macor

On November 16, 2007, Oklahoma celebrated the Centennial of its Statehood. On that November day in 1957, the celebration started as the fiftieth anniversary of statehood but ended when the #2 ranked Oklahoma Sooners lost 7-0 at home to unranked Notre Dame. The loss ended a 47 game winning streak, still the longest in college football history.

The streak started in 1953, after Oklahoma's season opening 28-21 loss at Norman to, ironically, #1 ranked Notre Dame in what would be Irish Coach Frank Leahy's last season. The following week at unranked Pittsburgh, the #8 ranked Sooners were tied 7-7.

Oklahoma finished the season at 9-1-1 with a 7-0 Orange Bowl win over #1 ranked Maryland (10-0-0) who were voted National Champion after the Final Associated Press poll of December 1st (the post-

owl game Final Polls did not start until 1965 and then permanently after the 1968 season). Thus, the Sooners played the #1 ranked team twice in the 1953 season and their only other win over a ranked opponent was 19-14 against #15 ranked Texas in their annual battle at Dallas. That game was the first of the forty-seven.

In the 1954 season, the Sooners were #2 in the preseason poll and achieved the #1 ranking in four weekly polls but a relatively weak schedule resulted in a #3 Final Poll ranking as none of their 10 wins were against a Final Poll opponent. There were, however, victories over #12 California, #20 Texas Christian and #15 Texas at the time the games were played. Oklahoma did not play in a bowl game that season.

Again in 1955, Oklahoma was #2 in the preseason poll but were #1 in the Final Poll for their and Coach Bud Wilkinson's second Associated Press

National Championship. Their 11-0-0 season ended with a 20-6 Orange Bowl win over previously undefeated and #3 ranked Maryland. Earlier, Maryland had defeated #1 UCLA 7-0 at home and also held the top spot for two weeks. Pittsburgh, ranked #11, was Oklahoma's other Final Poll opponent and Colorado was ranked #14 when the game was played.

The preseason 1956 poll had Oklahoma #1 and they maintained that ranking for all but two of the remaining eleven polls. After a 4-0-0 start that included three shutout wins, the Sooners dropped to second as Michigan State rose to the top spot with a 47-14 thumping at unranked Notre Dame. The Irish had the misfortune of playing the angered Sooners the following week and Oklahoma's 40-0 win at Notre Dame put the Sooners back in the #1 position as the #1 Spartans were losing 20-13 at unranked Illinois. It has been the Sooners only win over the Irish while losing to Notre Dame on eight occasions. Oklahoma

finished the season 10-0-0 with their third AP National Championship and did not play in a bowl game.

The 1957 season started with Oklahoma having won 40 consecutive games and again a #1 preseason ranking. They were 7-0-0 when Notre Dame came to Norman on that November day and the Irish, after a 4-0-0 start, had lost 20-6 at home to #16 Navy and 34-6 at Duffy Daugherty's #4 Michigan State Spartans. But some good film review by Irish Coach Terry Brennan and his staff provided a stiff defense that resulted in stopping Oklahoma's scoring streak at 123 games, last being shutout on November 24, 1945, 47-0 to Oklahoma State at Norman.

John Conley, a sports writer for the *Daily Oklahoman*, summarized the unexpected loss with this lead in the November 17th edition: "Russia's two sputniks collided in mid-air. The sun set in the east. Hitler was discovered alive in Washington, DC. And almost equally incredible, Oklahoma University lost a football game."

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Back at Notre Dame, Father Theodore Hesburgh, the University 's president, canceled classes for Monday, November 18th after the thousands of students welcomed home their football team at the South Bend airport and again as they enjoyed the ride up Notre Dame

A GREAT TEAM.....OR A GREAT HOAX?

Have you ever heard of Plainfield Teachers College?

Back in 1941, this team zipped through its first six games, scoring 117 points—before the team suffered not only a loss but as well, cancellation of its remaining games.

Why you ask would a team which rolled to wins and having its games reported in the **New York Times**, abruptly end a season?

From here, IFRA member Don Vollmer will relay the mystery of this team, as it was bound for immortality before it came to a screeching stop.

I was living in Plainfield (NJ) at the time when this occurred.

Avenue to the campus and repeated choruses of the Victory March.

Perhaps the infamous *SPORTS ILLUSTRATED* cover jinx prevailed as the Sooner team was featured in that week's issue (November 18th) with the caption "WHY OKLAHOMA IS UNBEATABLE".

Everybody was wondering who they were.

It made a good story.

Here is the scoop on Plainfield Teachers.

In 1941 I was in the 8th grade at Jefferson School located in Plainfield, New Jersey.

I had just started saving the scores of college football games two years earlier. Early in October I began to notice the games of Plainfield Teachers in the New York Times and the Herald Tribune. They had played 6 games when the story broke. They had allegedly defeated Scott, Chesterton, Winona, Randolph Tech, Ingersoll and St. Joseph's, sparked by their Chinese running back Johnny Chung.

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The scam had been dreamed up by some local stockbrokers from "Wall Street" They would call in the scores to **The New York Times**, **The New York Post** and **AP**, which was the way most of the scores were obtained back then. Even a Philadelphia paper had been hoodwinked by the fifth game.

About that time no one could find out where Plainfield Teachers was and with interest in them the culprits to fess up.

The upshot was that **Look Magazine** had sent a reporter and photographer to Plainfield to get a story. When they got off the train at the Park Avenue Station they inquired where the college was located. They were

New York Herald Tribune sportswriter Caswell Adams wrote in the 1942 *The Official NCAA Football Guide* (pages 49 and 50):

*Plainfield Teachers is dead!
Long Live Plainfield Teachers!*

With time on its hands, a squadron of stock brokers in practically ghostly Wall Street perpetrated a gag on the newspapers, a gag which came to light recently after

told that the only college located in Plainfield was Drake Business College which was located on the second floor of a building on Park Avenue next to the bowling alley. I believe that is what really broke that it was all a hoax.

I remember that they had a show on TV in the 1950's about the hoax.

By the way the 1942 NCAA Guide mentions the hoax.

You may do whatever you want with this. I was there.

This "team" even made the 1942 NCAA Guide and here are some of the highlights from its recanting of the story.

considerable research into the whereabouts of Plainfield Teachers, which has been unbeaten and untied in six games this season, although there is no such place. The brokers had been sending in scores of this phantom of learning all autumn and chuckling as this paper, "The New York Times, the Associated Press and "The

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Post” fell for the information dutifully printed it and long for After three weeks, the newspapers finally discovered that the Plainfield Teachers wasn’t listed in any groupings of schools, and a telephone call to the baffled board of education at Plainfield reaped the knowledge there was no such institution.

The stockbrokers would take turns calling the papers Saturday afternoon telling of new victories for the team, and then gleefully wait for the papers.

They even had a Philadelphia outlet, which “hoodwinked” “The Record, and the linked came from there. At least that’s what they believed when tracked down and made to come clean.

Seems that someone on “Time Magazine” got the gag and put an item in the current issue, and when the boys heard that they knew the jig (or gag) was up. They tried to wheedle “Time’s” editors out of printing it, but got no place, and so they sent out one last publicity piece, and had the telephone disconnected.

Their last publicity blurb, sent out by a press agent here, was to effect that became of a flunkings in the mid-term examinations Plainfield Teachers were forced to call off its last two scheduled games against Appalachian Tech, November 15, 1941 and with Harmony Teachers Thanksgiving Day.

As the story continued to unfold, the team’s star back, Johnny Chung had registered 69 of his team’s 117 points; as the Plainfield recorded victories over Scott, Winona, Randolph Tech (35-0), Ingersoll and St. Joseph’s. Had the plan not been brought to light, the game with Appalachian was to have been recorded as a 20-2 victory; and with Chung continued to shine, Harmony was to have been defeated by a 40-27 margin.

At first, it was thought this was part of a betting ring, but it was not; all *just plain fun.*

CORRECTIONS...

Two changes to what was listed in the April issue regarding 1885 Princeton and 1914 Missouri Mines.

The first change comes from the story on Princeton’s 1885 season:

Both Steve Greene and Rich Topp sent copies of the *New York Times* from the game against Columbia School of Law.

Princeton won the game 72-0, after being ahead at halftime, 38-0.

Rich Topp, who has researched and corrected countless scores by date, opponent and site since 1882; has found a missing game from the 1914 season of Missouri Mines.

Missouri Mines defeated Christian Brothers 27-6.

Now, changes must be made in all my compilations on 500+ teams—but well worth it, to be accurate.

--Tex, editor, *The College Football Historian*

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Designated Conference Games

By Jeff Bovee

Year	Conference	Teams	Opponent
1975	ACC	Virginia Carolina	South
1976	ACC	Virginia Tech	Virginia
1979	ACC	Wake Forest	Virginia Tech
1979	ACC	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech
1977	Big Sky	Idaho	Pacific

1978	Big West Wyoming	Utah St.
	UNLV	
1984	Big West UTEP	New Mexico St.
1999	Big West La.-Lafayette	Arkansas St.
1947	Border UTEP	Northern Ariz.
1955	Border State	UTEP Wichita
1956	Border Tech	UTEP Texas
1956	Border Texas Tech	Arizona
1907	Colorado College	FA Utah
1907	Colorado FA	Utah Colorado Mines
1907	Colorado FA	Utah Colorado
1907	Colorado FA	Utah Denver
2000	CUSA	UAB Kansas
1940	Missouri Valley	St. Louis Oklahoma St.
1957	Missouri Valley	Houston Oklahoma St.
1969	Missouri Valley	Memphis Florida St.
1971	Missouri Valley	Tulsa Virginia Tech
1971	Missouri Valley	Memphis Cincinnati
1971	Missouri Valley	Tulsa BYU
1972	Missouri Valley	Tulsa TCU
1972	Missouri Valley	New Mexico St. New Mexico
1972	Missouri Valley	Memphis Cincinnati

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1977 Missouri Valley Cincinnati Tulsa
 1978 Missouri Valley Cincinnati Tulsa
 1978 Missouri Valley Louisville Tulsa
 1979 Missouri Valley Wichita State Tulsa
 1979 Missouri Valley New Mexico St. Tulsa
 1983 Missouri Valley New Mexico St. Tulsa
 1984 Missouri Valley Southern Ill. Tulsa
 1985 Missouri Valley Houston Tulsa
 1985 Missouri Valley East Caro. Tulsa

 1912 Rocky Mountain Wyoming Utah
 1914 Rocky Mountain Wyoming Utah
 1914 Rocky Mountain Utah St. Utah
 1915 Rocky Mountain Utah St. Utah
 1915 Rocky Mountain Wyoming Utah
 1922 Rocky Mountain New Mexico Colorado

 1954 SEC Mississippi Arkansas
 1958 SEC Mississippi Houston
 1964 SEC Miami (FL) Tulane
 1964 SEC Georgia Clemson
 1965 SEC Tennessee South Carolina
 1965 SEC Georgia Clemson
 1966 SEC Florida Tulane
 1966 SEC Georgia North Carolina
 1966 SEC LSU Tulane

1966 SEC Tennessee South Carolina
 1966 SEC Vanderbilt Tulane
 1967 SEC Georgia Clemson
 1967 SEC Vanderbilt Tulane
 1968 SEC Mississippi St. Texas Tech
 1968 SEC LSU TCU
 1968 SEC Florida Tulane
 1968 SEC LSU Tulane
 1968 SEC Vanderbilt Tulane

 1938 Skyline Colorado
 BYU
 1938 Skyline Utah BYU
 1938 Skyline Utah Colorado
 1950 Skyline Colorado St. Utah St.
 1956 Skyline Colorado St. Utah St.

 1922 Southern Alabama
 Sewanee
 1925 Southwest Arkansas
 LSU
 1925 Southwest Arkansas
 Oklahoma St.
 1925 Southwest TCU
 Oklahoma St.
 1926 Southwest Arkansas
 LSU
 1926 Southwest Arkansas
 Mississippi
 1926 Southwest Arkansas
 Centenary
 1927 Southwest Arkansas
 LSU
 1928 Southwest Arkansas
 LSU
 1929 Southwest Arkansas
 Oklahoma St.
 1929 Southwest Arkansas
 LSU

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2003	Sun Belt	Middle Tenn. St.
	Troy	
2003	Sun Belt	La.-Lafayette
	Louisiana Tech	
2003	Sun Belt	La.-Lafayette
	Florida International	
2003	Sun Belt	Utah St.
	Troy	
2003	Sun Belt	La.-Monroe
	Troy	
2003	Sun Belt	Arkansas St.
	Tulsa	
2004	Sun Belt	La.-Monroe
	Fla. Atlantic	
2004	Sun Belt	New Mexico St.
	Fla. Atlantic	
2004	Sun Belt	Troy Fla.
	Atlantic	
2004	Sun Belt	New Mexico St.
	UTEP	
1968	WAC	Colorado St. Texas
	Tech	
1968	WAC	Colorado St. Air Force
1979	WAC	Hawaii UNLV
1979	WAC	San Diego St.
	Arizona	
1980	WAC	Hawaii UNLV
1980	WAC	Air Force
	Washington	
1980	WAC	Air Force Boston
	College	
1980	WAC	Utah UNLV
1980	WAC	Air Force Tulane
1981	WAC	Hawaii UNLV
1981	WAC	Air Force Tulane
1981	WAC	Air Force UNLV
1981	WAC	Utah UNLV

HELP...with birthdays of the following College Football Hall of Famers:

No Birthdates (But Have Years)

- *(1868) Charles Wharton, Magnolia, Del.
- *(1877) Bill Morley, Socorro Datil, N.M.
- *(1898) Frank Schwab, Madera, Pa.
- *(1898) Arnett "Ace" Mumford, Buckhannon, W.Va.

If you know the date of any of these former players, please email Bo Carter at the National (bcarter@footballfoundation.com.)

In Memory of...

- *Louis Allen, 83 of Duke
- *Everett "Sonny" Grandelius, 79, of Michigan
- *Jamacia Jackson, 26, of South Carolina
- *Wally Kleine, 43, of Notre Dame
- *John H. McConnell, 84, of Michigan State
- *Mike Patrick, 55, of Mississippi State
- *Bob Pellegrini, 73, of Maryland

In honor of...

Ohio Wesleyan and Ohio State commemorated their first football matchup in 1890 with a special ceremony earlier this month on the OWC campus in Delaware, Ohio. Fans from both schools met near the

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original contest and dedicated a historic marker. Ohio Wesleyan's athletics director **Roger Ingles** emceed the event, while Bishops' football coach **Mike Hollway** and former Ohio Wesleyan head coach and historian **Dick Gordin** also spoke. Presenters included College Football Hall of Famer **Archie Griffin** and OSU head coach **Jim Tressel**. Pep bands and cheerleaders from both universities were on hand as well as Brutus and the Battling Bishop. Ohio State edged the Bishops 20-14 in that first of 29 encounters between the schools in 1890.

Former **Duke** QB **Leo Hart** was inducted in the **North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame** last week.

Legendary Minnesota head football coach and 'M' Club Hall of Famer Murray Warmath recently received the Distinguished Minnesotan award at the inaugural Twin

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Cities Chapter awards dinner. Warmath led the Gophers to the 1960 National Championship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2008 CLASS OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAMERS!

PLAYERS

- Troy Aikman (QB, UCLA, 1987- 88)
- Jim Ballard, (QB, Mount Union, 1991-93)
- Billy Cannon, (HB, LSU, 1957-59)
- Jim Dombrowski, (OT, Virginia, 1982-85)
- Pat Fitzgerald, (LB, Northwestern, 1994- 96)
- Wilbur Marshall, (LB, Florida, 1980- 83)
- Rueben Mayes, (RB, Washington State, 1982-85)
- Ronald McKinnon, (LB, North Alabama, 1992-95)
- Randall McDaniel, (OG, Arizona State, 1984-87)
- Don McPherson (QB, Syracuse, 1984-87)
- Jay Novacek, (TE, Wyoming, 1982-84)
- Dave Parks, (SE, Texas Tech, 1961-63)
- Brad Rowland, RB, McMurry TX, 1947-50
- Ron Simmons, (NG, Florida State, 1977- 80)
- Thurman Thomas, (RB, Oklahoma State, 1984- 87)
- Arnold Tucker, (QB, Army, 1944- 46)

COACHES

- John Cooper, Tulsa (1977-84),

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Arizona State (1985-87), Ohio State (1988- 2000)

- W.C. Gordon, Jackson State, 1976-91
- Lou Holtz, William & Mary (1969-71), North Carolina State (1972-75), Arkansas (1977-83), Minnesota (1984-85), Notre Dame (1986-96), South Carolina (1999-2004)
- Doug Porter, Mississippi Valley State, Howard, Fort Valley State 1979-85, 87-96

Noted NFF historian Dan Jenkins received the Life Achievement Award from the Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, Fla.,

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Coaches Who Played for Actual/Official National Champion and later Coached an Actual/Official National Championship

1899-1936 (Actual):

Howard Jones, (Yale, 1905-08); Yale, 1909; USC, 1928-29, 31-32-33

Jock Sutherland, (Pittsburgh, 1916); Pittsburgh, 1927, 1936

1936-2007 (Official):

Frank Leahy, (Notre Dame, 1929-30); Notre Dame, 1943-46-47-49

Bud Wilkinson, (Minnesota, 1936); Oklahoma, 1950-55-57

Paul "Bear" Bryant, (Alabama, 1936); Alabama, 1961-64-65-73-78-79

Jimmy Johnson, (Arkansas, 1964); Miami FL, 1987

Have there been others?

Thank you to all
who have
contributed
stories and
compilations so
far.