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Arizona State Names Dennis Erickson Head Football Coach

Two-time Pac-10 Coach of the Year selected as the 22nd coach of the Sun Devil program

TEMPE, Ariz. – **Dennis Erickson**, a two-time national champion (1989 and 1991), a two-time winner of the Pac-10 Coach of the Year Award (1988 and 2000) and the Sporting News National Coach of the Year in 2000, has been named the 22nd football coach at Arizona State University, Vice President of Athletics Lisa Love announced Monday. Erickson's 148 wins ranks him 12th among active coaches.

"Dennis Erickson has proven both on the national level and in the Pac-10 that he can compete and win against the best," said 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 Bowl Championship Series 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. We are excited to work with Dennis Erickson."

Coach Erickson, who is 148-65-1 (.694) in his 18 seasons as a collegiate head coach, 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, to a 7-5 record in his first season and then grabbed the attention of the college football world with an 11-1 mark in 2000, which was punctuated by a 41-9 defeat of No. 10 Notre Dame in the Fiesta Bowl on Jan. 1, 2001, its first bowl win since the 1962 Liberty Bowl. Oregon State ended the season ranked fourth in the final AP poll and led the Pac-10 in scoring offense (32.6 points per game), scoring defense (18.5 point per game) 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 win 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 Huskies since 1985).

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 three teams have won a road game at a top-ranked team since.

ERICKSON NOTES

- Won National Titles in 1989 and 1991 at Miami (Fla.); only the second coach to win a title in his first season
- One of just two coaches to receive Pac-10 Coach of the Year honors (1988, 2000) at two different schools
- Recorded three wins over AP No. 1 team in the past 20 years, tied for the most of any coach in that time
- Named *The Sporting News* Coach of Year in 2000 while at Oregon State

He has been 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, led by Cortez Kennedy, 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 in the regular season and held six opponents with-



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out a touchdown. It was the springboard that would lead to a 63-9 record (.875) while in South Florida, the best record by a Hurricane coach.

His 1990 squad went 10-2 and included 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 per game (324.8). The defense allowed just 79.7 yards per game on the ground. That team also received mention as the national champion by the New York Times and the Jeff Sagarin 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 to finish the season and allowed just 100 points all year, as no opponent scored more than 20 and only five opponents reached double-digit points.

Despite the national titles and the Oregon State turnaround, Erickson'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, just the second Hurricane to take home the honor, joining Vinny Testaverde in 1986.

His first trip through the Pac-10 was in 1987 when he took over the Washington State job. 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, its first Top-25 finish since 1972 (tied for 17th) 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.

He 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 took over a struggling program and one season later the Vandals were winning. 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 where they beat Montana 21-7 but lost to Eastern Kentucky 38-30. 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.

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 (1965) and earned a bachelor's degree (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.

MOST CAREER NCAA VICTORIES (ACTIVE)

<i>Coach (School)</i>	<i>Yrs</i>	<i>Avg.</i>	<i>Wins</i>
1. Bobby Bowden (Florida State)	42	8.7	365
2. Joe Paterno (Penn State)	42	8.6	362
3. Frank Beamer (Virginia Tech)	26	7/6	198
4. Jim Tressel (Ohio State)	21	9.4	197
5. Chris Ault (Nevada)	22	8.4	185
6. Dennis Franchione (Texas A&M)	24	7.5	180
7. Mack Brown (Texas)	23	7.7	178
8. Fisher DeBerry (Air Force)	23	6.5	169
Dick Tomey (San Diego State)	26	6.5	169
10. Steve Spurrier (South Carolina)	17	9.2	156
11. Mike Price (UTEP)	25	6.0	150
12. Dennis Erickson (Arizona State)	18	8.2	148

Updated 12/9/06 - List includes record at all four-year colleges per NCAA record book

THE DENNIS ERICKSON FILE**PERSONAL DATA**

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

Family: Wife, Marilyn, and sons Bryce and Ryan

EDUCATION

High School: Graduate of Everett High School in 1965

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

PLAYING CAREER

Three-year letterman (1966-68) at Montana State

Two-time All-Big Sky selection at quarterback

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 defeated seven ranked teams during the streak, including 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 six 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.
- Has been the head coach twice in a No. 1 vs. No. 2 match up. 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.
- He is one of just two coaches to win Pac-10 Coach of the Year at two schools, as he shared the honor at Washington State with Larry Smith of USC in 1988 and then won it outright in 2000 while at Oregon State. 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.
- He has posted more victories over the No. 1 ranked team (three) than eight Pac-10 schools. Arizona has done it twice, while ASU, Oregon State, Stanford, Washington and Washington State all have done it once. Cal and Oregon have never done it, while USC has done it seven times and UCLA three.
- Of his 18 teams, 14 have competed in postseason play and he has five bowl victories.

DENNIS ERICKSON'S COACHING CAREER

2006	Head Coach, University of Idaho
2003-05	Head Coach, San Francisco 49ers (NFL)
1999-02	Head Coach, Oregon State University
1995-98	Head Coach, Seattle Seahawks (NFL)
1989-94	Head Coach, University of Miami (Fla.)
1987-88	Head Coach, Washington State University
1986	Head Coach, University of Wyoming
1982-85	Head Coach, University of Idaho
1979-81	Assistant Coach, San Jose State University
1976-78	Assistant Coach, Fresno State University (offensive coordinator)
1974-75	Assistant Coach, University of Idaho (offensive coordinator)
1971-73	Assistant Coach, Montana State University (offensive backfield coach)
1970	Head Coach, Billings (Mont.) High School
1969	Graduate Assistant Coach, Montana State University

COACHING AWARDS

2000 *The Sporting News* National Coach of the Year

1998 and 2000 Pac-10 Conference Coach of the Year

Two-time National Champion at Miami (1989 and 1991)

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

Inducted into the University of Miami Hall of Fame

DENNIS ERICKSON YEAR-BY-YEAR AS A COLLEGIATE HEAD COACH

Year	School	Overall	Pct.	Conf.	Notes
1982	Idaho	9-4-0	.692	5-2-0	Wins first-round playoff game
1983	Idaho	8-3-0	.727	4-3-0	
1984	Idaho	6-5-0	.545	4-3-0	
1985	Idaho	9-3-0	.750	6-1-0	Advances to playoffs
1986	Wyoming	6-6-0	.500	4-4-0	
1987	Washington State	3-7-1	.318	1-5-1	One year later, 6-win upgrade is best in nation
1988	Washington State	9-3-0	.750	5-3-0	Victory at #1 UCLA; first bowl win since 1931
1989	Miami (Fla.)	11-1-0	.917	--	National Champions
1990	Miami (Fla.)	10-2-0	.833	--	Defeats Texas, 46-3, in Cotton Bowl
1991	Miami (Fla.)	12-0-0	1.000	2-0-0	National Champions
1992	Miami (Fla.)	11-1-0	.917	4-0-0	Wins first 11 games of season
1993	Miami (Fla.)	9-3-0	.750	6-1-0	Held 6 teams to less than 10 points
1994	Miami (Fla.)	10-2-0	.833	7-0-0	Four wins over Top 25 teams
1999	Oregon State	7-5-0	.583	4-4-0	First winning record since 1970
2000	Oregon State	11-1-0	.917	7-1-0	Pac-10 Co-Champions; finishes ranked fourth
2001	Oregon State	5-6-0	.455	3-5-0	Defeats #8 Washington, 49-24
2002	Oregon State	8-5-0	.615	4-4-0	6-1 home record
2006	Idaho	4-8-0	.333	3-5-0	
Totals - 18 Seasons		148-65-1	.694		

ALL-TIME TOTALS

Idaho (6 yrs)	36-23-0	.610
Wyoming (1 yr)	6-6-0	.500
Washington State (2 yrs)	12-10-1	.543
Miami (6 yrs)	63-9-0	.875
Oregon State (4 yrs)	31-17-0	.646
Career Totals (18 yrs)	148-65-1	.694

DENNIS ERICKSON WINS OVER NO. 1-RANKED TEAMS

November 16, 1991 - at Tallahassee, Fla.

#2 Miami defeated #1 Florida State, 17-16

- Only three teams have beaten No. 1 on the road since this game

November 25, 1989 - at Miami, Fla.

#7 Miami defeated #1 Notre Dame, 27-10

- Victory ended the Irish's 23-game winning streak

October 29, 1988 - at Los Angeles, Calif.

Washington State defeated #1 UCLA, 34-30

- Only three unranked teams have won road games over No. 1 since this game

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

November 16, 1991 - at Tallahassee, Fla.

#2 Miami defeated #1 Florida State, 17-16

- Ended the Seminoles' 16-game winning streak

October 6, 1990 - at Miami, Fla.

Miami defeated #2 Florida State, 31-22

- Ended the Seminoles' 14-game winning streak

November 25, 1989 - at Miami, Fla.

#7 Miami defeated #1 Notre Dame, 27-10

- Ended the Irish's 23-game winning streak

WHAT THEY ARE SAYING ABOUT DENNIS ERICKSON

“Coach Erickson is a true players’ coach. You love playing for him because he relates to his players well. He is an energetic and fun guy to be around. As a player, you appreciate him as a coach.”

~ **Ray Lewis, Baltimore Ravens**

Three-time All-American at the University of Miami and two-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year

“I don’t just like Coach Erickson; I love him. The most important step in me getting to where I am now was probably him taking a chance on me at Oregon State. Most coaches won’t take that kind of chance on a guy with just one year of eligibility. He had faith in me, and I’ll always be grateful for that.”

~ **Chad Johnson, Cincinnati Bengals**

Former Oregon State player, selected to First Team AP All-Pro and three Pro Bowl teams

“Dennis Erickson is a great coach and he also has a great deal of experience. He is a good person. What I saw from him is he is a players’ coach with a personality and attitude that meshed well with his players. He is able to get the most out of his team.”

~ **Jeff Garcia, Philadelphia Eagles**

Played under Erickson with the San Francisco 49ers and is a three-time Pro Bowl player

“Coach Erickson is the type of guy who strives for excellence. He expects a lot out of his players, but at the same time, he treats them like student-athletes and understands they’re going to make mistakes. He’s a guy who’s big on second chances.”

~ **Steven Jackson, St. Louis Rams**

Two-time All-Pac-10 Conference player at Oregon State and two-time Pac-10 rushing leader

“Out of all the coaches I have had, he is the only one that knows how to really relate to his players. He knows how to let players have fun, but yet have discipline. If you ever have any problems with school, football, family or whatever your problem is, you can go to Coach Erickson for help. When you go to his office, it is comfortable; you don’t feel like an outsider. You feel like one of the family.”

~ **Nick Barnett, Green Bay Packers**

Former Oregon State player, All-Pac-10 Conference selection and NFL Draft first round selection

“Coach Erickson is smart. He’s an innovator. Offensively, he’ll just cut you up.”

~ **T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Cincinnati Bengals**

Former Oregon State player

MAJOR AWARD WINNERS COACHED BY DENNIS ERICKSON

Lombardi Award	DT Warren Sapp	1994	12th-pick overall in 1995 NFL Draft
Nagurski Award	DT Warren Sapp	1994	Finished sixth in Heisman voting
Heisman Trophy	QB Gino Toretta	1992	Passed for 3,060 yards on year, 310 first-place votes
Outland Trophy	DT Russell Maryland	1990	Top overall pick in 1991 NFL Draft
Davey O’Brien	QB Gino Toretta	1992	Second Hurricane to win the award
Johnny Unitas	QB Gino Toretta	1992	One of several national awards

ALL-AMERICANS COACHED BY DENNIS ERICKSON

Warren Sapp, DT	1994	Consensus All-American and Lombardi and Nagurski Award Winners
C.J. Richardson, S	1994	First-team selection by <i>Associated Press</i>
Kevin Patrick, DE	1993	First-team selection by <i>Associated Press</i> and Kodak
Geno Torretta, QB	1992	Consensus All-American and Heisman Trophy Winner
Ryan McNeil, DB	1992	First-team by Kodak, Walter Camp and Football News
Michael Barrow, LB	1992	First-team pick by Walter Camp and Football News
Darryl Williams, FS	1991	First team pick by <i>Associated Press</i> , Kodak and Walter Camp
Darrin Smith, LB	1991	First-team selection by <i>UPI</i> in senior season
Leon Searcy, OT	1991	First-team pick by Football Writers, 11th pick in NFL Draft
Carlos Huerta, PK	1991	Consensus All-American and hit 157 consecutive PATs
Kevin Williams, KR	1991	Sporting News first-team selection as kick-off returner
Russell Maryland, DT	1990	Consensus All-American and Outland Trophy Winner
Maurice Crum, LB	1990	<i>AP</i> , Walter Camp and Football News first-team pick
Greg Mark, DL	1989	<i>AP</i> and Kodak All-American Teams
Mike Utley, DL	1988	Second Consensus All-American in WSU history

DENNIS ERICKSON VS. RANKED TEAMS (26-16)

Date	Score
Oct. 21, 2006	#18 Boise State 42, Idaho 26
Sept. 28, 2002	@#16 USC 22, #23 Oregon State 0
Dec. 1, 2001	@#4 Oregon 17, Oregon State 14
Nov. 10, 2001	Oregon State 49, #8 Washington 24
Sept. 29, 2001	#12 UCLA 38, #19 Oregon State 7
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)
Oct. 7, 2000	@#13 Washington 33, Oregon State 30 (OSU's only loss in 11-1 season)
Sept. 30, 2000	Oregon State 31, #8 USC 21 (first win over USC since 1967)
Oct. 2, 1999	#16 USC 37, Oregon State 29
Jan. 1, 1995	#1 Nebraska 24, #4 Miami 17 (Orange Bowl)
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 a Syracuse team)
Oct. 29, 1994	#6 Miami 24, #13 Virginia Tech 3
Oct. 8, 1994	#13 Miami 34, #3 Florida State 20 (Coach Erickson goes 4-2 against FSU in 6 years)
Sept. 24, 1994	#17 Washington 38, #6 Miami 20
Jan. 1, 1994	#16 Arizona 29, #10 Miami 0 (Fiesta Bowl)
Nov. 20, 1993	@#9 West Virginia 17, #4 Miami 14
Oct. 23, 1993	#6 Miami 49, @#23 Syracuse 0 (seventh shutout under Erickson)
Oct. 9, 1993	@#1 Florida State 28, #3 Miami 10
Sept. 4, 1993	#4 Miami 23, @#23 Boston College 7 (season opener)
Jan. 1, 1993	#2 Alabama 34, #1 Miami 13 (Sugar Bowl)
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 in front of 96,704)
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 rushing)
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. 20, 1990	@#6 Notre Dame 29, #2 Miami 20 (second game against top-10 team in two weeks)
Oct. 6, 1990	#7 Miami 31, #2 Florida State 22 (ends 14-game Seminole win streak in front of 80K+)
Sept. 8, 1990	@#16 BYU 28, #1 Miami 21 (season opener in front of 66,235)
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)
Oct. 28, 1989	@#9 Florida State 24, #2 Miami 10 (loss drops Miami to seventh in polls)
Dec. 25, 1988	#18 Washington St. 24, #14 Houston 22 (first Cougar Bowl win since Jan. 1, 1931, Rose Bowl)
Oct. 29, 1988	Washington State 34, @#1 UCLA 30 (3 unranked teams have won road games vs. #1 since)
Sept. 19, 1987	#19 Michigan 44, Washington State 18 (attendance of 103,521)