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Head Coach Rich Rodriguez



Rich Rodriguez returned to West Virginia University as the 36th head football coach on Dec. 12, 2024.

The architect of the no-huddle, zone-read spread option offense started his coaching career as the youngest head coach in the nation at 24. He has spent his entire 30-plus year career, including 27 as a head coach, showcasing an outstanding resume as a coach. Rodriguez is a master tactician, innovator, developer of talent, program builder and a winner.

Rodriguez has guided six different schools during his head coaching tenure, producing a 190-129-2 overall record and winning nearly 60% of his games. He has earned conference or national coach of the year honors seven times (WVI-

AC 1993, 1994; Big East 2003, 2005; Pac-12 2014; C-USA 2024 and NAIA National Coach of the Year in 1993). He has led his squads to eight or more wins 15 times, 10 or more wins five times and has won the conference or division championship seven times (Glenville State 1993-96, West Virginia 2003-05, '07, Arizona 2014, Jacksonville State 2022, '24).

He has led his programs to 14 bowl games, including three BCS games (2006 Sugar, 2008 Fiesta, 2014 Fiesta) and two NAIA Division I playoff appearances (the championship game in 1993 and the quarterfinals in 1994).

He has coached offenses that have produced 10 conference players of the year, has coached 56 NFL players and more than 30 All-Americans during his career.

Rodriguez returned to West Virginia after leading Jacksonville State to outstanding success, guiding the Gamecocks from NCAA FCS level to the FBS ranks over the past three seasons. The 2024 Conference USA Coach of the Year compiled a 27-10 record (three-straight nine-win seasons), earned the 2024 C-USA regular season and conference championships, won the 2023 New Orleans Bowl and had a first-place finish in the Atlantic Sun Conference in 2022.

Prior to Jacksonville, he served as the associate head coach, offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Louisiana-Monroe, where he was head coach Terry Bowden's choice

to lead the Warhawks' offense in rebuilding after ULM suffered a winless campaign in 2020. The Warhawks improved in every offensive category in 2021. He spent the 2019 season as the offensive coordinator at Ole Miss.

At Arizona, the Wildcats tied or set more than 100 offensive school records and all-time leaders were set for career rushing and all-purpose yardage.

Rodriguez led the Wildcats to a 43-35 record and five bowl games. Arizona won the 2014 Pac-12 South Division title and advanced to the Fiesta Bowl, finishing the season with a 10-4 mark, one of just three 10-win seasons in the program's history. He was named the Pac-12 Coach of the Year at the season's end.

Rodriguez was 60-26 in seven seasons at West Virginia, where he won the Big East Conference championship four times (2003, 2004, 2005 and 2007) and was named the Big East's Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2005. The Mountaineers won the 2006 Sugar Bowl and the 2008 Fiesta Bowl.

A 1986 graduate of WVU and Grant Town native, Rodriguez started at defensive back as a walk-on in 1981 and became a three-year letterwinner as a defensive back for the Mountaineers from 1982-84 under Hall of Fame coach Don Nehlen.

Rodriguez and his wife, Rita, have two children, Raquel and Rhett.

Coach bios courtesy of WVU Athletics

Rich Rodriguez's coaching record

1988 Salem	2-8
1990 Glenville St.	1-7-1
1991 Glenville St.	4-5-1
1992 Glenville St.	6-4
1993 Glenville St.	10-3
1994 Glenville St.	8-3
1995 Glenville St.	8-2
1996 Glenville St.	6-4
2001 West Virginia	3-8
2002 West Virginia	9-4
2003 West Virginia	8-5
2004 West Virginia	8-4
2005 West Virginia	11-1
2006 West Virginia	11-2
2007 West Virginia	10-2
2008 Michigan	3-9
2009 Michigan	5-7
2010 Michigan	7-6
2012 Arizona	8-5
2013 Arizona	8-5
2014 Arizona	10-4
2015 Arizona	7-6
2016 Arizona	3-9
2017 Arizona	7-6
2022 Jacksonville St.	9-2
2023 Jacksonville St.	9-4
2024 Jacksonville St.	9-4

At WVU: 60-26 .698, Big East championships in 2003-05, 2007

At Michigan: 15-22, .405

At Arizona: 43-35, .551, Pac-12 championship in 2014

At Jacksonville State: 27-10, .730, Atlantic Sun championship in 2022, Conference USA championship in 2024

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Defensive Coordinator Zac Alley

Zac Alley joined the Mountaineer Football Staff in December 2024 as the assistant head coach/defensive coordinator and linebackers coach.

He rejoined WVU coach Rich Rodriguez after serving as the co-defensive coordinator and linebackers coach at Oklahoma this past season. He coached under Rodriguez at Jacksonville State in 2022-23 and at Louisiana-Monroe in 2021.

At Oklahoma in 2024, Alley helped lead the Sooners' defense to a No. 3 ranking in defensive touchdowns, No. 5 in fumbles recovered, No. 10 in team tackles for loss, No. 11 in first-down defense, No. 19 in total defense, No. 23 in rushing defense, No. 25 in sacks and No. 30 in scoring defense.

One of Alley's standouts, linebacker Danny Stutsman, earned NCAA Consensus All-American honors after leading the Sooners with 110 tackles, including a team-high 44 solo stops, for an average of 9.2 tackles per game with eight tackles for loss.

Alley coordinated a 2023 Jacksonville State defensive unit that ranked 33rd out of 133 teams in scoring defense (21.2 ppg) and 43rd in to-



AP file photo

Zac Alley at Oklahoma last season.

tal defense (352.8 ypg), and helped the Gamecocks to a 9-4 record, a 6-2 Conference USA mark (third place) and New Orleans Bowl win over Louisiana.

Jax State also ranked fourth in the country in 2023 in opponent yards per rush (2.8), eighth in tackles for loss yardage (414), ninth in turnovers gained (25), 10th in interceptions (16), 12th in opponent yards per play (4.8), 13th in sacks per game (2.9) and 15th in rushing defense (111.5 ypg).

In his first year at Jacksonville State in 2022, Alley presided over a stingy defense that helped the Gamecocks amass a 9-2 record and a 5-0 league mark en route to the Atlantic Sun Conference championship.

Alley was the youngest

defensive coordinator in the NCAA's Football Bowl Subdivision when he took over at ULM in spring of 2021 at the age of 27. A member of 247Sports' "30 Under 30" list, Alley joined the Warhawks after a 0-10 season in 2020 and helped lead them to four victories. Under his direction, the Warhawks improved in virtually every defensive statistical category from the previous season, including going from No. 125 in rushing defense before his arrival to No. 69.

Prior to ULM, he served as Boise State's co-special teams coordinator and outside linebackers coach in 2019-20. He helped the Broncos to a 17-4 record in those two seasons, which included a 13-game win streak in Mountain West Confer-

ence play. In 2020, FootballScoop.com named Alley one of its special teams coordinators of the year.

He also served a defensive coaching internship with the NFL's Carolina Panthers in the spring of 2017, assisting the linebackers coach.

Alley served four years (2015-18) as a graduate assistant at Clemson. In those four seasons, with Alley working primarily with the defensive tackles and linebackers, Clemson posted a 55-4 (.932) record and won four Atlantic Coast Conference titles and two national championships (2016 and 2018).

He started working as a student assistant at Clemson as a freshman in 2011 and spent four years in that role. He earned his bachelor's degree in business management in 2014 and his master's degree in human resource development in 2017.

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 84. Kung Pao Shrimp		\$12.95
 85. Hunan Shrimp		\$12.95
86. Shrimp w/ Cashew Nuts.....		\$12.95
87. Moo Shu Shrimp (w. 5 Pancakes		\$12.95

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WVU running back Jahiem White.

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This is a new era for West Virginia, but it'll be familiar. Rich Rodriguez is back in West Virginia after being removed from the program for over a decade. Rodriguez has traveled throughout the country, going from job to job, but finally, it aligned for Rodriguez's trip back to Morgantown.

Rodriguez's squad won't look similar to last year's Neal Brown team. Rodriguez brought in over 70 transfers in the two portals, about the highest out of all Division I programs. Rodriguez had success before leaving, but with an entirely new team, it'll be interesting to see if he can recapture it.

Offense

The quarterback is still a question for West Virginia. Rodriguez hasn't named a starter, but it'll be projected to be a race between returner Nicco Marchiol, Texas A&M transfer Jaylen Henderson and Charlotte transfer Max Brown. The starter might not have been named until just a couple of days before the first game, and West Virginia could run a couple of quarterbacks during the course of a game, according to Rodriguez.

Whoever the quarterback is, they'll have a strong safety blanket in the backfield. Leading running back Jahiem White is back for 2025 and arguably one of the best backs in the Big 12. He was banged up this spring, but should be fully healthy come fall. Rodriguez did add some depth in the backfield. Northern Iowa transfer Tye Edwards is a solid depth piece. The loss of Jaylan Knighton does hurt, but the room should shape out OK with White.

The wide receiver room will have some familiar faces. Jaden Bray was banged up for most of 2024, but is fully healthy and set to make an impact. Do-it-all star Rodney Gallagher is also back, leading the group. Rodriguez added a bunch of receivers from the portal to help out, too.

The offensive line is led by center Landen Livingston, and the rest of the line will be transfers. Transfer SEC guards Carson Lee and defensive-line-turned-offense guard Walter Young Bear will stand beside him.



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WVU linebacker Reid Carrico.

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Defense

Zac Alley reunited with Rodriguez and has some work to do. There aren't a lot of returners on defense, but Rodriguez made a couple of splashes in the portal.

Rodriguez added one of the best pass rushers in college football, UT-SA's Jimmori Robinson, but he was not granted a waiver by the NCAA to play this season. Robinson then joined a lawsuit against the NCAA, where he was stated to be academically ineligible by the NCAA's lawyer. Missouri's Eddie Kelly is also a nice addition. Returning starter Edward Vesterinen and promoted Hammond Russel IV will sure up the interior defensive line.

Returning linebacker Reid Carrico leads Alley's defense, but the rest of the defense is up for grabs. Rodriguez added a couple of experienced FBS linebackers, UNLV's John Lewis and Colorado State's Chase Wilson.

Most of the secondary ran out of eligibility and moved on to the pros, including star Anthony Wilson Jr. The secondary is transfer-filled, too. The biggest addition, who could make an immediate impact, is Nevada cornerback Michael Coats Jr.

Specialists

Kicker is still up for grabs in 2025, and there are a couple of options. Kade Hensley, Ethan Head and R.J. Kocan are all options.

The punter is solidified by Australian punter Oliver Straw, but his punting will be different in 2025, transitioning to a standard style of punting.

Players to watch

RB Jahiem White: White received preseason all-Big 12 honors and is arguably the best back in the Big 12. He's West Virginia's best offensive piece and should play a big role in Rodriguez's run-heavy offense.

LB Reid Carrico: Carrico is the leader of a defense that has a lot of new faces in 2025.

DE Braden Siders: Siders looks to lead the defensive end room after transferring in from Wyoming. He averaged just under five sacks over his last three seasons.



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Robert Morris University

2024: 7-5 (4-2 Northeast)

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Robert Morris finished as a middle-of-the-road FCS team in 2024, finishing with a 7-5 record. There were some highlights, and Robert Morris capped it off with a dominant win over Stonehill. The only FBS team the Colonials played, though, they lost 36-14 to Utah State. Head coach Bernard Clark's squad will be competitive again in the Northeast Conference.

Offense

Clark's offensive staff was mixed around after the conclusion of the 2024 season. Robert Morris added offensive coordinator Troy Rothenbuhler from Youngstown State. Rothenbuhler's offense led the Penguins to a second-round berth in the FCS Championship.

The Colonials will have a new quarterback in 2025. Starting quarterback Anthony Chiccitt transferred to Temple, moving up subdivisions. There'll be a quarterback battle for the starting spot between a couple of underclassmen and redshirt junior Zach Tanner. Tanner has the most experience and threw for four touchdowns in 2024.

The running back room also lost a couple of key starters. Leading rusher Tyvon Edmonds Jr. left Robert Morris to go to the NFL. Syracuse transfer Muwaffaq Parkman was a big addition to boost the room.

The receiving room also lost starters, but Clark picked up a couple of Power Four receivers. West Virginia's Tyler Evans and Maryland's Kai Holloway were added in the offseason.

Defense

Robert Morris' defensive coordinator will also be new. James Madison hired 2024 defensive coordinator Dave Plungas, who is making the jump from FCS to FBS. The Colonials promoted Jason Makrinos to lead the defense in 2025. Prior to his promotion, Makrinos coached defensive backs.

Makrinos' defense lost some of its leaders to graduation and the NFL. There are some young guys coming up through the ranks, but most of the squad will be transfers. Villanova linebacker Jordan Nelson and UMass linebacker Jyree Roberts should help a new-look defense.



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Robert Morris quarterback Zach Tanner.



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The secondary added FAU transfer Carter Odell, North Alabama transfer Philjae Bien-Aime and Akron's Noel Roach to sure up the safety position.

Specialists

Kicker Jayson Jenkins is back to handle the kicking duties for Robert Morris. He made six of his 10 field goals and was 88.6% on extra points. Mack Flynn is listed as Robert Morris' punter.



Head coach:

Bernard Clark Jr.

Years with program:

Eight years

Record with program:

24-46

Overall record:

24-46

Bowl record: 0-0



North Alabama athletics

Robert Morris safety Philjae Bien-Aime played in nine games at North Alabama.

Players to watch

QB Zach Tanner: Tanner is in line to be the signal caller in 2025 and saw some action last year, testing out a starting role in 2025.

RB Muwaffaq Parkman: Parkman didn't see much action at Syracuse, but three-star out of high school.

S Noel Roach: Roach comes over for Akron after appearing in 12 games for the Zips. As a junior, he should lead the secondary.

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Ohio University

2024: 11-3 (7-1 MAC)



Ohio quarterback Parker Navarro.

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Head coach Brian Smith is in his first year as a college football head coach, after years of being a coordinator and associate head coach. Smith was promoted from his role as an associate head coach. Smith is inheriting a Tim Albin squad that's had a 10-win season the past three years, including three bowl wins and last year's MAC champions. Ohio is one of the better Group of Five schools in college football, but it hasn't had any national recognition. Smith will have to ride the momentum into 2025.

Offense

Luckily for Smith, most of last year's successful squad is back on offense. The Bobcats return multiple pass catchers, including its starting quarterback senior Parker Navarro. Navarro did lose his top target, but Ohio added Minnesota transfer running back Sieh Bangura. Bangura spent most of his time with the Bobcats before trying the Power Four level, and transferred back.

Navarro was one of the better passers in the MAC, throwing for 13 touchdowns last season. He was also a force on the ground, rushing for 1,054 yards and 18 more scores. He's one of the better dual-threat quarterbacks in college football.

Ohio's offense seems positive for 2025, but the big downside is there are a lot of new faces on the offensive line. Left tackle Davion Weatherpoon is back, but that's about it. If Ohio figures out the line, it should shape up for a strong offensive season.

Defense

Ohio wasn't so lucky on defense with its returners. The Bobcats lost seven starters from one of the best defenses in college football last year. Smith's defense is in a rebuilding year with so many pieces gone.

Ohio didn't lose its entire starting defense and most of its starting secondary is intact. Cornerback Tank Pearson, nickel Adonis Williams Jr. and free safety D.J. Walker should make a tough defensive back unit. There's also a bunch of transfers to add depth, including a projected starter in Wisconsin transfer Michael Mack II.

The defensive front is the question mark. There's not a lot of projected starters who have played a game for Ohio, so the Bobcats will



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Bobcats

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rely on the secondary to hold offenses.

Specialists

Ohio handed the punting off to freshman Kolten Bartels. The Bobcats dipped into the portal to grab UCLA kicker David Dellenbach, who replaced Jack Wilson.



Head coach: Brian Smith

Years with program:
One year

Record with program:
1-0

Overall record: 1-0

Bowl record: 1-0

Players to watch

QB Parker Navarro: Navarro is the driving force of this offense on the ground and through the air.

RB Sieh Bangura: Bangura changed his mind after a short stint at Minnesota and looks to have the same success he did at Ohio before transferring.

CB Tank Pearson: Pearson is the leader of the secondary team, and they will have to keep this defense together in 2025.



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Ohio defensive back Tank Pearson.



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University of Pittsburgh

2024: 7-6 (3-5 ACC)



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Pitt running back Desmond Reid.

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Pitt and Pat Narduzzi are back to face West Virginia in the Backyard Brawl, one of the best rivalries in college football. Narduzzi's 2025 squad will look similar to its 2024 7-6 team. His team in 2024 was younger, but with another year of experience, this team should be a bit better after an up-and-down 2025.

Offense

Sophomore quarterback Eli Holstein is back for Pitt after transferring from Alabama. In his redshirt freshman season, Pitt looked like it struck gold after a 7-0 start. From there, Holstein showed his age, leading the Panthers to six-straight losses. Holstein battled an ankle injury during those six games, and he had surgery on it during the offseason, so he should be good to go in 2025.

Holstein has a couple of weapons returning to help ease his way into 2025. Banged-up running back Desmond Reid returns, who was a dominant back when healthy. Holstein also has a pair of upperclassmen receivers, Kenny Johnson and Raphael Williams Jr., who should make an interesting one-two punch on the perimeter.

Most of Pitt's offensive line is back, despite battling injuries, too. The only area for question is the left side of the line, which Narduzzi tried to patch with transfers.

Defense

Pitt has a lot of talent in the defensive front seven. The defense starts with first-team All-ACC linebacker Kyle Louis. He shone with 101 tackles, 15.5 tackles for loss, seven sacks and four interceptions. Louis performs at a high level in all aspects of the defense.

Returning alongside Louis, Pitt returns another All-ACC linebacker, Rasheem Biles, and three defensive linemen.

Despite the accolades, Pitt's defense struggled, especially in the secondary. This year's secondary has a couple of question marks, especially at corner. There are bright sides, like safety Javon McIntyre and up-and-comer Cruce Brookins, but there are definitely holes.



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Specialists

Pitt added FCS Murray State kicker James London, replacing sure-fire leg Ben Sauls. Caleb Junko is back punting for Pitt.



Head coach: Pat Narduzzi

Years with program: 11 years

Record with program: 72-56

Overall record: 72-56

Bowl record: 2-5



AP photo

Pitt linebacker Kyle Louis.

Players to watch

RB Desmond Reid: If Reid can stay healthy, Pitt's running game should be in good shape.

QB Eli Holstein: Holstein needs to tap into his early 2024 magic to lead Pitt to a successful year.

LB Kyle Louis: Louis was first-team All-ACC and leads the defense once again.

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University of Kansas

2024: 5-7 (4-5 Big 12)



Kansas quarterback Jalon Daniels.

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It was a rough start to the season for Kansas, but it started to turn around towards the end. Kansas is one of the many teams that returns its starting quarterback, Jalon Daniels, who now has another year with newly promoted Jim Zebrowski as his offensive coordinator. The Jayhawks should be an offensive powerhouse again if they carry the momentum from the end of last year.

Offense

Kansas' offense showed signs of having a new offensive coordinator in the first half of the season, but finally worked out the kinks in the final games. Quarterback Jalon Daniels looked like the offensive weapon he was a season ago in the second half of the season, hoping the momentum carries into the 2025 season.

Carrying the momentum will be a bit harder in 2025, though. Kansas lost its starting running back, Devin Neal, to the NFL, but the Jayhawks added a couple of receivers and still have a decent back in Daniel Hishaw Jr.

Alabama transfer addition, Emmanuel Henderson Jr., didn't get much playing time but progressed from Year 1 to Year 2, and is projected to lead the receiving group. Kansas also added Columbia's Bryson Canty and Albany's Levi Wentz.

Daniel's offensive line will look to be strong again, returning two starters from 2025, and sophomore Calvin Clements taking a promotion to start at left tackle.

Defense

Kansas' defense only has three returning starters, with all three being on the defensive line. Pass rusher Dean Miller anchors the line and is one of the more experienced players on the defense. Kansas also added some depth in the portal, too.

The rest of the defense is up for grabs. Kansas added a couple of Power Four linebackers, including South Carolina's Bangally Kamara and West Virginia's Trey Lathan. Kansas also dipped into the portal for defensive back help. Alabama transfer Jahlil Hurley and Oklahoma State safety Lyrik Rawls.



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Kansas defensive end Dean Miller.

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The offense will have to carry a new defense.

Specialists

Colorado poached Kansas' punter, so the Jayhawks added Finn Lap-pin from McNeese. Kansas also picked up kicker Laith Marjan from Southern Alabama. Marjan was 16-for-17 on field goals with a long of 49 yards.

Head coach: Lance Leipold

Years with program:
Five years

Record with program:
22-28

Overall record: 59-61

Bowl record: 3-2



Players to watch

QB Jalon Daniels: Daniels has had his ups and downs, but hasn't put together a full season. This year could be it.

WR Emmanuel Henderson Jr: Henderson should lead a new-look wide receiver room.

DE Dean Miller: Miller had six sacks last year and 22 solo tackles, leading a new defense.



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University of Utah

2024: 5-7 (2-7 Big 12)



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Utah quarterback Devon Dampier at New Mexico last season.

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Kyle Whittingham and Utah had a disappointing season in 2024, finishing 2-7 in the Big 12 and 4-8 overall. It was one of Whittingham's worst seasons and a wake up call now that the Utes are in the Big 12 and not the Pac-12. After the poor 2024, Whittingham made a lot of changes to both sides of the ball, which could make for a better 2025 if all the new pieces fall into place. However, Utah might be better set for 2026 with 2025 being a year to get familiar with all the new assets.

Offense

Most of the offense has changed from personnel all the way up to the coaching staff. Whittingham hired New Mexico offensive coordinator Jason Beck to fix an offense that ranked 14th in the conference in scoring. Beck led the Lobos to a second-best offense in the Mountain West and especially helped in the pass attack, an area Utah needs help with.

Along with bringing over Beck, Utah secured Beck's quarterback Devon Dampier in the transfer portal to run the new offensive system. Dampier threw for 2,768 yards and 12 touchdowns, but he'll have to clean up his 12 interceptions. He's more of a rusher, running for 1,166 yards and 19 scores.

The rushing attack will start with Dampier and Washington State transfer Wayshawn Parker. Both will run from a well-known Utah offensive line, with returners Spencer Fano and Caleb Lomu at left and right tackle. Dampier's switch from schools should be a bit easier.

Defense

Defense is where Whittingham's teams thrive, and despite the bad record, the Utes' defense was strong again. They ranked just behind BYU for the best defense in the Big 12.

Most of the starters are coming back. Leading tackler linebacker Lander Barton is back, and so is Logan Fano, who had 2.5 sacks last season. Starting safety Tao Johnson and starting corner Elijah Davis are both back to lead the secondary.

The Utes lost some big defensive pieces, though. Sack leader Van Fillinger ran out of eligibility, and Karene Reid went to the pros as an undrafted free agent. Pass breakup leader, Cameron Calhoun is also

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gone, transferring to Alabama.

Utah reloaded with some transfer additions of its own, but some of the younger players will have to step up to create another big year for the defense.

Specialists

Utah is projected to trot out freshman kicker Dillon Curtis. Curtis was a three-star and the sixth-best kicker in the 2025 class. Missouri transfer Orion Phillips is set to handle the punting, but he comes off a year break, not playing in 2024.



Head coach: Kyle Whittingham

Years with program: 22 years

Record with program: 167-86

Overall record: 167-86

Bowl record: 11-6

Players to watch:

LB Lander Barton: Barton is the leader of the defense, and his return is a big boost for the 2025 season.

WR Larry Simmons: Simmons transferred from Southern Mississippi after 421 yards. He was one of the top additions in the portal for Utah and should be a bright spot in the sophomore wide receiver core.

CB Elijah Davis: Davis has a bigger role now that Calhoun left. Davis had two interceptions in 2025.



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Utah linebacker Lander Barton.

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Brigham Young University

2024: 11-2 (7-2 Big 12)

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BYU could've been the premier team in the Big 12 this season, but suffered a major blow in the offseason. Due to school disciplinary issues, quarterback Jake Retzlaff was set to be suspended, and instead of sticking around, he transferred in early July to Tulane.

Retzlaff's departure during the middle of the offseason tanked BYU's chances at a Big 12 title, but there is still hope. The schedule is favorable for BYU. They don't get Arizona State or Kansas State during the regular season, setting up for the postseason run.

Offense

Losing Retzlaff made the search for a new quarterback a top priority. BYU didn't use the portal and turned to Bear Bachmeier, who is expected to be the starter. Bachmeier was a three-star out of high school and the 11th-ranked quarterback in his class, according to ESPN. There's a lot of weight on Bachmeier's shoulders.

The freshman has a couple of weapons to get acclimated to college football. BYU returns its lead running back, L.J. Martin, who rushed for 723 yards and seven touchdowns. Receiver Chase Roberts is also back, who was Retzlaff's favorite target.

BYU did take a hit on the offensive line. The Cougars lost their tackle and center. Second-year offensive line coach T.J. Woods did add Michigan transfer Andrew Gentry and Colorado's Isaiah Jatta through the portal to patch the holes.

Defense

BYU's defense last year was its strong suit. Defensive coordinator Jack Hill turned the Cougars' defense into one that allowed the fewest points per game in the Big 12 and was 18th nationally. However, this year's defense will look a little different.

BYU lost a lot of defensive players to graduation, especially on the defensive line. Defensive ends Tyler Batty and Isaiah Bagnah are both gone. To replace them, BYU added Utah defensive lineman, who started 19 games for the Utes.

The backfield disruption didn't come from the defensive line, though. Most of the production came from the linebacker duo of Jack Kelly



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BYU receiver Chase Roberts.

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BYU linebacker Jack Kelly.

and Isaiah Glasker, who are both back.

Corner Marque Collins and safety Crew Wakley are both gone, so the secondary could be an issue for BYU. The Cougars were second in pass defense.

Specialists

BYU's special teams were top 4 in every category last season. Most of the specialists are returning for the 2025 season. Even in the return game, BYU led the Big 12 with three touchdowns.

Special teams shouldn't be an issue for the Cougars.

Head coach: Kalani Sitake

Years at BYU: 10 years

Record with program:
72-43

Overall record: 72-43

Bowl record: 5-2



Players to watch

QB Bear Bachmeier: Bachmeier was thrust right into a tough situation, and his performance could directly impact the outcome of the 2025 season. A lot of pressure for the youngster.

LB Jack Kelly: Jack Kelly led the team with five sacks last season and had 50 tackles. He's 1a to the linebacker duo for BYU.

WR Chase Roberts: Chase Roberts was BYU's leading receiver last year with 54 catches for 854 yards. He added four touchdowns.



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2024: 4-8 (2-7 Big 12)



UCF running back Myles Montgomery.

UCF athletics

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Like West Virginia, UCF has a new leader, who's returning for his second stint, Scott Frost. Frost's time in Nebraska was short, and he said he learned "don't take the wrong job." Now, he's looking to rejuvenate a team that's had two coaches since he left. Frost has his work cut out for him with most of his squad being brand new and having a disappointing 4-8 record last year.

Offense

Frost hasn't named a starting quarterback yet. He has a couple of options between Tayven Jackson, Jacurri Brown and Cam Francher. Brown played last year for the Golden Knights but threw four interceptions and just one touchdown. Jackson transferred in from Indiana and Francher came in from FAU. Francher played the most out of the three, playing four seasons, but had thrown as many picks as interceptions.

The quarterback situation will need to be solved. Whoever the quarterback may be, they will have some help in the backfield. Running back Myles Montgomery moved up into a starting role, and UCF added some depth with 1,000-yard rusher Jaden Nixon from Western Michigan.

The receiver room will look completely different in 2025. Not one receiver from last year is back for this year. Frost added a couple of transfers and has some promising true freshmen to help out the quarterback.

Defense

The defense doesn't have much familiarity either. However, there are far more returners on defense than offense.

The Golden Knights return both of their pass rushers, who combined for 10.5 sacks last season, which will be UCF's strength for 2025. UCF added depth with Pitt transfer Sincere Edwards.

The only other returner is a safety. Junior Demari Henderson didn't see much production his sophomore year, but looks to lead a secondary made up of transfers. FAU transfer Phillip Dunnam had three interceptions last year, falling into UCF's safety role.

The linebacker core will also be pretty new, and made up of transfers. Virginia Tech linebacker Keli Lawson, Oklahoma Lewis Carter and Colgate Cole Kozlowski need to make immediate impacts come fall.

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UCF defensive end Nyjalik Kelly.

Specialists

UCF's specialists are transfer portal additions, too. Frost added James Madison kicker Noe Ruelas after making 16-for-20 field goals. There's no punter named yet and there's a battle for the starting spot.

Players to watch

RB Jaden Nixon: Nixon is set to push starting back Myles Montgomery in 2025, and he'll also make a big impact on the return game.

DE Nyjalik Kelly: Kelly is the anchor of UCF's 2025 defense and led the team with 5.5 sacks last year.

S Phillip Dunnam: Dunnam had a promising 2024 and is set to help out UCF after a short trip up north.



Head coach: Scott Frost

Years with program: Three years

Record with program: 26-19

Overall record: 35-38

Bowl record: 1-1



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TCU quarterback Josh Hoover.

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TCU is the biggest Big 12 success story so far in the College Football Playoff era. In 2023, the Horned Frogs made the National Championship, the only Big 12 team to do so. TCU has ridden that momentum in the following seasons, but just missed out on the Big 12 title game.

The Horned Frogs return some crucial starters from last year's 9-4 team, so they should be right there in contention again in 2025.

Offense

TCU's 2024 offense was very pass-heavy and finished third in the conference in scoring, mainly due to quarterback Josh Hoover, who was second in passing yards with 3,949. Hoover is back, but a lot around him is new.

Hoover lost a couple weapons from last year. Leading receiver Jack Bech was drafted in the second round by the Las Vegas Raiders, and third option J.P. Richardson is now on the Chicago Bears. Those are big losses, but the second option, Eric McAlister, is back to help Hoover have another big year.

Right tackle Ben Taylor-Whitfield and center Coltin Deery both return to protect Hoover, but he'll have a new pair of guards and left tackle. San Diego State transfer Cade Bennett should fill in one of the two guard spots, and freshman Ryan Hughes is expected to make a leap and start at left tackle. Hughes will play a big role in TCU's success.

The rushing attack for the Horned Frogs was 13th in the Big 12, and there weren't too many additions in the offseason that'll make TCU a threat on the ground for 2025.

Defense

TCU was in the middle of the Big 12 in defense, and it should get better in 2025. This is the second year for defensive coordinator Andy Avalos, who came to the Horned Frogs after being the head coach of Boise State for three seasons.

Avalos and TCU return six of their seven top leading tacklers for 2025, including both safeties, Bud Clark and Jamel Johnson. The only tackler Avalos lost was leader Johnny Hodges. That's a big blow, but a lot of guys are back.

Sack leader Devean Deal, 5.5 sacks, is back. Deal lines up alongside 2024 second-team freshman All-American, per the Athletic, Zach Champman. The duo should put up bigger numbers in 2025. TCU added Washington State sack leader tackle Ansel Din-Mbuh to add more depth.

With the additions and returners, TCU's defense should be improved in 2025.

Specialists

Kicker Kyle Lemmermann is back after making 68% of his kicks and 98% of extra points. Lemmermann should improve in his sophomore season. Ethan Crawl will handle the punting again in 2025. Crawl had a net punting of 39 yards.



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Players to watch:

QB Josh Hoover: Hoover is coming off a big 2024 and shouldn't slow down in 2025 with a year of experience already under his belt.

T Ryan Hughes: Hughes is under a lot of pressure as a redshirt freshman. He played in four games last year, but mainly at left guard, so left tackle will be a big move for 2025.

S Bud Clark: Clark is the difference maker in the secondary for TCU. He had three interceptions, forced a fumble, and broke up three passes.



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TCU safety Bud Clark.



Head coach: Sonny Dykes

Years with program: Four years

Record with program: 27-13

Overall record: 98-76

Bowl record: 3-4



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University of Houston

2024: 4-8 (3-6 Big 12)

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Houston could be one of the worst teams in the Big 12 in 2025. In 2024, the Cougars weren't last in the conference, but were towards the bottom with a 3-6 conference record and 4-8 overall. It was the first season under Willie Fritz, so maybe it was just growing pains. The offense needs to be better than scoring 14 points a game to have any chance to compete in the Big 12, but the signs aren't pointing that way.

Offense

Houston's offense was the worst in the Big 12. The Cougars couldn't get anything going. Fritz secured Texas A&M quarterback Conner Weigman to try and change things around in Houston.

Weigman played three seasons with the Aggies and regressed a little in 2024. He had more interceptions than touchdowns. Luckily, at Houston, anything Weigman can add will be a positive for the offense.

Weigman has some weapons to help turn the offense around. Leading receiver Stephon Johnson is back with transfer portal additions UAB's Amare Thomas and Louisiana's Harvey Broussard III. Weigman has Re'Shaun Sanford II and Rice transfer Dean Connors to help in a pinch. The offensive line has two returning linemen, but most of the line is new for 2025.

It'll be interesting to see if Houston's offense will improve, but it won't be too difficult with the baseline set at 14 points. Fritz's offseason moves should help.

Defense

Houston's defense is much better than its offense. The Cougars ranked fourth in the Big 12 in scoring defense, holding teams to 22.9 points per game. Texas Tech picked up 2024 defensive coordinator Shiel Wood to assume the same role, so now, Austin Armstrong will call the plays for Houston.

Armstrong arrived after a two-year stint as a joint defensive coordinator for Florida. He's a rising star in the coaching ranks and was the youngest defensive coordinator in the SEC at 31.

Armstrong has some areas to patch up from the great 2024 defense. Houston lost two key members of the secondary to the portal in All-Big 12 safety A.J. Haulcy and corner Jeremiah Wilson. Haulcy had seven pass breakups and five interceptions, and Wilson was right behind him with four breakups and four picks. Safety Kentrell Webb and corner Latrell McCutchin are back to lead the young secondary.

The defensive front should still be strong. Pass rusher Brandon Mack II, who had three sacks, is back and will line up alongside FIU transfer Eddie Walls III, who had five sacks a year ago. The linebackers are a little banged up from last year, so their production will be a question mark in 2025.

Cougars

Nov. 1 @ TDECU Puskar Stadium

Specialists

After uncertainty at place kicker in 2024, Houston added Old Dominion kicker, who is 35 of 46 on field goals in his career. Liam Dougherty will punt again for Houston.



Players to watch

DE Eddie Walls III: Walls had a productive final year at FIU and should help maintain the strong defensive front from a year ago.

QB Conner Weigman: Weigman is tasked with turning this offense around, so there's a lot of pressure on the three-year veteran.

RB Dean Connors: Connors had some strong years at Rice and is a versatile back. Connors and Sanford II make a solid one-two punch in the backfield.

AP photo

Houston quarterback Conner Weigman at Texas A&M last season.



Head coach: Willie Fritz

Years with program: Two years

Record with program: 4-8

Overall record: 75-62

Bowl record: 3-1

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University of Colorado

2024: 9-4 (7-2 Big 12)

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This is an entirely new era for coach Deion Sanders and Colorado. The Buffaloes lost their best defensive and offensive player, Heisman Trophy winner Travis Hunter, in the draft. He was a difference maker on offense and defense, and he is definitely going to miss him. Colorado also lost its star quarterback, Shedeur Sanders. Without the two of them, Colorado will look a lot different this fall.

Offense

Without Hunter and Sanders, Colorado had to restock, and Sanders has done so through recruiting highly rated high schoolers and through the portal. The Buffaloes addressed the quarterback position in both ways. Sanders added four-star quarterback Julian Lewis, who flipped from Southern California. Through the portal, Sanders pulled Liberty veteran Kaidon Salter. It'll be a quarterback battle, but most likely, Salter will get the nod.

Colorado added three top portal pass catchers: Sincere Brown from Campbell, Hykeem Wil-

liams from Florida State and Joseph Williams from Tulsa. All were top receivers in the portal.

Defense

Replacing Hunter won't be easy on defense, where he arguably played his best ball. The secondary won't be the same.

Instead of repairing the secondary, Sanders shifted the focus to the defensive line, adding multiple transfers. Alongside banged-up pass rusher Arden Walker, Colorado added Alabama transfer Jehiem Oatis and Texas State's Tavian Coleman. Both don't have too much experience but showed a lot of promise coming out of high school.

The Buffaloes do return some members of the secondary. Corner D.J. McKinney and nickel Preston Hodge. McKinney had 61 tackles and a pick-six. Hodge had two picks and six pass breakups, too. There's still some experience on the back end.

Specialist

Colorado added Kansas transfer punter Damon Greaves, who averaged 42.3 yards per punt. Kicker Alejandro Mata made 12 of 15 last year and returns



AP photo

Colorado quarterback Kaidon Salter.

for 2025. Sanders has two elite returners on punt and kickoff.

Buffaloes

Nov. 8 @ Milan Puskar Stadium



AP photo

Colorado defensive back D.J. McKinney.

Players to watch

DL Jahiem Oatis: Oatis transferred from Alabama and was one of the best defensive linemen in the portal. At Alabama, he wasn't too productive, but as a main guy at Colorado, Oatis should see an uptick in production.

WR Sincere Brown: Colorado lost all four of its top receivers to the draft or graduation. Brown looks to be the WR1 for the Buffaloes this year.

QB Julian Lewis/Kaidon Salter: Whoever is the starting quarterback has big shoes to fill and will have all eyes on them all season long. Shedeur Sanders handled it, but he's been in the spotlight his whole life.



Head coach: Deion Sanders

Years with program: Three years

Record with program: 13-12

Overall record: 40-18

Bowl record: 0-1

Arizona State University

2024: 11-2 (7-2 Big 12)

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Arizona State had a Cinderella season in 2024 and won the Big 12 after being picked to finish last in the standings. The Sun Devils capped off the 2024 season with a close loss to Texas in the College Football Playoff.

There are no signs of slowing down for Kenny Dillingham's squad. Dillingham returns a handful of players from the Big 12 Champion squad, including quarterback Sam Leavitt, who could be one of the top quarterbacks in next year's draft class.

Arizona State should be another favorite to win the Big 12 again in 2025.

Offense

Arizona State's offense ranked fourth in the Big 12 in scoring under the offensive coordinator Marcus Arroyo, and the offense will look a little different in 2025.

The biggest loss for the Sun Devils in 2024 was do-it-all running back Cam Skattebo, who the New York Giants drafted in this year's

draft. He was their offensive identity, so now it's going to rely more on returning quarterback Sam Leavitt. Leavitt has running back Kyson Brown returning, who was Skattebo's backup, but it'll be hard not to feel the loss of Skattebo. Arizona State also added Army's Kanye Udoh to help.

Leavitt has leading receiver Jordyn Tyson back, and the Sun Devils landed Alabama receiver Jaren Hamilton and Fresno State receiver Jalen Moss, providing some depth. Most of the offensive line will be back, too.

Defense

Arizona State's defense was third last season in scoring, and most of the team is back.

The Sun Devils' strength was stopping the run, and they should be strong again in 2025. Arizona State returns most of the defensive line and added Oregon transfer defensive tackle My'Keil Gardner. This defensive front should be even scarier in 2025.

Arizona State's biggest loss was safety Shamari Simmons, but he was quickly replaced with Purdue transfer Nyland Green and Washington State's Adrian Wilson. Leading



AP photo

Arizona State receiver Jordyn Tyson.

tackling safeties Myles Rowser and Xavion Alford are back, too.

Arizona State's defense should be the best in the Big 12 in 2025, with so many players coming back and with the additions from the portal. Stopping the run will be the forte, but the secondary isn't something to sleep on either.

Sun Devils

Nov. 15 @ Mountain America Stadium



AP photo

Arizona State quarterback Sam Leavitt.

Specialists

Special teams is where there is the most turnover. Dillingham is a new-age, aggressive coach who doesn't use his special team much, so it shouldn't be too much of an issue. Eastern Michigan transfer Jesus Gomez is the new place kicker, and punter Kanyon Floyd is back after a 40.7 average last season.

Players to watch

QB Sam Leavitt: If Sam Leavitt has a big year, he could be a first-rounder in the 2026 NFL Draft. Right now, he's a top 5 quarterback and could move up the ranks with the talent around him.

WR Jordyn Tyson: Tyson is Leavitt's No. 1 weapon now that Cam Skattebo is gone. He's projected to have a big year and is a projected first-round talent.

S Myles Rowser: Myles Rowser led the team in tackles in 2024. He's a physically strong safety and even had a sack last year.



Head coach: Kenny Dillingham

Years with program: Three years

Record with program: 14-12

Overall record: 14-12

Bowl record: 0-1

Texas Tech University

2024: 8-5 (6-3 Big 12)

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The Texas Tech Red Raiders are one of the several teams and the leader in the Big 12 when it comes to fully taking advantage of the new era of college football. With the new legislation, Texas Tech is expected to spend \$35 million on top of the \$20.5 million from revenue sharing on athletes in the future.



AP photo

Texas Tech receiver Caleb Douglas.

This season, the Red Raiders have taken full advantage of NIL and the transfer portal. Texas Tech's transfer portal is ranked second on 247Sports with 13 four-star recruits, the most in college football.

The Red Raiders are a wild card with all the new additions, and it might take some time before they click, but they'll definitely be a strong team in the future.

Offense

Texas Tech returns a

bunch of starters on offense, including senior quarterback Behren Morton and senior receiver Caleb Douglas.

There are a couple of new and important faces for the 2025 season. The offense starts with new offensive coordinator Mack Leftwich, who comes over from Texas State. Under his playcalling, the Bobcats' offense led the Sunbelt Conference and was ranked 15th nationally from 2023-24.

The other new face on offense is Miami (OH) transfer Reggie Virgil. Virgil was one of the top receivers in the portal at 6-foot-4 and racked up 41 grabs for 816 yards and nine scores. The other additions from the portal centered around bolstering the offensive line to protect Morton, who is recovering from shoulder surgery.

Last year, Morton was third last year in passing in the Big 12, and after Colorado's Shedeur Sanders went to the NFL, Morton is second in returning quarterbacks.



AP photo

Texas Tech quarterback Behren Morton.

Red Raiders

Nov. 29 @ Milan Puskar Stadium

Defense

The highlight of Texas Tech's offseason moves was hiring Shiel Wood to be the next defensive coordinator. Wood coached the Houston defense that turned into one of the best in the Big 12 last season. He's also spent time at Army, Tulane and Troy.

Texas Tech's portaling this offseason added some of the best defensive talent, especially off the edge. The Red Raiders added Stanford's David Bailey and Georgia Tech's Romello Height. The two were ranked 12th and 27th, respectively. The duo looks to help a struggling defense that was 11th in the Big 12 in sacks.

The Red Raiders also added some secondary help to strengthen the secondary, which ranked 132nd in 2024.

Specialists

Texas Tech even dipped into the portal to replace its kicker this year. Junior Upton Bellenfant transferred over from Buffalo. He made 18-of-21 field goals and was a perfect 31-for-31 on extra points. Punter Jack Burgess makes a return after averaging 42.2 yards per punt on 47 boots last season.

Players to watch

QB Behren Morton: Morton assumes his role as Texas Tech's quarterback for the fourth-straight year. He was third last year in passing, but is coming off a shoulder injury.

WR Caleb Douglas: Morton's favorite target, Caleb Douglas, is back and should pick up right where he left off. Douglas had 60 grabs for 877 yards and six touchdowns last year.

DE David Bailey: The big get from the transfer portal will make an immediate impact. Bailey had seven sacks last year, which would've led Texas Tech.



Head coach: Joey McGuire

Years with the program: Four years

Record with program: 23-16

Overall record: 23-16

Bowl record: 2-1



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