

As a Major College coach

Coaches with the Highest Winning Percentage in Conference Games

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Oklahoma coaching legend, Bud Wilkinson tops the list of 6 of college football's winningest coaches—in conference action—that are out the Big 12 Conference—or its earlier predecessors.

In fact, the Sooners have the top 2 spots and No.8.

The 29 coaches below compiled an overall composite winning percentage in all conferences that were Major College/NCAA 1A/Bowl Subdivision at the time the games were played.*

Virginia Tech's Frank Beamer, lead the three active mentors on the list; but is second in his own conference—the ACC—to the retired Bobby Bowden, by a mere .007 points.

Rival coaches from the mid-1970s and most of the 1980s, Barry Switzer and Tom Osborne rank 2nd-3rd respectively. Osborne won 51 more games the former Sooner boss, who compiled a higher winning percentage, 0.897 to 0.869

Ten coaches compiled a career Winning Percentage, which is how the coaches are ranked, over 0.800.

After Beamer, is Osborne's former boss, Bob Devaney; with the second active coach and third man to patrol a sideline in Norman, Bob Stoops next.

Talk about rivals, how about a former teacher and pupil make-up the winningest coaches from the Big 10: Michigan's Bo Schembechler ranks fourth and holds a .035 margin over his former boss, Woody Hayes. Tommy Prothro, whose leadership guided a pair of Pac-8 conference teams over a 16-year period that began 1955, round-out the Top 10.

The "Ole Ball Coach," Steve Spurrier is the remaining active coach at No. 26 and a 0.710 winning mark.

W%	W-L-T	Head Coach	Team(s)
Seasons+			
.898	91-9-3	Bud Wilkinson	Oklahoma 1947-63
.897	100-11-1	Barry Switzer	Oklahoma 1973-88
.869	151-22-2	Tom Osborne	Nebraska 1973-97
.835	170-32-4	Bo Schembechler	Miami OH/Michigan
	1963-89		
.832	134-27-0	Bobby Bowden	Florida State 1992-09
.825	47-10-0	Frank Beamer+	Virginia Tech 1987-2010
.819	84-17-4	Bob Devaney	Wyoming/Nebraska
	1957-72		
.803	82-20-0	Bob Stoops+	Oklahoma 1999-10
.805	47-11-1	Tommy Prothro	Oregon State/UCLA
	1955-70		

.800	152-35-8	Woody Hayes	Miami OH/Ohio State	1949, 51-78
.796	42-10-2	Fielding Yost	Michigan	1901-23, 25-26
.794	70-17-3	John McKay	USC	1960-75
.787	62-15-5	Robert Neyland	Tennessee	1926-34, 36-40 46-52
.785	73-20-0	Frank Kush	Arizona State	1962-79
.775	54-15-2	Bill Murray	Duke	1953-65
.769	122-36-2	Darrell Royal	Mississippi State/ Washington State/Texas	1954-76
.765	59-16-6	Frank Thomas	Alabama	1931-46
.754	176-57-1	Paul "Bear" Bryant	Maryland/Kentucky/Texas A&M/Alabama	1946-82
.746	106-36-0	Phil Fulmer	Tennessee	1992-08
.742	140-44-14	Dana X Bible	LSU/Texas A&M/Nebraska/Texas	1917, 1919-46
.740	75-25-4	Dan Devine	Arizona State/Missouri	1954-70
.7314	78-28-2	R.C. Slocum	Texas A&M	1989-02
.7308	46-16-3	Fritz Crisler	Minnesota/Michigan	1930-31 38-47
.727	117-42-6	John Cooper	Tulsa/Arizona State/Ohio State	1977-99
.710	121-48-5	Steve Spurrier+	Duke/Florida/South Carolina	1987-2002, 05-09
.713	105-41-4	Vince Dooley	Georgia	1964-88
.707	106-41-10	John Vaught	Mississippi	1947-70, 73
.705	95-38-6	Frank Broyles	Missouri/Arkansas	1957-76

.704 50-19-7 Myron Witham Colorado

1920-31

***Divisions determined by NCAA Divisional list in the records book**

+Active through the 2010 season