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Source: **THE WORLD OF SPORT 1915**

THAT YALE SYSTEM

The popular question of day What is that is the matter with the Yale football system? One answer to this is that there is no system. In another way of speaking the trouble is that Yale is about the only college that has a system and that her system is in part the cause of her undoing. Harvard, Chicago, Michigan, Minnesota, and other colleges have men and these men have methods. When the material equals the abilities of the coaches the methods bring results; otherwise not. Yale has not shaken off the shreds of her old system under which the captain was the supreme power in football, on the field and off, and the head coach was usually the captain of the previous year. The coach is chosen differently now, but the captain still retains some of his old power. It was a fine democratic method and it worked so long as there was little change from year to year in the style of play. But with the abolition of the old game the problem of teaching became too great for a young man just out of college to cope with.

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A CASE OF POOR ADJUSTMENT It must be borne in mind that the Yale system applied not only to the manner of choosing the coach and administering the affairs of the team, but also to a considerable extent to the style of play. With the coming of the new game much of the old knowledge ceased to be of value. Yale held to the old ideas in the desperate hope of carrying victory by sheer power. The defense was adequate in the early stages of the new game, but the attack soon lost its old power to score. Then as the new attack became faster and more diversified the old defense crumbled and in the last two years we have had the spectacle of Harvard scoring a total of seventy- seven points to Yale's nothing in the final games. This is not the fault of material or even of method. The fact is that Yale is still clinging to a system that hampers method and confuses the men. She is trying to put a high speed engine in a truck body.

MUST HAVE POWER and the remedy? If this POWER question means, how can How can Yale beat Harvard next year or the year after? he would be a rash man who attempted to answer. The problem is rather as to the best way of getting out of the men available all the football that is in them, or rather of putting into them all the football that they can hold. This is conditioned first on getting a good man for the job. Get a genius if possible, but geniuses are rare and not indispensable. There are plenty of good men, Yale men too. Then, having secured the man, give him full power. Football coaching is, first organization and second teaching. No one man can hope to teach personally all the members of a big squad in a single season. He must delegate most of this work to others. Here is where the work of organization comes in. The new man at Yale, whoever he is, will probably spend the first two years teaching the teachers. It is doubtful if he will ever have much time to devote to telling individual men the details of their particular positions. But when once his machine is working he will be sure — as Haughton is sure — that this part of the work is being done as he would have it done. This cannot be done properly if the captain is privileged to interfere in the selection of coaches, the choice of methods of play, the plan of campaign for the season. In other words, the line officer must not be allowed to dictate to the chief of staff.

No Coaching Boards

There is talk at Yale, or so the newspapers say of experimenting with a board of coaches. On this point the experience at Princeton is illuminating. An advisory board, if purely advisory, can not do much harm and may do some good. A board with power to say the final word is an unmitigated evil. As well attempt to edit a magazine by a board of directors. It can't be done. Yale must forget local jealousies, forswear her ancient system, find a good man, give him full power to decide and to execute, and get down to hard work. And this goes for more colleges than Yale.

MORE AMATEURISM

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The amateur bee is apparently buzzing merrily again and rumors of conferences and organizations are in the air. The case of Brickley at Trinity has taken up much space, more probably than it deserved. Trinity's position is at least clear. Mr. Brickley's scholarship standing meets the requirements and the college declares that there its interest ends. In our last issue we said something about this subject, giving the college authorities the benefit of assuming that they did not quite understand the situation. Apparently they desire no such benefit and are entirely content with their position. The air of rather smug self-satisfaction is a bit galling. However, Trinity's reward is likely to come when the football schedule for next year is made up.

Editor's Note: Brickley was one of 17 players listed in *Stars of an Earlier Autumn* to have rushed for 1000 or more yards in Pre-1937 college football statistics.

Elmer Bracher (Rutgers) and Brickley were the first of three sets of backs to gain 1000 yards in the same season that are listed in the book/database.

Stars-era (1869-1936) backs with 1000 or more rushing yards in the same season

| | | | | | |
|------|--------------------------------------|------|---|------|---|
| 1021 | Elmer Bracher, Rutgers, 1915 | 1287 | Frank Briante, New York University, 1927 | 1393 | Lloyd Brazil, Detroit, 1928 |
| 1008 | George Brickley, Trinity MA, 1915 | 1163 | Morley Drury, USC, 1927 | 1351 | Earl "Dutch" Clark, Colorado College, 1928 |
| 1450 | Glenn Presnell, Nebraska, 1927 | 2032 | Ken Strong, New York University, 1928 | 1066 | Dick Nebitt, Drake, 1928 |

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Tim Hudak, an IFRA member and author of high school football histories, is looking for information (i.e. the actual final yearly rankings) about the **National Sports News Service** high school football national rankings. These were put out by Art Johlfs from 1927-1982, and then later made retroactive to 1910. These rankings were usually published only during the last week of December and had as many as a Top 57 teams. If you have any information about these rankings for any year (copies of listings, newspapers that they can be found in, etc.) please contact Tim Hudak, tlhudak@roadrunner.com, Ph. [216-741-6532](tel:216-741-6532). Tim is trying to collect the most complete set of these rankings, most of which have apparently been lost.

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Pillars of the FWAA: Volney Meece (1925-1995), Daily Oklahoman

by Ken



Football Writers Association of America is celebrating its 75th anniversary in 2015. Founded in 1941, the FWAA has served the writing profession and college football during a time when the world has changed greatly and the sport of football has along with it. In an effort to tell the stories of the members of the organization, we will publish sketches of the FWAA's most important leaders — all Bert McGrane Award winners.

The Bert McGrane Award, symbolic of the association's Hall of Fame, is presented to an FWAA member who has performed great service to the organization and/or the writing profession. It is named after McGrane, a Des Moines, Iowa, writer who was the executive secretary of the FWAA from the early 1940s until 1973. The McGrane Award was first bestowed on an FWAA member in 1974.

For a list of all the winners go to: <http://www.sportswriters.net/fwaa/awards/mcgrane/index.html>.

The following is the 25th installment of the Pillars of the FWAA series. Volney Meece was the 1992 winner of the Bert McGrane Award.

Thanks to FWAA member Gene Duffey for writing and researching this sketch.

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By Gene Duffey

Maybe it was appropriate that Volney Meece died of a heart attack at the 1995 CoSIDA Convention during a function at a casino in Black Hawk, Colorado. He and his wife, Lou, were eating a spaghetti dinner when he told her that he wasn't feeling well. He was surrounded by SIDs and other support personnel from colleges and universities across the country.

"At least it happened here, where he was surrounded by longtime friends in the profession, people who respected him and loved him," Debbie Copp, a longtime member of the Oklahoma Sports Information office staff, said at the time. "We've lost a legend. He was a very ethical, honorable man. College athletics has lost a heck of a man."

Meece, who worked for 41 years at the Oklahoma City Times and Oklahoman, served as president of the FWAA in 1971 and then executive director of the organization for 22 years starting in 1973.

"He spent an enormous amount of time doing that," said the late Bob Hersom, a colleague at the newspaper.

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Meece attended Tonkawa High School, Northern Oklahoma Junior College and the University of Oklahoma. He served with the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and began at the Oklahoman on Feb. 6, 1950, writing church news and obituaries. He moved over to the sports department in the mid-1950s.

“He was one of a kind, so helpful to younger writers,” said Hersom, who shared the Oklahoma City 89ers baseball beat with Meece for 14 years. “He was the kind of guy you instantly liked.”

Hersom and Meece also covered many Oklahoma football games together. Most readers couldn’t tell whether Meece went to Oklahoma or rival Oklahoma State. “The people at OSU liked him as much as the people at OU,” said Hersom.

Meece made a huge impact on the people in Norman. Former Sooners coach Barry Switzer, then coach of the Dallas Cowboys, drove to Oklahoma City for Meece’s memorial service. Howard Schnellenberger, another ex-Oklahoma coach, also attended along with OU quarterback Jack Mildren, Heisman Trophy winner Steve Owens and legendary Oklahoma City basketball coach Abe Lemons.

“I truly loved Volney Meece,” said Owens. “Volney always treated me with great respect. From the moment I met him, I always felt like he was my friend. I think all of us (athletes) had a special feeling for Volney, like we had for no one else in the journalism business.”

“He liked Coors Light,” recalled Hersom. “They served Coors Light at the memorial service.”

Meece authored a book on the glory days at Oklahoma, titled: “Thirteen Years of Winning Oklahoma Football under Bud Wilkinson.”

He wrote his columns without ego.

“He was a humorous type of columnist,” said Hersom. “He used a lot of quotes. He wanted to present the person more than himself.”

Meece retired from the Oklahoman March 1, 1991. He continued his work for the FWAA until the day he passed away.

“Presidents (of the FWAA) came and went, and each had his way eased considerably by Volney’s familiarity with what had to be done and what should be done in the organization’s business,” said Bob Hammel, who succeeded Meece as executive director for one year. “Volney was one of those too fast disappearing links between today’s writers and the pioneers in the organization.”

In July 1994 Meece wrote a report about the status of the FWAA at the suggestion of Bill Lumpkin of the Birmingham Post-Herald. “Lumpkin ... alertly noticed what I see daily in my mirror: I love awful,” wrote Meece.

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The FWAA set up the Volney Meece Scholarship fund in 1997. The group presents \$1,000 annually to the son or daughter of an FWAA member for up to four years of college.

“He truly was an amazing executive director,” said Steve Richardson, who became the FWAA executive director in 1996, succeeding Hammel. “He was doing the job in the days before the internet became the norm. I don’t know how he did it, communicating through mail and via phone. It is so much easier now. He also was a fanatic about notes and saving correspondence. He truly had some remarkable files that I inherited. They helped greatly.”

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2015 – 8-TEAM COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF POSSIBILITIES

By Patrick M. Premo

Although there has been talk of someday changing the current 4-team Division I-A (FBS) playoff to 6 or even 8 teams, it seems unlikely that this will happen in the near future. I decided to put together a couple of fun scenarios for an 8-team playoff for 2015.

I. 8-team playoff INSTEAD of current 4-team playoff

I set up this playoff using the Playoff Committee’s final rankings, with only a slight modification here and there so teams from the same conference would not play each other again (won-loss records are pre-bowls and pre-playoffs).

| | | |
|---|-----------------|------|
| 1 | Clemson | 13-0 |
| 8 | Stanford | 11-2 |
| 5 | Iowa | 12-1 |
| 4 | Oklahoma | 11-1 |
| 3 | Michigan St. | 12-1 |
| 6 | Notre Dame | 10-2 |
| 7 | Ohio St. | 11-1 |
| 2 | Alabama | 12-1 |

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II. 8-team playoff AFTER the bowls and playoff games

This playoff is really kind of silly since Alabama already won the National Championship and would have no reason to play in another tournament (nor would any other team, although some of the losers might relish another chance!). However, these types of what-ifs are all in fun so this is how a hypothetical playoff would look like, after all the bowls and 4-team playoff games for 2015 had been played (won-loss records are post-bowls and post-playoffs). I used a combination of the final polls to come up with the top 8 teams, but also tried to avoid teams from the same conference playing one another.

| | | |
|---|----------|------|
| 1 | Alabama | 14-1 |
| 8 | Houston | 13-1 |
| 5 | Oklahoma | 11-2 |
| 4 | Stanford | 12-2 |
| 3 | Ohio St. | 12-1 |
| 6 | TCU | 11-2 |
| | Michigan | |
| 7 | St. | 12-2 |
| 2 | Clemson | 14-1 |

III. 8-team playoff AFTER the bowls and playoff games: WINNERS ONLY!

Although this type of playoff may also be foolish, it does give the top 8 teams that WON their bowls or playoff games a chance to prove how good they really are! Perhaps Alabama is not the best team in the country. In any event, this is how a hypothetical playoff would look like, after all the bowls and 4-team playoff games for 2015 had been played, with only the top 8 winners advancing (won-loss records are post-bowls and post-playoffs). I used a combination of the final polls to select the highest rated winners, but also tried to avoid teams from the same conference playing one another.

| | | |
|---|----------|------|
| 1 | Alabama | 14-1 |
| 8 | Michigan | 10-3 |
| 5 | Houston | 13-1 |
| 4 | TCU | 11-2 |

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|---|-------------|------|
| 3 | Stanford | 12-2 |
| 6 | Mississippi | 10-3 |
| 7 | Baylor | 10-3 |
| 2 | Ohio St. | 12-1 |

Let the games begin!

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Teams with three or more consecutive National Championships

North Dakota State Makes Divisional National Championship Game History—5 straight CSD Crowns

Compiled by Tex Noel, IFRA Archives

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|----------|-----------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|-------|
| 5 | NCAA CSD | 2011 | North Dakota State | Sam Houston State | 17-6 |
| | | 2012 | North Dakota State | Sam Houston State | 39-13 |
| | | 2013 | North Dakota State | Towson | 35-7 |
| | | 2014 | North Dakota State | Illinois State | 29-27 |
| | | 2015 | North Dakota State | Jacksonville State | 37-10 |

• TEAMS WITH 4 STRAIGHT TITLES

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|-----------------|------|----------------|-----------------------------|-------|
| NCAA III | 1983 | Augustana (IL) | Union (NY) | 21-17 |
| | 1984 | Augustana (IL) | Central (IA) | 21-12 |
| | 1985 | Augustana (IL) | Ithaca | 20-7 |
| | 1986 | Augustana (IL) | Salisbury State | 31-3 |
| NAIA | 2002 | Carroll | Georgetown (KY) | 28-7 |
| | 2003 | Carroll | Northwestern Oklahoma State | 41-28 |
| | 2004 | Carroll | Saint Francis (IN) | 15-13 |
| | 2005 | Carroll | Saint Francis (IN) | 27-10 |

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• **TEAMS WITH THREE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

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|------------------|------|----------------------|----------------------|-------|
| NAIA-I | 1974 | Texas A&I | Henderson State | 34-23 |
| | 1975 | Texas A&I | Salem | 37-0 |
| | 1976 | Texas A&I | Central Arkansas | 26-0 |
| NCAA II | 1993 | North Alabama | Indiana (PA) | 41-34 |
| | 1994 | North Alabama | Texas A&M-Kingsville | 16-10 |
| | 1995 | North Alabama | Pittsburg State | 27-7 |
| NCAA III | 1996 | Mount Union | Rowan | 56-24 |
| | 1997 | Mount Union | Lycoming | 61-12 |
| | 1998 | Mount Union | Rowan | 44-24 |
| NCAA III | 2000 | Mount Union | St. John's (MN) | 10-7 |
| | 2001 | Mount Union | Bridgewater | 30-27 |
| | 2002 | Mount Union | Trinity (TX) | 48-7 |
| NCAA 1-AA | 2005 | Appalachian State | Northern Iowa | 21-16 |
| | 2006 | Appalachian State | Massachusetts | 28-17 |
| | 2007 | Appalachian State | Delaware | 49-21 |
| NCAA III | 2009 | Wisconsin-Whitewater | Mount Union | 38-28 |
| | 2010 | Wisconsin-Whitewater | Mount Union | 31-21 |
| | 2011 | Wisconsin-Whitewater | Mount Union | 13-10 |

❖ **Non-Divisional Playoff National Champions**

| | | | |
|----------|-------------|------|---------------|
| 5 | HBCU | 1986 | Central State |
| | | 1987 | Central State |
| | | 1988 | Central State |
| | | 1989 | Central State |

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1990 Central State

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|----------|----------|------|-----------------|
| 3 | AP & UPI | 1966 | San Diego State |
| | AP & UPI | 1967 | San Diego State |
| | UPI | 1968 | San Diego State |

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More *From the IFRA Archives...*

Divisional National Champions that compiled at least a 34-game winning streak

| # of Games | Team | Division | W-L-T | Seasons | National Champion Seasons |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------|----------------|----------------------------------|
| 60 | Augustana IL | NCAA III | 59-0-1 | 1984-87 | 1985-86-87 |
| 55 | Mount Union | NCAA III | 55-0-0 | 2000-03 | 2000-01-02 |
| 54 | Mount Union | NCAA III | 54-0-0 | 1996-99 | 1996-97-98 |
| 47 | Texas A&I | NAIA I | 46-0-1 | 1973-77 | 1974-75-76 |
| 42 | Sioux Falls | NAIA | 42-0-0 | 2008-10 | 2008-09 |
| 40 | Grand Valley State | NCAA III | 40-0-0 | 2005-07 | 2005-06 |
| 35 | North Dakota State | College Division | 34-0-1 | 1968-72 | 1968-69* |
| 34 | North Dakota State | Subdivision | 34-0-0 | 2012-14 | 2012-13-14 |

*1968 AP; 1969 AP & UPI

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Playing for a National Championship team on three levels...

Source: <http://www.fanbase.com/Ray-Dowdy...> **"High School:** 1967 4A State Championship team of Reagan High School (Austin Reagan vs. Abilene Cooper) named All State and All American. **Tyler Junior College:** named First Team All-American to the Tyler Junior College National Championship Team of 1968. **University of Texas:** 1970 National Championship Team (UPI/Coaches Poll) named First Team All-Conference and All-Southwest Conference for 1971 and 1972."

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**2016 COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF
FAME CLASS**

Players:

- **MARLIN BRISCOE** – QB,
Nebraska Omaha (1964-67)
- **DERRICK BROOKS** – LB, Florida
State (1991-94)
- **TOM COUSINEAU** – LB, Ohio
State (1975-78)

- **RANDALL CUNNINGHAM** –
P/QB, UNLV (1982-84)
- **TROY DAVIS** – TB, Iowa State
(1994-96)
- **WILLIAM FULLER** – DT, North
Carolina (1981-83)
- **BERT JONES** – QB, LSU (1970-
72)
- **TIM KRUMRIE** – DL, Wisconsin
(1979-82)

- **PAT McINALLY** – TE, Harvard
(1972-74)
- **HERB ORVIS** – DE, Colorado
(1969-71)
- **BILL ROYCE** – LB, Ashland (Ohio)
(1990-93)
- **MIKE UTLEY** – OG, Washington
State (1985-88)
- **SCOTT WOERNER** – DB, Georgia
(1977-80)
- **ROD WOODSON** – DB, Purdue
(1983-86)

Coaches:

- **BILL BOWES** – 175-106-5
(62.1%); New Hampshire (1972-98)
- **FRANK GIRARDI** – 257-97-5
(72.3%); Lycoming (Pa.) (1972-2007)

IFRA congratulates the *Hall of Fame Class of 2016* and thanks each of them for the memories that they gave the fans of their schools—and college football fans across the country—during their careers.

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FOOTBALL DAYS

**MEMORIES OF THE GAME AND
OF THE MEN BEHIND THE BALL**

BY WILLIAM H. EDWARDS, (PRINCETON, 1900)

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CHAPTER VIII

ANECDOTES AND RECOLLECTIONS

In the latter eighties the signal from the quarterback to the center for putting the ball in play was a pressure of the fingers and thumb on the hips of the center. In the '89 championship game between Yale and Princeton, Yale had been steadily advancing the ball and it looked as if they had started out for a march up the field for a touchdown. In those days signals were not rattled off with the speed that they are given now, and the quarterback often took some time to consider his next play, during which time he might stand in any position back of the line.

Playing right guard on the Princeton team was J. R. Thomas, more familiarly known as Long Tommy. He was six feet six or seven inches tall and built more longitudinally than otherwise. It occurred to Janeway, who was playing left guard, that Long Tommy's great length and reach might be used to great advantage when occasion offered.

He, therefore, took occasion to say to Thomas during a lull in the game, "If you get a chance, reach over when Wurtenburg—the Yale quarter—isn't looking, and pinch the Yale center so that he will put the ball in play when the backs are not expecting it." The Yale center, by the way, was Bert Hanson. Yale continued to advance the ball on two or three successive plays and finally had a third down with two yards to gain. At this critical moment the looked-for opportunity arrived. Wurtenburg called a consultation of the other backs to decide on the next play. While the consultation was going on Long Tommy reached over and gently nipped Hanson where he was expecting the signal. Hanson immediately put the ball in play and as a result Janeway broke through and fell on the ball for a ten yards gain and first down for Princeton.

To say that the Yale team were frantic with surprise and rage would be putting it mildly. Poor Hanson came in for some pretty rough flagging. He swore by all that was good and holy that he had received the signal to put the ball in play, which was true. But Wurtenburg insisted that he had not given the signal. There was no time for wrangling at that moment as the referee ordered the game to proceed.

Yale did not learn how that ball came to be put in play until some time after the game, which was the last of the season, when Long Tommy happening to meet up with Hanson and several other

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Yale players in a New York restaurant, told with great glee how he gave the signal that stopped Yale's triumphant advance.

Numerals and combinations of numbers were not used as signals until 1889. Prior to that, phrases, catch-words and gestures were the only modes of indicating the plays to be used. For instance, the signal for Hector Cowan of Princeton to run with the ball was an entreaty by the captain, who in those days usually gave the signals, addressed to the team, to gain an uneven number of yards. Therefore the expression, "Let's gain three, five or seven yards," would indicate to the team that Cowan was to take the ball, and an effort was made to open up the line for him at the point at which he usually bucked it.

Irvine, the other tackle, ran with the ball when an even number of yards was called for.

For a kick the signal was any phrase which asked a question, as for instance, "How many yards to gain?"

One of the signals used by Corbin, captain of Yale, to indicate a certain play, was the removal of his cap. They wore caps in those days. A variation of this play was indicated if in addition to removing his cap he expectorated emphatically.

Hodge, the Princeton quarterback, noticing the cap signals, determined that he would handicap the captain's strategy by stealing his cap. He called the team back and very earnestly impressed upon them the advantage that would accrue if any of them could surreptitiously get possession of Captain Corbin's head-covering. Corbin, however, kept such good watch on his property that no one was able to purloin it.

Sport Donnelly, who played left end on Princeton's '89 team, was perhaps one of the roughest players that ever went into a game, and at the same time one of the best ends that ever went down the field under a kick.

Donnelly was one of the few men that could play his game up to the top notch and at the same time keep his opponent harassed to the point of frenzy by a continual line of conversation in a sarcastic vein which invariably got the opposing player rattled.

He would say or do something to the man opposite him which would goad that individual to fury and then when retaliation was about to come in the shape of a blow, he would yell "Mr. Umpire," and in many instances the player would be ruled off the field.

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Donnelly's line of conversation in a Yale game, addressed to Billy Rhodes who played opposite him, would be somewhat as follows:

"Ah, Mr. Rhodes, I see Mr. Gill is about to run with the ball."

Just then Gill would come tearing around from his position at tackle and Donnelly would remark:

"Well, excuse me, Mr. Rhodes, for a moment, I've got to tackle Mr. Gill."

He would then sidestep in such a manner as to elude Rhodes's maneuvers to prevent him breaking through, and stop Gill for a loss.

Hector Cowan, who was captain of the Princeton '88 team was another rough player. In those days the men in the heat of playing would indulge in exclamations hardly fit for a drawing room. In fact most of the time the words used would have been more in place among a lot of pirates.

Cowan was no exception to the rule so far as giving vent to his feelings was concerned, but he invariably used one phrase to do so. He was a fellow of sterling character and was studying for the ministry. Not even the excitement of the moment could make him forget himself to the extent of the other players, and where their language would have to be represented in print by a lot of dashes, Cowan's could be printed in the blackest face type without offending anyone.

It was amusing to see this big fellow, worked up to the point of explosion, wave his arms and exclaim:

"Oh, sugar!"

It would bring a roar of mock protest from the other players, and threats to report him for his rough talk. While the men made joke of Hector's talk they had a thorough respect for his sterling principles.

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2015 National Champions (Number of Titles, first year); opponent played and score.

- **FBS**—Alabama (11th since 1961); defeated Clemson, 45-40.
- **CSD**—North Dakota State (5th in CSD since 2011; 13 titles counting 5 in NCAA II; 3 in College Division); defeated Jacksonville State 37-10.
- **NCAA II**—Northwest Missouri State (5th since 1998); defeated Shepherd State 34-7.
- **NCAA III**—Mount Union (12th since 1993); defeated St. Thomas 49-35.
- **NAIA**—Marian (2nd since 2012); defeated Southern Oregon 31-14.

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Lighting-up the Scoreboard: Teams Scoring 700 or more points

Compiled by Tex Noel, Executive Director of IFRA

| # 500+ Seasons | Team | Season | Division | Record | PTS | OSA | DSA | AMV |
|----------------|--------------------|--------|-----------|--------|-----|-------|-------|-------|
| 21 | Mount Union | 2014 | NCAA III | 14-1 | 878 | 58.53 | 11.53 | 51.00 |
| 5 | Pittsburg State | 2004 | NCAA II | 14-1 | 837 | 55.8 | 19.07 | 37.20 |
| 7 | Morningside | 2015 | NAIA | 12-2 | 825 | 58.93 | 17.64 | 48.67 |
| 22 | Mount Union | 2015 | NCAA III | 15-0 | 800 | 53.33 | 9.13 | 46.20 |
| 19 | Mount Union | 2012 | NCAA III | 15-0 | 792 | 52.80 | 8.93 | 43.87 |
| 14 | Mount Union | 2007 | NCAA III | 14-1 | 781 | 52.07 | 6.93 | 48.86 |
| 4 | St. Thomas (Minn.) | 2015 | NCAA III | 14-1 | 770 | 51.33 | 12.47 | 42.64 |
| 1 | Harvard | 1886 | MAJ COL | 12-2 | 765 | 54.64 | 2.93 | 44.07 |
| 4 | Mount Union | 1997 | NCAA III | 14-0 | 752 | 53.71 | 8.00 | 45.71 |
| 7 | Sioux Falls | 2009 | NAIA | 15-0 | 750 | 50.00 | 9.07 | 40.93 |
| 4 | Georgia Southern | 1999 | NCAA 1-AA | 13-2 | 747 | 49.80 | 17.47 | 37.92 |

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| | Georgetown KY | 1991 | NAIA II | 13-1 | 744 | 53.14 | 18.86 | 37.15 |
| 2 | Minnesota | 1904 | MAJ COL | 13-0 | 725 | 55.77 | 0.92 | 54.85 |
| 5 | Florida State | 2013 | BSD | 14-0 | 723 | 51.64 | 12.14 | 39.50 |
| 2 | Lindenwood | 2009 | NAIA | 13-1 | 722 | 51.57 | 18.57 | 50.87 |
| 6 | Morningside | 2014 | NAIA | 11-2 | 721 | 55.46 | 20.62 | 43.09 |
| 6 | Oklahoma | 2008 | BSD | 13-1 | 716 | 51.14 | 24.50 | 32.75 |
| 2 | Georgetown KY | 1999 | NAIA | 13-1 | 710 | 50.71 | 16.71 | 37.54 |
| 2 | Mary Hardin-Baylor | 2007 | NCAA III | 12-1 | 707 | 54.38 | 16.21 | 43.00 |
| 2 | Grand Valley State | 2001 | NCAA II | 13-1 | 707 | 50.50 | 16.50 | 34.21 |
| 1 | Mary Hardin-Baylor | 2004 | NCAA III | 12-1 | 706 | 50.43 | 25.00 | 31.00 |
| 2 | St. John's MN | 1993 | NCAA III | 12-1 | 702 | 54.00 | 14.77 | 39.92 |
| 20 | Mount Union | 2013 | NCAA III | 14-1 | 700 | 46.67 | 21.20 | 30.00 |

**Based on Games Won*

Composite Top 10 Seasons with the most Teams Scoring 500+ Points

| Year | # Teams | Total Points | G | PG | Avg/500+ |
|-------------|---------|--------------|-----|-------|----------|
| 2013 | 55 | 31,207 | 741 | 42.11 | 567.4 |
| 2015 | 49 | 27,731 | 663 | 41.83 | 565.94 |
| 2014 | 39 | 22,971 | 543 | 42.3 | 589 |
| 2011 | 36 | 20,050 | 488 | 41.09 | 556.94 |
| 2008 | 34 | 18,751 | 460 | 40.76 | 551.5 |
| 2012 | 31 | 18,546 | 425 | 43.64 | 598.26 |
| 2007 | 31 | 17,574 | 413 | 42.55 | 566.9 |
| 2010 | 30 | 16,629 | 395 | 42.1 | 554.3 |
| 2009 | 22 | 12,705 | 303 | 41.93 | 577.5 |
| 2005 | 22 | 12,317 | 290 | 42.47 | 559.86 |

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500+ Point FYI...

1. Progression for Most Points in a Single-Season

-645 Princeton, 1885

-765 Harvard, 1886-2003

-837 Pittsburg State, 2004-2013

-878 Mount Union, 2014-current (2015)

2. The first college football team to score at least 500 or more points in a season was Princeton in 1885; scoring 645 points in 9 games (9-0-0)
3. Michigan's 1901 Point-A-Minute team was the first 500+ team to participate in a post season game; the 1902 Rose Bowl, where the Wolverines won 49-0...this increased the team's total to 550 points.
4. Yale in 1888 (13-0-0) scored 694 points and Michigan in 1901, are the only teams to have scored 500+ points and not allowed a point.
5. Most Points Allowed by a Team that Scored 500+ Points

| SEASON | 500+ TEAM allowed most Points | DIVISION | W-L-T | POINTS | OSA | OPP PTS | DSA | AMV |
|---------------|--|-----------------|--------------|---------------|------------|----------------|------------|------------|
| 2015 | Texas Tech | BSD | 7-6 | 586 | 45.08 | 567 | 43.62 | 19.58 |
| 2014 | Western Kentucky | BSD | 8-5 | 577 | 44.38 | 519 | 39.92 | 16 |
| 2012 | West Virginia | BSD | 7-6 | 513 | 39.46 | 495 | 38.08 | 21.14 |
| 2012 | Baylor | BSD | 8-5 | 578 | 44.46 | 484 | 37.23 | 19.63 |
| 2011 | Baylor | BSD | 10-3 | 589 | 45.31 | 484 | 37.23 | 16.8 |
| 2015 | Oregon | BSD | 9-4 | 559 | 43 | 478 | 36.77 | 14.33 |
| 2007 | Navy | BSD | 8-5 | 511 | 39.31 | 473 | 36.38 | 11 |
| 2007 | Tulsa | BSD | 10-4 | 576 | 41.14 | 467 | 33.57 | 21.1 |
| 2012 | Louisiana Tech | BSD | 9-3 | 618 | 51.5 | 462 | 38.5 | 19.33 |
| 2013 | Coastal Carolina | CSD | 12-3 | 615 | 41 | 457 | 30.47 | 21.41 |

6. Longest Period of no teams scoring at least 500 or more points...14 Seasons, 1927-43.

7. Between the 1979-2015 seasons, there has been 587 times a team scored 500 or more points.

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8. Mount Union has recorded the most seasons, 22, since the 1993; scoring 14,546 points—a per season average of 661.18...every season since 1995, the team has recorded an all-time mark of 21 straight seasons—664.95 per season.

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IFRA Remembers and Honors...

****Obituaries—curtsey of the National Football Foundation****

Former TCU running back **Ronnie Littleton** passed away Dec. 27. He was 61... Former Arizona defensive back **David Liggins** passed away Jan. 9. He was 57... Baseball Hall of Famer and former Lincoln (Pa.) football player **Monte Irvin** passed away Jan. 11. He was 96... Former Tulane offensive lineman **Chuck Pitcock** passed away Jan. 11. He was 57... Former Wake Forest All-ACC wide receiver **Wayne Baumgardner** passed away Jan. 11. He was 55... Former Western Illinois football player **Jim Angsten** passed away Jan. 12. He was 68... Former Duke football player **Dave Sime** passed away Jan. 12. He was 79... Former Syracuse offensive lineman **Bill O'Donnell** died Jan. 14. He was 38... Former St. Bonaventure and Detroit quarterback and NFL coach **Ted Marchibroda** passed away Jan. 16. He was 84... Portland State linebacker **A.J. Schlatter** died Jan. 17. He was 20.

Former Duke guard **Bob Burrows** passed away Jan. 22. He was 83... **Rob Monaco**, a four-year starting offensive lineman at Vanderbilt, passed away Jan. 25. He was 54... Former Indiana lineman Ted Karras Sr. passed away Jan. 26. He was 81... Longtime Kansas Wesleyan football coach and athletics director **Gene Bissell** passed away Jan. 28. He was 89... Former New Mexico State offensive and defensive lineman **Allan Sepkowitz** passed away Jan. 28... Former Mississippi and Murray State quarterback **Maikhail Miller** died Jan. 30. He was 23... Northwest Missouri State junior football player **Nicholas Turner** died Jan. 31.

Halls of Fame...

Head Coach, *Hank Biesiot*, North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame. In his 38 years at the helm, the NAIA Hall of Fame coach was 258-121-1 on his way to 17 conference championships. As head coach at Dickinson State, he would only experience six losing seasons; was named coach of the following 12 seasons.

Michael Bishop, 1997-98; Martin Gramatica, 1994-98 and Sean Snyder, 1991-92; Kansas State University.

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Bo Carter Presents members of the College Football Hall Fame that were born or passed in the month of February.

1 (1908) Albie Booth, New Haven, Conn.

1 (1915) Gaynell "Gus" Tinsley, Ruple, La.

1-(d – 1964) Clarence Spears, Jupiter, Fla.

1-(d – 1928) Joe Thompson, Beaver Falls, Pa.

1-(d – 1978) John Orsi, Naples, Fla.

1-(d – 1989) Everett Bacon, Southampton, N.Y.

2 (1945) Loyd Phillips, Ft. Worth, Texas

2-(d – 1956) Truxton Hare, Radnor, Pa.

3 (1938) Joe Fusco, Wilkinsburg, Pa.

3 (1940) Fran Tarkenton, Richmond, Va.

3 (1945) Bob Griese, Evansville, Ind.

3 (1956) John Jefferson, Dallas, Texas

3-(d – 1968) Homer Hazel, Marshall, Mich.

3-(d – 1974) Bob Suffridge, Knoxville, Tenn.

3-(d – 2006) Johnny Vaught, Oxford, Miss.

4 (1933) Leo Lewis, Des Moines, Iowa

4 (1938) Wayne Harris, Hampton, Ark.

4 (1940) Billy Neighbors, Tuscaloosa, Ala.

4 (1960) Tom Deery, Oaklyn, N.J.

4-(d – 1950) Everett Strupper, Atlanta, Ga.

4-(d – 1962) Pat O'Dea, San Francisco, Calif.

4-(d – 2005) Malcolm Kutner, Tyler, Texas

4-(d - 2010) Bill Dudley, Lynchburg, Va.

5 (1903) Morley Drury, Midland, Ontario, Canada

5 (1915) Walter Gilbert, Fairfield, Ala.

5 (1933) Bill Manlove, Barrington, N.J.

5 (1942) Roger Staubach, Cincinnati, Ohio

5 (1943) Craig Morton, Flint, Mich.

5 (1947) Ron Sellers, Jacksonville, Fla.

5 (1950) Terry Beasley, Montgomery, Ala.

5 (1951) Charles Young, Fresno, Calif.

5-(d - 1969) Dick Romney, Salt Lake City, Utah

5-(d – 1994) George Sauer, Waco, Texas

6 (1886) Jack Hubbard, Hatfield, Mass.

6 (1889) Bill Alexander, Mud River, Ky.

6 (1948) Major Harris, Pittsburgh, Pa.

6 (1948) Dennis Onkotz, Northampton, Pa.

6 (1950) Rich Glover, Bayonne, N.J.

6-(d – 1979) John Baker, Sacramento, Calif.

7 (1905) Wally Butts, Milledgeville, Ga.

7 (1917) Banks McFadden, Ft. Lawn, S.C.

7 (1922) Paul Cleary, North Loop, Neb.

7 (1933) Calvin Jones, Steubenville, Ohio

7 (1934) Ron Beagle, Hartford, Conn.

7 (1959) Neal Lomax, Portland, Ore.

7-(d – 1932) Forrest Geyer, Norman, Okla.

7-(d – 1952) Wilbur Henry, Washington, Pa.

8 (1920) Bruce Smith (Minn.), Faribault, Minn.

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- 8 (1925) Rod Franz, San Francisco, Calif.
- 8 (1942) George Bork, Mt. Prospect, Ill.
- 8-(d – 1968) Doc Fenton, Baton Rouge, La.
- 8-(d – 1994) Bobby Reynolds (Stanford), San Rafael, Calif.
- 8-(d – 2000) Derrick Thomas, Miami, Fla.
- 8-(d – 2005) Parker Hall, Vicksburg, Miss.
- 9 (1950) Rod Cason, San Angelo, Texas
- 9 (1952) Danny White, Mesa, Ariz.
- 9 (1957) Dan Ross, Malden, Mass.
- 9-(d -1994) Bud Wilkinson, St. Louis, Mo.
- 9-(d – 1998) George Cafego, Knoxville, Tenn.
- 10 (1946) Dick Anderson, Midland, Mich.
- 10-(d – 1992) Doyt Perry, Bowling Green, Ohio
- 11 (1882) John Tigert, Nashville, Tenn.
- 11 (1938) Jim Sochor, Oklahoma City, Okla.
- 11 (1949) Murry Bowden, Colorado City, Texas
- 11 (1949) Jim Stillwagon, Mt. Vernon, Ohio
- 12 (1885) Frank Murray, Maynard, Mass.
- 12 (1895) Dick Romney, Salt Lake City, Utah
- 12 (1925) Lee Tressel, Ada, Ohio
- 12 (1963) Brent Jones, Santa Clara, Calif.
- 12 (1964) Scott Thomas, San Antonio, Texas
- 12 (1971) Lincoln Kennedy, York, Pa.
- 12-(d – 1944) Bill Warner, Portland, Ore.
- 12-(d – 1959) Charlie Daly, Pacific Grove, Calif.
- 12-(d – 1979) Ben Ticknor, Peterborough, N.H.
- 13 (1919) Eddie Robinson, Jackson, La.
- 13 (1933) Kenneth Dement, Poplar Bluff, Mo.
- 13 (1972) Ruben Brown, Englewood, N.J.
- 13-(d - 1945) Bill Mallory, in combat in Italy
- 13-(d – 1996) Charlie Conerly, Memphis, Tenn.
- 13-(d – 2006) Bud McFadin, Victoria, Texas
- 14 (1913) Woody Hayes, Clifton, Ohio
- 14 (1919) George Kerr, Brookline, Mass.
- 14-(d – 1978) Paul Governali, San Diego, Calif.
- 15 (1897) Earl "Red" Blaik, Detroit, Mich.
- 15 (1920) Endicott Peabody, Lawrence, Mass.
- 15 (1929) Fred Martinelli, Columbus, Ohio
- 15 (1931) John Michels, Philadelphia, Pa.
- 15 (1940) John Hadl, Lawrence, Kan.
- 15 (1957) Ted Brown, High Point, N.C.
- 15 (1957) Marc Wilson, Bremerton, Wash.
- 15 (1960) Darnell Green, Houston, Texas
- 15-(d – 1963) Ira Rodgers, Morgantown, W.Va.
- 15-(d - 2013) Kenneth Dement, Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- 16 (1931) Dick Modzelewski, West Natrona, Pa.
- 16 (1964) Teel Bruner, London, Ky.
- 17 (1872) Pat O'Dea, Melbourne, Australia
- 17 (1892) Bob Neyland, Greenville, Texas
- 17 (1905) Andy Oberlander, Chelsea, Mass.
- 17 (1920) Jackie Hunt, Huntington, W.Va.
- 17 (1936) Jim Brown, St. Simons Island, Ga.
- 17 (1938) Jim Christopherson, Wadena, Minn.
- 17-(d – 2009) Brad Van Pelt, Owosso, Mich.
- 18 (1895) George Gipp, Laurium, Mich.
- 18 (1947) Leroy Keyes, Newport News, Va.
- 18 (1962) Gary Reasons, Crowley, Texas
- 18 (1963) Chuck Long, Norman, Okla.
- 18-(d – 1994) Jake Gaither, Tallahassee, Fla.
- 19 (1918) Forest Evashevski, Detroit, Mich.

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19-(d – 1962) Dick Harlow,
Bethesda, Md.

19-(d - 2011) Ollie Matson, Los
Angeles, Calif.

20 (1912) Francis Wistert,
Chicago, Ill.

21 (1921) Bob Dove,
Youngstown, Ohio

22 (1899) Matty Bell, Fort Worth,
Texas

22 (1864) George Woodruff,
Dimmock, Pa.

22 (1886) Bill Hollenbeck,
Blueball, Pa.

22 (1915) Mickey Kobrosky,
Springfield, Mass.

22-(d – 1998) Warren Woodson,
Dallas, Texas

23 (1877) Bill Edwards, Lisle,
N.Y.

28 (1885) Ray Morrison, Sugar
Branch, Ind.

28 (1929) Hayden Fry, Odessa,
Texas

29-(d – 1972) Tom Davies,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

29-(d – 1992) Don Heinrich,
Saratoga, Calif.

23 (1934) Dick Strahm, Toledo,
Ohio

23 (1937) Tom Osborne,
Hastings, Neb.

23 (1943) Fred Biletnikoff, Erie,
Pa.

23 (1950) Jim Youngblood,
Union, S.C.

23-(d – 1914) Alex Moffat, New
York City

23-(d – 1957) George Little,
Middlesex, N.J.

24 (1903) Warren Woodson,
Fort Worth, Texas

24 (1906) Bennie Oosterbaan,
Muskegon, Mich.

24 (1910) Fred Singleton,
Birmingham, Ala.

24 (1923) Bob Chappuis,
Toledo, Ohio

24 (1952) Fred Dean, Arcadia,
La.

24-(d – 1953) Hunter Carpenter,
Middletown, N.Y.

28 (1945) Bubba Smith,
Beaumont, Texas

28-(d – 1965) Paul Hoernemann,
Strongsville, Ohio

29-(d – 2008) Buddy Dial,
Houston, Texas

24-(d – 1963) Jack Harding,
Miami, Fla.

24-(d – 1990) Lloyd Jordan,
Richmond, Va.

25 (1942) Carl Eller, Winston-
Salem, N.C.

26 (1914) Gomer Jones,
Cleveland, Ohio

26 (1930) Vic Janowicz, Elyria,
Ohio

26-(d – 1970) Bennie Owen,
Houston, Texas

26-(d – 1978) Pooley Hubert,
Waynesboro, Ga.

27 (1887) Tad Jones, Excello,
Ohio

27 (1932) Jim Ray Smith, West
Columbia, Texas

27-(d – 1996) Vic Janowicz,
Columbus, Ohio

29-(d – 2008) Jerry Groom,
Sarasota, Fla.

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From the IFRA Archives...

COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S RECORD FOR CONSECUTIVE GAMES LOST

NCAA Football Division I/FBS...34 games — Northwestern (IL), 1979-1982

NCAA Football Division I/FCS...80 games — Prairie View A&M (TX), 1989-1998

NCAA Football Division II...52 games — Lock Haven (PA), 2007-2012

NCAA Football Division III/NAIA...50 games — Macalester (MN), 1974-1980*

*Macalester held dual membership in NCAA and NAIA; thus its mark for consecutive games lost is the record for teams playing in both divisions. The team was a member of the NAIA II when set the standard for setbacks.

Worth Noting: According to NAIA's records, Wisconsin-Stevens Point lost 22 consecutive games for the mark for the most consecutive games lost while playing in this division.

The NAIA had two football divisions from 1970-96.

Editor's note: An interesting note show will show that in the *NAIA Records Book* an unusual event; that would involve the NAIA schools mentioned above. Macalester's ran from Oct. 5, 1974 and ended on Sept. 6, 1980; while WSP's mark **BEGAN** Sept. 6, 1980—with the streak ending Sept. 4, 1982.

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Should any TCFH subscriber have an interest in the creation of a retroactive Small College National Championship, either 1920-1955 or 1946-1955, please contact Tex Noel, ifra.tcfh@gmail.com .

Starting with the 1920 season, the newspaper, the Pittsburgh *Courier* began naming an annual HBCU #1 team; from that season through the 1955 season no college below the Major College level was ever named or played in a National Championship Game.

Then in 1956, the NAIA named its first #1 team as Montana State and St. Joseph's (IN), as these two team played in the very first divisional National Championship Game. The final score was 0-0.

I am proposing that if there is enough interest, from the IFRA membership; that our research group name a retroactive national champion for the years mentioned above.

Member Pat Premo years ago—and before IFRA—asked a number of his fellow researchers for their assistance in the selection of Small College Polls.

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He has provided IFRA with a list of teams and their annual W-L-T records running from 1920-1955; that will be used in the selection process...THANKS Pat!

Teams found on Premo's list will be used in the assistance with the selection of the *IFRA Retro-Active Small College National Champion*.

CRITERIA:

1. Perfect record; undefeated but tied
2. On the 1920-45 listing teams there will have W-L-T and PF-PA; the second list (from 1946) has just W-L-T. If there is enough response, PF-PA for the latter seasons, maybe added—depending on the availability of records.
3. Teams with either a perfect record or zero loss on their records, will be used. These teams will be the ones used in the determination by the selection of the Subscribers that participating in the survey will be asked to name a #1 and #2 team from the list...as the teams will be listed annually according to the years listed above.

Why two choices? The team received the highest number of picks will be our #1; in event of a tie, the team—amongst the two tied teams—with the highest number of second place picks, as this will be used to break the tie.

Teams that receive the most first place picks will become *IFRA's Retro-Active Small College National Champions*.

Any questions or feedback is welcome.

To receive the teams, email Tex at ifra.tcfh@gmail.com.

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Quarterback with the Winningest QB W-L-T Record and led his team to the National Championship*

This is a modification of the **Winningest Major College QBs** with the most wins; created by IFRA member David Thomas.

| | | | | |
|--------|----------------|----------|---------|------------|
| 38-2 | Ken Dorsey | Miami | 2000-02 | 2001 |
| 37-2 | Matt Leinart | USC | 2003-05 | 2003-04 |
| 36-4 | A.J. McCarron | Alabama | 2011-13 | 2011-12 |
| 35-2-1 | Jay Barker | Alabama | 1991-94 | 1992 |
| 35-6 | Tim Tebow | Florida | 2006-09 | 2006, 2008 |
| 33-3 | Tommy Frazier | Nebraska | 1993-95 | 1994-95 |
| 33-5 | Jeff Rutledge | Alabama | 1975-78 | 1978 |
| 32-1-1 | Steve Davis | Oklahoma | 1973-75 | 1974-75 |
| | | | 1998- | |
| 32-3 | Chris Weinke | FSU | 2000 | 1999 |
| 32-3-1 | Danny Wuerffel | Florida | 1993-96 | 1996 |
| 32-1-1 | Steve Davis | Oklahoma | 1973-75 | 1993 |