

# HEAD FOOTBALL COACH URBAN MEYER

*Urban Meyer, a two-time National Coach of the Year and one of the nation's top young coaching talents, was named the 21st head football coach at the University of Florida on December 4th, 2004.*

Meyer, 41, possesses 20 years of college coaching experience, including five as a head coach. Meyer turned around the football program at Bowling Green State University in 2001-02 and engineered a reversal of fortune at the University of Utah in 2003-04. Meyer guided the Utes to a perfect 12-0 campaign in 2004 and a victory over Pittsburgh in the Fiesta Bowl. Utah finished as a consensus top-five team in the nation, including a final ranking of third by *Sports Illustrated*.

He has an overall mark of 48-11 (.814) and is 29-9 (.763) in conference play as a head coach. Included in his 48 wins was a streak of 20 consecutive victories that was the second-longest in the nation at the time. His .814 winning percentage ranks seventh nationally among active college coaches during the last five years and his teams have been ranked in each of the last 33 Associated Press Polls, with 14 of those appearances in the top 10.

His first year at Florida produced a nine-win season and January Bowl game victory, the Gators' first since 2001. Not only did Florida defeat three of its biggest rivals (Tennessee, Georgia and Florida State), the Gators never trailed in each of those games – a first in program history. Florida's final ranking of No. 12 in the Associated Press Poll was also its highest season-ending ranking since 2001.

Meyer became the first coach in UF history to defeat four ranked opponents in his initial season at Florida and his nine wins tied a school record for most wins by a first-year coach in Gainesville.

Florida's season-ending win against Iowa improved Meyer's Bowl record to a perfect 3-0. Only two other coaches in the nation have won each of their last three Bowl games.

Florida's appearance in the Outback Bowl also extended its school-record Bowl appearance streak to 15 – the longest among Southeastern Conference schools and third-best nationally.

The 2005 Gators were one of only eight teams in the nation to go undefeated at home and Meyer improved his career home coaching record to 28-2. Only four teams in the nation have only two home losses in the last five seasons. Few coaches are better than getting a team ready to play, as Meyer sports an 18-2 record when having more than a week to prepare for a game.

Meyer's team continued to follow his blueprint for success. Take care of the ball, control the clock, win the field position battle and put the ball in the hands of the best players.



Florida ranked third nationally in turnover margin at +18, just one shy of the school record set in 2000 and its average time of possession was 32:37, second-best in the SEC and best in UF records dating back to 1986. UF's average starting field position was also tops in the league, thanks in large part to a punt return unit that allowed just 3.3 yards per return – the best in school history and second nationally. For the fifth-straight season under Meyer, a wide receiver ranked among the top 20 nationally in catches per game – this time Chad Jackson tied a school record with 88 receptions, sixth-best in the nation and tied for fourth-best all-time in the SEC.

"He is an innovator of the game with proven success as a head coach. He has shown the ability to attract recruits and is a tremendous teacher. Urban's accomplishments speak for themselves. He is a man of high values and principles and we welcomed him and his family to the University of Florida family."

"I am certainly excited about the opportunity to be the head coach at the University of Florida," said Meyer. "There were a lot of factors that went into this decision that our entire family had to consider. The opportunity to compete at the highest level at one of the nation's most-respected academic institu-

*Coach Meyer is a coach who cares about his players. I developed a relationship with him that goes far beyond the football field and far beyond what you could put in words. You can't quantify the value of friendship and trust. I spent more time with coach talking about my family, friends and school work than I did football. He has a special way of relating to you as an individual.*

—Vernell Brown, 2005 Florida football team captain

Meyer's first-year at Florida also produced 22 players that were named to the Southeastern Conference Academic Honor Roll and more than 40 percent of scholarship players posted at least a 3.0 grade point average in the Spring semester of 2006. In addition, Mike Degory was named to *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-District III Team.

"Urban Meyer represents the qualities that we were looking for in our head coach," Florida Athletics Director Jeremy Foley said.

tions is something that was attractive for us. The passion of Gator fans is legendary in collegiate athletics and I am eager to be a part of that environment.

"The quality of recruits within the state of Florida and the Southeast Region offers a tremendous recruiting base for us," Meyer continued. "The support from the University's administration is evident in their commitment to my family and I am looking forward to leading the Gator football program."

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### Fact Sheet

#### COACHING EXPERIENCE

YEAR	SCHOOL, TITLE
1986	Ohio State, Tight Ends (Grad. Asst.)
1987	Ohio State, Receivers (Grad. Asst.)
1988	Illinois State, Outside Linebackers
1989	Illinois State, Quarterbacks/Wide Receivers
1990-95	Colorado State, Wide Receivers
1996-2000	Notre Dame, Wide Receivers
2001-02	Bowling Green, Head Coach
2003-04	Utah, Head Coach
2005	Florida, Head Coach

#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

<b>Birthdate:</b>	July 10, 1964
<b>Hometown:</b>	Ashtabula, Ohio
<b>Education:</b>	1986, bachelor's degree in psychology, University of Cincinnati 1988, master's degree in sports administration from The Ohio State University
<b>Family:</b>	Married to the former Shelley Mather. Three children: Nicole (15), Gigi (12), Nathan (7).

#### HEAD COACHING RECORD

YEAR	SCHOOL	RECORD	CONFERENCE RECORD	FINAL POLL*
2001	Bowling Green	8-3	5-3	NR
2002	Bowling Green	9-3	6-2	NR
2003	Utah	10-2	6-1 (First)	21/21
2004	Utah	12-0	7-0 (First)	4/5/3
2005	Florida	9-3	5-3	12/16
<b>5 Years</b>		<b>48-11 (.814)</b>	<b>29-9 (.763)</b>	

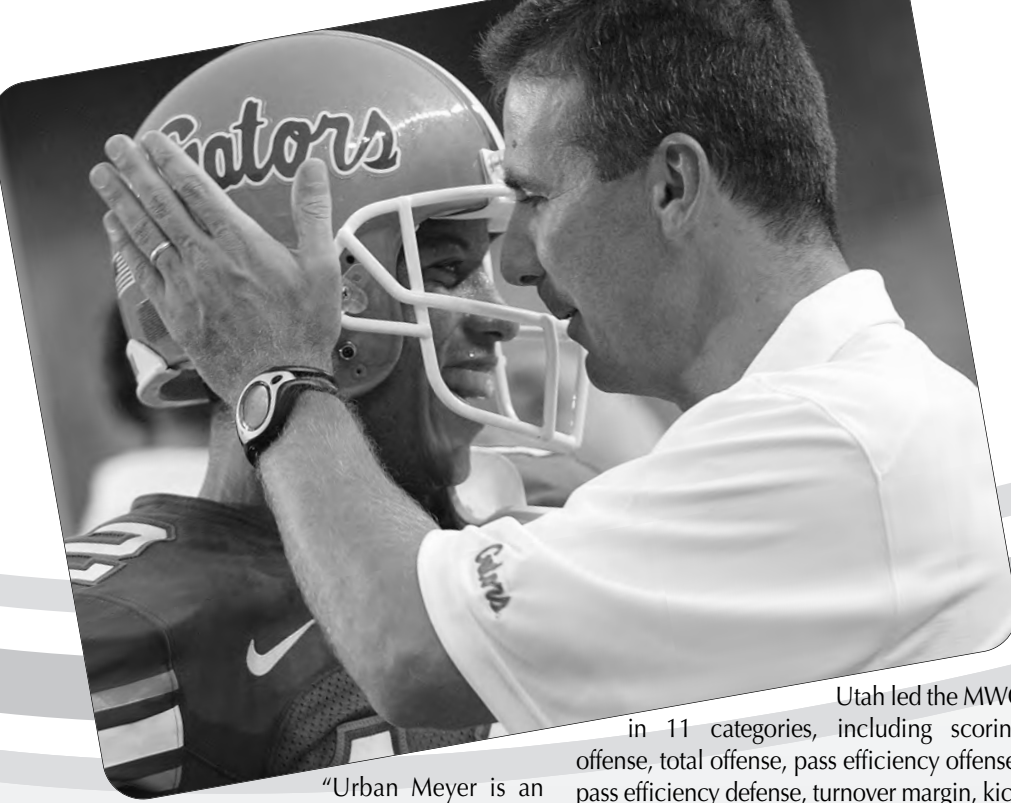
\* Polls listed AP/Coaches'/Sports Illustrated

#### BOWL GAMES AS A COACH

1986	Cotton Bowl	1998	Gator Bowl
1990	Freedom Bowl	2000	Fiesta Bowl
1994	Holiday Bowl	2003	Liberty Bowl
1995	Holiday Bowl	2005	Fiesta Bowl
1997	Independence Bowl	2006	Outback Bowl

#### PLAYING CAREER

Lettered as a defensive back at the University of Cincinnati...A 13th-round pick in the 1982 Major League Baseball June Amateur Draft as a shortstop...Played two years in the Atlanta Braves' organization...Spent the summer of 1982 with Sarasota of the Rookie League and played for Pulasky (Va.), a Class A team in 1983.



"Urban Meyer is an outstanding coach with a strong record, great leadership skills and a very promising future," said UF President J. Bernard Machen. "I am very happy to welcome him along with Shelley and the Meyer family to UF and Gainesville."

Meyer earned multiple National Coach of the Year honors in 2004 after leading Utah to a perfect 12-0 season, the school's first in 75 years. Meyer collected the Home Depot National Coach of the Year, the George Munger Award for the Collegiate Coach of the Year presented by the Maxwell Club and the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year (Named by the Football Writers Association of America). He also was named National Coach of the Year by *Pro Football Weekly* and earned the Woody Hayes Trophy Award and the Victor Award.

With its post-season bid to the Fiesta Bowl, Utah made history by becoming the first school from a non-Bowl Championship Series conference to earn a berth in a BCS Bowl. Utah finished as the outright 2004 Mountain West Conference champion to become the only back-to-back outright winners in the league's history.

Under his direction, the Utes ranked in the top five nationally in six statistical categories. Utah ranked third nationally in scoring (45.3), total offense (499.7), net punting (40.8), turnover margin (+1.25) and passing efficiency (173.4). Utah ranked fifth nationally in kick returns (26.2). Utah was the only school in the nation to have its rushing offense (236.1, 13th) and passing offense (263.7, 19th) rank in the top 20 nationally.

Utah led the MWC in 11 categories, including scoring offense, total offense, pass efficiency offense, pass efficiency defense, turnover margin, kick returns and third-down conversions (52.3). The Utes were the MWC runner-up in rushing offense, passing defense (203.3), scoring defense (19.5), total defense (343.2), punt returns (10.9) and sacks against (18).

*"He's a great football coach with a great football mind. He loves the game of football, is a great coach, great teacher of the game and an excellent recruiter. Plus, he's a very hard worker. You put that all together and what does it mean? Generally, that means great success."*

*—Earle Bruce, former Head Coach, Ohio State, hired Meyer as a graduate assistant.*

Meyer completed his Utah coaching career riding a 16-game winning streak, the second-longest in the nation behind only Southern California (21). The Utes did not trail at halftime of any 2004 game and their closest margin of victory was 14, a 49-35 win over Air Force on Sept. 25.

Meyer's mark has been made on the NFL draft as well, tutoring the No. 1 pick in the 2005 Draft. Quarterback Alex Smith, the first

round draft pick by the San Francisco 49ers in April 2005, is one of 23 former Meyer players who have signed contracts with NFL teams.

Meyer was named the 2003 National Coach of the Year by *The Sporting News* after leading the Utes to a 10-2 record, their first outright conference championship since 1957, a bowl victory and a final national ranking of No. 21. He became the first coach from the MWC and just the second coach from a non-BCS program to receive the coveted TSN award. Meyer was also voted the MWC Coach of the Year, becoming Utah's first conference coach of the year selection since 1978. He became the only coach in Utah's 111-year football history to win a conference title in his first year.

Ironically, Utah's 2003 wins came against one of the tougher schedules in school history. Two were against Pac-10 foes Oregon and California, and the Ducks were ranked No. 19 when Utah scored a 17-13 upset. The Utes also knocked off perennial league powers Colorado State, Air Force and Brigham Young. It was the first Ute sweep of that trio in 10 years and the first-ever road

sweep against them. Meyer's Utes capped the season with a 17-0 victory over Conference USA champion Southern Mississippi at the AXA Liberty Bowl.

In 2003, Utah won five more games than the previous year, when it was 5-6, and matched BCS national champion LSU as the fifth-most improved team in the nation. Meyer's explosive spread offense and one of the nation's best defenses brought Utah local



and national attention. The 2003 Utes shattered their previous home attendance record by averaging 41,478 fans. The largest crowd ever to attend a Utah athletic event (46,768) and a national ESPN television audience watched the Utes beat California, 31-24, in Rice-Eccles Stadium.

averaging 28.7 points per game in '03. A similar improvement (seventh to fourth) was made in total offense. Red zone scoring, a Meyer point of emphasis, rose 11 percentage points (68 percent to 79 percent, with 61 percent of those scores coming on touchdowns (versus 49 percent in 2002).

***“I think it’s actually a lot easier to project (receivers) out of that (Florida’s) offense than a lot of other ones that just run play-action pass go-routes and tear screens all the time, which is what a lot of them do. They have a spread offense. They read coverages. They run routes based on coverages or the technique of the defender. They have multiple formations and blitz adjustments and all those kinds of things that are common in the National Football League. I think kids that come out of that offense have a good understanding of passing concepts.”***

**—Bill Belichick, New England Patriots Head Coach**

Known as a defensive power, Utah’s reputation on that side of the ball held true while the offense simply took off using Meyer’s system. Utah shut out its last two opponents, Brigham Young and Southern Mississippi, and finished No. 19 in the nation in scoring defense (19.1 points per game). On the other side of the line, Utah went from last in scoring offense in 2002 to third in the league by

Utah’s special teams, under Meyer’s direct supervision, also improved dramatically from past years. The Utes led the nation in kick return average (28.2 yards per return) and ranked second in the league in kickoff coverage (16.4 yards per opponent return) in 2003.

Meyer began his head coaching career at Bowling Green in 2001, where he engineered the top turnaround in NCAA

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### Week-by-Week In the Polls

DATE	AP	COACHES	BCS
Oct. 13, 2002	25	23	NP
Oct. 20, 2002	24	22	NR
Oct. 27, 2002	21	18	NR
Nov. 3, 2002	20	16	NR
Nov. 10, 2002	NR	25	NR
Oct. 19, 2003	24	23	NR
Nov. 16, 2003	NR	NR	24
Nov. 23, 2003	NR	NR	22
Nov. 30, 2003	NR	NR	23
Dec. 7, 2003	25	25	22
Jan. 4, 2004	21	21	NP
Aug. 1, 2004	NP	21	NP
Aug. 15, 2004	20	NP	NP
Aug. 29, 2004	NP	19	NP
Sept. 5, 2004	17	16	NP
Sept. 12, 2004	15	14	NP
Sept. 19, 2004	14	14	NP
Sept. 26, 2004	14	14	NP
Oct. 3, 2004	11	11	NP
Oct. 10, 2004	11	10	NP
Oct. 17, 2004	9	10	7
Oct. 24, 2004	9	10	6
Oct. 31, 2004	7	8	6
Nov. 7, 2004	7	8	7
Nov. 14, 2004	5	6	6
Nov. 21, 2004	5	6	6
Nov. 28, 2004	5	6	6
Dec. 5, 2004	5	6	6
2004 Final Poll	4	5	NP
Preseason 2005	10	11	NP
Sept. 5	10	10	NP
Sept. 12	6	7	NP
Sept. 19	5	5	NP
Sept. 26	5	5	NP
Oct. 3	13	15	NP
Oct. 10	11	13	NP
Oct. 17	18	19	20
Oct. 24	16	18	19
Oct. 31	13	15	16
Nov. 7	12	12	13
Nov. 14	20	20	22
Nov. 21	19	19	23
Nov. 28	17	18	17
Dec. 5	16	18	17
2005 Final Poll	12	16	NP

NP – No Poll; NR – Not Ranked



# MEYER AND THE UF STUDENT BODY

Just as he did at Bowling Green and Utah, Coach Meyer made it a priority to establish a relationship between his team and the general student body on campus.

"Part of what makes college football so exciting is the youth and energy that can be drawn from campus life. I want our players to realize that is part of the collegiate experience - to be a part of the student body here at the University of Florida."

To that end, Coach Meyer sent invitations to every campus organization leader on campus prior to his first season inviting them to meet individually with him. Fraternities, sororities and student groups had a chance to get to know Coach Meyer much the same way potential recruits do - in a personal setting.

"I want the opportunity to listen to them. To hear them tell their story of how they became Gators. I want them to get to know our coaching staff and our families and value their input in the program."

Coach Meyer doesn't expect to do this alone.

"For us to achieve the goal of our student body having complete ownership of our team, our players must respect the fact they are part of the student body. It is important to emphasize that there is not a divide between student-athletes and students, we must all work together."

## COACH MEYER ESTABLISHES NEW TRADITIONS

### The School Fight Song

Coach Meyer also met with the UF Director of Bands and asked for a copy of the school fight song. Coach Meyer required every player to learn the fight song and they now sing it in the Northeast corner of the stadium after every home victory at The Swamp.

### The Gator Walk

Fans now are able to greet the team upon arrival at the stadium two hours before kickoff when the team participates in the "Gator Walk."

Fans are welcome to join the UF cheerleaders, mascots and pep band as the Gators exit the team buses on the corner of University Avenue and Gale Lemerand Drive. The team then walks along the sidewalk into Gate Eight of the stadium and across Florida Field en route to the locker room.

## COACH MEYER REACHES OUT TO FORMER PLAYERS

Coach Meyer has extended an open invitation to all former Gators to be a part of the current football program.

"One of the special things about being a Gator is that you are joining a family for life," said Meyer. "You should be treated special if you made an investment in our program. We want any former player to know that. You are different and will always be welcome back in our program."

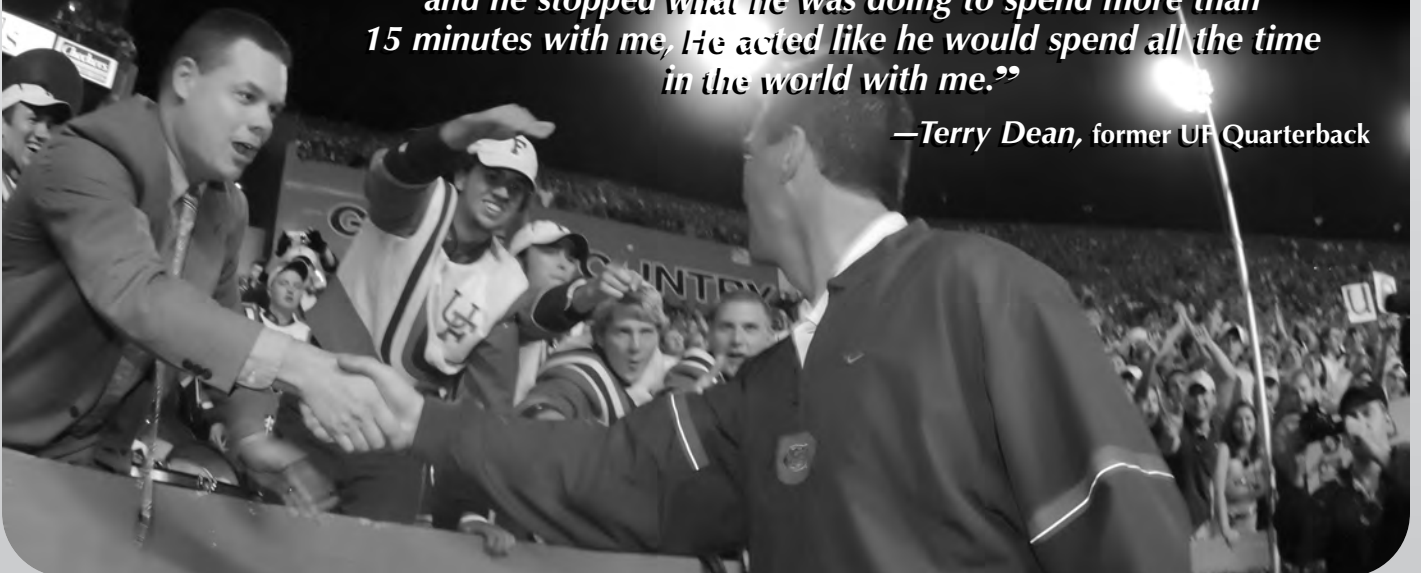
Coach Meyer has started several initiatives for former players. Before each season there is a alumni reunion and Barbeque. Former players are also welcome to return to Gainesville for the season opener and form a tunnel on the field as the team takes the field. The 2006 season will feature another event for former Gators, a special dinner for all former Gator captains. The Captains Legacy Dinner will be held the night before the Homecoming game.

Gator football alumni wishing to keep up with all the news around the UF football program should contact Alecia Pynn at (352) 375-4683 ext. 4100 or at AleciaP@gators.uua.ufl.edu.

***"I've not been involved in Florida football for 10-plus years but Coach Meyer came here and things changed. I met him a couple of months ago and he has done so much to recruit the former players to bring them back.***

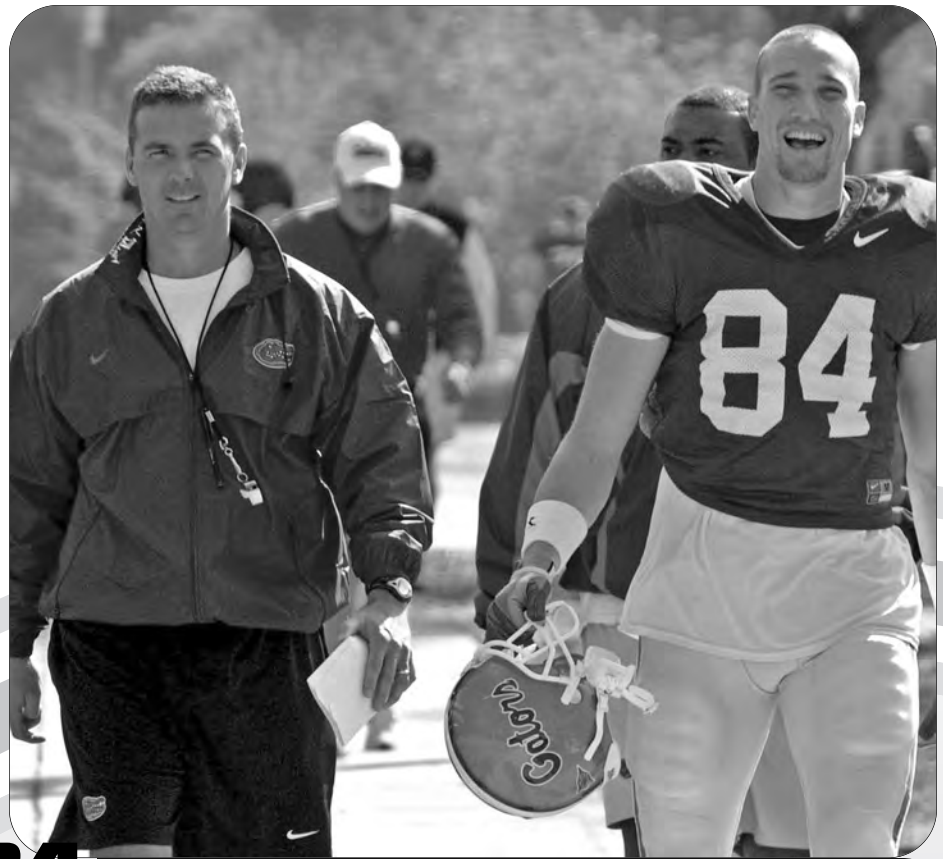
***The first time I met him (Meyer) they were watching film and he stopped what he was doing to spend more than 15 minutes with me. He acted like he would spend all the time in the world with me."***

***—Terry Dean, former UF Quarterback***



Division I-A football, showing a six-win improvement from the previous season. The Falcons rebounded from a 2-9 record to post their first winning season since 1994 with an 8-3 finish. For his efforts, he was named the 2001 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year. A year later, he guided BGSU to a 9-3 record and its highest national ranking in school history (No. 16 ESPN/*USA Today* and No. 20 Associated Press). Bowling Green spent five weeks in the national polls and finished third in the nation in scoring offense, averaging 40.8 points per game.

The Falcons, who became the highest scoring team in MAC history, also finished ninth in the nation in total offense (448.9 ypg) and 11th in rushing offense (219.1 ypg) in 2002. They were the only team in the nation to average at least 215 yards rushing and 215 yards passing per game. BGSU also led the nation in red zone production, scoring on 61-of-63 trips (.968) inside the 20-yard line, including 52 touchdowns.



## THE FLORIDA LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

A firm believer that players should be accountable to each other and not just the coaching staff, Coach Meyer utilizes the Florida Leadership Committee.

Members of the Leadership Committee include six seniors, two juniors, three sophomores and three freshmen. The Committee is charged with acting as spokesmen for the team and handling situations related to team policy issues, academic affairs, off-campus circumstances and other topics. The committee meets periodically throughout the year with Meyer.

"We are looking for the Leadership Committee to enhance team chemistry, police the team from within and exemplify what it means to be leaders, both on and off the field," says Meyer.

### 2006 Leadership Committee

Dallas Baker	WR	6-3	206	RSR	3L	New Smyrna Beach/New Smyrna Beach
Jemalle Cornelius*	WR	5-11	185	RSR	3L	Fort Meade/Fort Meade
Earl Everett*	LB	6-2	231	SR	3L	Webster/South Sumter
Billy Latsko	HB	5-10	233	RSR	3L	Gainesville/Buchholz
Chris Leak*	QB	6-0	207	SR	3L	Charlotte, N.C./Independence
Marcus Thomas	DT	6-3	286	SR	3L	Jacksonville/Mandarin
Reggie Nelson	S	6-1	195	JR	1L	Melbourne/Palm Bay/Coffeyville (Kan.) JC
Brandon Siler*	LB	6-2	235	JR	2L	Orlando/Orlando Evans
Kestahn Moore	RB	5-10	206	SO	1L	Arlington, Texas/Mansfield Summit
James Smith	LS	6-3	233	RSO	1L	Gainesville/Buchholz
Eddie Haupt	OL	6-4	295	RFR	SQ	Merritt Island/Merritt Island
David Nelson*	WR	6-5	204	RFR	SQ	Wichita Falls, Texas/Rider
Tim Tebow	QB	6-3	229	FR	HS	Jacksonville/Nease

\* Named to Leadership Committee for second straight year



His teams fared well defensively, too. In 2001, BGSU ranked first in the MAC in scoring defense (19.5 ppg), rushing defense (86.3 ypg) and total defense (319.5 ypg). Bowling Green led the MAC in turnover margin both years under Meyer.

Meyer's 17-6 record at Bowling Green included a 5-0 mark against BCS teams and two wins over ranked opponents. After his first of two wins over Missouri, Meyer was named ESPN.com National Coach of the Week in 2001.

Meyer apprenticed at Ohio State (1986-87), Illinois State (1988-89), Colorado State (1990-95) and Notre Dame (1996-2000) before getting the head job at Bowling Green. The Ashtabula, Ohio, native learned the coaching trade from the likes of Sonny Lubick, Lou Holtz, Earle Bruce and Bob Davie.

The 1999 season saw Meyer's receiving corps break the Irish single-season record for pass receptions with 192 and total receiving yards with 2,858. During 1998, Meyer

# Head COACHING Highlights

## UTAH (2003-04)

- ▣ The Home Depot 2004 Coach of the Year
- ▣ 2004 George Munger Award for the Collegiate Coach of the Year presented by the Maxwell Club
- ▣ 2004 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year (Named by the Football Writers Association of America)
- ▣ 2004 Woody Hayes Trophy Award (Presented by the Columbus Touchdown Club)
- ▣ 2004 Victor Award
- ▣ Semifinalist for the 2004 Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year award
- ▣ 2003 National Coach of the Year from *The Sporting News*
- ▣ 2003 and 2004 Mountain West Conference Coach of the Year
- ▣ 22-2 overall record and 6-1 mark versus BCS teams
- ▣ Directed Utah to a perfect 12-0 record in 2004 and became the first school from a non-Bowl Championship Series conference to earn a berth in a BCS Bowl (Fiesta)
- ▣ Utah finished as the MWC winner for the second-straight season to become the only back-to-back outright champion in the league's existence
- ▣ The 2004 Utes ranked in the top five nationally in six statistical categories and the top 20 in eight.
- ▣ 2004 Utah squad led the MWC in 11 statistical categories
- ▣ Coached Heisman Trophy Finalist Alex Smith, who also earned *The Sporting News* National Player of the Year and was the first player selected in the 2005 NFL Draft
- ▣ Squad averaged 44,112 spectators per game, breaking the school record of 41,478 set in 2003
- ▣ First Utah football coach ever named National Coach of the Year
- ▣ Best debut season ever for a Utah football coach (10-2)
- ▣ 2003 marked the school's first outright conference championship since 1957
- ▣ Became only coach in program's history to win conference crown in debut season
- ▣ Utah ranked No. 1 in the nation in kickoff returns in 2003
- ▣ 86% conference winning percentage in '03 was the best since 1953
- ▣ Road sweep of Brigham Young, Colorado State and Air Force in 2003 was a Utah first
- ▣ Led the Utes to their first New Year's Eve bowl ever, where they beat Southern Mississippi (17-0) in the AXA Liberty Bowl, Dec. 31
- ▣ Utah ended Brigham Young's NCAA record 361-game, 28-year scoring streak to complete the 2003 regular season

## BOWLING GREEN (2001-02)

- ▣ 2001 Mid-American Conference Coach of the Year
- ▣ Biggest turnaround in the NCAA in 2001
- ▣ First winning season at BGSU since 1994
- ▣ 17-6 overall record and 5-0 versus BCS teams
- ▣ Five weeks in the national rankings in 2002
- ▣ Ranked as high as No. 16 (Coaches) and No. 20 (Associated Press)
- ▣ Finished third in the nation in scoring offense in 2002 with 40.8 points per game
- ▣ 40.8 points per game set new MAC mark
- ▣ Finished ninth in the nation in total offense with 448.9 yards per game
- ▣ 2001 defense led MAC in total defense, scoring defense and rush defense

### Home Cookin'

Coach Meyer teams are 28-2 at home. Only four other schools nationally have two losses at home since 2001.

SCHOOL	HOME LOSSES*	OVERALL HOME RECORD*
Boise State	2	31-2
Oklahoma	2	30-2
Southern California	2	29-2
<b>Urban Meyer Teams</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28-2</b>
Toledo	2	26-2

\* Since 2001

### TIME OF POSSESSION last Five Years

TEAM	AVERAGE TIME OF POSSESSION
1. Rice . . . . .	32:05:00
2. <b>Urban Meyer Coached Teams</b> . . . . .	<b>32:03:00</b>
3. Oklahoma . . . . .	32:01:00
4. LSU . . . . .	31:58:00
5. Cincinnati . . . . .	31:50:00

### Blocked Kicks Under URBAN MEYER

2005:	5 (2 punts, 2 FGs, 1 XP)
2004:	9 (7 punts, 2 FGs)
2003:	2 (2 FGs)
2002:	8 (7 punts, 1 FG)
2001:	1 (FG)
<b>Total</b>	<b>25 16 punts, 8 FG, 1 XP</b>

### Turnover Margin Last Five Years

	GAMES	TURNOVERS GAINED	TURNOVERS LOST	MARGIN
1. Southern California	64	187	78	+1.71
2. <b>Urban Meyer Coached Teams</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>+1.38</b>
3. Oklahoma	65	151	101	+0.76
4. Fresno State	66	144	105	+0.59



(left to right) front: Nathan; back: Gigi, Shelley, Urban, Nicole

coached split end Malcolm Johnson, who ended his career with 110 receptions, the seventh-most in school history.

In 1997, Meyer coached Johnson and fellow receiver Bobby Brown as they became the first Irish pair of players to record 40 or more receptions individually in a season as Brown had 45 receptions and Johnson had 42. In addition, the Notre Dame receivers helped set a then single-season school record with 190 receptions.

Meyer coached a youthful Irish receiving corps in 1996 and helped integrate those players with veteran quarterback Ron Powlus to contribute to a Notre Dame offense that produced the third-highest figures for total offense and scoring in Irish history.

Prior to going to Notre Dame, Meyer had served as wide receiver coach for six years at Colorado State. He helped the Rams to the 1994 Western Athletic Conference title and to Holiday Bowl appearances following both the 1994 (10-2) and 1995 seasons (8-4).

In 1992, he coached wide receiver Greg Primus, an All-WAC pick who

finished as Colorado State's all-time leading receiver and ended up with 192 career catches for 3,200 yards (then 10th on the NCAA's all-time yardage list). He also helped the Rams to the Freedom Bowl title following the 1990 season.

Meyer spent the previous two seasons at Illinois State, coaching quarterbacks and receivers in 1989 and outside linebackers in 1988. He worked as receivers coach at Ohio State in 1987 and helped the Buckeyes to a Cotton Bowl win following the 1986 campaign, when he coached tight ends.

A 13th-round pick in the Major League Baseball Amateur Draft in 1982, he played two years in the Atlanta Braves' organization. He played as a defensive back at the University of Cincinnati before earning his degree in psychology in 1986. He went on to earn a master's degree in sports administration from Ohio State in 1988.

Born July 10, 1964, Meyer and his wife Shelley are the parents of two daughters, Nicole (15) and Gigi (12), and a son, Nathan (7).

## NATIONAL & CONFERENCE RANKINGS UNDER URBAN MEYER

(First or Second Conference Rank  
and Top 50 Nationally)

YEAR	CATEGORY	LEAGUE RANK	NATIONAL RANK
2005	Turnover Margin (+1.50)	1	3
	Total Defense (299.8)	4	9
	Net Punting (38.1)	4	9
	Rushing Defense (94.9)	4	10
	Sacks (2.75)	5	25
2004	Total Offense (499.7)	1	3
	Scoring Offense (45.3)	1	3
	Passing Efficiency (173.4)	1	3
	Turnover Margin (+1.25)	1	3
	Net Punting (40.8)	1	3
	Kick Return (26.2)	1	5
	Pass Efficiency Defense (108.9)	1	24
	Rushing Offense (236.1)	2	13
	Passing Offense (263.7)	2	19
	Scoring Defense (119.5)	2	22
	Total Defense (343.2)	2	39
	Punt Returns (10.9)	2	40
	Pass Defense (203.3)	2	45
	2003	Kick Returns (28.2)	1
Turnover Margin (+0.75)		2	15
Scoring Defense (19.1)		2	19
Pass Efficiency (141.7)		2	21
Pass Efficiency Defense (111.0)		2	27
2002	Scoring Offense (40.8)	1	3
	Turnover Margin (+0.75)	1	21
	Rushing Offense (219.1)	2	11
	Pass Efficiency Defense (113.8)	2	38
	Total Offense (448.9)	3	9
2001	Turnover Margin (+1.55)	1	3
	Rushing Defense (86.3)	1	4
	Total Defense (319.6)	1	21
	Scoring Defense (19.6)	1	22
	Punt Returns (10.3)	1	42

## COACH MEYER HAS COACHED...

- ▣ One Heisman Trophy Finalist
- ▣ Three first-team All-Americans
- ▣ Three second-team All-Americans
- ▣ 15 first-team All-Conference selections
- ▣ 21 second-team All-Conference selections
- ▣ 54 Academic All-Conference selections
- ▣ 3 Academic All-American selections
- ▣ 7 Academic All-District selections
- ▣ An Urban Meyer-coached WR has ranked among the top 10 nationally in catches per game four of his five years as a head coach and top 20 nationally in all five years