

National Team Champions

A brief introduction to Alabama's 12 national championships:

The Rating Systems

Associated Press — 1936-current. Poll of sportswriters and broadcasters.

Davis — 1889-1935; chosen by Park H. Davis, a Princeton player in 1889 and a coach at Wisconsin, Amherst and Lafayette, and first published in the 1934 Spalding's Football Guide.

Dickinson System — 1924-40. Chosen by University of Illinois economics professor Frank G. Dickinson; based on system awarding various point totals for wins over teams with winning or non-winning records.

Dunkel — 1929-current. A power index rating system devised by Dick Dunkel and syndicated to newspapers around the country.

Football Writers Association of America — 1954-current. Chosen by committee representing membership.

Helms — 1889-current. Originally founded as Helms Athletic Foundation and changed in the early 1970s to Citizen Savings Athletic Foundation before current name adopted in 1981.

Football Annual — 1924-41. A highly popular magazine published by William F. Board.

Actual name of publication was Illustrated Football Annual.

Litkenhous — 1934-current. A difference by score method syndicated by Fred Litkenhous and his brother Edward.

National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame — 1959-current. Chosen annually by committee representing membership.

Football Thesaurus — 1927-58. A system devised by Duke Houlgate and published until 1958.

United Press International — 1950-1990. Poll of college coaches.

Williamson System — 1932-63; system of syndicated power ratings by Paul Williamson, a geologist and member of the Sugar Bowl Committee.

Sporting News — 1975-current. A highly popular sports weekly tabloid.

New York Times Computer — 1979-current. Picked by input into Times computer.

USA Today/CNN — 1982-current. Picked by panel of coaches selected by this newspaper.



Front row: Rosenfeld, Winslett, Gillis, Jones, Barnes, Enis, T. Brown. **Second row:** McDonald, Morrison, Perry, Pickhard, Buckler, Hudson, Bowdoin. **Third row:** Hubert, Vines, M. Brown, Payne, Pepper, Holmes, Camp, Caldwell, Dismukes.

1925

Record: 10-0

Head Coach: Wallace Wade

Selectors: Football Annual, Helms

Other champion(s):

Team: Dartmouth (8-0)

Coach: Jesse Hawley

Selectors: Dickinson, Davis



Front row: Douglas, Holder, Ellis, Rosenfeld, Barnes, Hamner, Brown, Caldwell, Dismukes. **Second row:** Enis, Morrison, Smith, Skidmore, Vines, McDonald, Black, Winslett, Hagler. **Third row:** Johnson, Bowdoin, Pepper, Holmes, Pickhard, Pearce, Hurt, Payne, Perry, Taylor.

1926

Record: 9-0-1

Head Coach: Wallace Wade

Selector: Helms

Other champion(s):

Team: Stanford (10-0-1)

Coach: Pop Warner

Selectors: Dickinson

Lafayette (9-0)

Herb McCracken

Davis

Navy (9-0-1)

Bill Ingram

Football Annual



Front Row: Houston, Holley, Taylor, Miller, Bellini, Causey, Elmore. **Second Row:** Moore, Frey, Brown, Suther, Campbell, Dotherow, Laslie, Cain, Long. **Third Row:** Singleton, Sims, Howard, Whitworth, Clement, Sharp, Smith, Jackson, Tucker, Boykin, Erdreich (mgr.). **Fourth Row:** Sanford, Hanson, Miller, Dobbs, Hood, Barker, Eberdt, McRight, Godfrey.

1930

Record: 10-0-0

Head Coach: Wallace Wade

Selector: Davis (tie)

Other champion(s):

Team: Notre Dame (10-0)

Coach: Knute Rockne

Selectors: Dickinson, Davis (tie), Football Annual, Helms, Dunkel, Football Thesaurus



Front row: Rogers, Bludworth, Davidson, Granger, Stapp, Taylor, Marx (mgr.), McLeod, Williamson, Goldberg, Thompson, Riley, Shepherd. **Second row:** Ryba, Gandy, McDaniel, Howell, Boozer, Cochrane, Lee, Campbell, Angelich, H. Walker, Danelutti, A. White, Peters, Griffin. **Third row:** Dildy, Smith, Lyon, Morrow, Baswell, Ellis, Dobbins, Sneed, R. White, Tipton, Rhordanz, Nisbet, Scott, Stacy. **Back row:** Young, Radford, Coffman, Bryant, Moye, J. Walker, McGahey, Whatley, Keller, Marr, Hutson, Francis, Freeman, Demyanovich

1934

Record: 10-0-0

Head Coach: Frank Thomas

Selector: Dunkel, Williamson, Football Thesaurus

Other champion(s):

Team: Minnesota (8-0)

Coach: Bernie Bierman

Selectors: Dickinson, Litkenhous, Football Annual, Helms, Davis (tie)

Pittsburgh (8-1)

Jock Sutherland

Davis(tie)



Front row: Baker (mgr.), Blackmon, Strange, Moseley, Harrell, Martin, Cox, Killian, Craft, Sessions. **Second row:** Johnson, Jones, Gresham, McWhorter, Papias, Brown, Spencer, Avery, Lane, Salls. **Third row:** Hecht, Sharp, Weeks, Kimball, Pope, McKosky, Baughman, Hargrove, Nelson, Hughes. **Fourth row:** Scales, Lockridge, Wyhonic, Leon, Chorba, Mims, McCoy, Bailey, Beard, Sabo, Roberts. **Fifth row:** Tolleitt, Stewart, Jergensen, Cook, Wise, Wesley, Bires, Aland, Rast. **Back row:** Gammon, Leeth, McKewen, Domnanovich, Richeson, Whitmire, McAllister, Fichman, Olenksi, Langdale.

1941

Record: 9-2-0

Head Coach: Frank Thomas

Selector: Football Thesaurus

Other champion(s):

Team: Minnesota (8-0)

Coach: Bernie Bierman

Selectors: AP, Litkenhous, Dunkel, Helms, Football Annual

Texas (8-1-1)

Dana X. Bible

Williamson



Front row: Richardson, Fracchia, Trammell, Clark, Moore, Wilson, Bible, Mooneyham, McGill, Davis, Dill, O'Linger, Hurlbut. **Second row:** Jordan, Brooker, Wright, Abruzzese, Wilson, Patton, Allen, Hopper, Martin, Sharpe, Pell, Morrison, Wall, Holt, Pette, Rutledge, Layton, Oliver. **Back row:** Wilkins, Battle, Weiseman, Henry, Tucker, Sanford, Versprille, Rice, Stephens, Burnham, Williamson, Nelson, Rankin, Cook, Lewis, Crenshaw, Neighbors, Boler.

1961

Record: 11-0-0

Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant

Selector: All but Football Writers

Other champion(s):

Team: Ohio State

Coach: Woody Hayes

Selector: Football Writers

Bryant fulfills promise with 1961 Championship

As far-fetched as it sounded back when he was recruiting his first class four years prior, Paul Bryant's promise of a national championship proved as accurate as his precise demand for excellence.

Led by quarterback Pat Trammell, center-linebacker Lee Roy Jordan and two-way line star Billy Neighbors, Alabama ascended to the pinnacle of the college football world, winning all 11 games and being named the No. 1 team in America.

Alabama out-scored its foes 297-25 and after Tennessee managed a field goal in a 34-3 loss, no one scored again on the Tide until Arkansas equaled that three-point output in the Sugar Bowl. North Carolina State, led by future NFL star quarterback Roman Gabriel, fell to the Tide, 26-7. The seven points were the most yielded to an opponent during the entire season.

Neighbors was a unanimous All-America, while Jordan and Trammell were second-team picks. It would be the first of six national title runs for Bryant during his 25-year career at Alabama.



Front row: Durby, Namath, Wall, Hopper, Simmons, Andrews, Mitchell, Harris. **Second row:** Ogden, McClendon, French, Stephens, Freeman, Kearley, McCollough, Bird. **Third row:** Bates, Crane, Cook, Calvert, Ray, Sloan, Dowdy. **Fourth row:** Bowman, Cole, Carroll, Thompson, Strickland, Williams, Fuller, Newbill, Perkins. **Fifth row:** Mosley, Duncan, McLeod, Tolleson. **Back row:** Gilmer, Tugwell, Kelley, Sullivan, Trimble, Moore, Rumsey, Bean, Kerr. **Not Pictured:** Canterbury, Elmore, Sherrill.

1964

Record: 10-1-0
 Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant
 Selectors: AP, UPI, Litkenhous

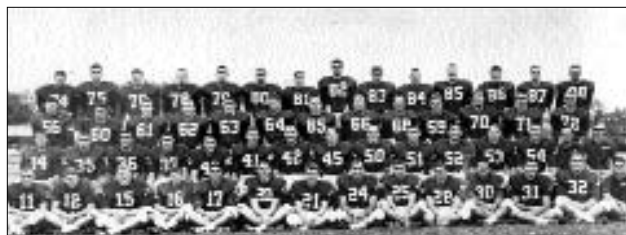
Team: Stanford (10-0-1)
Coach: Pop Warner
Selectors: Dickinson

Other champion(s):
 Lafayette (9-0)
 Herb McCracken
 Davis

Navy (9-0-1)
 Bill Ingram
 Football Annual

The "Other Five"

In addition to the 12 "recognized" national championships owned by Alabama, the Official NCAA Football Records Book recognizes Alabama as producing national champions in 1945, 1962, 1966, 1975 and 1977. In 1945, the 10-0 Tide was recognized as champions with Army by the National Championship Foundation. The 1962 Crimson Tide, 10-1, was chosen by Billingsley and Sagarin, while the 1966 team, 11-0, was selected by Berryman. The 11-1 Tide team in 1975, along with Ohio State, was selected by Matthews. In 1977, Football Research picked Alabama, 11-1, and Notre Dame as co-national champions.



Front row: Propst, Stabler, Hobson, Chatwood, Davis, Trimble, Brewer, Mosley, Homan, Canterbury, Bowman, Busbee, Kelley, Bross (mgr.). **Second row:** Sloan, Raburn, Sherrill, Johns, Ray, Reitz, Moore, Bean, Moss, Calvert, Killgore, Carroll, Crane, Lyda (mgr.), Glover (mgr.). **Third row:** Bates, Somerville, Williams, Duncan, McLeod, Stewart, Kerr, Sullivan, Stephens, Harpole, Dowdy, Johnson, Morris. **Back row:** Rustin, Davis, Sides, Thompson, Cole, Israel, Gilmer, Harris, Cook, Newbill, Shankles, Tolleson, Bedwell, Perkins.

1965

Record: 9-1-1
 Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant
 Selector: AP, Football Writers

Other champion(s):
Team: Michigan State (10-1)
Coach: Duffy Daugherty
Selectors: UPI, Helms, Dunkel, Litkenhous, Hall of Fame

Tide's Orange Bowl victory clinches '65 title

It was not until late on the eve of the first night of 1966 that this Alabama team would crest and a series of improbable events catapulted the Tide from No. 4 in the country to No. 1. By Orange Bowl kickoff, No. 1 Michigan State had lost to UCLA and No. 2 Arkansas had fallen to LSU, leaving No. 3 Nebraska as the only team ranked above Bama.

The final score of 39-28 hardly indicated the surprising ease in which Paul Bryant's pint-sized warriors shucked the Cornhuskers of Bob Devaney. Steve Sloan was MVP of the win and when the final polls came out, Bama was No. 1, in spite of a 9-1-1 record.



Front row: B. Davis, Pizzitola, Boles, Pappas, Gantt, Ridgeway, Rutledge, Todd, O'Rear, Sharpless, Bolden, McMakin, R. Davis, Odom, Perry, Riley, Spivey, Marcello. **Second row:** Billingsley, Taylor, Nelson, Ford, Shelby, Prudhomme, Stock, Culliver, Washington, Beck, Strickland, Dawson, P. Harris, Murphy, Stokes, King, Rhodes, Dean, Lowe, Cary, Hall. **Third row:** Hannah, Smith, Hubbard, DuBose, Robertson, Callaway, Duncan, Lambert, Croom, Hunt, Rogers, Hall, Montgomery, Whitley, B. Brown, Turpin, Yelvington, White, Eckenrod. **Back row:** Ruffin, Patterson, Kubelius, Szubinski, Norman, Hanrahan, Maxwell, Sprayberry, Jackson, J. Brown, Wheeler, Croyle, J. Harris, Dyar, Pugh, Raines, Watkins, Kulback, Barnes, Cook.

1973

Record: 11-1-0
 Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant
 Selector: UPI

Other champion(s):

- Team:** Notre Dame (11-0)
- Coach:** Ara Parseghian
- Selectors:** All but UPI, Dunkel
- Oklahoma (10-0-1)
- Barry Switzer
- Dunkel



Front row: Holt, Umphrey, Chapman, Pugh, Jacobs, McElroy, Neal, Harris, Shealy, Rutledge, K. Jones, Crumbley, Tucker, Legg. **Second row:** Haney, Nathan, Perrin, J. Jones, Coleman, Sutton, Spencer, McNeil, Ikner, Bolton, Jackson, Allman, Turpin, Wingo, Haynes, Junior. **Third row:** Ferguson, Ogilvie, Clements, Hill, Whitman, Braggs, Scott, DeNiro, Smith, Barnes, Hufstetter, McCarty, Stephenson, Palmer, Boothe, Robbins. **Fourth row:** Allison, Bunch, Boler, Cowell, Searcey, Brock, Sebastian, McCombs, Hannah, Krauss, Aydelette, Faust, Clark, Sanderson (tr.), Thomas (mgr.). **Back row:** Vines, Mauro, Booker, Krout, Travis, Parker, Boyd, Lyles, Gilliland, Lyons, Hamilton, Inman, McGriff, Rumley, Theis, Lancaster.

1978

Record: 11-1-0
 Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant
 Selectors: All but UPI, Sporting News

Other champion(s):

- Team:** Southern California (11-1)
- Coach:** John Robinson
- Selectors:** UPI, Sporting News



Front row: Holt, Umphrey, Pugh, Jacobs, McElroy, Sprinkle, Harris, Shealy, Coley, Landrum, Gray, Wilcox, Reeves, Tucker, Castille, Simon. **Second row:** Haney, Perrin, J. Jones, Spencer, McNeal, Orcutt, White, Jackson, Blue, Fagan, Rozzell, Collins, Williams, Junior, Ferguson, M. Ogilvie, Clements, Hill, Whitman, Miller (tr.). **Third row:** Connor (mgr.), Braggs, Nix, Bobby Smith, Scott, DeNiro, Barry Smith, Barnes, Mott, Dasher, Robbins, Allison, Bunch, Holcombe, Cowell, Bramblett, Searcy, Brock, Cayavec, McCombe, Hannah, Cates (mgr.). **Back row:** Collins, Aydelette, Clark, Pitts, Marks, Brown, Mauro, Beazley, R. Ogilvie, Krout, Travis, Wood, Boyd, Lyles, Homan, McGriff, R. Jones, Cline, Lancaster.

1979

Record: 12-0-0
 Head Coach: Paul "Bear" Bryant
 Selectors: Unanimous



Front row: Roe, West, Moss, Palmer, Tuley, Proctor, LaBellman, Wethington, Tony Johnson, High, Stockton, Bevelle, Barker, J. Jack, Wittel, R. Jack, Smith, Tommy Johnson, Hall, Diehl, Adams, Downey. **Second row:** Grobe, Teague, Burgdorf, Finkley, Wall, Crask, W. Brown, Dickerson, L. Cole, Shackelford, Key, Williams, Porch, Donnelly, Boyington, Gaston, Buckner, Wheeler, Canale, Lassic, Jordan, Ausmus, Davis. **Third row:** Hoven, Woody, Harris, Shade, Moring, Wimbley, Komisar, Anderson, Thompson, Swopes, Roberto, Whisenhunt, Houston, Royal, Lee, Hutt, Campbell, Gartman, E. Turner, Conn, Burroughs, Pope, Langham. **Fourth row:** McLaughlin, Blackburn, Wesley, Lynch, J. Cole, Tanks, Lowery, Brannen, S. Cole, Foshee, Harville, Wright, Fell, Dover, White, Sidle, Rogers, Torrence, Dowdell, Gladden, London, J. Turner, Oden. **Fifth Row:** Favors, Floyd, Lawson, Morris, Clay, Turnipseed, Sheils, Barger, Hammond, Belser, Folks, Barnett, Deason, Wilson, Stevenson, Segrest, Causey, Pritchett, DiMario, Nunley, Mullenix, McNeal, Howard. **Sixth Row:** E. Brown, McCullough, Patterson, Phillips, Powell, Pennington, Curry, Greene, Lewis, R. Brown, Busky, Garner, Colburn, C. Brown, Knowlton, Trimble, Pine, Swinney, Abrams, Mangum, Walters, Jeffries, Milner, S. Brown, Copeland, Moore, Thornton, Bodden, Gregory, Lockett.

1992

Record: 13-0-0
 Head Coach: Gene Stallings
 Selectors: Unanimous