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## 2015 FBS SPRING PRACTICE NOTES AND RECAP

**ALABAMA:** Another year, another battle to win the coveted spot under center for the Crimson Tide. Heading into spring practice, Jacob Coker was assumed to be the frontrunner to once again take the reins, but reports suggest that he will have to hold off a surging RS Freshman in David Cornwall. Coker has yet to really separate himself from the pack, due to inconsistent play throughout spring practice. The spring game official rosters had Coker listed first team and Cornwall 2nd. That being said, it was Coker who had the best spring game showing, though Saban refrained from naming him the starter at this point. Former 5 star recruit and freshman Bo Scarborough suffered a knee injury during spring practice. Reports are that he tore an ACL, but Nick Saban said he hopes to have the RB back at some point during the 2015 season.

**ARIZONA:** Anu Solomon completed 19 of 25 attempts for 175 yards and 2 TDs, impressing HC Rich Rodriguez with the improvements he has made since last season. Most reports have noted Solomon's improved decision making throughout spring practice. RB Jared Baker scored 2 times on 8 carries for 36 yards.

**ARIZONA STATE:** The Sun Devils' game was marked by dropped passes and a bit of rust/sloppiness, but HC Todd Graham seemed pleased with his squad as the period came to a close, as both he and DC Keith Patterson praised the improvement made on defense this spring. Patterson was explicitly vocal in his praise of the amount of depth they have built on his side of the ball, noting that there are numerous players he can sub in without seeing any drop-off. The offensive line also were noted for improvement.

**ARKANSAS:** Arkansas entered spring with a new OC (Dan Enos) whose CMU squads regularly produced 3000+ yard passers- something the Hogs have been missing since the Petrino era. Everyone knows that Arkansas can run the ball with the duo of Alex Collins and Jonathan Williams, now they are looking to develop a more balanced approach on offense in Bielema's 3rd year. Enos coached Drew Stanton at Michigan State and Gino Guidugli at Cincinnati, so understands what it takes to develop a solid passing attack to go along with the rushing game.

**AUBURN:** Despite the loss of Nick Marshall to graduation, Auburn expects to be stronger in the passing game with Jeremy Johnson under center. Although OC Rhett Lashlee had yet to officially name a starter heading into the spring game, Johnson has long been considered to be a star in the making; a pocket passer with a cannon, solid accuracy, and the ability to scramble when the play breaks down. Auburn is pretty quiet when it comes to releasing info from their spring practices, but it was telling when former AU great and current co-OC Dameyune Craig stated that he expects Johnson to break most of his passing marks in 2015. Johnson seemed to have pulled ahead with his spectacular showing in the spring game.

**BAYLOR:** Rising junior Seth Russell exited spring as the leader in the race to replace Bryce Petty, completing 18 of 27 in Baylor's spring game. Coaches look to true freshman Jarrett Stidham to push for playing time this fall. On offensive line, Baylor returns all 5 starters, which should provide whoever the new QB is with plenty of protection. The WRs appeared to really step up, particularly Corey Coleman and K.D. Cannon, both of whom had TD receptions over 50 yards.

**BOISE STATE:** Coach Bryan Harsin was concerned about his team's consistency following the annual Boise State spring game. Much of the scrimmage was defined by sloppy play on the offensive side of the ball, most of which could be attributed to the harsh weather conditions as the offense was plagued by dropped passes and fumbles. QB Ryan Finley was 13-of-25 for 196 yards on the afternoon. RS Redshirt freshman wide receiver A.J. Richardson finished with 52 yards on seven catches.

**BOSTON COLLEGE:** The athletic department cancelled the 2015 spring game, opting for a scrimmage instead. It seems that many Boston College fans are clamoring to see more of QB Troy Flutie, the son of former BC WR Darren Flutie and the nephew of Doug. Darius Wade is presumed to be the frontrunner to take over for the departed Tyler Murphy, but fans were encouraged by Flutie's performance in the spring game. Flutie went 3 of 6 for 24 yards and a TD, while Wade was 6 of 13 with an INT returned for a TD.

**BYU:** BYU managed to stay healthy during spring practice, which undoubtedly gave Cougar fans some relief after injuries decimated what was supposed to be a breakthrough 2014 season. Though he missed spring practice, Senior QB Taysom Hill is said to be ready to return to action after missing much of last year with injuries. Depth behind him is an obvious concern however.

**CALIFORNIA:** Daniel Lasco is the leader of Cal's stable of RBs this year because of his experience, but the breakout performance of spring practice has been rising sophomore Vic Enwere. Enwere unofficially led the team in rushing yards and broken tackles, with coaches noting that whenever his number has been called, he runs "hard and angry." Coaches also note that the WR group is the deepest and most experienced position on the squad.

**CINCINNATI:** The Bearcats saw an offensive explosion during their annual spring scrimmage. Chris Moore hauled in 133 receiving yards and Nate Cole added another 105 off 9 receptions, while QB Gunner Kiel completed 18 of 26 for 221 yards and a score. Heyden Moore seemed to secure the backup QB slot after a very impressive showing, completing 22 of 29 passes with 3 touchdowns. Mike Boone rushed for 152 yards on only 13 carries.

**CLEMSON:** Despite missing their starting quarterback, Clemson looked explosive on offense in their spring game. Nick Schuessler seemed to solidify his spot as the top backup to Deshaun Watson (ahead of true freshmen Kelly Bryant and Tucker Israel) with a very impressive day, completing 9 of 13 for 134 yards and 2 TDs. The RBs excelled as well, with C.J. Davidson, Wayne Gallman and C.J. Fuller all finding the end zone. WR Mike Williams caught 5 for 107 yards and 2 TDs.

**DUKE:** Duke's spring game was modified due to the construction on Wallace Wade Stadium, so coach David Cutcliffe opted for 90 minute drills to go along with a 25 minute live scrimmage. With the offense needing to replace so many key components to their successful 2014 run, it was of no surprise that it was the defense who shined throughout the spring. Thomas Sirk also showed why he is the favorite to take over at the QB position, due to his combination of both arm strength and athletic ability. Duke still has questions regarding WRs, as their two leading pass catchers are out of eligibility this season.

**FLORIDA:** Who will be the Gators' starting quarterback in 2015. The departure of former HC Will Muschamp throws a bit of a wrench into last year's depth chart. New coach Jim McElwain has always favored a pocket passer to run his offense, which would seem to favor Will Grier over last year's freshman starter, Treon Harris. Both QBs were highly touted coming out of high school, but Grier was considered the crown jewel of Muschamp's final class in Gainesville. At the last moment, McElwain decided to hold a glorified scrimmage after stating there would be no traditional spring game because of the lack of depth and injuries on the lines. Heading into the game, it appeared that Will Grier had a slight edge over Harris. Both QBs looked solid in the spring game, with Grier retaining his slight edge. We predict that it will be Grier's job to open the 2015 season.

**FLORIDA STATE:** Ja'Vonn Harris had four catches for 92 yards in the first half of FSU's spring game. The conventional wisdom is that QB Sean Maguire has done enough to separate himself from his competition to replace Jameis Winston, but coach Jimbo Fisher noted that he still has a ways to go, highlighting his inconsistent play during the spring game. Explosive RB Jacques Patrick made his presence felt throughout spring, and has likely solidified his position behind starter Dalvin Cook. There are still questions surrounding the returning defense, and multiple injuries spring left them unanswered as the Seminoles look towards summer.

**GEORGIA:** The headliner heading into spring for the Dawgs was the strength of the 1-2 punch of RBs Nick Chubb and Sony Michel, with the former matching the production of likely 1st round draft pick of Todd Gurley when he was thrust into the starting lineup due to injuries. Lost in the shuffle the last two years was Keith Marshall, who was even more highly touted than Gurley coming out of high school. Marshall has been plagued by injuries the last two seasons, and was thought to be a candidate for a medical redshirt in 2014. Though he is currently listed as a SR on the UGA, but was granted a medical redshirt and has two years of eligibility remaining. QB Faton Bauta has been the revelation of spring, and is in the mix for the starting job.

**GEORGIA TECH:** RB Dennis Andrews remains the player with the most experience at the "A Back" position, but converted WR Qua Searcy has found himself in contention for significant playing time this fall after an impressive spring showing. At the other back position, CJ Leggett, Tech's top rated RB recruit from the previous year, is back after an injury derailed his true freshman season and should see plenty of carries this fall. He is the only back who is a clear starter at this point besides QB Justin Thomas.

**ILLINOIS:** The Illini' coaches and fans all received an unwelcome shock this spring as rising sophomore Mike Dudek tore his ACL. Dudek is considered the brightest star on the football team, catching 76 passes for 1,038 yards as a true freshman in 2014. Illinois is not without depth at the WR position, but the loss of their leading receiver will hit the program hard in 2015 as Dudek appears likely headed for a redshirt.

**INDIANA:** QB Nate Sudfeld is back after missing the second half of last season with a separated shoulder. The Hoosiers are counting on the senior to be healthy in 2015 as his absence killed their chances of making a run at bowl eligibility last year. Jordan Howard, a transfer from UAB, is considered the frontrunner to start at UAB, though he missed the spring game with a hyperextended elbow.

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**IOWA:** Iowa started spring practice later than most teams, but early indications have HC Kirk Ferentz appearing to be quite pleased with his stable of RBs heading into 2015. The Hawkeyes averaged only 4.1 yards per carry last year, which ranked them 10th in the Big Ten. Much of the optimism revolves around the returning LeShun Daniels Jr., who spent much of 2014 on the trainer's table. At 6' and 225 lbs., Daniels has the size most schools covet at the position, and along with list co-starter Jordan Canzeri, Ferentz believes he will have a formidable 1-2 punch coming out of the backfield.

**IOWA STATE:** Willie Harvey finished the day with seven total tackles, a sack and two pass breakups, while Kamari Syrie recorded seven total tackles and one tackle for loss. Darian Cotton and Kamari Cotton-Moya both had interceptions, with the latter returning it for a 55 yard TD. Trever Ryan had 4 receptions for 91 yards in just the 1st quarter, and finished the game with 6 for 146 yards and a score.

**KANSAS:** A new coach in David Beaty has seen the slate wiped clean and new opportunities for many on the Jayhawks roster, most notably QB Montell Cozart. A year ago, Cozart had a breakout spring which won him the starting job heading into the football season. After 5 games and Charlie Weis had been relieved, Cozart was benched in favor of Michael Cummings, who led the team for the rest of the season. With a new coach in place, Cozart has made the most of the opportunity and currently has a slight lead in the QB competition.

**KANSAS STATE:** One of the stranger stories to come out of spring is that of K State QB Joe Hubener. Hubener is in a heated 3-man race to win the starting QB job for this fall. What makes his story different is that he has never started a game at QB in his life. The RS junior was initially a walk-on athlete who played both DB and WR, but finished last season as the backup to the now departed Jake Waters. Although Bill Snyder had yet to release a depth chart at the time of this report, Hubener was considered a real candidate to win the starting job this fall.

**KENTUCKY:** Mark Stoops seemed to regret his decision to cancel the 2015 spring game. Considering that all the other SEC games were nationally broadcast on the conference network, it gave them an advantage over Kentucky on the recruiting trail as well as a chance to bring their most sought after prospects onto campus for a taste of how much the culture has changed since he first took the job. Somewhat surprisingly, Stoops declined to name a starting QB after the conclusion of Kentucky's spring, stating that neither Patrick Towles (last year's starter) or Drew Barker had been able to really separate from the other.

**LOUISVILLE:** Kyle Bolin and Tyler Ferguson, who both showed flashes of potential last fall have yet to separate themselves, which has left the door open for Sophomore Reggie Bonnafon to take a lead in the QB competition heading into the spring game. Bonnafan has dual threat capabilities, which adds another dimension to HC Bobby Petrino's offensive attack, which is important considering that the OL still remains one of the biggest question marks of the team. Will Gardner will return from injury and will compete with Bonnafan, almost guaranteeing that either Bolin or Ferguson is a likely candidate to transfer. Louisville is also looking for a WR to step up and fill the spot left behind by DeVante Parker. Overall, the Cardinals lost 146 of Louisville's 237 receptions, plus 2,067 yards and 15 touchdowns to graduation last year.

**LSU:** All the spotlight continues to shine on sophomore RB Leonard Fournette, but success for the Tigers in 2015 will undoubtedly rest on improvement made at the QB position. Neither Anthony Jennings nor Brandon Harris were able to solidify themselves as the leader of the offense last year, and coaches were hoping that one would take the job and run with it during the spring. Some in the media feel that Harris has a much higher ceiling than returning starter Jennings, but he has yet to overtake the rising junior. Heading into the spring game, it remained status quo and the competition will likely continue into the summer and fall practices. In the spring game, both QBs played well. Jennings went 13/20 for 242 yds and 2 TDs, while Harris was 11/17 for 178 with 2 TDs. WR Malachi Dupre is the player to watch, as he looked like a prime candidate for a breakout season in 2015 throughout the spring practices. He ended the spring game with 112 yards on 4 catches and 2 TDs.

**MARYLAND:** The Terrapins' spent much of spring at work on implementing the 4-3 on defense. HC Randy Edsall seemed pleased with the squad's progress after spring, stating that they had picked it up "really well." WR Marcus Leak showed out during the spring game with 3 TD catches in the first half. Coaches hope the squad won't see a major step back due to the loss of WRs, and they seemed very pleased with the progress being made at the position, considering that SR Caleb Rowe missed spring rehabbing a torn ACL.

**MIAMI (FL):** The DBs stood out in the Hurricanes spring game, specifically safety Jamal Carter who had two impressive interceptions of QB Brad Kaaya, and Artie Burns who shut down WR Rashawn Scott. Kaaya had a forgettable game, throwing 4 interceptions, though coaches shrugged them off and said there was no questioning the sophomore's status or value to the team.

**MICHIGAN:** Junior Shane Morris ended spring practice as the leader in the competition to win the starting quarterback job for the Wolverines, though his numbers were not spectacular in Michigan's spring game. He completed 11 of 24 passes for 135 yards and a TD to go along with 1 interception. The running game was a bit underwhelming, number wise, with Derrick Green gaining less than 10 yards on the ground.

**MICHIGAN STATE:** The Spartans are another school with a late spring practice, but early reports show the defense stepping up in their first scrimmages. Safety Montae Nicholson returned two interceptions of 53 and 54 yards for touchdowns in their first full scrimmage, while CB Darian Hicks also intercepted 3rd year QB Connor Cook. Hicks, who had lost his starting job in 2014, received effusive praise from HC Mark Dantonio of his performance thus far. Sophomore DT Malik McDowell has established himself as a starter, according to Dantonio, and had a nice goal line stand in the scrimmage.

**MINNESOTA:** HC Jerry Kill was pleased with the way QB Mitch Leidner and backups performed during their annual spring game, but expressed concern about the number of drops by their receivers. On the defensive side of the ball, LB Cody Pook was a force to be reckoned with; recording 17 tackles.

**MISSISSIPPI STATE:** There are high hopes in Starkville following last year's season, but there are some key pieces that HC Dan Mullen must fill if he is to duplicate or surpass expectations in 2015. One of those pieces is at RB where Josh Robinson surprisingly declared himself eligible for the NFL Draft. There are multiple backs in the running to take over. Brandon Holloway was the primary backup to Robinson last year, but may be more suited to remain as the change of pace player as he does not have the size Mullen usually covets in his RBs. By the final week of practice, Holloway had been surpassed by Ashton Shumpert and was listed as co-2nd team with Dontavian Lee. Aeris Williams, who some think may have the most talent of the bunch, was listed 4th.

**MISSOURI:** The last two seasons have seen Missouri come out of seemingly nowhere to grab the SEC Eastern Division title when the preseason favorites faltered. Entering their 3rd season in the SEC, Missouri will have to replace key parts of its defensive front to remain in the mix. Shane Ray and Markus Golden combined for over 24 sacks last year, and both have departed. Charles Harris is expected to step in and continue Missouri's tradition of great rushing DEs. DT Harold Brantley, the most experienced returning player on the DL, has reportedly stepped up this spring and become the vocal leader of the defense.

**NC STATE:** Freshman RB Reggie Gallaspy burst onto the scene in a big way in the NC State spring game - rushing for 131 yards, while Matt Dayes picked up 58 yards in the 2nd quarter on a day where the running game seemed much more in sync than the passing attack. HC Dave Doeren left with questions concerning his OL's ability to protect the QB, noting that the line seemed to struggle as they look to break in two new starters at the tackle position.

**NEBRASKA:** Nebraska entered spring with a new coach, so there were many questions surrounding the squad. One is how the talent on the roster will mesh with the new offensive system being installed by Mike Riley. One definite strength the Huskers will have heading into 2015 is on the defensive front, which looked just as strong as they were last year throughout spring practice. The Huskers also look strong at the RB position, with numerous players shining throughout practice and the spring game.

**NORTH CAROLINA:** As is the case at a number of programs, North Carolina opted to have a final scrimmage instead of a spring game because of renovations being done to their stadium. The Tarheels were without starting QB Marquise Williams this spring, who threw for more than 3,000 yards last year. All eyes were on the Heels' new look defense, led by new coordinator Gene Chizik. Chizik brought the defense along slowly, choosing to "spoonfeed them" as they switched to a more traditional 4-3. HC Fedora noted that implementing a new system takes more time than they are allotted in spring practice, but likes what he has seen from his squad thus far.

**NORTHWESTERN:** None of the 3 QBs vying for the starting job seemed to really separate themselves this spring, but some experts feel that Clayton Thorson could eventually be the starting QB. Thorson, a RS freshman, has a significant gap in experience, but showed a lot of upside throughout spring. Though he missed some time with injuries, the Wildcats have a star in the making at RB with rising sophomore Justin Jackson, who is coming off a 1,000 yard season as a true freshman.

**NOTRE DAME:** Despite speculation, HC Brian Kelly stated that no decision will be made over who the starting QB will be during the spring. This decision seems to put more pressure on Everett Golson (who has already graduated and is eligible to transfer to another Division I program), who lost the starting job before the bowl game, to make a decision though Kelly stated that he expects the senior to be with the team when fall practice starts. If Golson suspects that Zaire has a lead heading into summer, he may look at opportunities to start elsewhere. Judging by their performance in the spring game, this QB competition will head into fall.

**OHIO STATE:** The defending national champions are in such a good position to make another run in 2015 that the main thing bothering Urban Meyer (according to SI) is that he has too many good quarterbacks. As all our readers know, Ohio State ended 2014 by winning the championship with their 3rd string QB. With all three signal callers returning, Meyer has a tough decision to make. Neither Barrett nor Braxton Miller participated in the spring game, leaving Cardale Jones the chance to make the most of the opportunity. Jones was inconsistent during the spring game, leaving the door open for either Barrett or Miller to reclaim their starting QB slot this fall and Meyer hopes to make a decision sometime in training camp.

**OKLAHOMA:** QB Trevor Knight entered the 2014 season expected to have a breakout season after leading the team to a victory in over Alabama in their bowl game. It was much different this spring (after an injury shortened and disappointing season) as Knight found himself in a 4 way competition to hold onto his job. Some around the program had expected Texas Tech transfer Baker Mayfield to take over the spot, but he threw costly picks in the spring game. None of the four QBs were able to make any real separation in spring, and it is expected that the competition will continue into fall practice. One position that did help itself through spring was at WR, where several newcomers really stood out.

**OKLAHOMA STATE:** Last year's 8-5 season seemed to be somewhat of a letdown for the Cowboys, but that goes to show you just how much success the program has had under HC Mike Gundy. Rennie Childs appears to have the edge at the RB position, but he saw little competition throughout spring as the other contenders were unavailable. Todd Mays, a JUCO early enrollee, was injured and freshman Chris Carson won't enroll until summer. Gundy was very pleased with the progress shown in the spring game, which included a 60 yard run from Rennie Childs.

**OLE MISS:** The Rebels' had a lot of question marks heading into their spring game after somewhat of a breakthrough season last year, specifically under center. Most expected transfer Chad Kelly to win the job, but there are still many questions surrounding his ability to mature into a leader both on and off the field. At the conclusion of spring practice, Hugh Freeze stated that Ryan Buchanan held a slight lead over Kelly and DeVante Kincaide.

**OREGON:** The Ducks held one of the later spring games this year, which won't take place until after we go to print. However, Oregon has one of the more intriguing QB stories of the offseason thus far. Vernon Adams transferred from Eastern Washington and is considered the early favorite to start under center. Adams was initially overlooked by FBS schools because of his size (5'11" 170 lbs.), but had led the FCS program to victory over Oregon State and put up 475 yards of total offense in a close loss to Washington during the last two seasons. Adams won't arrive on campus until August, which has put the QB race with Jeff Lockie on hold until fall camp.

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**PENN STATE:** The MLB position has always held a certain amount of prestige for the Penn State Nittany Lions, and this season they will look to replace all Big 10 selection Mike Hull. They have a number of possibilities including Jason Cabinda, Troy Reeder, Gary Wooten, or possibly shifting RS junior Nyeem Wartman, who started last year at OLB, in from the outside, and then shifting Cabinda to the outside alongside returning starter Brandon Bell.

**PURDUE:** HC Darrell Hazell headed into spring practice with more pressure for his team to show real improvement after a 4-20 start to his tenure. The defense returns much experience on the line, and DL coach Rubin Carter is eager to develop it into the strongest unit on the D. OC John Shoop spent part of spring using a no huddle offense with changes in tempo, and they seemed pleased with the results so far. The team has focused on improvement in their vertical passing game, which has taken some time to develop, but the work started to pay off during the final week of spring practice as the offense seemed to finally have caught up with the defense.

**SOUTH CAROLINA:** HC Steve Spurrier seemed relatively pleased with his team at the conclusion of spring practice, as QB Connor Mitch had a solid Garnet & Black Game outing, holding onto his status as favorite to win the starting job. The defense looked much improved after halftime adjustments, holding the offense scoreless and giving up only 63 yards in the 3rd quarter. Rod Talley led all rushers with 43 yards on 5 carries. Marquavius Lewis has been a force since the JUCO stepped on practice, virtually earning the starting spot on the first day. He responded by earning "Defensive Player of Spring" honors.

**SOUTHERN CAL:** There were plenty of offensive fireworks throughout Southern Cal's spring practice, with returning QB Cody Keslar performing like the veteran he now is and developing a solid rapport with his revamped WR corps. One player who has also impressed is two way standout Adoree Jackson, who will see time both at WR and in the defensive backfield again in 2015, as well as on special teams.

**STANFORD:** Kevin Hogan returns under center for the Cardinal in what will be his senior season. He completed 13-of-19 for 187 yards in the spring game. Christian McCaffrey ran the ball 10 times for 38 yards, while hauling in 3 catches for 55 yards. Most noted that the offense is still considered to be a "work in progress" and it was the defense that shined through the scrimmage.

**SYRACUSE:** Syracuse looked sluggish during its annual spring game on offense; scoring only once. HC Scott Shafer stated that the playcalling was pretty vanilla and offered few real scoring opportunities, which had been his plan. The offense ran the ball only three times and mostly attempted to throw deep passes. Terrel Hunt completed 10 of 30 for 145 yards, a misleading statistic considering the amount of balls thrown deep.

**TENNESSEE:** Expectations are very high in Knoxville for the first time in years, and Butch Jones was pleased with the progress his team made despite numerous players out with injury as well as the suspension of WR Von Pearson. QB Joshua Dobbs showed throughout spring practice that he will be a force to be reckoned with this fall. Dobbs looked cool and collected during the spring game, winning the QB Challenge and improved accuracy throwing the football. The other story throughout spring was the play of Alabama transfer RB Alvin Kamara, who gives the Vols a powerful 1-2 punch with returning SO Jalen Hurd.

**TCU:** Trevone Boykin missed the TCU spring game with a wrist injury. Boykin missed the last week of workouts, which Patterson didn't mind as it gave him the opportunity to see his backup QBs, which he said was a concern going into spring. While Patterson said that they did not have a backup who could step in and win the Big XII, he felt a lot more comfortable than he did before practices began. Also out was RB Aaron Green.

**TEXAS:** Charlie Strong still has a decision to make regarding his starting QB, but that is not the only position seemingly up for grabs as the Longhorns complete spring practice. Four early enrollees have changed the dynamics at OT for the Longhorns at a position of need heading into 2015. Connor Williams, Tristan Nickelson, Brandon Hodges and Garrett Thomas have all spent time at the position this spring, with both Nickelson and Williams competing for a starting spot. At the QB position, it was redshirt FR Jerrod Heard who looked more comfortable. He wasn't perfect, but seems to be closing the gap between himself and incumbent starter Tyrone Swoopes.

**TEXAS A&M:** Texas A&M entered spring practice with a new defensive coordinator, one who owns one of the most impressive resumes in college football in John Chavis. By the end of spring, Chavis seemed very impressed by the amount of progress his crew had made through the practice period. There isn't a lack of talent on that side of the ball defensively and if anyone can mold them into a standout unit, it's Chavis.

**TEXAS TECH:** Fans got their first look at early enrollee freshman defensive lineman Breiden Fehoko in action on Saturday, who was considered to be the most important piece of the Texas Tech recruiting class. Fehoko recorded a sack. QB Patrick Mahomes struggled on longer throws downfield in the first half, but ended the scrimmage with 3 TD passes to go along with one interception.

**UCLA:** UCLA is another team who have to replace a star QB in 2015. The Bruins had a heated 4 way QB battle going on throughout spring- and Jerry Neuheisel, walk-on Mike Fafaul, Asiantii Woulard, and Josh Rosen all showed enough potential that none has been counted out through the practices. Neuheisel (son of former coach Rick) is the QB with the most experience, backing up Brett Hundley for the last two seasons. Rosen is an early enrollee who was the consensus #1 QB out of high school this year. Woulard was a 4 star dual threat recruit.

**VANDERBILT:** After Vanderbilt finished spring practice, it was announced that QB Patton Robinette will forgo his final year of eligibility due to injury concerns and to enroll in medical school. Robinette had been the presumed starter heading into 2015 and now they will likely turn to either Wade Freeback or Johnny McCrary to be the signal caller to start the season. Also watch out for RS freshman Shawn Stankavage who performed slightly better than the others in the spring game.

**VIRGINIA:** Greyson Lambert and Matt Johns both threw a TD pass in UVA's annual spring game. Heading into the spring game, neither had a hold on the starting job. Lambert started 9 games last season, while Johns started 3 when the former was nursing an injured ankle, but both played throughout the year. HC Mike London said that he was pleased with the progress both made this spring. Exiting spring, Matt Johns was atop the depth chart, but that could very well change before the first game.

**VIRGINIA TECH:** The Hokies revamped their offensive philosophy during spring practice, and by the second scrimmage it seemed to be paying off. The offense amassed 566 yards with 6 TD passes and 4 more on the ground; astounding numbers for a Frank Beamer squad. The Hokies have experimented lining up TE Bucky Hodges at WR more in 3 receiver sets. Hodges (who is 6'6" and 250 lbs) possesses WR speed, clocking sub 4.5 40 yd dash over the winter and considered to be one of the Hokies brightest playmakers for the upcoming season, as well as providing the other WRs with single coverage because of his size and speed mismatch.

**WAKE FOREST:** Coming off a 3-9 finish in coach Dave Clawson's first season, the Deamon Deacons were happy with the progress made this spring. Clawson said that his team is "clearly ahead of where we were at the end of last year and where we were at the start of spring." Redshirt freshman Cortez Lewis caught 4 passes for 87 yards in the spring game, while QB John Wolford was 21 of 33 for 185 yards.

**WEST VIRGINIA:** While West Virginia needs to find a replacement for the departed Kevin White at WR, the OL was also an area of concern heading into the spring. The Mountaineers have plenty of depth at the position, but there has been little separation thus far. Coaches feel that the group is playing at a high level, which has prevented a real star or anchor from standing out so far.

**WISCONSIN:** Wisconsin's spring game saw a new coach and new staff in place. HC may be new, but isn't an unfamiliar face in Camp Randall, as he previously had served as the OC for the Badgers before taking the HC job at Pittsburgh. One player who is thrilled with Chryst's return is QB Joel Stave. Stave was a freshman in 2011, and was tutored by Chryst before he left for Pitt. The senior QB's confidence has soared with the return of Chryst, and the HC commended the quarterback on his confidence, Command of the offense, and leadership of the team. Tanner McEvoy, who beat out Stave for the QB job last season, has moved back to safety, and Stave refused to relinquish his hold on the starting job this spring.

### THE EDDIE ROBINSON COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year award is given annually to a college football coach by the Football Writers Association of America.

YEAR	WINNER	SCHOOL	YEAR	WINNER	SCHOOL	YEAR	WINNER	SCHOOL
1957	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1980	VINCE DOOLEY	GEORGIA	2003	NICK SABAN	LSU
1958	PAUL DIETZEL	LSU	1981	DANNY FORD	CLEMSON	2004	URBAN MEYER	UTAH
1959	BEN SCHWARTZWALDER	SYRACUSE	1982	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2005	CHARLIE WEIS	NOTRE DAME
1960	MURRAY WARMATH	MINNESOTA	1983	HOWARD SCHNELLENBERGER	MIAMI (FL)	2006	GREG SCHIANO	RUTGERS
1961	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	1984	LAVELL EDWARDS	BYU	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1962	JOHN MCKAY	USC	1985	FISHER DEBERRY	AIR FORCE	2008	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
1963	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	1986	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2009	GARY PATTERSON	TCU
1964	ARA PARSEGHIAN	NOTRE DAME	1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE	2010	CHIP KELLY	OREGON
1965	DUFFY DAUGHERTY	MICHIGAN STATE	1988	LOU HOLTZ	NOTRE DAME	2011	MIKE GUNDY	OKLAHOMA STATE
1966	TOM CAHILL	ARMY	1989	BILL MCCARTNEY	COLORADO	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
1967	JOHN PONT	INDIANA	1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
1968	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1991	DON JAMES	WASHINGTON	2014	GARY PATTERSON	TCU
1969	BO SCHEMBECHLER	MICHIGAN	1992	GENE STALLINGS	ALABAMA			
1970	ALEX AGASE	NORTHWESTERN	1993	TERRY BOWDEN	AUBURN			
1971	BOB DEVANEY	NEBRASKA	1994	RICH BROOKS	OREGON			
1972	JOHN MCKAY	USC	1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN			
1973	JOHNNY MAJORS	PITTSBURGH	1996	BRUCE SNYDER	ARIZONA STATE			
1974	GRANT TEAFF	BAYLOR	1997	MIKE PRICE	WASHINGTON STATE			
1975	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1998	PHILLIP FULMER	TENNESSEE			
1976	JOHNNY MAJORS	PITTSBURGH	1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH			
1977	LOU HOLTZ	ARKANSAS	2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA			
1978	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND			
1979	EARLE BRUCE	OHIO STATE	2002	JIM TRESSEL	OHIO STATE			

**THE AFCA COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The AFCA Coach of the Year award is given annually to a college football coach by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1935	LYNN WALDORF	NORTHWESTERN	1975	FRANK KUSH	ARIZONA STATE
1936	DICK HARLOW	HARVARD	1976	JOHNNY MAJORS	PITTSBURGH
1937	EDWARD MYLIN	LAFAYETTE	1977	DON JAMES	WASHINGTON
1938	BILL KERN	CARNEGIE TECH	1978	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1939	EDDIE ANDERSON	IOWA	1979	EARLE BRUCE	OHIO STATE
1940	CLARK SHAUGHNESSY	STANFORD	1980	VINCE DOOLEY	GEORGIA
1941	FRANK LEAHY	NOTRE DAME	1981	DANNY FORD	CLEMSON
1942	BILL ALEXANDER	GEORGIA TECH	1982	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1943	AMOS ALONZO STAGG	PACIFIC	1983	KEN HATFIELD	AIR FORCE
1944	CARROLL WIDDOWS	OHIO STATE	1984	LAVELL EDWARDS	BYU
1945	BO MCMILLIN	INDIANA	1985	FISHER DEBERRY	AIR FORCE
1946	EARL BLAIK	ARMY	1986	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1947	FRITZ CRISLER	MICHIGAN	1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE
1948	BENNIE OOSTERBAAN	MICHIGAN	1988	DON NEHLEN	WEST VIRGINIA
1949	BUD WILKINSON	OKLAHOMA	1989	BILL MCCARTNEY	COLORADO
1950	CHARLIE CALDWELL	PRINCETON	1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH
1951	CHUCK TAYLOR	STANFORD	1991	BILL LEWIS	EAST CAROLINA
1952	CLARENCE MUNN	MICHIGAN STATE	1992	GENE STALLINGS	ALABAMA
1953	JIM TATUM	MARYLAND	1993	BARRY ALVAREZ	WISCONSIN
1954	HENRY RUSSELL SANDERS	UCLA	1994	TOM OSBORNE	NEBRASKA
1955	DUFFY DAUGHERTY	MICHIGAN STATE	1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN
1956	BOWDEN WYATT	TENNESSEE	1996	BRUCE SNYDER	ARIZONA STATE
1957	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1997	LLOYD CARR	MICHIGAN
1958	PAUL DIETZEL	LSU	1998	PHILLIP FULMER	TENNESSEE
1959	BEN SCHWARTZWALDER	SYRACUSE	1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH
1960	MURRAY WARMATH	MINNESOTA	2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA
1961	BEAR BRYANT	ALABAMA	2001	LARRY COKER	MIAMI
1962	JOHN MCKAY	USC		RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND
1963	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	2002	JIM TRESSEL	OHIO STATE
1964	FRANK BROYLES	ARKANSAS	2003	PETE CARROLL	USC
	ARA PARSEGHIAN	NOTRE DAME	2004	TOMMY TUBERVILLE	AUBURN
1965	TOMMY PROTHRO	UCLA	2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1966	TOM CAHILL	ARMY	2006	JIM GROBE	WAKE FOREST
1967	JOHN PONT	INDIANA	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1968	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2008	KYLE WHITTINGHAM	UTAH
1969	BO SCHEMBECHLER	MICHIGAN	2009	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1970	CHARLES MCCLENDON	LSU	2010	CHIP KELLY	OREGON
	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	2011	LES MILES	LSU
1971	BEAR BRYANT	ALABAMA	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
1972	JOHN MCKAY	USC	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
1973	BEAR BRYANT	ALABAMA	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1974	GRANT TEAFF	BAYLOR			

**THE ASSOCIATED PRESS COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Associated Press College Football Coach of the Year Award is an award that is given annually since 1998 to NCAA college football's national coach of the year.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1998	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH	2008	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA	2009	GARY PATERSON	TCU
2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND	2010	CHIP KELLY	OREGON
2002	KIRK FERENTZ	IOWA	2011	LES MILES	LSU
2003	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
2004	TOMMY TUBERVILLE	AUBURN	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU
2006	JIM GROBE	WAKE FOREST			

**BOBBY DODD COACH OF THE YEAR**

The Bobby Dodd Coach of the Year Award is an annual college football award given to the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision head coach whose team excels on the field, in the classroom, and in the community.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1976	VINCE DOOLEY	GEORGIA	1996	BOB SUTTON	ARMY
1977	BO SCHEMBECHLER	MICHIGAN	1997	MIKE PRICE	WASHINGTON STATE
1978	TOM OSBORNE	NEBRASKA	1998	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE
1979	LAVELL EDWARDS	BYU	1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH
1980	BOBBY BOWDEN	FLORIDA STATE	2000	GEORGE O'LEARY	GEORGIA TECH
1981	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND
1982	GEORGE MACINTYRE	VANDERBILT	2002	JIM TRESSEL	OHIO STATE
1983	KEN HATFIELD	AIR FORCE	2003	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA
1984	JIM WACKER	TCU	2004	PAUL JOHNSON	NAVY
1985	FISHER DEBERRY	AIR FORCE	2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1986	DICK SHERIDAN	NORTH CAROLINA STATE	2006	JIM GROBE	WAKE FOREST
1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE	2007	LLOYD CARR	MICHIGAN
1988	DON NEHLEN	WEST VIRGINIA	2008	MACK BROWN	TEXAS
1989	BILL CURRY	ALABAMA	2009	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH	2010	CHRIS PETERSEN	BOISE STATE
1991	GEORGE WELSH	VIRGINIA	2011	DABO SWINNEY	CLEMSON
1992	EDDIE ROBINSON	GRAMBLING STATE	2012	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE
1993	BARRY ALVAREZ	WISCONSIN	2013	DAVID CUTCLIFFE	DUKE
1994	FRED GOLDSMITH	DUKE	2014	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN			

**BOBBY BOWDEN COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Bobby Bowden National Collegiate Coach of the Year Award is a college football award given annually to the nation's best head coach.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
2009	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA	2012	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
2010	GENE CHIZIK	AUBURN	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
2011	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA	2014		AWARD NOT GIVEN YET

**SPORTING NEWS NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR**

The Sporting News College Football Coach of the Year Award is an award that is given annually to NCAA college football's national coach of the year.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1963	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH
1964	FRANK BROYLES	ARKANSAS	1991	DON JAMES	WASHINGTON
1965	DUFFY DAUGHERTY	MICHIGAN STATE	1992	DENNIS ERICKSON	MIAMI (FL)
1966	ARA PARSEGHIAN	NOTRE DAME	1993	TERRY BOWDEN	AUBURN
1967	JOHN PONT	INDIANA	1994	RICH BROOKS	OREGON
1968	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN
1969	DARRELL ROYAL	TEXAS	1996	BRUCE SNYDER	ARIZONA STATE
1970	JOHN RALSTON	STANFORD	1997	MIKE PRICE	WASHINGTON STATE
1971	CHUCK FAIRBANKS	OKLAHOMA	1998	PHILLIP FULMER	TENNESSEE
1972	JOHN MCKAY	USC	1999	JUNE JONES	HAWAII
1973	BARRY SWITZER	OKLAHOMA	2000	DENNIS ERICKSON	OREGON STATE
1974	JERRY CLAIBORNE	MARYLAND	2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND
1975	EMORY BELLARD	TEXAS A&M	2002	JIM TRESSEL	OHIO STATE
1976	JOHNNY MAJORS	PITTSBURGH	2003	URBAN MEYER	UTAH
1977	LOU HOLTZ	ARKANSAS	2004	TOMMY TUBERVILLE	AUBURN
1978	DARRYL ROGERS	MICHIGAN STATE	2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1979	JOHN MACKOVIC	WAKE FOREST	2006	JIM GROBE	WAKE FOREST
1980	VINCE DOOLEY	GEORGIA	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1981	HAYDEN FRY	IOWA	2008	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
1982	GEORGE MACINTYRE	VANDERBILT	2009	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1983	MIKE WHITE	ILLINOIS	2010	CHIP KELLY	OREGON
1984	JIM WACKER	TCU	2011	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE
1985	BO SCHEMBECHLER	MICHIGAN	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
1986	JOHN COOPER	ARIZONA STATE	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE		DAVID CUTCLIFFE	DUKE
1988	LOU HOLTZ	NOTRE DAME	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1989	NONE	NONE			

**THE WALTER CAMP COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Walter Camp Coach of the Year Award is given annually to the football head coach adjudged by a group of NCAA FBS head coaches and sports information directors under the auspices of the Walter Camp Foundation.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1967	JOHN PONT	INDIANA	1991	BOBBY BOWDEN	FLORIDA STATE
1968	WOODY HAYES	OHIO STATE	1992	GENE STALLINGS	ALABAMA
1969	BO SCHEMBECHLER	MICHIGAN	1993	TERRY BOWDEN	AUBURN
1970	BOB BLACKMAN	DARTMOUTH	1994	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1971	BOB DEVANEY	NEBRASKA	1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN
1972	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	1996	BRUCE SNYDER	ARIZONA STATE
1973	JOHNNY MAJORS	PITTSBURGH	1997	LLOYD CARR	MICHIGAN
1974	BARRY SWITZER	OKLAHOMA	1998	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE
1975	FRANK KUSH	ARIZONA STATE	1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH
1976	FRANK R. BURNS	RUTGERS	2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA
1977	LOU HOLTZ	ARKANSAS	2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND
1978	WARREN POWERS	MISSOURI	2002	KIRK FERENTZ	IOWA
1979	JOHN MACKOVIC	WAKE FOREST	2003	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA
1980	VINCE DOOLEY	GEORGIA	2004	TOMMY TUBERVILLE	AUBURN
1981	Jackie Sherrill	PITTSBURGH	2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1982	JERRY STOVALL	LSU	2006	GREG SCHIANO	RUTGERS
1983	MIKE WHITE	ILLINOIS	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1984	JOE MORRISON	SOUTH CAROLINA	2008	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
1985	FISHER DEBERRY	AIR FORCE	2009	GARY PATERSON	TCU
1986	JIMMY JOHNSON	MIAMI (FL)	2010	CHIP KELLY	OREGON
1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE	2011	LES MILES	LSU
1988	DON NEHLEN	WEST VIRGINIA	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
1989	BILL MCCARTNEY	COLORADO	2013	DAVID CUTCLIFFE	DUKE
1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU

**THE HOME DEPOT COACH OF THE YEAR AWARD**

The Home Depot Coach of the Year Award is given annually to college football's top head coach. The award for the Division I Football Bowl Subdivision is selected by ESPN and ABC college football analysts.

YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL	YEAR	COACH	SCHOOL
1994	RICH BROOKS	OREGON	2005	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE
1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN	2006	GREG SCHIANO	RUTGERS
1996	BOBBY BOWDEN	FLORIDA STATE	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1997	MIKE PRICE	WASHINGTON STATE	2008	NICK SABAN	ALABAMA
1998	PHILLIP FULMER	TENNESSEE	2009	BRIAN KELLY	CINCINNATI
1999	FRANK SOLICH	NEBRASKA	2010	GENE CHIZIK	AUBURN
2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA	2011	LES MILES	LSU
2001	RALPH FRIEDGEN	MARYLAND	2012	BRIAN KELLY	NOTRE DAME
2002	TYRONE WILLINGHAM	NOTRE DAME	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
2003	PETE CARROLL	USC	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU
2004	URBAN MEYER	UTAH			

**THE PAUL "BEAR" BRYANT COLLEGE FOOTBALL COACHING AWARD**

YEAR	WINNER	SCHOOL	YEAR	WINNER	SCHOOL
1986	JOE PATERNO	PENN STATE	2001	LARRY COKER	MIAMI (FL)
1987	DICK MACPHERSON	SYRACUSE	2002	JIM TRESSEL	OHIO STATE
1988	LOU HOLTZ	NOTRE DAME	2003	NICK SABAN	LSU
1989	BILL MCCARTNEY	COLORADO	2004	TOMMY TUBERVILLE	AUBURN
1990	BOBBY ROSS	GEORGIA TECH	2005	MACK BROWN	TEXAS
1991	DON JAMES	WASHINGTON	2006	CHRIS PETERSEN	BOISE STATE
1992	GENE STALLINGS	ALABAMA	2007	MARK MANGINO	KANSAS
1993	TERRY BOWDEN	AUBURN	2008	KYLE WHITTINGHAM	UTAH
1994	RICH BROOKS	OREGON	2009	CHRIS PETERSEN	BOISE STATE
1995	GARY BARNETT	NORTHWESTERN	2010	GENE CHIZIK	AUBURN
1996	BRUCE SNYDER	ARIZONA STATE	2011	MIKE GUNDY	OKLAHOMA STATE
1997	LLOYD CARR	MICHIGAN	2012	BILL O'BRIEN	PENN STATE
1998	BILL SNYDER	KANSAS STATE	2013	GUS MALZAHN	AUBURN
1999	FRANK BEAMER	VIRGINIA TECH	2014	GARY PATERSON	TCU
2000	BOB STOOPS	OKLAHOMA			