

MICKEY MATTHEWS

Summary of Qualifications

A proven winner whose steadfast commitment to building a college program based upon high character individuals and hard work has turned James Madison into one of the premier programs at the FCS level. A three-time national coach of the year, led JMU to the National Championship in 2004 and a playoff appearance in three of the past four years. An accomplished fundraiser who has spearheaded capital campaigns for JMU Athletics as well as charitable ventures in the local community.

Professional Experience

James Madison University – Harrisonburg, VA

March 1999 – Present

Head Coach

- Record: 82-50
- Record Last 4 years: 37-14
- 2008 and 1999 Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year
- 2006 and 2004 State of Virginia Coach of the Year
- 2004 National Champions
- 2004 AFCA National Coach of the Year
- 1999 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year
- Winningest Head Coach in James Madison history
- Coached players who have received nine league player of the year awards
- Coached the winners of the 2001 and 2009 Buck Buchanan Award given to the nation's top defensive player
- Coached the 1st team in NCAA history to win all playoff games on the road, as well as the championship. Participated in the playoffs three of the past four years.

Baylor University – Waco, TX

January 1999 – March 1999

Defensive Coordinator

- Accepted this position following Georgia's 1998 Peach Bowl victory but resigned in March 1999 to accept the Head Coach position at James Madison University.

University of Georgia – Athens, GA

January 1996 – January 1999

Linebacker/Secondary Coach

- 1998: Won Peach Bowl
- 1998: Led SEC in interceptions
- 1997: Won Outback Bowl
- Coached Bronco Nagurski Winner and 1st Round NFL Draft Pick Champ Bailey
- Presenter at the 1998 Lombardi Award Dinner in Houston, TX

Marshall University – Huntington, WV

January 1990 – December 1995

Defensive Coordinator / Assistant Head Coach

- Record: 62-20
- Playoff Record: 15-4
- National Championship: 1992

- National Finalist: 1991, 1993, 1995
- National Semi-finalist: 1994
- Southern Conference Championship: 1994
- 1993: Led the nation in Scoring Defense
- 1991: Led the nation in Total Defense
- Defense and special teams scored 35 TDs from 1990-95
- Consistently led the Southern Conference in all defensive categories for six-year period. Turned around a defense that ranked last in the Southern Conference in 1989.

Texas State University – San Marcos, TX July 1988 – January 1990
Defensive Coordinator / Assistant Head Coach

- Led the Southland Conference in Pass Defense both years and achieved high national rankings

Texas Christian University – Fort Worth, TX June 1987 – July 1988
Secondary Coach

- Led the Southwest Conference in Pass Defense and ranked 2nd in Total Defense
- Sent seven players on defense to the NFL

University of Houston – Houston, TX February 1986 – June 1987
Outside Linebackers / Special Teams Coach

- Led the Southwest Conference in Pass Defense and ranked 2nd in Total Defense
- Coached Johnny Jackson who started in two Super Bowls for the San Francisco 49ers

University of Texas at El Paso – El Paso, TX December 1981 – February 1986
Secondary Coach

- Coached four All-Conference players in the secondary
- Upset #1 ranked Brigham Young University
- Sent five players to the NFL

West Texas State University – Canyon, TX July 1980 – December 1981
Secondary Coach / Recruiting Coordinator

- 1981: Led the Missouri Valley Conference in every major defensive category

Kansas State University – Manhattan, KS March 1978 – July 1980
Running Backs Coach / Part-time Assistant

- Set several offensive school records

Lamar Consolidated High School – Rosenberg, TX July 1976 – March 1978

Education

West Texas State University – Bachelor of Arts, Education 1976
Texas Christian University – Graduate Work

References

Jim Donnan

ESPN Analyst
Former Head Football Coach
Marshall University
University of Georgia

Vince Dooley

Former Athletic Director
University of Georgia

Mack Brown

Head Football Coach
University of Texas

Jim Tressel

Head Football Coach
Ohio State University

Tom Yeager

Commissioner
Colonial Athletic Association
Richmond, VA

Grant Teaff

Executive Director
American Football Coaches Association

Jim Grobe

Head Football Coach
Wake Forest University

Jeff Bourne

Athletic Director
James Madison University

Dr. Linwood Rose

President
James Madison University

Linda Bruno

Former Commissioner
Atlantic 10 Conference