

FOOTBALL STAFF



HEAD COACH RICH RODRIGUEZ



Second Year as Michigan Head Coach
3-9 Overall Record at U-M
108-71-2 Overall Record as College Head Coach
Alma Mater: West Virginia, 1986

Rich Rodriguez is in his second season as head coach of the nation's all-time winningest football program. Rodriguez was

announced as the 18th head coach in U-M football history on Dec. 17, 2007. He is just the 11th head coach in the 107 years since Fielding H. Yost made his debut in 1901.

Rodriguez arrived at Michigan after spending seven years as head coach at West Virginia University where he led the Mountaineers to a 60-26 record, four Big East titles and six consecutive bowl game bids. In 2005, he was named to the American Football Coaches Association Board of Trustees.

Following a 10-2 (5-2 Big East) season in 2007 in which his team won the Big East title and a BCS berth, Rodriguez was named the AFCA Region I co-Coach of the Year, sharing the honor with Boston College's Jeff Jagodzinski. It was Rodriguez's second such honor after being recognized by the AFCA in 2003. He was a finalist for

the 2007 Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year Award, which honors the college football coaches who best exemplify responsibility and excellence on and off the field. Rodriguez was also the 2003 and 2005 Big East Coach of the Year.

Under Rodriguez's guidance, WVU claimed four Big East championships in five years (2003, '04, '05, '07) and recorded three consecutive seasons (2005-07) with double-digit victories for the first time in school history. The Mountaineers recorded at least eight wins in each of his last six seasons, and from 2002-07, accumulated a record of 57-16, winning 78.1 percent of their games.

In 2006, the Mountaineers finished 10th in the national polls at 11-2 behind a pair of All-Americans and the Big East Player of the Year. In 2004 and 2005, Rodriguez's teams claimed conference titles, as the 2005 squad went on to record WVU's first BCS victory, a 38-35 upset over Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

The Mountaineers rattled off seven straight wins in 2003 to post a 6-1 mark in conference play and tie Miami for the Big East title, while earning a second straight bowl berth. In 2002, Rodriguez

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engineered the greatest turn-around in Big East history, taking his 2001 team from a 1-6 record in league play to 6-1 the following year. West Virginia finished second in the nation in rushing in 2002 (283 ypg) and ranked fourth nationally in turnover margin.

Prior to accepting the West Virginia job on Nov. 26, 2000, Rodriguez served as offensive coordinator and associate head coach for Tommy Bowden at Clemson in 1999 (6-6) and 2000 (9-3). He spent the previous two years, 1997 and '98, as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach for Bowden at Tulane where he helped lead the Green Wave to a 19-4 mark. After a 7-4 record in 1997, Rodriguez helped Tulane post an undefeated 1998 season (12-0) with the Conference USA championship and a victory over Brigham Young in the Liberty Bowl.

Rodriguez began his collegiate head coaching career at the NAIA/Division II level at Salem (1988) and Glenville State College (1990-96). In between both head coaching stops, Rodriguez was a volunteer assistant coach for the Mountaineers' outside linebackers in 1989.

At Glenville State, his teams won or shared four consecutive West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference titles (1993-96). Rodriguez was named the WVIAC Coach of the Year in 1993 and '94, as well as the NAIA Coach of the Year after leading his 1993 team to a national runner-up finish. He was also recognized by the West Virginia Sports Writers Association as the state College Coach of the Year for all sports in 1993. Rodriguez led the Pioneers to the national playoffs twice and posted a 43-28-2 record during his seven seasons. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Rodriguez served as Glenville's athletic director in 1995-96, and was inducted into the Glenville Hall of Fame in 2003.

Rodriguez's players set five national career records for Division II. Three Pioneers received the WVIAC Player of the Year honors in succession: Jed Drenning in 1992-93, Chris George in 1994 and Scott Otis in 1995.

The secondary coach and special teams coordinator at Salem International University (now Salem College) in 1986, Rodriguez was then promoted to assistant head coach and defensive coordinator for the 1987 season. He became the youngest college football head coach in the country at 24 when Salem appointed him in 1988. He posted a 2-8 record during his first season as head

coach. Unfortunately, Rodriguez's tenure didn't last long as the school was bought out one year later and the football program was dissolved prior to the 1989 season.

A member of West Virginia's 1981-84 teams, Rodriguez was a three-year letterwinner (1982-84) as a defensive back for Don Nehlen; Nehlen served as an assistant coach at U-M for Bo Schembechler from 1977-79. The Mountaineers posted a 26-10 record in those three years and made three bowl appearances: the 1982 Gator Bowl (lost to Florida State, 31-12); the 1983 Hall

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RODRIGUEZ AT A GLANCE

Born: May 24, 1963 in Chicago, Ill.
High School: North Marion High School, W.Va. (1981)
College: West Virginia, B.S. 1986
Wife: Rita **Children:** Raquel, Rhett
Playing Experience: Played four sports and was an all-state football and basketball player at North Marion High School. He attended West Virginia University where he first walked on to the football team and later earned a scholarship under coach Don Nehlen. Playing as a defensive back, Rodriguez recorded 54 career tackles over three seasons.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

4 WVIAC Championships (1993, '94, '95, '96)
 4 Big East Conference Championships (2003, '04, '05, '07)

COACHING AWARDS

Big East Coach of the Year (2003, 2005)
 WVIAC Coach of the Year (1993, 1994)
 NAIA National Coach of the Year (1993)
 W.Va. State College Coach of the Year (1993, 2003, 2005)
 Frank Loria Award, W.Va. Chapter of National Football Foundation (2003)
 AFCA Region I Coach of the Year (2003, 2005, 2007)

DID YOU KNOW?

Rodriguez has been a member of the AFCA Board of Directors since 2005

RODRIGUEZ QUICK HITS

- .705 winning percentage (43-18) from 2004-08
- .715 winning percentage (35-14) from 2005-08
- Led WVU to six straight bowl games for the first time in school history
- 34-14 Big East record; 33-8 in final 41 Big East contests
- Guided the Mountaineers to three consecutive Big East titles (2003-05)
- 2003 and '05 Big East Coach of the Year
- Engineered best turnaround in Big East history in 2002
- Coached the Mountaineers to Big East Championships in four of his final five seasons
- Led WVU to five straight New Year's Day bowl games

RODRIGUEZ'S HEAD COACHING RECORD

Year	School	Record	Conference	League Finish	Bowl Game (Result)	Final AP Rank
1988	Salem	2-8 (.200)	2-5 (.286)	WVIAC (6th)		
1990	Glenville State	1-7-1 (.167)	1-5 (.167)	WVIAC (6th)		
1991	Glenville State	4-5-1 (.450)	3-4 (.429)	WVIAC (5th)		
1992	Glenville State	6-4 (.600)	5-2 (.714)	WVIAC (3rd)		
1993	Glenville State	10-3 (.769)	6-1 (.857)	WVIAC champion		
1994	Glenville State	8-3 (.727)	5-1 (.833)	WVIAC champion		
1995	Glenville State	8-2 (.800)	6-1 (.857)	WVIAC champion		
1996	Glenville State	6-4 (.600)	6-1 (.857)	WVIAC champion		
2001	West Virginia	3-8 (.273)	1-6 (.143)	Big East (7th)		
2002	West Virginia	9-4 (.692)	6-1 (.857)	Big East (2nd)	Continental Tire, Virginia (L, 22-48)	25
2003	West Virginia	8-5 (.615)	6-1 (.857)	Big East (T-1st)	Gator, Maryland (L, 7-41)	NR
2004	West Virginia	8-4 (.667)	4-2 (.667)	Big East (T-1st)	Gator, Florida State (L, 18-30)	NR
2005	West Virginia	11-1 (.917)	6-0 (1.00)	Big East (1st)	Sugar, Georgia (W, 38-35)	5
2006	West Virginia	11-2 (.846)	5-2 (.714)	Big East (3rd)	Gator, Georgia Tech (W, 38-35)	10
2007	West Virginia	10-2 (.833)	5-2 (.714)	Big East (T-1st)	Fiesta*, Oklahoma (W, 48-28)	6
2008	Michigan	3-9 (.250)	2-6 (.250)	Big Ten (T-9th)		
NAIA/D-II	8 seasons	45-36-2 (.554)	34-22 (.607)			
D-I	8 seasons	63-35 (.643)	35-18 (.660)			
TOTAL	16 seasons	108-71-2 (.602)	69-40 (.633)			

* Did not coach the Fiesta Bowl after accepting the Michigan job

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THE RICH RODRIGUEZ ERA



Dec. 17, 2007: Rodriguez is named the 18th coach in Michigan football history.

Feb. 5, 2008: Members

of the 1969 team meet with Rodriguez, his staff and the players to talk about the transition they experienced when Bo Schembechler arrived in Ann Arbor.

February 17, 2008: Rodriguez introduces his family and staff to the Crisler Arena crowd at halftime of Michigan's 80-70 victory against Ohio State.

March 13, 2008: Rodriguez and players have fun during the inaugural Night of Champions, an Olympic style team competition. The event was held again on March 13, 2009.

March 15, 2008: Rodriguez holds his first spring practice as head coach in Oosterbaan Fieldhouse.

May 18, 2008: Rodriguez participates in the Griese-Hutchinson Celebrity Golf Tournament benefiting the C.S. Mott Children's Hospital and Women's Hospital at the University of Michigan.



June 13, 2008: The football pro-

gram holds a 12-hour radiothon that helps raise over \$100,000 for the children's and women's hospital at U-M.

June 14, 2008: Rich and Rita host the women's football academy that helped raise \$101,500 for the U-M Comprehensive Cancer Center.

RODRIGUEZ VS. OPPONENTS

School	Record	School	Record
Boston College	2-2	Miami (Ohio)	1-0
California (Pa.)	2-0	Michigan State	0-1
Carrroll (Mt.)	1-0	Minnesota	1-0
Central Connecticut State	0-1	Mississippi	1-0
Central Florida	2-0	Mississippi State	2-0
Central State (Ohio)	1-0	Newport News	2-0
Cincinnati	4-1	Northwestern	0-1
Clarion	0-1	Notre Dame	0-2
Concord	4-4	Ohio	1-0
Connecticut	4-0	Ohio State	0-1
Cumberland (Ky.)	1-0-1	Penn State	0-1
East Carolina	6-0	Pittsburgh	4-3
East Central (Okla.)	0-1	Purdue	0-1
East Tennessee State	0-1	Rutgers	7-0
Eastern Washington	1-0	Samford	0-1
Fairmont State	6-2	Shepherd	4-4
Florida State	0-1	South Florida	1-2
Geneva	1-0-1	Syracuse	6-1
Georgia	1-0	Temple	3-1
Georgia Southern	0-1	Tennessee-Chattanooga	1-0
Georgia Tech	1-0	Toledo	0-1
Glenville State	0-1	Utah	0-1
Illinois	0-1	Virginia	0-1
Indiana (Pa.)	0-3	Virginia Tech	2-3
James Madison	1-0	West Liberty State	6-2
Johnson C. Smith	1-1	West Virginia State	6-2
Kent State	1-0	West Virginia Wesleyan	3-4
Livingstone	1-1	Western Michigan	1-0
Louisville	2-1	Western Montana	0-1
Marshall	2-1	Wingate	0-2
Maryland	4-4	Wisconsin	1-2
Miami (Fla.)	0-3	Wofford	1-1
		WVU Tech	6-2

RODRIGUEZ MILESTONE WINS

Win	Opponent	Site	Date
1	Salem 21, WV Tech 16		1988
10	Glenville 30, WV Wesleyan 6		1992
20	Glenville 50, WV Tech 0		1993
30	Glenville 59, WV Tech 8		1994
40	Glenville 44, WV State 14		1996
50	West Virginia 35, Cincinnati 32	A	Sept. 14, 2002
60	West Virginia 28, Virginia Tech 7	H	Oct. 22, 2003
70	West Virginia 31, Connecticut 19	A	Oct. 13, 2004
80	West Virginia 45, Connecticut 13	H	Nov. 2, 2005
90	West Virginia 41, Syracuse 17	H	Oct. 14, 2006
100	West Virginia 55, Syracuse 14	A	Oct. 6, 2007

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of Fame Bowl (defeated Kentucky, 20-16); and the 1984 Bluebonnet Bowl (defeated TCU, 31-14).

Rodriguez earned a bachelor's degree in physical education and safety from West Virginia in 1986, and added a master's degree in physical education from Salem in 1987.

A native of Grant Town, W.Va., in Marion County, Rodriguez grew up just five miles from the birthplace of U-M legendary coach Fielding Yost (Fairview, W.Va.). He is a 1981 graduate of North Marion High School, where he was a four-sport letterman and an all-state honoree in football and basketball, leading the Huskies to the 1980 Class AAA state football championship.

Rich and his wife, Rita, have two children, Raquel and Rhett.

Aug. 4, 2008: Rodriguez holds his first fall practice as U-M's head coach.

Aug. 30, 2008: Rodriguez coaches his first game on the Michigan Stadium sidelines, a 23-25 loss to Utah who would go on to an undefeated season.

Sept. 6, 2008: U-M claims its first victory in the Rodriguez era, a 16-6 victory over Miami (Ohio).



Sept. 27, 2008: U-M wins its first Big Ten game under Rodriguez, 27-25 over No. 9 Wisconsin. It marks the 500th game in Michigan Stadium, and the largest comeback in stadium history.

Nov. 8, 2008: Michigan wins the Little Brown Jug for the third straight year. The 29-6 decision also marked U-M's final appearance in the Metrodome.

Season	School	Player/Coach	Record	League	Bowl Game
1981	West Virginia	Player	9-3		Peach Bowl champion
1982	West Virginia	Player	9-3		Gator Bowl
1983	West Virginia	Player	9-3		Hall of Fame Bowl champion
1984	West Virginia	Player	8-4		Bluebonnet Bowl champion
1985	West Virginia	Student Asst. Coach	7-3-1		
1986	Salem	Assistant Coach	5-5		
1987	Salem	Assistant Coach	4-5		
1988	Salem	Head Coach	2-8		
1989	West Virginia	Volunteer Asst.	8-3-1		Gator Bowl
1990	Glenville State	Head Coach	1-7-1		
1991	Glenville State	Head Coach	4-5-1		
1992	Glenville State	Head Coach	6-4		
1993	Glenville State	Head Coach	10-3		WVIAC Champions/NAIA runner-up
1994	Glenville State	Head Coach	8-3		WVIAC Co-Champions lost in first round of NAIA playoffs
1995	Glenville State	Head Coach	8-2		WVIAC Co-Champions
1996	Glenville State	Head Coach	6-4		WVIAC Co-Champions
1997	Tulane	Assistant Coach	7-4	5-1	
1998	Tulane	Assistant Coach	12-0	6-0	Liberty Bowl
1999	Clemson	Assistant Coach	6-6	5-3	Peach Bowl
2000	Clemson	Assistant Coach	9-3	6-2	Gator Bowl
2001	West Virginia	Head Coach	3-8	1-6	
2002	West Virginia	Head Coach	9-4	6-1	Continental Tire Bowl
2003	West Virginia	Head Coach	8-5	6-1	BIG EAST co-champion, Gator Bowl
2004	West Virginia	Head Coach	8-4	4-2	BIG EAST co-champion, Gator Bowl
2005	West Virginia	Head Coach	11-1	6-0	BIG EAST champion, Sugar Bowl champion
2006	West Virginia	Head Coach	11-2	5-2	Toyota Gator Bowl champion
2007	West Virginia	Head Coach	10-2	5-2	BIG EAST co-champion, Tostitos Fiesta Bowl champion
2008	Michigan	Head Coach	3-9	2-6	