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College Football 2026 HEAD-COACHING CARROUSEL REPORT

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Of 138 FBS teams, 33 have a NEW head coach for 2026
(24% turnover). 30 coaches enter their FIRST season.

Source: cfb-coaches-database.csv. No hire grades fabricated.

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(b) 2026 HEAD-COACHING CHANGES (all 33 coaches)

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TEAM	NEW HC	RSN	CAREER	0/U (prev)
Arkansas Razorbacks	Ryan Silverfield	perf	50-25 (.667)	24-15-0
Auburn Tigers	Alex Golesh	perf	23-15 (.605)	22-17-0
California Golden Bear	Tosh Lupoi	perf	NULL *	--
Coastal Carolina Chant	Ryan Beard	perf	7-5 (.583)	8-5-0
Colorado State Rams	Jim Mora	perf	73-53 (.579)	21-17-0
Florida Gators	Jon Sumrall	perf	43-12 (.782)	12-16-0
Kansas State Wildcats	Collin Klein	perf	NULL *	--
Kentucky Wildcats	Will Stein	perf	NULL *	--
LSU Tigers	Lane Kiffin	perf	116-52 (.690)	17-24-0
Michigan State Spartan	Pat Fitzgerald	perf	110-101 (.521)	--
Oklahoma State Cowboys	Eric Morris	perf	22-16 (.579)	24-15-0
Oregon State Beavers	JaMarcus Shephard	perf	NULL *	--
UAB Blazers	Alex Mortensen	perf	2-4 (.333)	7-5-0

Virginia Tech Hokies	James Franklin	perf	128-60 (.681)	19-16-0
Kent State Golden Flashes	Mark Carney	o-fld	5-7 (.417)	6-6-0
Michigan Wolverines	Kyle Whittingham	o-fld	NULL *	--
Penn State Nittany Lion	Matt Campbell	o-fld	107-70 (.605)	18-21-0
Stanford Cardinal	Tavita Pritchard	o-fld	NULL *	--
UCLA Bruins	Bob Chesney	o-fld	21-6 (.778)	11-15-1
Iowa State Cyclones	Jimmy Rogers	lat	6-6 (.500)	4-8-1
James Madison Dukes	Billy Napier	lat	62-35 (.639)	18-18-1
Memphis Tigers	Charles Huff	lat	39-25 (.609)	14-12-0
Missouri State Bears	Casey Woods	lat	NULL *	--
North Texas Mean Green	Neal Brown	lat	72-51 (.585)	16-10-0
Ole Miss Rebels	Pete Golding	lat	2-1 (.667)	--
South Florida Bulls	Brian Hartline	lat	NULL *	--
Southern Miss Golden Eagles	Blake Anderson	lat	74-55 (.574)	10-3-0
Toledo Rockets	Mike Jacobs	lat	NULL *	--
Tulane Green Wave	Will Hall	lat	14-30 (.318)	14-10-0
UConn Huskies	Jason Candle	lat	81-44 (.648)	22-18-0
Washington State Cougars	Kirby Moore	lat	NULL *	--
Northern Illinois Huskies	Rob Harley (interim)	NFL	0-0 (NULL)	--
Utah Utes	Morgan Scalley	vacancy	1-0 (1.000)	9-4-0

RSN: perf=performance o-fld=off-field lat=lateral/domino
CAREER=prior FBS W-L (* =new to FBS HC) O/U=coach at prev school

(c) CHAIN REACTIONS (the 2026 domino hires)

Kiffin: LSU <- Ole Miss (Kiffin); Ole Miss <- Pete Golding
 Morris: Okla St <- N.Texas (Morris) ; N.Texas <- Neal Brown
 Campbell: Penn St <- Iowa St (Campbell) ; Iowa St <- J.Rogers
 ...Rogers from Wash St (WSU -> Kirby Moore)
 Sumrall: Florida <- Tulane (Sumrall) ; Tulane <- Will Hall
 Silverfield: Arkansas <- Memphis (Silverfield) ; Memphis <- C.Huff
 ...Huff from S.Miss (S.Miss -> Blake Anderson)
 Candle: UConn <- Toledo (Candle) ; Toledo <- Mike Jacobs
 Mora/Golesh: Colo St <- Jim Mora (was UConn) ; UConn <- Candle
 Golesh: Auburn <- USF (Golesh) ; USF <- Brian Hartline
 Franklin: Va Tech <- Penn St (Franklin) ; Penn St <- Campbell
 Chesney: UCLA <- James Madison (Chesney) ; JMU <- B.Napier
 Beard: Coastal Car <- Mo St (Beard) ; Mo St <- Casey Woods

Fired: Franklin(PSU), Foster(UCLA), Norvell(ColoSt) perf;
 Moore(Michigan), Burns(KentSt) off-field. 34 total changes.

(d) FIRST-YEAR COACH WATCH

H-ATS/R-ATS = PRIOR-STAFF data (2023-25). Not the new coach.

TEAM	HEAD COACH	H-ATS	R-ATS	O/U (pre
Arkansas Razorbacks	Ryan Silverfield	6-15-0	9-4-0	24-15-0
Auburn Tigers	Alex Golesh	9-12-1	7-7-0	22-17-0
California Golden Bear	Tosh Lupoi	8-11-0	9-9-0	- -
Coastal Carolina Chant	Ryan Beard	10-9-0	8-10-0	8-5-0
Colorado State Rams	Jim Mora	7-12-0	8-8-0	21-17-0

Florida Gators	Jon Sumrall	9-10-0	6-8-0	12-16-0
Iowa State Cyclones	Jimmy Rogers	10-9-0	8-9-0	4-8-1
James Madison Dukes	Billy Napier	12-7-0	14-5-0	18-18-1
Kansas State Wildcats	Collin Klein	11-8-0	7-9-0	--
Kentucky Wildcats	Will Stein	11-11-0	7-7-0	--
LSU Tigers	Lane Kiffin	10-11-0	5-8-0	17-24-0
Memphis Tigers	Charles Huff	10-10-0	9-6-0	14-12-0
Michigan State Spartan	Pat Fitzgerald	6-14-0	10-5-0	--
Michigan Wolverines	Kyle Whittingham	7-14-0	8-7-0	--
Missouri State Bears	Casey Woods	4-2-0	4-4-0	--
North Texas Mean Green	Neal Brown	11-8-0	10-8-0	16-10-0
Northern Illinois Husk	Rob Harley (interi	4-14-0	9-9-0	--
Oklahoma State Cowboys	Eric Morris	8-12-0	7-9-0	24-15-0
Oregon State Beavers	JaMarcus Shephard	9-11-0	5-10-0	--
Penn State Nittany Lio	Matt Campbell	11-11-0	8-6-0	18-21-0
Sacramento State Horne	Alonzo Carter	0-0-0	3-1-0	--
South Florida Bulls	Brian Hartline	11-6-0	10-8-0	--
Stanford Cardinal	Tavita Pritchard	9-10-0	6-11-0	--
Toledo Rockets	Mike Jacobs	12-6-0	8-10-0	--
Tulane Green Wave	Will Hall	10-11-0	11-8-0	14-10-0
UCLA Bruins	Bob Chesney	5-13-0	10-8-0	11-15-1
UConn Huskies	Jason Candle	12-7-0	9-8-0	22-18-0
Utah Utes	Morgan Scalley	11-8-0	8-9-0	9-4-0
Virginia Tech Hokies	James Franklin	9-10-0	7-9-0	19-16-0
Washington State Couga	Kirby Moore	11-7-0	8-9-0	--

*** ATS lines = PREVIOUS regime. New staff resets scheme/tendencies.

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(e) CONTINUITY / STABILITY (all returning HCs, longest tenure first)

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TEAM	HEAD COACH	SINCE	YRS	H-ATS	R-ATS
Iowa Hawkeyes	Kirk Ferentz	1999	27	12-9-0	10-5-0
Clemson Tigers	Dabo Swinney	2009	17	8-13-0	8-7-0
NC State Wolfpack	Dave Doeren	2013	13	11-10-0	6-8-0
Army Black Knights	Jeff Monken	2014	12	7-11-0	10-3-0
Eastern Michigan Eagle	Chris Creighton	2014	12	10-8-0	10-9-0
Miami RedHawks	Chuck Martin	2014	12	11-6-0	12-7-0
Pittsburgh Panthers	Pat Narduzzi	2015	11	13-7-0	6-9-0
BYU Cougars	Kalani Sitake	2016	10	12-6-0	10-8-0
Georgia Bulldogs	Kirby Smart	2016	10	6-14-0	4-8-0
Minnesota Golden Gophe	P. J. Fleck	2017	9	10-11-0	6-9-0
Maryland Terrapins	Mike Locksley	2019	7	8-13-0	7-8-0
Ohio State Buckeyes	Ryan Day	2019	7	16-6-0	8-7-0
Western Kentucky Hillt	Tyson Helton	2019	7	11-7-0	10-9-0
UTSA Roadrunners	Jeff Traylor	2020	6	12-6-0	7-12-0
Florida State Seminole	Mike Norvell	2020	6	11-9-0	4-10-0
Baylor Bears	Dave Aranda	2020	6	8-13-0	7-8-0
Rutgers Scarlet Knight	Greg Schiano	2020	6	11-10-0	8-7-0
Missouri Tigers	Eli Drinkwitz	2020	6	13-9-0	9-4-0
Old Dominion Monarchs	Ricky Rahne	2020	6	8-9-0	11-7-0
Kansas Jayhawks	Lance Leipold	2021	5	10-10-0	6-10-0
Illinois Fighting Illi	Bret Bielema	2021	5	9-11-1	9-6-0
South Carolina Gamecoc	Shane Beamer	2021	5	11-10-0	9-4-0
Tennessee Volunteers	Josh Heupel	2021	5	10-11-0	5-8-0
Texas Longhorns	Steve Sarkisian	2021	5	11-9-0	5-9-0
Vanderbilt Commodores	Clark Lea	2021	5	11-9-0	9-7-0

Arkansas State Red Wolves	Butch Jones	2021	5	11-7-0	9-9-0
Georgia Tech Yellow Jackets	Brent Key	2022	4	13-6-0	7-8-0
Miami Hurricanes	Mario Cristobal	2022	4	11-10-0	9-7-0
SMU Mustangs	Rhett Lashlee	2022	4	13-6-0	8-11-0
Virginia Cavaliers	Tony Elliott	2022	4	11-8-0	11-5-0
TCU Horned Frogs	Sonny Dykes	2022	4	10-9-0	6-11-0
Texas Tech Red Raiders	Joey McGuire	2022	4	12-7-0	10-6-0
Oregon Ducks	Dan Lanning	2022	4	13-9-0	11-4-0
USC Trojans	Lincoln Riley	2022	4	11-9-0	3-12-0
Delaware Fightin' Blue Devils	Ryan Carty	2022	4	3-3-0	1-6-0
Notre Dame Fighting Irish	Marcus Freeman	2022	4	14-6-0	8-5-0
Akron Zips	Joe Moorhead	2022	4	8-8-0	10-10-0
Hawaii Rainbow Warriors	Timmy Chang	2022	4	16-6-0	5-11-0
Oklahoma Sooners	Brent Venables	2022	4	12-9-0	8-5-0
Georgia Southern Eagles	Clay Helton	2022	4	13-5-0	7-11-0
Louisiana Ragin' Cajuns	Michael Desormeaux	2022	4	7-12-0	11-7-0
Louisiana Tech Bulldogs	Sonny Cumbie	2022	4	10-8-0	9-9-0
Navy Midshipmen	Brian Newberry	2023	3	7-10-0	8-6-0
Louisville Cardinals	Jeff Brohm	2023	3	10-11-0	6-8-0
Arizona State Sun Devils	Kenny Dillingham	2023	3	11-10-0	10-5-0
Cincinnati Bearcats	Scott Satterfield	2023	3	7-13-0	7-8-0
Colorado Buffaloes	Deion Sanders	2023	3	13-6-0	9-8-0
Nebraska Cornhuskers	Matt Rhule	2023	3	10-11-0	6-8-0
Northwestern Wildcats	David Braun	2023	3	12-9-0	7-7-1
Wisconsin Badgers	Luke Fickell	2023	3	8-13-0	8-7-0
Liberty Flames	Jamey Chadwell	2023	3	8-12-0	7-9-0
Western Michigan Broncos	Lance Taylor	2023	3	11-5-0	10-10-0
Boise State Broncos	Spencer Danielson	2023	3	15-5-0	7-10-2
Texas State Bobcats	G. J. Kinne	2023	3	8-11-0	8-8-0
East Carolina Pirates	Blake Harrell	2024	2	9-9-0	9-9-0

Boston College Eagles	Bill O'Brien	2024	2	9-12-0	9-6-0
Duke Blue Devils	Manny Diaz	2024	2	10-9-0	9-7-1
Syracuse Orange	Fran Brown	2024	2	7-12-0	7-8-0
Arizona Wildcats	Brent Brennan	2024	2	8-12-0	8-8-0
Houston Cougars	Willie Fritz	2024	2	10-9-0	9-8-0
Indiana Hoosiers	Curt Cignetti	2024	2	13-8-0	9-6-0
Washington Huskies	Jedd Fisch	2024	2	11-9-0	6-9-0
Middle Tennessee Blue	Derek Mason	2024	2	6-12-0	7-11-0
New Mexico State Aggie	Tony Sanchez	2024	2	11-7-0	11-9-0
Buffalo Bulls	Pete Lembo	2024	2	7-12-0	9-8-0
Nevada Wolf Pack	Jeff Choate	2024	2	6-12-1	11-7-0
North Dakota State Bis	Tim Polasek	2024	2	0-0-0	1-0-0
San Jose State Spartan	Ken Niumatalolo	2024	2	8-11-0	11-6-0
UTEP Miners	Scotty Walden	2024	2	6-10-0	9-9-1
Wyoming Cowboys	Jay Sawvel	2024	2	10-9-0	8-9-0
San Diego State Aztecs	Sean Lewis	2024	2	11-8-0	10-6-0
Alabama Crimson Tide	Kalen DeBoer	2024	2	16-5-0	7-8-1
Mississippi State Bull	Jeff Lebby	2024	2	10-12-0	8-6-0
Texas A&M Aggies	Mike Elko	2024	2	8-14-0	5-8-0
Georgia State Panthers	Dell McGee	2024	2	4-14-0	8-10-0
Louisiana-Monroe Warha	Bryant Vincent	2024	2	7-10-0	8-11-0
South Alabama Jaguars	Major Applewhite	2024	2	8-11-0	7-11-0
Troy Trojans	Gerad Parker	2024	2	9-10-0	14-5-0
Charlotte 49ers	Tim Albin	2025	1	4-15-0	13-4-0
Florida Atlantic Owls	Zach Kittley	2025	1	7-11-0	8-10-0
Rice Owls	Scott Abell	2025	1	11-8-0	8-8-0
Temple Owls	K. C. Keeler	2025	1	9-10-0	6-11-0
Tulsa Golden Hurricane	Tre Lamb	2025	1	5-12-0	9-9-0
North Carolina Tar Hee	Bill Belichick	2025	1	6-13-1	7-8-0
Wake Forest Demon Deac	Jake Dickert	2025	1	7-13-0	8-8-0

UCF Knights	Scott Frost	2025	1	9-11-0	5-11-0
West Virginia Mountain	Rich Rodriguez	2025	1	11-8-0	8-9-0
Purdue Boilermakers	Barry Odom	2025	1	6-14-0	6-10-0
Florida International	Willie Simmons	2025	1	10-8-0	11-7-0
Jacksonville State Gam	Charles Kelly	2025	1	14-5-0	7-11-0
Kennesaw State Owls	Jerry Mack	2025	1	7-4-1	6-7-0
Sam Houston Bearkats	Phil Longo	2025	1	6-8-0	7-12-0
Ball State Cardinals	Mike Uremovich	2025	1	13-3-0	8-12-0
Bowling Green Falcons	Eddie George	2025	1	7-10-0	12-7-0
Central Michigan Chipp	Matt Drinkall	2025	1	9-7-0	8-12-0
Ohio Bobcats	John Hauser	2025	1	12-6-0	8-10-0
UMass Minutemen	Joe Harasymiak	2025	1	5-13-0	10-8-0
New Mexico Lobos	Jason Eck	2025	1	8-8-0	11-8-0
UNLV Rebels	Dan Mullen	2025	1	2-4-0	5-2-0
Fresno State Bulldogs	Matt Entz	2025	1	8-10-0	9-9-0
Utah State Aggies	Bronco Mendenhall	2025	1	13-4-1	7-11-0
Marshall Thundering He	Tony Gibson	2025	1	12-6-0	11-8-0
Sacramento State Horne	Alonzo Carter	2026	0	0-0-0	3-1-0

Continuity programs: 3-yr ATS history more predictive (operation unchanged).

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(f) BETTING CONTEXT

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- NEW-COACH = HIGH VARIANCE. Scheme, tempo, 4th-down aggression all reset.
- Carousel-team ATS splits reflect PRIOR regime -- less predictive now.

- Early lines softer on new-coach teams; edges real but variance is too.
- Continuity programs (e) = where 3-yr ATS signal is strongest.
- Hire grades = sourced media consensus only. Bet the number, not narrative.

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