

# “the Bear”

## COACH PAUL W. BRYANT

September 11, 1913 — January 26, 1983

### Bryant's Career Record (323-85-17)

| Year        | School         | W         | L        | T        |
|-------------|----------------|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1945        | Maryland       | 6         | 2        | 1        |
| 1946        | Kentucky       | 7         | 3        | 0        |
| 1947        | Kentucky       | 8         | 3        | 0        |
| 1948        | Kentucky       | 5         | 3        | 2        |
| 1949        | Kentucky       | 9         | 3        | 0        |
| 1950        | Kentucky       | 11        | 1        | 0        |
| 1951        | Kentucky       | 8         | 4        | 0        |
| 1952        | Kentucky       | 5         | 4        | 2        |
| 1953        | Kentucky       | 7         | 2        | 1        |
| 1954        | Texas A&M      | 1         | 9        | 0        |
| 1955        | Texas A&M      | 7         | 2        | 1        |
| 1956        | Texas A&M      | 9         | 0        | 1        |
| 1957        | Texas A&M      | 8         | 3        | 0        |
| 1958        | Alabama        | 5         | 4        | 2        |
| 1959        | Alabama        | 7         | 2        | 2        |
| 1960        | Alabama        | 8         | 1        | 2        |
| <b>1961</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| 1962        | Alabama        | 10        | 1        | 0        |
| 1963        | Alabama        | 9         | 2        | 0        |
| <b>1964</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>10</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>1965</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>9</b>  | <b>1</b> | <b>1</b> |
| 1966        | Alabama        | 11        | 0        | 0        |
| 1967        | Alabama        | 8         | 2        | 1        |
| 1968        | Alabama        | 8         | 3        | 0        |
| 1969        | Alabama        | 6         | 5        | 0        |
| 1970        | Alabama        | 6         | 5        | 1        |
| 1971        | Alabama        | 11        | 1        | 0        |
| 1972        | Alabama        | 10        | 2        | 0        |
| <b>1973</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| 1974        | Alabama        | 11        | 1        | 0        |
| 1975        | Alabama        | 11        | 1        | 0        |
| 1976        | Alabama        | 9         | 3        | 0        |
| 1977        | Alabama        | 11        | 1        | 0        |
| <b>1978</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>11</b> | <b>1</b> | <b>0</b> |
| <b>1979</b> | <b>Alabama</b> | <b>12</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> |
| 1980        | Alabama        | 10        | 2        | 0        |
| 1981        | Alabama        | 9         | 2        | 1        |
| 1982        | Alabama        | 8         | 4        | 0        |

**National Champions listed in bold**

**At Bryant-Denny Stadium**

72 wins • 2 Losses • 0 ties  
(Included 57 Consecutive Victories from Oct. 26, 1963 until Nov. 13, 1982)

**At Legion Field**

68 wins • 15 Losses • 5 ties

**At Alabama Homecoming**

43 wins • 6 Losses • 0 ties

### 6 National Championships

1961, '64, '65, '73, '78, '79

### 13 SEC Titles

'61, '64, '65, '66, '71, '72, '73, '74, '75, '77, '78, '79, '81

### Bowl Games

24 Consecutive Bowl Trips  
7 Sugar Bowls • 5 Orange Bowls  
4 Liberty Bowls • 4 Cotton Bowls  
2 Bluebonnet Bowls • 1 Gator Bowl

### Coach of the Year Honors

**National Coach of the Year**

1961, 1971, 1973

**SEC Coach of the Year**

1950, 1961, 1964, 1965, 1971, 1973, 1974, 1977, 1979, 1981

### Bryant as a Player, Assistant Coach & Head Coach

(384-100-25 • .779)

| Player       | W  | L | T | .Pct  |
|--------------|----|---|---|-------|
| 1933 Alabama | 7  | 1 | 1 | .833  |
| 1934 Alabama | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1.000 |
| 1935 Alabama | 6  | 2 | 1 | .722  |
| Totals       | 23 | 3 | 2 | .857  |

| Assistant Coach | W  | L  | T | .Pct |
|-----------------|----|----|---|------|
| 1936 Alabama    | 8  | 0  | 1 | .938 |
| 1937 Alabama    | 9  | 1  | 0 | .900 |
| 1938 Alabama    | 7  | 1  | 1 | .833 |
| 1939 Alabama    | 5  | 3  | 1 | .611 |
| 1940 Vanderbilt | 3  | 6  | 1 | .350 |
| 1941 Vanderbilt | 6  | 1  | 2 | .778 |
| Totals          | 38 | 12 | 6 | .732 |

| Head Coach        | W   | L  | T  | .Pct |
|-------------------|-----|----|----|------|
| Maryland (1 year) | 6   | 2  | 1  | .722 |
| Kentucky (8 yrs)  | 60  | 23 | 5  | .710 |
| Texas A&M (4 yrs) | 25  | 14 | 2  | .634 |
| Alabama (25 yrs)  | 232 | 46 | 9  | .824 |
| Totals            | 323 | 85 | 17 | .732 |

**Vs. his Pupils**

43 wins • 6 Losses • 0 ties  
Coach Bryant's final record against his pupils was 43-6. The games were against head coaches who either played for him or coached on his staff. He won 31 straight games against his pupils before losing to Pat Dye of Auburn 23-22 his last season. Individually, the record is as follows:

|        |                             |
|--------|-----------------------------|
| 14 - 2 | vs. Charley McClendon;      |
| 6 - 0  | vs. Bob Tyler;              |
| 6 - 1  | vs. Bill Battle;            |
| 5 - 0  | vs. Steve Sloan;            |
| 4 - 0  | vs. Jerry Claiborne;        |
| 4 - 1  | vs. Paul Dietzel;           |
| 1 - 0  | vs. Charley Peil;           |
| 1 - 0  | vs. Howard Schnellenberger; |
| 1 - 0  | vs. Larry Laceywell;        |
| 1 - 1  | vs. Pat Dye;                |
| 0 - 1  | vs. Gene Stallings          |

