

Steve Spurrier

Football Coach, University of Florida

Steve Spurrier, who has coached over 400 games, a national championship team, won seven conference titles, garnered nine conference Coach of the Year awards, and won over 72 percent of the college games in which he has coached, spent 11 seasons as head coach at the University of South Carolina. Coach Spurrier resigned as Carolina's 32nd head coach in late 2015.

Coach Spurrier has compiled a 226-85-2 (.725) won-loss record in 25 seasons as a major college head coach, including an 84-45 mark (.651) at Carolina. He became the 71st collegiate coach (all divisions) and the 22nd in Division I to record 200 career victories when he defeated UAB on Sept. 15, 2012 and logged his 250th all-time coaching win (including his stints in the pros) against Georgia in 2012.

Coach Spurrier surpassed Rex Enright's school record for wins when he logged number 65 at Clemson in the 2012 season finale. In doing so, he joined the great Bear Bryant as the only coaches to boast the most coaching victories at two different SEC schools.

He led Duke to the 1989 Atlantic Coast Conference championship before returning to his alma mater, the University of Florida, as head coach in 1990. During his 12 seasons with the Gators, Spurrier's teams won six Southeastern Conference championships, one national title and finished ranked in the nation's top 10 nine times. Spurrier, who won the 1966 Heisman Trophy as a quarterback for the Gators, was also head coach of the NFL's Washington Redskins. He returned to the college ranks in 2005 after a one-year absence from the sidelines.

In his first season at South Carolina, Coach Spurrier led the Gamecocks to a 7-5 record and a second-place finish in the SEC Eastern Division. In doing so, he posted a five-game winning streak, the 15th-consecutive year in which he has had a five-game winning streak, something no other coach in college history has accomplished. He was honored as the SEC Coach of the Year by the Associated Press after leading the Gamecocks to a school-record five straight SEC wins, their first win ever at Tennessee and their first win over Florida since the 1930s.

He became the fourth coach to record 100 or more wins as an SEC coach against SEC competition (he also has three wins against SEC teams while coaching at Duke). Only Paul "Bear" Bryant (159) has won more SEC conference games than Coach Spurrier's 131. Spurrier passed John Vaught (106) and Vince Dooley (105) during the 2010 campaign.

In July 2016, Spurrier returned to the University of Florida as an ambassador and consultant to the athletic department. In September 2016, UF officially changed the name of the Gators' home field to Steve Spurrier-Florida Field at Ben Hill Griffin Stadium.