

Roughrider Head Coaches

Craig Dickenson

2019 – Current

Craig Dickenson was named the Riders' head coach January 25, 2019, becoming the 47th head coach in club history.

Dickenson is in the fourth season of his second go-round with the Roughriders, spending the last three seasons as the special-teams coordinator. He also previously worked with the Riders special teams during the 2011 and 2012 seasons.

In 2018, Dickenson's special teams group played a key role in the Riders success. Kicker Brett Lauther connected on 90.0% of his field goal attempts – the second highest success rate in franchise history. The special teams unit tied a franchise record with four kick return touchdowns on the season, counting three on punt returns and one kickoff return.

Dickenson is in his 17th season as a CFL coach and his 14th as a special-teams coordinator. Before returning to Saskatchewan in 2016, the product of Great Falls, Mont., spent two seasons with the Edmonton Eskimos and one with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Dickenson also previously spent seven CFL seasons with the Calgary Stampeders, serving as their special-teams coordinator in five of those seasons, and one campaign with the Montreal Alouettes.

He is a two-time Grey Cup champion, having won CFL titles with the Eskimos in 2015 and the Stampeders in 2008.

The former University of Montana kicker also was a special-teams assistant for the NFL's Oakland Raiders (in 2010) and the San Diego Chargers (2000-01). Before embarking on his pro coaching career, Dickenson also worked in the university ranks at Montana and Utah State.

Chris Jones

2016 – 2018

Chris Jones was named the Riders' VP, football operations, general manager and head coach in December of 2015, becoming the 46th head coach in club history.

After the Riders went 5-13 in Jones' first season, the club improved to 10-8 in his second season and to 12-6 in his third.

After missing the playoffs in 2016, the Riders finished fourth in the West Division in 2017, crossed over into the East Division for the playoffs and reached the Eastern Final before bowing out. In 2018, Saskatchewan finished second in the West and played host to the Western Semi-Final — the Riders' first home playoff game since 2013.

The team's progress in 2018 earned Jones the award as the CFL's coach of the year.

Prior to joining the Riders, Jones spent two seasons as the head coach of the Edmonton Eskimos.

In his first season in Edmonton, the Eskimos finished second in the West Division with a 12-6 record before losing the 2014 Western Final to the Calgary Stampeders. It was a club-record eight-win improvement from the previous season.

In 2015, Jones led the Eskimos to a league-best 14-4 record before they captured the Grey Cup with a 26-20 win over the Ottawa Redblacks.

Jones was a finalist for the CFL's coach-of-the-year award in both of his seasons with Edmonton.

Jones joined the CFL's coaching ranks in 2002 as a defensive line coach with the Montreal Alouettes. He spent six seasons with the Alouettes, the last five as defensive co-ordinator. He then joined the Stampeders in 2008 and spent four seasons with them before joining the Toronto Argonauts for the 2012 and 2013 seasons.

In his 17 CFL seasons, Jones has missed the playoffs only once. His teams have played in 13 division finals and seven Grey Cup games, split between Montreal, Calgary, Toronto and Edmonton. He owns four Grey Cup rings, winning them in 2002, 2008, 2012 and 2015.

Jones began his college coaching career as a graduate assistant at Tennessee Tech University in 1995 and spent seven years in the NCAA before entering the CFL.

He resigned from the Riders on January 15, 2019 after accepting a position with the NFL's Cleveland Browns.

REGULAR SEASON: 27-27

PLAYOFFS: 1-2

Bob Dyce

2015

Dyce was named the Riders (interim) head coach on August 31st, 2015, serving as the 45th head coach in club history. The Winnipeg native was in his sixth season with the Riders – his third as special teams coordinator – when he was promoted to interim head coach at the midway point of the season. With Dyce at the reigns, the team won three of its last nine games finishing fourth in the West Division with a 3-15 record.

Dyce originally joined the Riders in 2010 spending two seasons as pass game coordinator before being named offensive coordinator for the 2012 season then special teams coordinator in 2013.

He won his first Grey Cup in 2013, as a member of the Riders coaching staff.

Before joining the Green and White, the Winnipeg native spent seven seasons with the Blue Bombers where he served as the team's receivers coach and was in charge of the team's Canadian player personnel.

Prior to making the transition into coaching in the CFL, Dyce spent seven seasons as the receivers coach with his alma mater the Manitoba Bisons. During his time with the Bisons, the receiving corps produced seven All-Conference players and three All-Canadians.

Dyce began his coaching career in 1992 when he joined the staff of the St. Vital Mustangs of the CJFL. He spent two seasons with the Mustangs before making the move to offensive coordinator and receivers coach for the Winnipeg Hawkeyes of the CJFL. He spent the 1994 and 1995 seasons with the Hawkeyes.

REGULAR SEASON: 3-6

Corey Chamblin

2012 - 2015

Chamblin was named the club's 44th head coach in December of 2011.

In 2013 Coach Chamblin led the Riders to a franchise best 8-1 record to open the season. The team went on to finish second in the West Division with an 11-7 record and hosted a home playoff game for the first time since 2010. After defeating the B.C. Lions in the West Semi-Final, the Riders dismantled the Stampeders 35-13 in Calgary. The Riders then defeated the Hamilton Tiger-Cats 45-23 in the Grey Cup; winning the franchises fourth championship.

Chamblin was named Canadian Football League Coach of the Year for the 2013 season.

After beginning the 2015 season winless in the first nine games, Chamblin was relieved of his duties on August 31st.

Before joining the Green and White, Chamblin spent the 2011 season as the Defensive Coordinator and Defensive Backs Coach with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Prior to that, Chamblin spent three seasons working with the defensive backs in Calgary where the Stamps secondary had great success and were looked upon as some of the toughest defensive backs in the CFL. In 2008 the Stamps claimed the Grey Cup after holding the CFL's Most Outstanding Player Anthony Calvillo without a touchdown pass in the championship game.

When he first arrived in the CFL in 2007, Chamblin served as the Defensive Backs Coach with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers who had the second best pass defence in the CFL. They also held the MOP of that season - Kerry Joseph to a mere 181 passing yards in the Grey Cup game.

Before coming to the CFL, the Birmingham, Alabama native spent time coaching in NFL Europe in 2006 where he worked as a defensive assistant and secondary coach for the Frankfurt Galaxy who went on to claim the World Bowl Championship. In addition during the 2006 season, Chamblin completed a coaching internship with the NFL's Washington Redskins.

Chamblin began his coaching career in 2006 when he became an assistant coach at Cumberland University in Tennessee before heading over to Europe.

Despite going undrafted, Chamblin went on to sign as a free agent with the Baltimore Ravens in 1999. That season he played with the 15-3 Jacksonville Jaguars and was a member of the NFL's first ranked defensive unit. He remained in the NFL until 2004 spending time with the Green Bay Packers, Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Denver Broncos and Indianapolis Colts. He rounded out his playing career with the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe.

REGULAR SEASON: 29-34

PLAYOFFS: 2-2

GREY CUP: 1-0

Ken Miller

2008 – 2010, 2011

Ken Miller was named the Riders 42nd head coach in 2008. Miller coached the team from 2008 to 2010, winning two Western Conferences and appearing in two Grey Cups. Miller relinquished his head coach role and took on the role of Vice President of Football Operations in 2011, but went back to the sidelines midway through the 2011 season. He was nominated as CFL Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2010.

Miller originally joined the Green and White as the team's offensive coordinator in 2007 and was instrumental in a Rider offence that led the CFL in touchdowns before moving on to win the Grey Cup.

Prior to joining the Riders, Miller spent his previous five seasons coaching with the Toronto Argonauts. In 2006 Miller was moved to the defensive side of the ball where he handled the defensive line. From 2003-2005, Miller oversaw the Argo's offensive line which enabled Damon Allen to have a career season where he was named the league's Most Valuable Player in 2004. The team also went on to win the Grey Cup in that same season. Miller started his CFL coaching career when he was in charge of the Argonaut quarterbacks in 2002.

Prior to joining the CFL, Miller spent nearly four decades in various coaching capacities at the university and high school level in southern California. He joined the University of Redlands as a part-time coach in 1977 instructing the offensive line. In 1984 he made the move to full-time football head coach at Redlands and held that post until 1988. Miller took up the position of head baseball coach at Redlands in 1986. In 1988, Miller switched to the defensive side of the ball as a coordinator. He moved back to the offensive side of the ball in 1995 and held the offensive coordinator position until his retirement in the spring of 2001.

Miller started his coaching career as a student assistant coach with Dickinson State in 1966. He coached high school football 1967-69 in Oregon and continued coaching at Yucaipa high school in southern California from 1970-76.

Miller grew up in Oregon and went to Dickenson State where he majored in Physical Education and Biology. He received his Master's in education from Azusa Pacific.

REGULAR SEASON: 36-27-1

PLAYOFFS: 3-1

GREY CUP: 0-2

Greg Marshall

2011

Marshall was named the Riders 43rd head coach in 2011. After a slow start to the season, Marshall was relieved of his coaching duties after only eight regular season games.

Prior to taking the helm of the Riders, Marshall spent two seasons in Hamilton where he held the positions of – assistant head coach, defensive coordinator and linebackers coach for the Tiger-Cats. During his time in Steeltown, Marshall built one of the best defences in the CFL.

Marshall served as the defensive coordinator for five CFL teams including three seasons with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. Prior to his time with the Bombers, he spent the 2005 season with the Ottawa Renegades as the defensive coordinator and assistant head coach. Before moving east, Marshall spent five seasons in Edmonton where he served as the defensive coordinator and defensive line coach including during the team's 2003 championship season.

In 1994, Marshall officially began his CFL coaching career and made his first stop in Saskatchewan when he accepted the role as the team's defensive line coach. After two seasons, he added the title of defensive coordinator and remained with the Riders until 1999.

His first taste of CFL coaching came forth during the 1991-93 seasons when he was a guest coach at training camp for the Toronto Argonauts (1991) and then the Ottawa Rough Riders (1992-93).

Marshall's impressive coaching resume began with the American Football Alliance's Ottawa Bootleggers where he served as head coach for two seasons which included leading the team to an undefeated season in 1990. Following this success, Marshall joined the Ottawa Sooners of the Ontario Junior Football Conference as their head coach. During his three year tenure the Sooners enjoyed an undefeated season culminating in a National Championship in 1992.

During his nine-year playing career, Marshall was a highly regarded and feared defensive lineman for the Ottawa Rough Riders – was named a four-time Eastern All-Star, two-time CFL All-Star and earned the title of the CFL's Defensive Player of the Year in 1983. The Oregon State product was originally drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles in the seventh round of the 1978 NFL Draft and played briefly with the Eagles and Baltimore Colts prior to heading to the CFL.

Following his stint in Saskatchewan, Marshall joined the Edmonton Eskimos as defensive coordinator.

REGULAR SEASON: 1-7

Kent Austin

2007

Austin was named the Riders head coach in 2007 and served as the club's 41st head coach in team history. In his only season as head coach, Austin led the Riders to a 12-6 regular season and their first home playoff game in 19 years. The Riders followed that momentum to their third Grey Cup championship in team history with a 23-19 victory over Winnipeg. Austin was named CFL's Coach of the Year for the 2007 season.

Prior to coming back to Saskatchewan, Austin served as the offensive coordinator for the Toronto Argonauts from 2004-2006. In 2004 he helped coach the Argos to a Grey Cup championship and in 2005 his work with quarterback Damon Allen helped the Argonaut quarterback claim his first ever CFL Most Outstanding Player Award. He repeated this feat in 2007, where he helped Kerry Joseph to his first and only CFL Most Outstanding Player Award. In 2003 he made the transition into the coaching ranks when he served as the quarterbacks coach for the Ottawa Renegades.

Austin returned to Saskatchewan after playing for the team from 1987-1993 during which time he led the Green and White to their second ever Grey Cup championship in 1989. After passing for 474 yards in that celebrated victory over Hamilton, Austin was presented with the Grey Cup MVP award. After leaving the Riders, Austin went on to claim his second Grey Cup ring in 1994 when he quarterbacked the B.C. Lions to the championship. He spent one season with the Argonauts before rounding out his playing career with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in 1996.

Prior to appearing in the CFL with the Roughriders in 1997, Austin spent time with the St. Louis Cardinals of the NFL after he was their 12th round selection in 1986 NFL Draft. He attended the University of Mississippi where he set many passing records with the Rebels.

Austin left the Riders after the 2007 season and joined the University of Mississippi as offensive coordinator. Following two seasons at Ole Miss, Austin accepted the head coach position at Cornell which he held through the 2012 season. In 2013, Austin was named the head coach of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

REGULAR SEASON: 12-6

PLAYOFFS: 2-0

GREY CUP – 1-0

Danny Barrett

2000 - 2006

Danny Barrett was named the Riders 40th head coach prior to the 2000 season. Barrett held the position of head coach longer than anyone in Rider history and his 126 regular season games as head coach is number one on the all-time list. In seven seasons, Barrett led the Riders to five straight seasons in the playoffs and three Western Finals. He was nominated for CFL Coach of the Year in 2003.

Prior to becoming the head coach of the Roughriders, Barrett spent his previous two seasons as an assistant coach with the B.C. Lions. During the 1999 campaign, Barrett coached the Lion's receivers. In 1998, his first season with the Lions, Barrett began the season on the B.C. sidelines as the quarterbacks coach and assistant offensive coordinator, but was forced out of retirement and dressed as the backup quarterback for 15 games. Barrett joined the coaching fraternity in 1997 with the Calgary Stampeders. As a first year assistant coach, Barrett was in charge of the Stampeder quarterbacks, which included Jeff Garcia, Dave Dickenson and Henry Burris.

In his three seasons as a CFL assistant coach, Barrett's clubs reached the post-season three times and amassed a 32-22 record.

During his playing career, Barrett played in 163 regular season games with Calgary, Toronto, B.C., and Ottawa. His career totals include; 23,419 yards passing, 1,656 completions and 133 touchdowns passed.

Before turning pro with the Calgary Stampeders, Barrett was a star at the University of Cincinnati. In 1982, he co-captained the Bearcats and earned an Honorable Mention Associated Press All-American nomination.

Following the 2006 season, Barrett left the CFL and joined the University of Buffalo's coaching staff. He joined the University of Central Florida's coaching staff in 2011.

REGULAR SEASON: 57-68-1

PLAYOFFS: 3-5

Cal Murphy

1999

Cal Murphy spent the 1999 season as the Roughriders 39th head coach. In a disappointing season, the Green and White only managed a 3-15 season and did not make the playoffs. The 1999 season was the final year in Murphy's illustrious coaching career.

Murphy originally joined the Riders as a training camp guest coach in 1997. Murphy, who coached the Riders running backs and special teams, was added to the Club's full time staff later that season. In 1998, he was promoted to offensive coordinator.

Murphy brought a wealth of head coaching experience and nine Grey Cup rings to Saskatchewan. Murphy had 44 years of coaching experience and posted a 96-65-3 record as a CFL head coach with the B.C. Lions and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

After coaching in high school and U.S. college ranks, Murphy joined the CFL coaching fraternity in 1974 as the B.C. Lions defensive line coach. In 1975, he was named the head coach of the Leos. In 1977, Murphy moved to the Montreal Alouettes to join Marv Levy's staff as offensive line coach. That season Murphy won his first Grey Cup ring. In 1978, Murphy moved to Edmonton and was part of five Grey Cup championship teams.

In 1983, Murphy's CFL odyssey took him to Winnipeg where he spent the next 14 years as head coach and later general manager.

During his stay with the Bombers, Murphy took the team to the Grey Cup five times, winning three championships. With Murphy at the controls, the Bombers never missed the playoffs.

In 1993, the Governor General of Canada conferred upon Cal the Commonwealth Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. The honour was bestowed upon Cal Murphy in recognition of significant contributions to compatriots, to community and to Canada.

After suffering two heart attacks earlier in his career, Murphy, a native of Winnipeg, underwent emergency surgery for a successful heart transplant in 1992. Murphy retired in Regina with his wife Joyce and spent time as a scout for the Indianapolis Colts. He died in 2012.

REGULAR SEASON: 3-15

Jim Daley

1996 - 1998

Jim Daley was named the 38th head coach in Club history prior to the 1996 season and spent three seasons at the helm. Daley led the Riders to upset victories over Calgary and Edmonton in 1997, before losing to the Toronto Argonauts in the Grey Cup.

Daley originally joined the Roughriders as defensive coordinator, a position he held for the 1994 and 1995 seasons. Prior to joining the Riders, Daley was an assistant coach with the Ottawa Rough Riders for three years.

Daley joined the CFL from the University of Ottawa where he was the head coach from 1985 to 1990. He was recognized as OQIFC 'Conference Coach of the Year' in 1986 and 1988.

From 1982 to 1984 Daley was the head coach with the Ottawa Sooners of the CJFL. He led them to the National Finals in 1983 and brought home a National Championship in 1984. Jim Daley received the OFC 'Coach of the Year' Award in 1983 and 1984.

Daley has also coached at Carleton University and in the Ottawa high school football system. Daley has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carleton University and a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University. He also holds a NCCP Level 4 coaching certificate.

Following his head coaching experience in Saskatchewan, Daley has worked for a number of CFL teams as an assistant coach and coordinator with Winnipeg, Edmonton, Saskatchewan, Hamilton and Toronto.

REGULAR SEASON: 18-36

PLAYOFFS: 2-0

GREY CUP: 0-1

Ray Jauch

1993 - 1995

Ray Jauch was officially named the Riders 37th head coach following the 1993 season and spent two years as the head man. Jauch led the team to a 11-7 record and a Western Semi-Final appearance in 1994 and was named a CFL Coach of the Year finalist.

Jauch first joined the Riders in 1990 as offensive backs coach and was promoted to offensive coordinator in 1991. He was also the interim head coach for one game in 1993, which the Riders won versus Hamilton.

Jauch brought 13 years of head coaching to the Riders. He was the sideline boss for with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers from 1978-1982. Under his direction, the Bombers compiled a 45-35 record. He won his second Coach of the Year Award in 1980.

From 1970-1976 Jauch was the Edmonton Eskimo head coach. His rookie year he led the Eskimos to a second place finish in the West with a 9-7 record. Jauch and the Eskimos finished off a successful 1975 season by defeating the Montreal Alouettes in the Grey Cup.

In 1990 Ray spent the season as head coach at St. Ambrose University in Davenport, Iowa. 1987 saw Ray Jauch become head coach of the Chicago Bruisers of the Arena Football League. During the 1985 and 1986 seasons, Ray was the head coach at Washington Lee high school in Arlington, Virginia. In 1983, Ray moved to the United States Football League. He was named head coach and general manager of the Washington Federals. Ray got his first taste of coaching CFL coaching from 1966-60 when he was assistant coach in Edmonton.

Following his time in Saskatchewan, Jauch helped coach in Toronto, as well as with the Minnesota Fighting Pike and the Carolina Cobras before retiring after the 2004 season.

REGULAR SEASON: 18-19

PLAYOFFS: 0-1

Don Matthews

1991 - 1993

Don Matthews took over as head coach of the Roughriders midway through the 1991 season and stayed with the Green and White through the 1993 season. He was the 36th head coach in Rider history and led the Riders to the playoffs in each of his two full seasons as coach.

Matthews also spent time as head coach of the CFL's B.C. Lions, Baltimore Stallions, Toronto Argonauts and Montreal Alouettes. He was also head coach of the Montreal Machine of the World League of American Football in 1991.

From 1977 to 1982, Matthews was the defensive coordinator of the Edmonton Eskimos where he won five of six Grey Cup appearances, including consecutive years of '78 to '82.

Matthews holds a number of CFL coaching records, including most Grey Cup appearances (9) and most Grey Cup wins (5).

Following his time in Saskatchewan, Matthews spent time as head coach in Baltimore, Toronto, Edmonton and Montreal. He retired following the 2006 season, but came out of retirement in 2008 to coach a few games for the Toronto Argonauts.

REGULAR SEASON: 24-22

PLAYOFFS: 0-2

John Gregory

1987 - 1991

John Gregory was named the Riders 35th head coach in Rider history prior to the 1987 season. He held the position until midway through the 1991 season. Gregory led the Riders to three straight playoff seasons and the Grey Cup championship in 1989. Gregory was named CFL Coach of the Year following the 1989 season.

Prior to joining the Riders in 1987, Gregory was the offensive line coach with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers for four seasons. While with the Bombers, Gregory earned his first Grey Cup ring following their 1984 win over Hamilton.

A native of Webster, Iowa, Gregory's collegiate experience includes two years as the offensive coordinator with the University of Northern Iowa in 1981 and 1982 and ten seasons as head coach at South Dakota State. Gregory was also a three-year letterman at Northern Iowa and was a member of the Mineral Bowl championship in 1960.

Following his tenure in Saskatchewan, Gregory was named head coach of the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. In 1995, he was named head coach of the Arena League's Iowa Barnstormers/New York Dragons. He also coached the Carolina Cobras and Arkansas Twisters and most recently was the offensive coordinator of the Tampa Bay Storm.

REGULAR SEASON: 35-43-1

PLAYOFFS: 2-2

GREY CUP: 1-0

Jack Gotta

1985 - 1986

Jack Gotta became the Roughriders 34th head coach prior to the 1985 season. In two seasons under Gotta's guidance, the Roughriders failed to make the playoffs, compiling a regular season record of 11-22-1.

Gotta brought over 30 years of coaching experience to the Riders, mostly in the CFL. During that time, Gotta earned Western Conference All-Star honours three times as a player. Turning to coaching in 1965 as an assistant with the Roughriders, Gotta spent five years under Eagle Keys before becoming a head coach in Ottawa in 1970. Gotta earned three CFL Coach of the Year Awards and was a member of four Grey Cup championship coaching staffs.

In 1974 Gotta left the CFL to become GM/head coach of the World Football League's Birmingham Americans. He led them to victory in the only WFL championship. In 1977 he returned to the CFL as head coach of the Calgary Stampeders.

Gotta retired from coaching following the 1986 season and died in Calgary in 2013.

REGULAR SEASON: 11-22-1

Reuben Berry

1983 - 1984

Reuben Berry took over the head coaching position for the Roughriders midway through the 1983 season. The 33rd head coach in Rider history only spent one full season as head coach, which was a disappointing 1984 season when the team missed the playoffs.

The Oklahoma native joined the CFL in 1979 as the linebackers/running backs coach for the B.C. Lions. He spent four seasons with the Lions, working also as a personnel director in his first season there.

Prior to joining the CFL, Berry was a defensive coordinator at Southwest Missouri State. Following a successful stint at SW Missouri, Berry was named head coach at Missouri Southern College and moved to Northeastern Oklahoma in the same capacity in 1971. While there, he led the team to three Bowl appearances.

Berry was a graduate of Kansas State College, where he earned a Masters Degree in Kinesiology.

Berry died of cancer in 1998.

REGULAR SEASON: 10-15-1

Joe Faragalli

1981 - 1983

Joe Faragalli officially took over as the Riders 32nd head coach prior to the 1981 season. Taking over a team that was 2-14 the previous season, Faragalli orchestrated an impressive turnaround in 1981 leading the team to a 9-7 record and was named the CFL Coach of the Year. Faragalli continued with his head coach role until being dismissed midway through the 1983 season.

A native of Philadelphia, Faragalli attended Villanova University before spending two years in the army. While in the Army, Faragalli began his coaching career as playing coach with the 11th infantry division. In 1967, he moved to Canada as an assistant coach under Joe Zaleski with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers. He left the Bombers in 1970 to be offensive coordinator at Brown University. After two years at Brown, he moved to Marshall University for the 1973 season.

Faragalli returned to the CFL in 1974 as offensive coordinator with Winnipeg. He spent three years before accepting an offer as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Eskimos where he won three Grey Cup rings.

Following his tenure in Saskatchewan, Faragalli went to the NFL as a position coach with Cincinnati, Houston and Buffalo. He returned to the CFL in 1987 with Montreal. He finished his coaching career with Edmonton and one year with Ottawa in 1991 before retiring. Faragalli died in 2006.

REGULAR SEASON: 16-21-1

Ron Lancaster

1979 - 1980

Following an exemplary Hall of Fame playing career, Ron Lancaster took over as head coach of the Riders in 1979. As the 31st head coach in Rider history, Lancaster struggled through his two years at the helm with a young and inexperienced team, going 2-14 in both seasons.

Born in Fairchance, Pennsylvania but moved to Clairton, Pennsylvania as a young boy. He was a high school sensation as a quarterback at Clairton High School, but due to his small stature most college scouts did not pay attention to him. Lancaster went to tiny Wittenburg University in Springfield, Ohio and had an outstanding career, but once again his size was against him as he was ignored by the NFL scouts.

He signed with Ottawa in the CFL in 1960 and came to Saskatchewan in 1963 and in the 16 years he played for the Riders they won 170 games. He was named the Roughriders Most Outstanding Player six times and was a finalist for the Schenley Award as the CFL Most Outstanding Player in 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970 and 1976 and was the winner of the award in 1970 and 1976. He was a CFL All-Star four times in 1970, 1973, 1975 and 1976 and a Western All-Star in 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1973, 1975 and 1976. He was a member of the Riders' 1966 Grey Cup championship team and also played in the Grey Cup game in 1967, 1969, 1972 and 1976. He played in the Western Final in 1963 and a remarkable 11 straight Western Finals, 1966 through 1976. The Riders were in the playoffs for an amazing 14 consecutive years under Lancaster.

Lancaster spent a number of years working in television following his coaching days in Saskatchewan. He returned to the field in 1991 as head coach of the Edmonton Eskimos and led the team to a Grey Cup in 1993. He moved to Hamilton in 1998 and spent seven seasons as head coach winning another Grey Cup in 1999. He remained with the Tiger-Cat organization until his death in 2008.

REGULAR SEASON: 4-28

Walt Posadowski

1978

Walt Posadowski was officially named the Riders 30th head coach midway through the 1978 season after Jim Eddy was relieved of his duties. After an 0-6 start to the season, Posadowski salvaged a 4-5-1 mark while in charge of the team.

Posadowski's coaching career began at Bishop McDevitt high school where he spent four seasons as head coach. Following that, he spent two seasons at Villanova as part-time assistant before becoming their offensive line coach. Posadowski spent the 1976 season as an assistant at Idaho State University.

Posadowski joined the Riders in 1977 as offensive line coach. Following his head coaching tenure, Posadowski remained with the Riders as Director of Scouting and Recruiting. His final coaching position was an assistant coach with the Calgary Stampeders in 1980 and 1981.

REGULAR SEASON: 4-5-1

Jim Eddy

1977-1978

Jim Eddy took over the Riders head coaching position heading into the 1977 season, one year after the Riders lost a heart-breaking Grey Cup. Following an 8-8 season in 1978, the Riders started the 1979 season 0-6 and Eddy was fired as the Club's 29th head coach.

Eddy's coaching career began in 1968 when he joined the coaching staff at New Mexico State. In 1972, he left NMSU and accepted the role of defensive backfields coach at UTEP. From 1974 to 1976, Eddy was the defensive coordinator before accepting the role of head coach in 1977.

Following his time with Saskatchewan, Eddy worked as an assistant in Hamilton, Montreal and Toronto. He left the CFL in 1984 to join the USFL. After a coaching stint at the University of Houston, Eddy joined the Houston Oilers coaching staff in 1990. Following three years with the Dallas Cowboys, Eddy finished his coaching career as defensive coordinator with the Detroit Lions in 1996.

REGULAR SEASON: 8-14

John Payne

1973-1976

John Payne officially took over as the 28th head coach in Rider history prior to the 1973 season. In four seasons, Payne led the Riders to a home playoff game and Western Final in each year. The Riders made it to the Grey Cup in 1976, but lost a heart-breaker to Ottawa 23-20.

A native of Wewoka, Oklahoma, Payne played college ball as a lineman at Oklahoma State University. He was a Missouri Valley Conference All-Star in 1953 and selected to play in Blue-Grey Classic as a guard.

Payne was named coach of OSU's freshman team in 1956 and athletic director and coach at Tulsa's McLean Hugh from 1959-62. He was a defensive coach at Oklahoma Central State College, 1963-1968 and from 1965-67 at Brigham Young as assistant coach

Payne made his CFL debut as assistant coach in Edmonton in 1968 and moved to Winnipeg in 1970. He made his way to the Riders in 1971 under head coach Dave Skrien.

Payne resigned as Roughrider head coach in February 1977 to accept an assistant coaching position with the Detroit Lions. Payne spent the next 20 years coaching in the CFL, USFL and NFL Europe. Payne was inducted into the Riders Plaza of Honor in 2001.

REGULAR SEASON: 40-23-1

PLAYOFFS: 3-3

GREY CUP: 0-1

Dave Skrien

1971-1972

Dave Skrien took over from the legendary Eagle Keys heading into the 1971 season and became the 27th head coach in Rider history. In two seasons at the helm of the Riders, Skrien led the team to a 17-14-1 record, two Western Finals and a Grey Cup appearance in 1972.

Skrien graduated from Morris High School in Minnesota where he played fullback and linebacker. He played two seasons in the CFL before becoming a coach.

Skrien's first coaching job was at Albert Lee high school where he spent one season as head coach. From there he served as an assistant at Ball State and Minnesota before returning to the CFL as the B.C. backfield coach in 1959. Skrien was elevated to the Lions' head coaching position during the 1961 season after an 0-6-1 start. In his six seasons as the Lions head coach, Skrien's teams had a record of 42-47-5 and played in two Grey Cup games, winning once. He also won the CFL Coach of the Year Award in 1963.

After one season as an assistant coach at Boise State College, Skrien returned to the CFL as an assistant coach with the Edmonton Eskimos.

In 1975, Skrien was hired by former CFL coach and executive Leo Cahill to coach the offensive backfield of the Memphis Southmen. After the World Football League folded, Skrien returned to his native Minnesota to coach Golden Valley Lutheran College. In 1988, Skrien returned to his alma mater Minnesota as a football administrative assistant and recruiting coordinator. He retired after the 1995 season, but remained involved with Golden Gophers football. Skrien died in 2010.

REGULAR SEASON: 17-14-1

PLAYOFFS: 1-1

GREY CUP: 0-1

Eagle Keys

1965-1970

Thought by many to be the greatest head coach in Rider history, Eagle Keys officially was named the Riders 26th head coach heading into the 1965 season. In six seasons with the Green and White, Keys won 68 regular season games (more than any other head coach in Rider history) and led the team to four first place finishes. The Riders played in five straight Western Finals under Keys as well as three Grey Cups, winning their first championship in 1966.

Born in Tompkinsville, Kentucky in 1924, Keys was an outstanding centre and linebacker for the Western Kentucky Hilltoppers football team in 1942 and, after a stint in the Marine Corps in the second world war, again in 1946 and 1947. Keys also lettered as a baseball pitcher-outfielder three straight years (1946-48) and was inducted into the Western Kentucky University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1994.

He played in Montreal from 1949-51, Edmonton 1952-54 and as a player was selected to three All-Star teams in the Eastern Conference and three All-Star teams in the Western Conference. He played in three Grey Cup games, winning in 1949 and 1954. He was often remembered for his outstanding performance in his final Grey Cup game in 1954 because he played with a broken leg.

Keys became assistant coach with the Riders in 1964 and head coach in 1965. He was selected CFL Coach of the Year in 1968.

Keys stepped down from his position following the 1970 season and spent the next five seasons as head coach of the B.C. Lions before retiring. Keys was selected head coach of the Riders' 75th Silver Anniversary All-Star Team in 1985 and was inducted into the Plaza of Honor in 1987 and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1990. Keys died in 2012.

REGULAR SEASON: 68-25-3
PLAYOFFS: 8-6
GREY CUP: 1-2

Bob Shaw

1963-1964

Bob Shaw officially took over as the Club's 25th head coach in Rider history heading into the 1963 season. In his two years as head coach, Shaw led the team to a 16-14-2 record and a Western Final appearance in 1963.

Shaw lettered three times each in football, basketball and track at Freemont Ross high school. He was first team All-Ohio in both football and basketball and won the shot put and discus in the state track and field meet. At Ohio State University he lettered twice in football and was inducted into Ohio State University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996.

Shaw's NFL career began in 1945 when he joined the Cleveland Rams. The Rams won the Championship in his rookie year. He also played for the Cleveland/Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Cardinals. He was the NFL leader in receiving touchdowns in 1950 and was the first player to catch five touchdowns in a game. He also played two seasons for the Calgary Stampeders.

After his playing days, Shaw served as an assistant coach with the Baltimore Colts and San Francisco 49er, before becoming head coach of the New Mexico Military Institute in 1960.

Following his two seasons in Saskatchewan, Shaw took over as head coach in Toronto for two seasons. In 1976, he was named CFL Coach of the Year while with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats. Shaw died in 2011.

REGULAR SEASON: 16-14-2

PLAYOFFS: 3-4

Steve Owen

1961-1962

Steve Owen was named the Riders 24th head coach prior to the 1961 season. In two seasons, Owen led the Riders to a 13-17-2 record and led the team to a playoff appearance in 1962 after three seasons without seeing the post-season. Owen was named CFL Coach of the Year in 1962, but was forced to retire after suffering a heart-attack.

Owen was a legendary coach and player in the NFL before heading up to Canada and the CFL. Born and raised in Oklahoma, Owens attended Phillips University where he was a standout in a number of sports. After a brief stint in the Army training corps in World War I, Owen spent nine years in the NFL with Kansas City, Hartford, Cleveland, Kansas City and the New York Giants.

Following his playing days, Owen took over as head coach of the New York Giants. From 1930-53, Owen served as a coach and administrator in the Giants organization and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1966.

Following his retirement from the Riders due to health reasons, Owen returned to the sidelines with the United Football League's Syracuse Stormers, but was forced to step down after one season. Owen died in 1964.

REGULAR SEASON: 13-17-2

PLAYOFFS: 0-1

Ken Carpenter

1960

Ken Carpenter spent one forgettable season as the Riders 23rd head coach in 1960 where the team stumbled to a 2-12-2 season. While his one season as head coach was unspectacular, Carpenter was a standout player, being inducted into the Plaza of Honor in 1989.

Born in 1926 in Seaside, Oregon, Carpenter played his college football at Oregon State in Corvallis, Oregon at both halfback and fullback. He was selected in the first round of the 1950 NFL Draft by the Cleveland Browns where he played from 1950-53. He started in the same backfield with the legendary Otto Graham at quarterback and Marion Motley at fullback.

Carpenter came to Saskatchewan in 1954 and played halfback, fullback and receiver. He also punted and placekicked on occasion. Carpenter scored 55 rushing touchdowns and rushed 2,128 yards. He had 195 career receptions for 3,157 yards and 27 touchdowns and scored 303 points. He still holds the Riders record for touchdowns in a season at 18, set in 1955 when he was named the West's Outstanding Player as he led the West in scoring with 90 points (touchdowns were worth five points at the time).

Following his days in Saskatchewan, Carpenter spent the next 11 years coaching in the CFL, the United Football League and the Continental Football League. He retired after the 1971 season and died in 2011.

REGULAR SEASON: 2-12-2

Frank Tripucka

1958-1959

Tripucka was the Riders quarterback from 1953-57. He started the 1958 season in Ottawa, but returned midway through the season as Riders quarterback/head coach. Tripucka is officially the 22nd head coach in Rider history and split the head coaching duties with George Terlep.

Born on December 8, 1927 in Bloomfield, New Jersey, Tripucka played his college football at Notre Dame. He was backup to Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Lujack in 1946 and 1947 and when Lujack graduated, Tripucka became the starter in 1948 and led the team to a 9-0-1 record. Notre Dame finished number two nationally and Tripucka was named All-American. He was a first round draft choice of the Philadelphia Eagles in 1949 and was the ninth player taken in the draft. He was traded to Detroit before the season started. From 1950-52 he played for the Chicago Cardinals.

Tripucka played with the Riders from 1953-57. The Roughriders were in the playoffs under his direction at quarterback from 1953-56 and again in 1958. The Riders were in the Western Final against Edmonton in 1956 and he still ranks in the top five of all major passing categories for the Riders.

From 1960-63, Tripucka played for the Denver Broncos and was a standout during his four seasons. He was inducted into the Broncos Ring of Honor in 1984 and had his #18 retired by the Broncos. Tripucka allowed his number to become unretired after the team signed Peyton Manning. Tripucka was inducted into the Plaza of Honor in 1989 and died in 2013.

REGULAR SEASON: 8-22-2

George Terlep

1958-1959

George Terlep was officially named the Riders 21st head coach prior to the 1958 season. Terlep co-coached with Frank Tripucka. Following a 7-7 season in 1958, the Riders struggled to their worst ever season in 1959 and Terlep was dismissed from his head coaching duties.

Terlep grew up in Indiana and went to Notre Dame on a football scholarship. He was a member of the national championship team in 1943 and left after the 1944 season to join the U.S. Navy. Following World War II, Terlep spent three seasons in the NFL as a player with Buffalo and Cleveland.

Terlep joined the coaching ranks in 1949 with South Carolina. Over eight seasons, Terlep also coached with Marquette, Vanderbilt, Penn and Indiana. In 1957, Terlep joined the CFL and the Hamilton Tiger-Cats as an assistant coach.

Following his two years in Saskatchewan, Terlep spent three seasons as GM for the Ottawa Rough Riders. Terlep left football after the 1963 season and went back to his home in Indiana. Terlep died in 2010.

REGULAR SEASON: 8-22-2

Frank Filchock

1953-1957

Frank Filchock took over as the Riders 20th head coach heading into the 1953 season. Over five seasons under Filchock, the Riders finished second in four straight years. Filchock's 41 regular season victories as head coach continue to rank third on the all-time Rider list.

Filchock was born in Pennsylvania and attended Indiana University where he was a standout football player. He was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and after only one season went on to play with the Washington Redskins. Filchock joined the U.S. Navy in 1941 and after the war returned to play with the Redskins and New York Giants. Filchock appeared as the starting quarterback for the Giants in the 1946 Super Bowl.

Filchock headed to the CFL in 1947 and played with the Hamilton Tiger-Cats, Montreal Alouettes and Edmonton Eskimos before joining the Riders for his final season as a player/coach in 1953.

Following his time in Saskatchewan, Filchock coached the Sarnia Golden Bears, served as a backfield coach for the Calgary Stampeders and became the first ever head coach for the Denver Broncos. He retired from football in 1964 and died in 1994.

REGULAR SEASON: 41-35-4

PLAYOFFS: 4-6

Glenn Dobbs

1952

One of the most popular and hyped players ever to play with the Roughriders, Dobbs played three seasons with the Riders and was a player/coach in 1952. Dobbs was officially the 19th head coach in Rider history.

Although a Texan by birth, Dobbs went to high school in Frederick, Oklahoma, where he was a tailback and a punter. He continued in football at the University of Tulsa where he led his team to victory in the Sun Bowl in 1942.

Dobbs was drafted by the Chicago Cardinals in 1943, but did not sign an NFL contract, instead joining the U.S. Air Force. Playing for his service team, his performance led him to him being selected to AP's All-Service Team during his hitch. In 1946 he signed with the Brooklyn Dodgers in the newly formed All-America Football Conference and instantly became a star in the new league

In 1951 Rider President Bob Kramer lured him out of retirement and his sports casting job to play for the Roughriders. His arrival in Regina produced a frenzy by rabid Rider fans. He was a Texas gentleman with great personality and tremendous football talent. He performed well for the Riders and led the team to play in the 1951 Grey Cup. That year, he led the Western Interprovincial Football Union in punting and was chosen Western All-Star quarterback.

Following his year coaching in Saskatchewan, Dobbs spent one year in Hamilton, before moving home to Tulsa and becoming the Athletic Director and head coach.

Dobbs was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1980 and the Plaza of Honor in 1988. He died in 2002.

REGULAR SEASON: 3-13

Harry Smith
1951

Harry Smith only served one season as head coach for the Roughriders, but was quite successful leading the team to a first place finish and Grey Cup appearance. He served as the 18th head coach in Rider history.

'Blackjack' Smith was born and raised in Missouri and anchored an offensive line at USC that won the Rose Bowl in 1938 and 1939. After playing one season for the Detroit Lions, Smith served as an assistant coach at the University of Missouri and USC before accepting the head coaching role with the Roughriders. Smith died in 2013.

REGULAR SEASON: 8-6
PLAYOFFS: 1-0
GREY CUP: 0-1

Fred Grant

1947-1950

Fred Grant officially took over as head coach of the Riders midway through the 1947 season. As the 17th head coach in Rider history, Grant has the distinction of becoming the first Rider head coach to take over midway through a season. Grant served in this role through the 1950 season and led the Rider to three straight playoff appearances.

Grant was a standout for the Alabama Crimson-Tide and was a member of the Chicago Cardinals, before being lured to Saskatchewan to play for the Riders. Unfortunately, Grant arrived too late for import players were ruled eligible to play. Rather than risk losing Grant, Ken Preston agreed to step down as coach, allowing Grant to take over.

REGULAR SEASON: 21-22

PLAYOFFS: 0-3

Ken Preston

1946-1947

Ken Preston officially became the Roughriders 16th head coach heading into the 1946 season. Rather than risk losing Fred Grant in 1947, Preston agreed to return as a full-time player and relinquished his coaching duties in 1947.

Born in Smith Falls, Ontario, Preston played football at Queen's University from 1936-39 and first joined the Regina Roughriders in 1940. In 1941 he was a fullback with the Winnipeg Blue Bombers where they won the Grey Cup. After serving in the Armed Forces he played for the Ottawa Rough Riders in 1945. In 1946 he returned to the Regina Roughriders as a player/coach and part-time General Manager.

In 1958 he was engaged as General Manager of the Saskatchewan Roughriders, a position he held for 20 years until his retirement in 1977. Preston organized a minor football program in the province of Saskatchewan and arranged for Canadian players to attend American colleges on scholarships. Under Preston's management, the Saskatchewan Roughriders compiled the best record of any team in the CFL – 15 playoffs, five times a Grey Cup finalist with a win in 1966, the best win-loss record.

Preston was installed in the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1980, the Plaza of Honor in 1987 and the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1990. He died in 1991.

REGULAR SEASON: 3-10

Don King and Lindsay Holt

1945

King and Holt are officially the 14th and 15th head coaches in Rider history. The pair did their best to field a team even though the league had officially halted play due to World War II. Even though there was no league play in 1945, the Riders did play two exhibition games.

While the Riders lost both playoff games, King and Holt deserve tremendous credit for keeping football alive in Saskatchewan.

PLAYOFFS: 0-2

Leo Schweintun

1939

As the relatively new sport of football continued to evolve, the Roughriders were looking for someone other than a player/coach that could focus on the intricacies of the game. With that in mind, the Riders named Leo Schweinfurt as their 13th head coach and first coach that wasn't also a player.

In his one season at the helm of the Riders, Schweinfurt led the team to a 6-6 record and lost to Calgary in the playoffs.

REGULAR SEASON: 6-6

PLAYOFFS: 0-1

Dean Griffing

1936-1938; 1940-1941

Dean Griffing came to Regina from Kansas in 1936 to become the 12th head coach for the Roughriders. Altogether Griffing spent six seasons as head coach of the Riders.

Due to an injury to the team's centre, it was necessary for Griffing to play as well. He was known as a 'bad man' throughout his career because of his hard-hitting, rugged style. Griffing was a colourful performer and extremely popular with the fans. He was Western All-Star with the Riders in 1937, 1938 and 1940 and is credited for keeping football alive in Regina during the war years.

Following the 1943 season Griffing moved to Calgary while still active on the field. He and other investors reorganized the Calgary football club after the Second World War. After retiring from football for several years he served as General Manager for the Roughriders from 1954-57.

Griffing was flamboyant and controversial and had many contacts in Regina from his earlier years here and quickly developed a plan to put a strong team on the field. Griffing was inducted into the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1965 and the Plaza of Honor in 1987.

REGULAR SEASON: 17-20-1

PLAYOFFS: 1-3

Curt Schave

1933

In his third season with the Riders, Schave was talked into taking over the head coaching role as well. As the 11th head coach in Rider history, Schave led the team to a 5-1 victory, but suffered a tough loss to Winnipeg in the playoffs.

Schave is considered the first import brought in by the Roughriders in 1931 for the sole purpose of playing football. A standout halfback from the University of North Dakota, Schave could run, kick and pass with equal skill. Schave was recruited for about \$200 a month and an apartment.

REGULAR SEASON: 5-1

PLAYOFFS: 0-1

Al Ritchie

1930-1932; 1935; 1942

Al Ritchie is considered one of the most influential people ever to be part of the Roughrider organization. Without his commitment and dedication to the organization, there is a strong possibility the Club wouldn't have made it through some of the lean years. While a constant contributor to the Riders, Ritchie officially took over as the 10th head coach in Rider history heading into the 1930 season.

Ritchie was born in Cobden, Ontario in 1880 and moved to Regina with his family prior to the First World War in which he served as an artilleryman and was a prisoner of war for one year. He returned to Regina after the war and became actively involved in coaching hockey and football. Although he lost each Grey Cup, he was proud of the fact that he initiated, and made traditional, the concept of a western team playing an eastern team for the national championship. His persistence and fighting spirit laid the groundwork for the present day east-west rivalry.

It was Ritchie, who began to call the Regina football club the Saskatchewan Roughriders. Despite having never won a Grey Cup, he left his mark by way of the rules committee. He negotiated for western football to reduce the number of men on the field from 14 to 12, a move the east later adopted. He also had the west using forward passes two years before the east adopted a similar rule

Ritchie was inducted in to the Canadian Football Hall of Fame in 1964, the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1966 and the Plaza of Honor in 1987. He died in 1966.

REGULAR SEASON: 18-1

PLAYOFFS: 3-2

GREY CUP: 0-3

Greg Grassick

1929; 1934

Greg Grassick officially became the 9th head coach in Rider history heading into the 1929 season. Over his two seasons as player/head coach, Grassick led the team to a 9-1-1 record, two Western championships and two Grey Cup appearances.

Grassick was the son of Regina pioneer James Grassick who was Mayor of Regina and first played football for the Regina Rugby Club in the early 1920's and then played for McGill University. He returned to Regina to continue his football career with the renamed Regina Roughriders.

After his playing career, he became team manager and in 1945 was instrumental with fellow teammates Jack Rowand and Clair Warner in the reorganization of the Roughriders. He was travel and accommodations manager for the Roughriders from 1949-1950. Grassick was credited with being instrumental in the introduction of the forward pass to Canadian football. He was associated in football with the Roughriders for more than 20 years as a player, coach and executive.

Grassick was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1982 and the Plaza of Honor in 1988. He died in 1985.

REGULAR SEASON: 9-1-1

PLAYOFFS: 2-0

GREY CUP: 0-2

Howie Milne

1926-1928

Howie Milne took over as the Roughriders 8th player/head coach in 1926. Even though there was no regular season in 1926, Milne coached the team in a playoff game and stayed on with his role through the 1927 and 1928 seasons. The Roughriders were Western champs in each of Milne's three seasons as head coach and played in the 1928 Grey Cup. Milne along with Frank Townsend hold the distinction of most regular seasons wins without a loss (9-0).

Milne was born and raised in North Dakota and came to Regina originally to play junior hockey. He played from 1919 to 1923 and during this period played on four provincial championship teams. He also coached the Regina Monarchs hockey team in 1927 and 1928 and won the Memorial Cup.

After playing two years of junior football in Regina, Milne joined the Roughriders in 1921. Milne played a number of positions including quarterback, halfback and end. He was a member of the 1923 and 1928 Grey Cup teams. Milne also officiated hockey and football, having refereed in the Memorial Cup and was the first western official to participate in a Grey Cup game. He was inducted into the Saskatchewan Sports Hall of Fame in 1971 and the Plaza of Honor in 1992.

REGULAR SEASON: 9-0

PLAYOFFS: 3-0

GREY CUP: 0-1

Pete Dolan

1924

Pete Dolan officially became the 7th player/head coach in Roughrider history heading into the 1924 season. Dolan led the Club to a first place finish, but lost to the Winnipeg Victorias in the playoffs.

With the game transitioning from rugby to football, the Roughriders brought Ed "Pete" Dolan in from Queen's to coach the team in the training methods and style of play of eastern football. When Dolan arrived, he was greeted as a saviour whose experience would lead Regina to heights never before attained.

REGULAR SEASON: 4-2

PLAYOFFS: 0-1

Jack Eddie

1922-1923

Jack Eddie officially became the 6th player/head coach in Roughrider history heading into the 1922 season. In his two seasons as head coach, Eddie led the team to two first place finishes and took the first ever Rider team to a Grey Cup in 1923.

While the 1923 Grey Cup was a complete debacle, losing 54-0 Queen's, the game helped lay the groundwork for teams in the west travelling east to compete for national championship.

REGULAR SEASON: 7-1

PLAYOFFS: 1-1

GREY CUP: 0-1

Jerry Crapper
1920-1921

One of the earliest superstars in Roughrider history, Crapper took on the dual role of player/head coach heading into the 1920 season. Officially the 5th head coach in Rider history, Crapper led the team to a 7-0 regular record and a Western championship in 1920.

Known for his speed, Crapper was considered a dual threat with his ability to run and kick the ball. Crapper was also a major contributor to keeping the Club going after the First World War.

REGULAR SEASON: 7-0
PLAYOFFS: 1-1

Heinie Rogers

1916; 1925

Heinie Rogers originally took over the role as the Clubs 4th player/head coach heading into the 1916 season. As the country was embroiled in the First World War, the team only played two regular season games that season which they won. The club also won the provincial championship.

Following World War I, Rogers returned to play for the team as one of the few veterans and helped coach and train the younger players. Rogers once again took over the head coaching role in 1925 where they won their only regular season game, but lost to Winnipeg in the playoffs.

REGULAR SEASON: 3-0

PLAYOFFS: 1-1

Hickory Abbott

1915

Hickory Abbott took over the role as player/head coach for the 1915 season. Abbott, the 3rd head coach in team history only spent one season with the dual role and led the team to a 4-0 record and a Western championship title.

Abbott, who was one of Saskatchewan's most accomplished athletes was twice wounded during World War I, before he was killed in the final months of the war.

In recognition of his hockey skills – he was also a member of Regina's Allan Cup champions of 1914 – the Abbott Cup, awarded to the Western Canadian junior hockey championship, was named after him.

REGULAR SEASON: 4-0
PLAYOFFS: 1-0

Frank Townsend

1914; 1919

Frank Townsend was officially the Club's second ever head coach. As a player/coach Townsend led the team to a 4-0 record and a Western championship in 1914. Following his time in World War I, Abbott returned to Regina for the 1919 season and led the team to a 5-0 record and another Western championship.

Along with Howie Milne, Townsend holds the distinction of the most regular season wins as head coach without a loss (9-0).

REGULAR SEASON: 9-0

PLAYOFFS: 2-0

Fred Ritter

1910-1913

Fred Ritter is considered the first head coach in Rider history. As player/head coach, Ritter was one of the original members of the Regina Rugby Club. Ritter joined the Club as a player, but the team decided to take advantage of his shrewd understanding of the tactics of the game and made him head coach.

Ritter's American experience and talent for working on fundamentals such as blocking and tackling were well blended with his tendency to use trick plays. A motivator as well as a tactician, Ritter appealed to both fans and players.

A Princeton alumnus, Ritter returned to his alma mater following the 1913 season. Many years later Al Ritchie, who played under Ritter in Regina, remembered his legacy: "I was exposed for the first time to a dedicated human dynamo – a man who breathed, slept, and ate football. He was our coach, our quarterback, our religion."

REGULAR SEASON: 10-6

PLAYOFFS: 2-0