

Legendary Coach Passes Away

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Legendary University of Texas football coach Darrell Royal, has died. He was 88. University spokesman Nick Voinis on Wednesday confirmed Royal's death.

Royal had suffered from Alzheimer's disease and recently fell at an assisted living center where he was receiving care.

Royal was 32-years-old when he took over as head coach at Texas in 1956. He was a star halfback at Oklahoma before he joined the coaching ranks. Royal was the head coach at Mississippi State and Washington before he joined the Longhorns.

During his 23 years as a head coach, he never had a losing season. He was 167-47-5 record during his 20 years at Texas---with the best record in the nation over that period (1957-1976).

Royal won 11 Southwest Conference titles, 10 Cotton Bowl championships and national championships in 1963 and 1969, going 11-0 each time. The national championship season in 1969 included what was dubbed the "Game of the Century," a come-from-behind, 15-14 victory against No.2 Arkansas in the final game of the regular season.

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