

HEAD COACH DAVE CLAWSON

Dave Clawson, Richmond's fourth-year head coach, has proven himself as a program builder after just eight years as a head coach.

Clawson, 40, guided the biggest two-year turnaround in Spider football's 124-year history in his first two seasons, going 3-8 in 2004 and 9-4 in 2005. The Spiders finished a storybook season in 2005 which included a six-win turnaround from 2004, an eight-game win streak and a nine-game win streak over I-AA opponents. Clawson helped the Spiders to their third Atlantic 10 Conference title in eight years and guided them into the NCAA I-AA Playoffs for the first time since the 2000 season.

Clawson, who was named the Patriot League Coach of the Year twice at Fordham, was awarded the 2005 Atlantic 10 Coach of the Year in only his second year in the league. It marked his third Conference Coach of the Year honor in his first seven years as a head coach.

National honors came Clawson's way that same season as he garnered the National Coach of the Year award from I-AA.org. That award made Clawson a two-time national award honoree, earning it once at two different schools. Clawson was also given both the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association (VaSID) Commonwealth Coach of the Year honor and the Richmond Touchdown Club College Coach of the Year award over the likes of Vir-



The Clawson File

Born.....Aug. 16, 1967
 Hired at RichmondFeb. 23, 2004
 HometownYoungstown, N.Y.
 Wife Catherine
 Children Courtney, Eric
 Education..... Williams College (Mass.), 1989
 Degree..... Bachelor of Arts in Political Economy
 Master's Education..... Albany, 1992
 Degree..... Masters of Liberal Arts
 Playing Experience..... Williams College (Mass.)
Football (Defensive Back)
Basketball

Coaching Assignments

1989-90 AlbanyAssistant Coach
quarterbacks, running backs (1989)
secondary (1990)
 1991-92 Buffalo.....Assistant Coach
secondary (1991)
quarterbacks, running backs (1992)
 1993-95 Lehigh.....Assistant Coach
running backs (1993)
offensive coordinator (1994-95)
 1996-98 VillanovaAssistant Coach
offensive coordinator
 1999-2003 Fordham..... Head Coach
 2004- Richmond Head Coach

Honors

- 2005 I-AA.org National Coach of the Year
- 2005 Atlantic 10 Conference Coach of the Year
- 2005, 2002 Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year Award Finalist
- 2002 Schutt Sports/American Football Monthly I-AA National Coach of the Year
- 2002 Patriot League Coach of the Year
- 2001 Patriot League Co-Coach of the Year

ginia Tech's Frank Beamer and Virginia's Al Groh.

As the Clawson Era rolls into its fourth season, the Spiders continue to steamroll under his guidance. The offense has combined for 8,817 yards over the past two seasons, which is the most-ever in back-to-back seasons in Richmond football history.

Richmond has combined to win at least 15 games for the first time in consecutive seasons since 1997-98. His squads combined to allow just 430 points dating back to the beginning of 2005, marking the fewest points allowed in consecutive seasons since opponents scored 391 points from 2001-02.

Twenty-four All-Conference honors have been won by Clawson-coached players in his first three years on the Richmond campus. That list is headlined by Adam Goloboski's back-to-back First Team All-Atlantic 10 mentions in 2005 and 2006, Sherman Logan's A-10 Defensive Rookie of the Year honor in 2005 and Eric Ward's 2006 A-10 Offensive Rookie of the Year.

After posting a school-record 4,957 yards of

total offense in 2005, the Spiders tacked another impressive season on the record books with 3,860 yards last year (10th-best in school history). Clawson's 2005 season featured a senior-laden offense under the direction of future NFL player, quarterback Stacy Tutt. Redshirt freshman QB Eric Ward led the offense last season.

Clawson also aided in individual achievement during the 2005 season, as Tutt placed himself in second place all-time on the Spiders' single-game total offense list. The Richmond quarterback threw for 376 yards and rushed for 74 yards (450 total yards) in the Spiders' double-overtime win against Hofstra. Tutt's 3,047 yards of total offense in 2005 gave him the all-time career lead for the Spiders, while his career total of 6,872 ranks second all-time in Richmond annals.

The successes over the last three years are no surprise, considering what Clawson's prior teams had shown. Clawson's offense shattered 16 team and 45 individual records in his five years at Ford-

'05 NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR



Clawson's Head Coaching Record

Year	Record	School	Postseason	Highlights
1999	0-11	Fordham		
2000	3-8	Fordham		
2001	7-4	Fordham		Patriot League Co-Coach of the Year
2002	10-3	Fordham	Patriot Champs; NCAA	Patriot League Coach of the Year, I-AA National Coach of the Year
2003	9-3	Fordham		
2004	3-8	Richmond		
2005	9-4	Richmond	A-10 Champs; NCAA	A-10 Coach of the Year, I-AA National Coach of the Year
2006	6-5	Richmond		

Record as a Head Coach (8 years): 47-46 (.505)

Record at Richmond (3 years): 18-17 (.514)

Career Notes:

- Clawson was twice a finalist for the Eddie Robinson National Coach of the Year Award (2002 & 2005).
- Lehigh was Patriot League Champions in two of his three years as an assistant coach (1993 & 1995).
- Villanova reached the NCAA Playoffs twice (1996 & 1997) and was A-10 Champs (1997) in his three years as offensive coordinator.

ham (1999-2003). While in the Bronx he led a program which had endured 12-straight losing seasons, to a resurgence which produced the 14th-best winning percentage in I-AA football over his final three seasons (72.2 percent/26-10 record). The Rams' 19 combined wins in 2002 and 2003 were the most in back-to-back seasons since 1918-19.

A two-time Patriot League Coach of the Year (2001 and 2002), Clawson earned 2002 I-AA National Coach of the Year honors from Schutt Sports/American Football Monthly after guiding the Rams to their first-ever conference championship and I-AA playoff appearance. That Fordham squad defeated Northeastern in the playoff's first round and finished the fall ranked No. 12 nationally.

During his tenure on Rose Hill, Clawson coached 38 All-Conference performers, including 12 in 2003 when the Rams went 9-3. Fordham boasted the league's best scoring offense (32.9), pass offense (260.2), pass defense (171.5) and field goal percentage (78.6) in 2003.

His attacking offense provided prolific individual performances, establishing school record holders for passing, Kevin Eakin with 6,112 career yards; receiving, Javarus Dudley with 101 receptions for 1,439 yards (2002); and rushing, Kirwin Watson, 1,477 yards and 20 rushing touchdowns (2002).

Clawson is also dedicated to his student-athletes' success off the field, producing an exceptional graduation rate. While at Fordham, the Youngstown,

Clawson, along side daughter Courtney, accepts Virginia House of Delegates Resolution No. 404 in honor of the Spiders' success in 2005. Copyright Richmond Times-Dispatch (Bob Brown), used with permission



N.Y., native improved the program by reorganizing the Gridiron Club to increase membership and fund raising which enhanced recruiting.

An All-Conference quarterback has emerged from Clawson's offense nine of the past 13 years, including all three of his final years at Fordham. The other four honorees came in Clawson's tenure as offensive coordinator at Villanova (1996-98) and Lehigh (1994-95).

While at Villanova, the Wildcats established 70 school records and went to the I-AA playoffs in 1996 and 1997. Under Clawson's tutelage, Brian Finneran won the Walter Payton award, given to I-AA's Most Outstanding Player, and Brian Westbrook became the first student-athlete in NCAA history to gain more than 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in a season.

A 1989 graduate of Williams College (Mass.), Clawson entered the coaching ranks at Albany where he earned his master's degree in 1992. After two years with the Great Danes (1989-90), Clawson went to Buffalo for two years (1991-92) where the Bulls' offense set 36 school records, including points and yards in a season.

In 1993, Clawson joined the Lehigh coaching staff where he worked until 1995. The Mountain Hawks won the Patriot League title his first and last years, while the offense led the league in scoring, total offense and pass offense each of his final two seasons. Rabih Adbullah, who later played for the Chicago Bears, Tampa Bay Buccaneers and the New England Patriots, set a school record with 1,536 rushing yards.

Clawson and his wife, Catherine, are the parents of two children, Courtney and Eric.



Dave Clawson's innovative pro style offense is a training ground for professional football. Players that experience the diverse offensive attack are prepared for the quick decision-making aspects at the highest levels of the game. Clawson's annual goal is to have a 3,000-yard passer, 1,000-yard rusher and a 1,000-yard receiver.



Quarterbacks

- Stacy Tutt -- 2005**
 -- 170 completions
 -- 2,219 passing yards
 -- 16 touchdowns
 -- 13.1 yards per completion
 -- 828 rushing yards
 -- 12 rushing touchdowns
- Kevin Eakin -- 2003**
 -- 247 completions
 -- 3,072 passing yards
 -- 23 touchdowns
 -- 256 passing yards per game
- Kevin Eakin -- 2002**
 -- 239 completions
 -- 3,040 passing yards
 -- 22 touchdowns
 -- 12.7 yards per completion
- Mark Carney -- 2001**
 -- 213 completions
 -- 2,700 passing yards
 -- 27 touchdowns
 -- 61.9 completion percentage
- Chris Boden -- 1998**
 -- 262 completions
 -- 3,050 passing yards
 -- 31 touchdowns
 -- 277.3 passing yards per game
- Chris Boden -- 1997**
 -- 281 completions
 -- 3,707 passing yards
 -- 42 touchdowns
 -- 67.1 completion percentage
 -- 288.5 passing yards per game
- Bob Aylsworth -- 1995**
 -- 240 completions
 -- 27 touchdowns
 -- 60.0 completion percentage
- Bob Aylsworth -- 1994**
 -- 197 completions
 -- 3,242 passing yards
 -- 27 touchdowns
 -- 294.7 passing yards per game

Wide Receivers

- Javarus Dudley -- 2003**
 -- 101 receptions
 -- 1,439 receiving yards
 -- 14 touchdowns
 -- 119.9 yards per game
- Javarus Dudley -- 2002**
 -- 77 receptions
 -- 1,106 receiving yards
 -- 14.4 yards per catch
- Javarus Dudley -- 2001**
 -- 69 receptions
 -- 1,061 receiving yards
 -- 9 touchdowns
 -- 15.4 yards per catch
- Brian Westbrook -- 1998**
 -- 89 receptions
 -- 1,144 receiving yards
 -- 15 touchdowns
 -- 12.0 yards per catch
- Brian Finneran -- 1997**
 -- 96 receptions
 -- 1,389 receiving yards
 -- 19 touchdowns
 -- 14.5 yards per catch
 -- Walter Payton Award
- Brian Finneran -- 1996**
 -- 81 receptions
 -- 1,207 receiving yards
 -- 8 touchdowns
 -- 109.7 receiving yards per game
- Brian Klingerman -- 1995**
 -- 77 receptions
 -- 1,040 receiving yards
 -- 10 touchdowns
 -- 13.5 yards per catch
- Brian Klingerman -- 1994**
 -- 71 receptions
 -- 1,135 receiving yards
 -- 11 touchdowns
 -- 103.2 yards per game

Running Backs

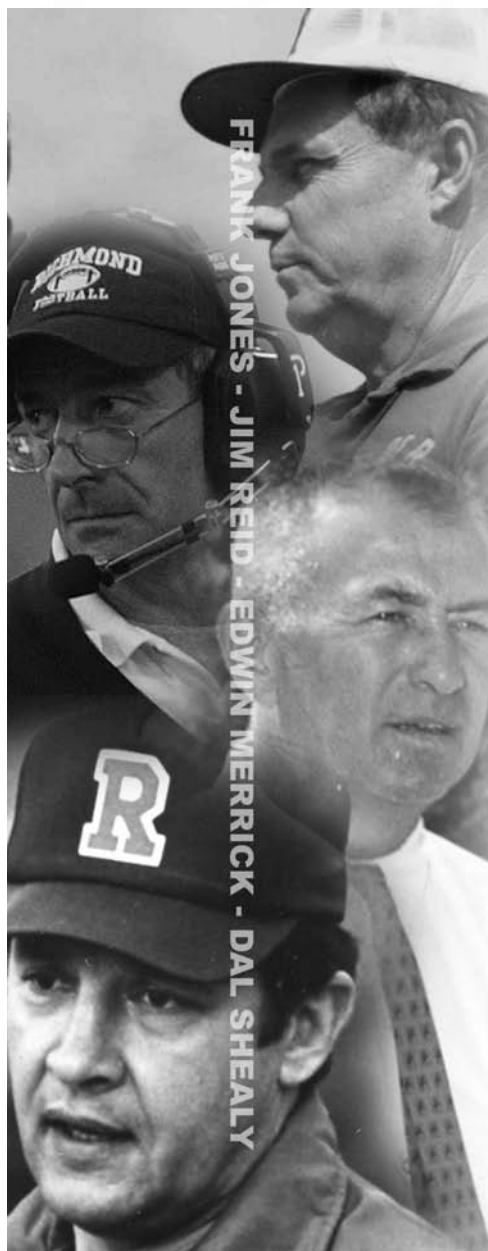
- Tim Hightower -- 2006**
 -- 850 rushing yards
 -- 4.8 yards per rush
 -- 5 touchdowns
- David Freeman -- 2004**
 -- 945 rushing yards
- Kirwin Watson -- 2003**
 -- 1,477 rushing yards
 -- 20 touchdowns
 -- 123.1 rushing yards per game
- Kirwin Watson -- 2002**
 -- 1,467 rushing yards
 -- 18 touchdowns
- Kirwin Watson -- 2001**
 -- 1,076 rushing yards
 -- 5.1 yards per rush
- Brian Westbrook -- 1998**
 -- 1,046 rushing yards
 -- 10 touchdowns
- Curtis Sifford -- 1996**
 -- 1,001 rushing yards
 -- 7 touchdowns
- Rabih Abdullah -- 1995**
 -- 1,536 rushing yards
 -- 11 touchdowns
 -- 139.6 rushing yards per game

Clawson's System -- Pro Production

Rabih Abdullah (Lehigh) – Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Chicago Bears, New England Patriots
 Ducarmel Augustine (Villanova) – Ottawa RoughRiders
 Chris Boden (Villanova) – New York Dragons
 Danny Desriveaux (Richmond) – Montreal Alouettes
 Javarus Dudley (Fordham) – Montreal Alouettes, Orlando Predators
 Kevin Eakin (Fordham) – New York Jets, Frankfurt Galaxy, Hamilton Tigercats
 Brian Finneran (Villanova) – Seattle Seahawks, Philadelphia Eagles, Atlanta Falcons
 Matt Fordyce (Fordham) – Arizona Cardinals
 Naqinton Gainous (Fordham) – Saskatchewan Roughriders
 Aki Jones (Fordham) – Washington Redskins
 Thad Kornegay (Fordham) – Hamilton Tiger Cats
 Michael Rogers (Richmond) – New England Patriots
 Stacy Tutt (Richmond) -- New York Jets
 Brian Westbrook (Villanova) – Philadelphia Eagles



SPIDER HEAD COACHES



Cumulative Coaching Records

Name	Seasons	Yrs	Gms	W	L	T	Pct.
M.C. Taylor	1881	1	2	2	0	0	1.000
C.M. Hazen	1882-88	4	8	4	4	0	.500
H.R. Hundley	1887	1	2	1	1	0	.500
Frank Johnson	1889	1	3	1	2	0	.333
C.T. Taylor	1890	1	3	0	3	0	.000
Dana Rucker	1891,93-95	4	19	3	13	3	.188
Penwick Shelton	1892	1	5	2	3	0	.400
Bill Wertenbaker	1897	1	8	3	5	0	.375
O.L. Owen	1898	1	7	3	3	1	.500
Julian Hill	1899	1	4	2	2	0	.500
Edward Kenna	1900	1	7	3	4	0	.429
Garnett Nelson	1901	1	6	1	5	0	.167
Graham Hobson	1902	1	6	3	3	0	.500
Fred Vail	1903	1	10	6	3	1	.600
Harry Wall	1904	1	6	1	5	0	.167
E.A. Dunlop, Jr.	1905-09, 1912	6	55	18	32	5	.373
E.V. Long	1910	1	8	1	6	1	.143
Sam Honaker	1911	1	8	0	6	2	.000
Frank Dobson	1913-17,1919-33	20	175	79	78	18	.503
Robert Marshall	1918	1	5	3	1	1	.750
Glenn Thistlethwaite	1934-41	8	76	41	26	9	.586
John Fenlon	1942, 46-47	3	30	12	15	3	.444
Malcolm Pitt	1943-44	2	15	8	7	0	.533
George Hope	1945	1	8	2	6	0	.250
Karl Esleeck	1948-50	3	30	10	18	2	.357
Edwin Merrick	1951-65	15	146	53	87	6	.379
Frank Jones	1966-73	8	82	44	38	0	.537
Jim Tait	1974-79	6	65	21	44	0	.323
Dal Shealy	1980-88	9	100	43	57	0	.430
Jim Marshall	1989-94	6	66	19	47	0	.288
Jim Reid	1995-2003	9	102	48	53	1	.475
Dave Clawson	2004-present	3	35	18	17	0	.514
32 Coaches	1881-2006	124	1,102	455	594	53	.437

Single-Season Coaching Records

Year	Coach	W	L	T	Pct.
1. 1934	Glenn Thistlethwaite	8	1	0	.889
2. 1943	Malcolm Pitt	6	1	0	.857
3. 1939	Glenn Thistlethwaite	7	1	2	.800
	1973 Frank Jones	8	2	0	.800
5. 2000	Jim Reid	10	3	0	.769
6. 1998	Jim Reid	9	3	0	.750
7. 1920	Frank Dobson	6	2	0	.750
8. 1968	Frank Jones	8	3	0	.727
	1985 Dal Shealy	8	3	0	.727
10. 1922	Frank Dobson	6	2	1	.722
11. 1946	John Fenlon	6	2	2	.700
12. 2005	Dave Clawson	9	4	0	.692



Dave Clawson and former Spiders' coach Jim Reid (now head coach at VMI) share a laugh before the teams met last season.