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## **TCU's Gary Patterson Named 2009 Walter Camp "Coach of the Year"**

**NEW HAVEN, CT** – Gary Patterson, head coach of the undefeated and Fiesta Bowl-bound TCU Horned Frogs, has been named the Walter Camp 2009 Coach of the Year. The Walter Camp Coach of the Year is selected by the nation's 120 Football Bowl Subdivision head coaches and sports information directors.

Patterson is the first coach from the Mountain West Conference to earn the award.

Under Patterson's leadership, the third-ranked Horned Frogs (12-0) earned their first BCS bowl appearance, a Jan. 4 Tostitos Fiesta Bowl date with No. 6 Boise State (13-0). TCU's undefeated regular season was its first since its 1938 national championship team.

TCU is the only team in the nation to rank in the top 10 in both offense and defense this season. The Horned Frogs lead the nation in defense, allowing just 233.3 yards per game. TCU is fourth in offense, compiling 469.1 yards per contest. The Horned Frogs have also set single-season school records for points scored (488, 40.7 points per game) and total offense (5,629 yards).

In his nine seasons as head coach, Patterson has totaled an impressive 85-27 (.759) mark. Patterson's 85 wins are second on the Frogs' career victory list. Patterson's winning percentage ranks fifth among active FBS coaches.

Patterson came to TCU in 1998 and served as the defensive coordinator for two seasons before being named the head coach in December 2000. The Horned Frogs have won five conference titles with Patterson on staff in addition to posting seven of the school's 11 10-win seasons.

Prior to his arrival in Fort Worth, Patterson served as assistant coach at Kansas State (1982), Tennessee Tech (1983-84), UC Davis (1986), Cal Lutheran (1987), Pittsburg State (1988), Sonoma State (1989-91), Utah State (1992-94), Navy (1995) and New Mexico (1996-97).

A native of Rozel, Kansas, Patterson is a 1983 graduate of Kansas State University where he played strong safety and outside linebacker for the Wildcats. Patterson and his wife, Kelsey, have three sons: Josh, Cade and Blake.

Patterson, Walter Camp Player of the Year Colt McCoy (Texas) and the members of the 2009 All-America team will be honored at the organization's national awards banquet on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the Yale University Commons in New Haven. In addition, the Foundation will honor three individuals – NFL Hall-of-Famer John Elway (Stanford), former NFL All-Pro David Fulcher and ABC broadcast personality Robin Roberts (Southeastern Louisiana) – with major awards. The Foundation is offering a "Holiday Ticket Promotion" for the National Awards Dinner. Buy two tickets for \$400 (you save \$150) before December 25. Please call **(203) 288-CAMP (288-2267)** for more information.

*Walter Camp, "The Father of American football," first selected an All-America team in 1889. Camp – a former Yale University athlete and football coach – is also credited with developing play from scrimmage, set plays, the numerical assessment of goals and tries and the restriction of play to eleven men per side. The Walter Camp Football Foundation – a New Haven-based all-volunteer group – was founded in 1967 to perpetuate the ideals of Camp and to continue the tradition of selecting annually an All-America team.*

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## Walter Camp Coach of the Year recipients

2009 – Gary Patterson, TCU  
2008 – Nick Saban, Alabama  
2007 – Mark Mangino, Kansas  
2006 – Greg Schiano, Rutgers  
2005 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
2004 – Tommy Tuberville, Auburn  
2003 – Bob Stoops, Oklahoma  
2002 – Kirk Ferentz, Iowa  
2001 – Ralph Friedgen, Maryland  
2000 – Bob Stoops, Oklahoma  
1999 – Frank Beamer, Virginia Tech  
1998 – Bill Synder, Kansas State  
1997 – Lloyd Carr, Michigan  
1996 – Bruce Synder, Arizona State  
1995 – Gary Barnett, Northwestern  
1994 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
1993 – Terry Bowden, Auburn  
1992 – Gene Stallings, Alabama  
1991 – Bobby Bowden, Florida State  
1990 – Bobby Ross, Georgia Tech  
1989 – Bill McCartney, Colorado  
1988 – Don Nehlen, West Virginia  
1987 – Dick MacPherson, Syracuse  
1986 – Jimmy Johnson, Miami  
1985 – Fisher DeBerry, Air Force  
1984 – Joe Morrisson, South Carolina  
1983 – Mike White, Illinois  
1982 – Jerry Stovall, Louisiana State  
1981 – Jackie Sherrill, Pittsburgh  
1980 – Vince Dooley, Georgia  
1979 – John Mackovic, Wake Forest  
1978 – Warren Powers, Missouri  
1977 – Lou Holtz, Arkansas  
1976 – Frank R. Burns, Rutgers  
1975 – Frank Kush, Arizona State  
1974 – Barry Switzer, Oklahoma  
1973 – Johnny Majors, Pittsburgh  
1972 – Joe Paterno, Penn State  
1971 – Bob Devaney, Nebraska  
1970 – Bob Blackman, Dartmouth  
1969 – Bo Schembechler, Michigan  
1968 – Woody Hayes, Ohio State  
1967 – John Pont, Indiana

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