



EDDIE REESE

Head Coach

University of Texas

Coach Reese just won his 11th NCAA Men's Title in 2015. Reese has been the head coach of the Texas Longhorns men's swimming and diving team for the University of Texas since 1978. He previously served as the men's head coach for the United States Olympic Swimming Team in 2004 and 2008, as well as an assistant coach at the 1992, 1996 and 2000 Summer Olympics.

Reese attended the University of Florida, leading the Gators to three consecutive SEC team championships (1961, 1962, 1963). As the team's senior co-captain, Reese became the first Florida swimmer to win five SEC individual titles in a single season—the 200-yard breaststroke, the 200-yard and 400-yard individual medleys, the 400-yard freestyle relay and the 400-yard medley relay.

After Reese graduated from Florida, he remained in Gainesville as a graduate assistant coach and earned his master's degree from Florida in 1965. Reese then coached and taught at Roswell High School in Roswell, New Mexico for two years (1965-1966), before returning to the University of Florida as an assistant coach for six seasons (1967-1972).

Reese became the head coach of the Auburn Tigers swim team at Auburn University in Auburn, Alabama in 1972, leading the Tigers for six seasons (1973-1978). The Tigers were a team that had not qualified a single swimmer for the finals or consolation finals of the SEC championship meet during the previous season. After six seasons, Auburn had produced four consecutive top-ten showings at the NCAA championships, the highest finish in program history to that time.

In 1978, Reese accepted the head coaching position for the Texas Longhorns men's swimming and diving team of the University of Texas. Since that time, his Longhorns team have won 11 NCAA team championships (1981, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1996, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2010 and 2015), and has been named NCAA Coach of the Year eight times. Reese has coached numerous current and former world record holders. His recent elite swimmers include Ian Crocker, Brendan Hansen, Neil Walker, Ricky Berens, Dave Walters, Garrett Weber-Gale, Eric Shanteau and Aaron Peirsol.

Reese was inducted into the University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame as a "Gator Great" in 1988, and the International Swimming Hall of Fame (ISHOP) as an "Honor Coach" in 2002. Reese is also a member of the Longhorn Hall of Honor. Reese will be in the first inductee Hall of Fame Class of ISCA this year.