



Rick Neuheisel, who quarterbacked UCLA to victory in the 1984 Rose Bowl is entering his fourth year as head coach at his alma mater and will lead the Bruins into battle in the new Pac-12 Conference this fall. The energetic and personable Neuheisel returned to UCLA in December of 2007 and has brought energy to the program.

Last season, UCLA scored a big win on the road at then #4-ranked Texas; posted three-straight 250-yard rushing games while upping its rushing average by over 60 yards per game; had a quarterback break the school record for completions in a game; and had two players named to the AP All-America team. The Bruins' win at Texas was the Longhorn's first home loss since 2007. The three straight 250-yard rushing games marked the first time a UCLA team had achieved that feat since the 1993 season. UCLA rushed for 437 yards against Washington State, its highest single-game total since 1979. Quarterback Richard Brehaut completed 33 passes in the game at Arizona State to surpass the old mark held by Troy Aikman (32, 1988). Safety Rahim Moore was named first-team All-America by Sporting News and linebacker Akeem Ayers was a second-team selection by the Walter Camp Football Foundation. Both were second-round selections in the 2011 NFL Draft.

In 2009, the Bruins registered a huge win at Tennessee and won three straight games in November to become bowl eligible. Kai Forbath won the Lou Groza Award. Forbath, Brian Price, Rahim Moore and Alterraun Verner earned first-team All-America acclaim from at least one organization/publication and all, along with Reggie Carter, were first-team All-Pac-10 selections. UCLA capped the 2009 season with a 30-21 victory in the EagleBank Bowl, four wins in the Bruins' final five games and in February, signed a consensus Top 10 recruiting class.

Twice in the 2008 season, the Bruins rallied late in the fourth quarter for victories, including a nationally televised Labor Day evening contest versus Tennessee. In addition, he laid a solid foundation to build upon and that February signed a second straight Top 10 recruiting class. Neuheisel is "relentlessly positive" and sees great things for the future of Bruin football.

In the Spring of 2009, he participated in the second annual Coaches Tour to the Middle East, visiting U.S. troops at various bases.

"Rick is an outstanding coach and recruiter. He is outgoing and personable; and can motivate our players, fans and supporters," said athletic director Dan Guerrero at the time of Neuheisel's hiring. "We believe he is well-equipped to lead the program and attain the success all Bruin fans wish to achieve."

"I am thrilled to be returning to my alma mater as its head coach," said Neuheisel. "UCLA is a special place and I want to thank Dan Guerrero and Chancellor (Gene) Block for the opportunity to come home. We are going to build a program our supporters will be proud of, both on and off the field. I can't wait to get started."

Neuheisel, 50, returned to the collegiate ranks after spending three seasons (2005-07) as an assistant coach for the NFL's Baltimore Ravens. He served as quarterbacks coach in 2005 and 2006 and in January of 2007, was promoted to offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach. With the Ravens, he worked with quarterbacks Kyle Boller, Steve McNair and, most recently, 2006 Heisman Trophy winner Troy Smith.



Head Coach Rick Neuheisel and the Bruins celebrate in the locker room following UCLA's big win over Texas in Austin.

RICK NEUHEISEL'S HEAD COACHING RECORD							
Year	W	L	T	Pct.	Conf.	Post-Season	Rank
COLORADO							
1995	10	2	0	.833	T-2nd	Cotton	5th
1996	10	2	0	.833	2nd North	Holiday	8th
1997	5	6	0	.455	4th North		
1998	8	4	0	.667	4th North	Aloha	
Totals	33	14	0	.702			
WASHINGTON							
1999	7	5	0	.583	T-2nd	Holiday	
2000	11	1	0	.917	T-1st	Rose	3rd
2001	8	4	0	.667	T-2nd	Holiday	19th
2002	7	6	0	.538	T-4th	Sun	
Totals	33	16	0	.673			
UCLA							
2008	4	8	0	.333	8th		
2009	7	6	0	.538	8th	EagleBank	
2010	4	8	0	.333	9th		
Totals	15	22	0	.405			
11 Years	81	52	0	.609	8 Bowls	3 Top-10 Rankings	

RICK NEUHEISEL'S RECORD AS A PLAYER

UCLA Bruins

Year	W	L	T	
1983	7	4	1	Rose Bowl (Won)
1982	10	1	1	Rose Bowl (Won)
1981	7	4	1	Bluebonnet Bowl (Lost)
1980	9	2	0	
1979	5	6	0	

5 years 38 17 3 2 bowl victories

Passing

Year	PA	PC	INT	PCT	YDS	TD	LG
1983	267	185	10	.693	2,245	13	53
1982	23	13	2	.565	235	2	75
1981	1	0	0	.000	0	0	0
1980			Redshirt				
1979	0	0	0	.000	0	0	0
Totals	291	198	12	.680	2,480	15	75



Neuheisel was the MVP of the 1984 Rose Bowl

In his eight years as a college head coach at the University of Colorado and the University of Washington, he fashioned a record of 66-30, winning at least 10 games on three occasions and finishing in the Top 10 in the nation three times. He went on to lead his teams to seven bowl games.

During his four seasons (1999-2002) as head coach at the University of Washington, Neuheisel guided the Huskies to a record of 33-16 (.673) and four bowl games (one Rose Bowl, two Holiday Bowls and one Sun Bowl). His Pac-10 record was 23-9 (.719) and Washington captured one league title and finished second twice in those four seasons. The Husky offense averaged over 390 yards per game in each season, topped by a 420.7 mark in 2002 (17th in the nation) and 407.9 in 2000 (35th).

In his final season, the Huskies finished 7-6 and tied for 4th in the Pac-10 while ranking fourth nationally in passing offense (346.2 yards per game) and earning a spot in the Sun Bowl.

In 2001, Washington finished 8-4 overall and second in the Pac-10 with a 6-2 mark, earning a trip to the Holiday Bowl. The Huskies faced five teams ranked in the final AP Poll that season, winning three of those games.

In 2000, Neuheisel led the Huskies to an 11-1 record, a first-place Pac-10 finish and a victory in the 2001 Rose Bowl. It was a year of great comebacks as Washington trailed in eight of its 11 wins and recorded five straight fourth-quarter comebacks. It marked the first time Washington had won 10 games since 1991 and the school's first Rose Bowl title since that same season.

In 1999, his first season in Seattle, Washington finished 7-5 but finished second in the Pac-10, and went on to play in the Holiday Bowl. Neuheisel

became the first coach in school history to lead a Husky team to a bowl berth in his first season.

During his four seasons (1995-98) as head coach at the University of Colorado, Neuheisel won 33 of 47 games (.702), including all three bowl appearances. In his final season, Colorado posted a 8-4 record, including a 51-43 victory over Oregon in the Aloha Bowl. The Buffaloes ranked 13th nationally in total defense that year. In 1997, Colorado finished 5-6 but still led the Big 12 in passing offense (232.4). Neuheisel then signed a recruiting class that formed the nucleus of Colorado's 2001 Big 12 championship team.

During the 1996 season, Neuheisel recorded his second straight 10-2 season, including a 33-21 victory over Washington in the Holiday Bowl, and finished second in the Big 12 North. The Buffaloes were ranked eighth on both polls and outscored opponents 319-199 while setting a school record by winning 10 consecutive road games. That team produced three All-Americans, including Butkus Award winning LB Matt Russell, and averaged 452.1 yards of offense, including 303.5 in the air, while allowing just 315.5 yards to opponents.

Neuheisel's 20-4 record in his first two seasons were the fifth-most wins at the time for a first-time head coach in the Football Bowl Sub-division (Division IA).

In his first season as a head coach (1995), Colorado finished fifth on both major polls. He guided the Buffaloes to a 10-2 record (the best ever by a first-year CU coach) and an appearance in the Cotton Bowl (a 38-6 win over Oregon), becoming the school's first rookie coach to take a team to a bowl game. Following his first season, he signed a recruiting class (February 1996) that was rated No. 2 nationally.

Neuheisel spent the 1994 season as a Colorado assistant coach under Bill McCartney after going to CU from UCLA. That year, Colorado defeated Michigan in Ann Arbor on a last-second touchdown play modified on the sideline by Neuheisel.

Neuheisel spent six seasons (1988-93, 41-27-1 record) as an assistant coach at his alma mater. During his final four years he tutored the wide receivers, helping to develop some of UCLA's all-time greats, such as J.J. Stokes, Kevin Jordan and Sean LaChapelle. In 1993, Stokes helped the Bruins reach the Rose Bowl while setting school records with 82 receptions, 1,181 yards (since broken) and 17 touchdowns. LaChapelle made 73 receptions in 1991 and Jordan made 45 as a sophomore in Neuheisel's last year (1993). In 1990, three Bruins – Scott Miller, Reggie Moore and LaChapelle – all made at least 35 receptions for at least 600 yards.

Neuheisel joined the UCLA staff full-time in 1988 and coached quarterbacks for two seasons, including future NFL Hall of Fame quarterback Troy Aikman in his senior year (1988). Aikman earned consensus All-America honors and finished third in the Heisman Trophy race, completing a then-school record 228 passes for 2,771 yards, a .644 percentage and a school record 24 touchdowns (since broken). Aikman was the No. 1 selection in the 1989 NFL Draft.

In 1986, Neuheisel served as a volunteer coach and his major assignment was to teach the offense to a transfer from the University of Oklahoma who had to sit out the 1986 season – Aikman.



The Bruin head coach also played some professional football. In 1987, he was in three games with the San Diego Chargers and started twice. He completed 40 of 59 passes for 367 yards and one touchdown and also ran for a score. Against Tampa Bay, he completed 18 of 22 passes for 217 yards and a touchdown, setting a team record for completion percentage in a game (81.8%).

He also spent two seasons (1984 and 1985) in the United States Football League (USFL), playing with the San Antonio Gunslingers. In his rookie season, he completed 211 of 385 passes (.548) for 2,544 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Neuheisel began his collegiate career at UCLA (1979-83) as a walk-on, holding for place kicker John Lee, and went on to earn the starting quarterback job during his senior season (1983). He led the Bruins to the Pac-10 title after a 0-3-1 start, earning honorable mention All-Pac-10 honors while completing 185 of 267 passes for 2,245 yards and 13 touchdowns. His completion percentage of .693 that season is still a school record. In a classic game against Washington, he completed 25 of 27 passes for a then-NCAA record .926 completion percentage in a 27-24 victory. That mark is still a UCLA record and a Pac-10 conference record by a quarterback with a minimum of 20 completions in a game.

In his final contest as a Bruin, he overcame food poisoning to lead UCLA to a 45-9 victory against Illinois in the 1984 Rose Bowl. He was named the game's MVP after throwing for 298 yards and four touchdowns. In 1998, he was inducted into the Rose Bowl Hall of Fame for his efforts.

During his Bruin career, he completed 198 of 290 passes for 2,480 yards and 15 touchdowns and his completion percentage of .683 is a school record.



Head Coach Rick Neuheisel and his wife Susan

Neuheisel earned his Bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1984. In 1986, while he was tutoring Aikman as a volunteer, he attended law school at USC and earned his degree in May of 1990.

Born February 7, 1961 in Madison, WI, he grew up in Tempe, AZ where he attended McClintock High School. He and his wife Susan, a UCLA graduate, have three children, Jerry (a UCLA freshman), Jack and Joe.

NEUHEISEL VERSUS OPPONENTS

Record at Washington (1999-2002)

	H	A	N	Total
Air Force	0-1			0-1
Arizona	3-0	1-0		4-0
Arizona State	0-1	2-1		2-2
BYU		0-1		0-1
California	1-1	2-0		3-1
Colorado	1-0	1-0		2-0
Idaho	3-0			3-0
Kansas State			0-1	0-1
Miami	1-0	0-1		1-1
Michigan	1-0	0-1		1-1
Oregon	1-0	1-1		2-1
Oregon State	2-0	1-1		3-1
Purdue			1-1	1-1
San Jose State	1-0			1-0
Stanford	2-0	1-0		3-0
Texas			0-1	0-1
UCLA	1-1	0-2		1-3
USC	1-0	0-1		1-1
Washington State	2-0	2-0		4-0
Wyoming	1-0			1-0
Totals	21-4	11-9	1-3	33-16

Record at Colorado (1995-1998)

	H	A	N	Total
Baylor	1-0			1-0
Colorado State	2-0	1-0	1-0	4-0
Fresno State	1-0			1-0
Iowa State	2-0	2-0		4-0
Kansas	1-1	1-1		2-2
Kansas State	1-1	1-1		2-2
Michigan	0-1	0-1		0-2
Missouri	1-1	1-1		2-2
Nebraska	0-2	0-2		0-4
NE Louisiana	1-0			1-0
Oklahoma		2-0		2-0
Oklahoma State	1-0	1-1		2-1
Oregon			2-0	2-0
Texas	1-0	1-0		2-0
Texas A&M	1-1	1-0		2-1
Texas Tech	1-0			1-0
Utah State	1-0			1-0
Washington			1-0	1-0
Washington State	1-0			1-0
Wisconsin		1-0		1-0
Wyoming	1-0			1-0
Totals	17-7	12-7	4-0	33-14

Record Vs. Opponents (includes UCLA)

	H	A	N	Total
Air Force	0-1			0-1
Arizona	3-2	1-1		4-3
Arizona State	1-1	2-3		3-4
Baylor	1-0			1-0
BYU		0-2		0-2
California	1-2	2-2		3-4
Colorado	1-0	1-0		2-0
Colorado State	2-0	1-0	1-0	4-0
Fresno State	1-1			1-1
Houston	1-0			1-0
Idaho	3-0			3-0
Iowa State	2-0	2-0		4-0
Kansas	1-1	1-1		2-2
Kansas State	2-1	1-2	0-1	3-4
Miami	1-0	0-1		1-1
Michigan	1-1	0-2		1-3
Missouri	1-1	1-1		2-2
Nebraska	0-2	0-2		0-4
NE Louisiana	1-0			1-0
Oklahoma		2-0		2-0
Oklahoma State	1-0	1-1		2-1
Oregon	1-1	1-3	2-0	4-4
Oregon State	3-1	1-2		4-3
Purdue			1-1	1-1
San Diego State	1-0			1-0
San Jose State	1-0			1-0
Stanford	3-1	1-1		4-2
Temple			1-0	1-0
Tennessee	1-0	1-0		2-0
Texas	1-0	2-0	0-1	3-1
Texas A&M	1-1	1-0		2-1
Texas Tech	1-0			1-0
UCLA	1-1	0-2		1-3
USC	1-2	0-2		1-4
Utah State	1-0			1-0
Washington	1-0	1-1	1-0	3-1
Washington State	5-0	3-0		8-0
Wisconsin		1-0		1-0
Wyoming	2-0			2-0
Totals	48-20	27-29	6-3	81-52

Neuheisel by Month

August: 1-1
 September: 29-10
 October: 23-21
 November: 23-15
 December: 3-5
 January: 2-0

Neuheisel in Overtime (2-1)

1999 - lost at UCLA 20-23
 2002 - won at Washington State (3ot) 29-26
 2008 - won vs. Tennessee 27-24