

## Mike Pressler



Mike Pressler was named men's lacrosse coach at Bryant University in Smithfield, Rhode Island on August 5, 2006, becoming just the second coach in the program's seven-year history. Previously Pressler the head coach at Duke University for 16 seasons.

In his first season at Bryant, Pressler guided the Bulldogs to their first ever Northeast-10 Conference regular season title and a top seed in the conference tournament playoffs.

During the 2007 season, Bryant tied a school record with 10 consecutive wins including an undefeated 9-0 mark in the Northeast-10. Among those wins was an overtime victory against defending national champion Le Moyne, snapping the Dolphin's 70-game win streak. The Bulldogs, ranked as high as No. 4 nationally in 2007, have gained the No. 1 regional ranking for the entire month of April.

A native of Wilton, Connecticut, Pressler compiled a 153-82 overall record at Duke, leading the Blue Devils to three Atlantic Coast Conference championships, 10 NCAA tournament berths and an appearance in the 2005 Division I men's lacrosse championship game.

A three-time A.C.C. Coach of the Year and recipient of the USILA's F. Morris Touchstone Award as the National Coach of the Year in 2005, Pressler's overall head coaching record stands at 229-102 in 22 seasons. He ranks among the nation's top 10 active coaches in both career victories and overall winning percentage.

In 2005, Pressler earned the top coaching honor after directing the Blue Devils to an NCAA single-season record 17 wins against three defeats. The 2005 squad, behind the play of three First Team All-America selections, established a new NCAA record for the best win total turnaround (from 5 wins in 2004 to 17). Duke led the nation in scoring offense by averaging over 13 goals per game, and finished the year ranked second in the national poll. During his tenure at Duke University, the men's lacrosse program posted a 100 percent graduation rate.

In 2002, Pressler was an assistant coach on the U.S. Men's Lacrosse team that captured the gold medal at the International Lacrosse Federation World Championship.

Pressler arrived at Duke as one of the most successful NCAA Division III lacrosse coaches in the country. In five seasons at Ohio Wesleyan, Pressler led OWU to the NCAA finals three straight times and the semifinals twice. He was named the USILA's Division III Coach of the year in 1987 and the North Coast Athletic Conference's Coach of the Year three times.

Pressler served as an assistant at Army under Jack Emmer in 1984-85. Before that, he guided VMI to a 7-4 record in his only season as head coach.

A 1982 graduate of Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, Pressler was a four-year starter for both the football and lacrosse teams. A first team Division Kodak All-American nose tackle in football and a four-year starter in lacrosse.

A member of the school's Hall of Fame, Pressler served as team captain for both sports as a senior.

He was inducted into the Wilton (Conn.) High School Hall of Fame in 1998 and the Washington & Lee Hall of Fame in 2001.

Bryant University, located in Smithfield, R.I., is a Division II member of the Northeast-10 Conference. Following its inaugural season in 2000, Bryant's men's lacrosse program has an overall winning percentage of .652 (75-40) over the past seven seasons. In the Northeast-10 Conference, where Bryant has reached the conference championship game twice in the last three seasons (2005, 2004), the Bulldogs own a conference mark of 46-16 (.752).