



CAMERON HAD GOOD TEACHERS

Since new Miami Dolphins head coach **CAM CAMERON** walked onto Indiana University campus in 1980, the two-sport star in football and basketball from Terre Haute, Indiana has been influenced by some great coaching minds in sports.

In football, Cameron, who played quarterback, learned from **LEE CORSO** and **SAM WYCHE**. And in basketball, Cameron played point guard under **BOB KNIGHT**.

But long before he distinguished himself as a starter in both lineups, Cameron already knew where his future was headed. "I knew I wanted to coach when I was 14," Cameron says.

Even back in Bloomington, his head coach during his senior year could sense that his pupil had a mind for coaching.

"Cam studied the game and studied the film," Wyche says. "He had ideas for the game plan."

Upon graduation and with the help of coach Knight, Cameron landed an assistant position on **BO SCHEMBECHLER**'s University of Michigan staff (1984-93). Following his stop in Ann Arbor, Cameron served three years as the quarterbacks coach for the Washington Redskins under head coach **NORV TURNER** – new head coach of the San Diego Chargers – and five years as the head coach at Indiana (1997-01). Cameron has spent the past five seasons as the offensive coordinator for the Chargers, where he led the offense to a league- leading 30.8 points per game in 2006.

Cameron says you don't need to look any further than his teachers on why he was named the seventh coach in Dolphins history. "To be tutored by those men, I don't think it can get any better than that."



YOUTH IS SERVED

"You don't have to be old to be great," says Oakland Raiders owner **AL DAVIS**.

Two new head coaches – **LANE KIFFIN** of Oakland and **MIKE TOMLIN** of Pittsburgh – hope to prove that point as they will become two of the youngest head coaches to make their NFL debut since 1970.

Kiffin, the son of Tampa Bay Buccaneers defensive coordinator **MONTE KIFFIN**, will be the youngest head coach to debut in the NFL since 1970 at 32 years, 123 days old when Oakland hosts the Detroit Lions

"Players don't care about age," says Lane Kiffin, who was named the 16th head coach in team annals after spending the previous six seasons as an assistant coach at the University of Southern California. "Players want to be coached. Great players want to get better and that's what we're going to do."

Tomlin, who was named the 16th head coach in Steelers history, was the defensive coordinator for the Minnesota Vikings last year and spent the previous five seasons as the defensive backs coach for Tampa Bay. He will be 35 years, 178 days old when he makes his debut on September 9 at Cleveland, 57 days older than the man he replaced, former Steelers head coach **BILL COWHER**, who was 35 years, 121 days old when he made his head coaching debut with Pittsburgh in 1992.

"My age is my age," says Tomlin. "I don't think it will take the players long to realize that my goals as a coach are no different than any other coach they've ever had. I think mutual respect is required. I've got a job to do from a coach's standpoint and they've got a job to do from a player's standpoint."

Following are the youngest head coaches to debut in the NFL since 1970 (based on age on date of first game as head coach):

HEAD COACH	TEAM	YEAR	AGE
Lane Kiffin	Oakland	2007	32 years, 123 days*
David Shula	Cincinnati	1992	33 years, 101 days
Jon Gruden	Oakland	1998	35 years, 20 days
Bill Cowher	Pittsburgh	1992	35 years, 121 days
Mike Tomlin	Pittsburgh	2007	35 years, 178 days*

*Age on September 9, 2007