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Following are the Texas natives to coach the Dallas Cowboys:

| NAME | HOMETOWN | COLLEGE | YEARS AS COWBOYS HEAD COACH | RECORD AS COWBOYS HEAD COACH |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Tom Landry | Mission, Texas | Texas | 1960-1988 | 270-178-6 |
| Jimmy Johnson | Port Arthur, Texas | Arkansas | 1989-1993 | 44-36 |
| Wade Phillips | Orange, Texas | Houston | 2007-?? | ??? |

NORV BRINGS IMPRESSIVE RESUME TO SAN DIEGO

Considered one of the great offensive minds in the NFL, new San Diego Chargers head coach **NORV TURNER** has some pretty elite pupils singing his praises. Turner was the offensive coordinator for the dominant Dallas Cowboys teams of the early 1990's and in the process coached Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **TROY AIKMAN**.

"There's no doubt in my mind that if Norv Turner had not entered my life, I wouldn't be joining these men in the Pro Football Hall of Fame," said Aikman during his induction speech at the 2006 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Ceremony in Canton, Ohio.

Turner arrived in Dallas in 1991 and promptly turned around one of the worst offenses in the NFL. He gave guidance and direction to Aikman, who stated that Turner "had the single biggest influence on my career."

Turner also had an influence and played a strong role in the development of some successful athletes on the defensive side of the ball. As the defensive backs coach for USC in 1980, Turner coached Pro Football Hall of Famer **RONNIE LOTT**, six-time Pro Bowler **DENNIS SMITH**, and current Tennessee Titans head coach **JEFF FISHER**.

"I've known Norv for more than 25 years, since I was at USC," says Fisher. "My senior year he coached the secondary, and that group consisted of three first-round draft choices in addition to myself. After I left, he began his tenure in the NFL and obviously has been successful wherever he's been. This is his third opportunity to coach an NFL club, and everyone expects him to be very successful with the Chargers."

A Bay Area native from Martinez, California, this is Turner's second stint with the Chargers. He spent the 2001 season as the Bolts' offensive coordinator and improved their offensive ranking from 28th in the NFL to 11th. The Chargers still run the same offense that Turner implemented as the offensive coordinator in 2001.

When Turner called the Chargers' plays in 2001, rookie running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** rushed for 1,236 yards with 10 touchdowns and had 59 receptions.

"I am very excited to work with Norv," says Tomlinson, the reigning NFL MVP. "We have a great relationship. Norv is a perfect fit for our team. He will know exactly what to do with our team."

In 12 of his 16 NFL seasons as a head coach or offensive coordinator, Turner has mentored a 1,000-yard running back.

Following are the 12 1,000-yard rushing seasons that Norv Turner has guided since 1991:

| YEAR | TEAM | TURNER'S POSITION | PLAYER | RUSHING YARDS |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1991 | Dallas Cowboys | Offensive Coordinator | Emmitt Smith | 1,563 |
| 1992 | Dallas Cowboys | Offensive Coordinator | Emmitt Smith | 1,713 |
| 1993 | Dallas Cowboys | Offensive Coordinator | Emmitt Smith | 1,486 |
| 1995 | Washington Redskins | Head Coach | Terry Allen | 1,309 |
| 1996 | Washington Redskins | Head Coach | Terry Allen | 1,353 |
| 1999 | Washington Redskins | Head Coach | Stephen Davis | 1,405 |
| 2000 | Washington Redskins | Head Coach | Stephen Davis | 1,318 |
| 2001 | San Diego Chargers | Offensive Coordinator | LaDainian Tomlinson | 1,236 |
| 2002 | Miami Dolphins | Offensive Coordinator | Ricky Williams | 1,853 |
| 2003 | Miami Dolphins | Offensive Coordinator | Ricky Williams | 1,372 |
| 2005 | Oakland Raiders | Head Coach | LaMont Jordan | 1,025 |
| 2006 | San Francisco 49ers | Offensive Coordinator | Frank Gore | 1,695 |

