



DAVE WANNSTEDT

COLLEGE FOOTBALL & NFL ANALYST

A 39-year veteran of the collegiate and professional coaching ranks, Dave Wannstedt began his broadcasting career in 2014, joining FOX Sports as a college football and NFL studio analyst. Having had tremendous success as a key part of championship teams at both levels, Wannstedt brings a unique perspective to the FOX studio, every Saturday joining host Rob Stone and fellow analyst Matt Leinart for a one-hour primetime pregame show leading into the network's marquee game of the week. He also appears on FOX Sports' NFL studio programming, including FOX NFL KICKOFF.

BREAKING IN AT HIS ALMA MATER

A three-year starter and team captain at offensive tackle for the University of Pittsburgh, Wannstedt was selected by the Green Bay Packers in the 1974 NFL Draft. He spent the 1974 season on the club's practice squad before retiring to pursue a career in coaching. In doing so, he returned to his alma mater to accept a graduate assistant position with the football team before the 1975 season. Wannstedt remained on staff for the next four years, during which time the Panthers posted a combined 37-10-1 record, including a 12-0 finish in 1976 that culminated with the school's ninth National Championship. In 1979, he signed on to become the defensive line coach at Oklahoma State, a job offered to him by an upstart head coach with whom he had worked at Pitt named Jimmy Johnson. Following a three-year stint at Southern California that included a Rose Bowl victory, he was reunited with Johnson at the University of Miami in 1986, accepting his first defensive coordinator position. Over the next three years, the Hurricanes ran roughshod over the rest of college football, posting a 34-2 record and winning the 1987 National Championship at the end of a perfect 12-0 season. Powered by Wannstedt's intimidating defense, Miami's dominance sent shockwaves throughout the football world, and it was only a matter of time before the pros came calling.

ASSUMING THE BIG SEAT

In February 1989, Johnson was named the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys and took Wannstedt with him as defensive coordinator. It took the staff just two years to turn what was a 1-15 team in the 1989 season into a formidable contender. The 1992 squad posted a 13-3 regular-season record and went on to win Super Bowl XXVII by a 52-17 margin, aided by a defense that forced a Super Bowl-record nine turnovers. Wannstedt's continued exploits as a defensive mastermind earned him his first head coaching opportunity, and he left Dallas in 1993 to succeed the legendary Mike Ditka as the head coach of the Chicago Bears. He led the Bears for the next six seasons (1993-98), including 1994 when he was named the NFC Coach of the Year by UPI and *Football News*. In 1999, he reunited with Johnson in Miami once again, this time with the Miami Dolphins, where he spent that season as defensive coordinator. The following January, Johnson retired from football and Wannstedt was named the team's head coach. Under his direction, the Dolphins posted a 41-23 record over the next four seasons (2000-03), including playoff berths in 2000 and 2001, and he resigned in the middle of 2004 as the second-winningest head coach (.575) in franchise history behind only legendary coach Don Shula. In 2005, he made another pilgrimage to his alma mater, returning to Pitt to fill the football program's head coaching vacancy. From 2005-10 he posted a 42-31 record, including 19 wins over the 2008-09 seasons, the second-most in the Big East Conference over that span. He left Pittsburgh in 2010 and returned to the NFL, serving as an assistant on staff for the Buffalo Bills (2011-12) and Tampa Bay Buccaneers (2013).

PERSONAL

Married, wife's name is Jan...Has two daughters, Keri and Jami, and two grandsons, Connor and James, and a granddaughter, Anna...Splits his residence between Chicago and Naples, Fla. ... In his free time, enjoys golf and spending time with his grandchildren.