

# Dwayne Dixon

## Wide Receivers Coach

### **Bowl Games as a Coach/Player**

1980: Tangerine	1995: Sugar
1981: Peach	1996: Fiesta
1982: Bluebonnet	1997: Sugar
1983: Gator	1998: Citrus
1992: Sugar	1999: Orange
1992: Gator	2000: Citrus
1994: Sugar	2001: Sugar

### **Coaching Accomplishments**

- Florida had more wide receivers (seven) on 1999 NFL rosters than any school in the nation and its eight receivers on 2000 NFL rosters was the second best total in the nation.
- Coached on the 1996 National Championship team.
- Coached on six SEC title teams (1991, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 2000).
- Coached in seven SEC Championship Games (1992-96, 1999-2000).
- Coached in the 1995 National Championship Game in the Fiesta Bowl vs. Nebraska and the 1996 National Championship Game in the Sugar Bowl vs. Florida State.
- Has 13 years of collegiate coaching experience.
- Has participated in 14 bowl games as a player and coach.
- Since 1990, Florida has 380 TD receptions, over 75 more than any other school in the nation over the last 11 seasons.
- Since the Biletnikoff Award (nation's top WR) was established in 1994, Florida has had as many semifinalists (6) and finalists (3) for the award as any school in the nation.
- Dixon has coached 17 Gator receivers who signed NFL contracts (Reidel Anthony, John Capel, Chris Doering, Tre Everett, Daryl Frazier, Jacquez Green, Aubrey Hill, Ike Hilliard, Harrison Houston, Darrell Jackson, Jack Jackson, Willie Jackson, Nafis Karim, Travis McGriff, Ernie Mills, Travis Taylor and Alex Willis). Three (Anthony, Hilliard and

Taylor) were first-round draft choices.

- Has coached ten All-America wide receivers at Florida and nine first-team All-SEC selections.

- A Gator wide receiver has led the SEC in TD receptions eight of the past 11 seasons.

- Florida has ranked among the nation's top 10 teams in passing offense in nine of his 11 seasons.

- Florida has led the nation in total touchdown receptions since 1990 with 380, over 75 more than any other school in the nation. Its 42 TDs passing in 1996, 48 in 1995, 43 in 1994 and 41 in 1993 all were tops in the nation each of those years.

- Since 1990, Florida has been the only team in the SEC to have a player with 50 or more catches in each of the 11 last seasons.

- Seven of the top eight single-season receiving yardage totals in school history have been registered by Gator wide receivers since 1990.

- Nine of the top 13 single-season reception totals in UF history have been posted by Gator wide receivers since 1990.

- Since 1990, nine Gator players have caught 100 or more passes in their career at Florida, including eight wide receivers coached by Dixon. Prior to 1990, just six players had 100 or more career catches in the previous 83 years (1906-89) of football at Florida.

- Dixon has coached six of the top seven career touchdown leaders in SEC history (Chris Doering, 31; Jack Jackson, 29; Ike Hilliard, 29; Reidel Anthony, 26; Willie Jackson, 24; Jacquez Green, 23) and six of the top 10 leaders in receptions in Gator history (Willie Jackson, 162; Doering, 149; Jack Jackson, 143; Anthony, 126; Hilliard, 126 and Travis McGriff, 123).

- When Reidel Anthony and Ike Hilliard were both selected in the first round of the 1997 NFL Draft, it marked the first time since the AFL-NFL merger in 1967 that two wide receivers from the same school were chosen in the first round of the NFL Draft.



### **Coaching Experience**

2001	Florida (Wide Receivers)
2000	Florida (Wide Receivers/Kickoff/Punt Returners/Assistant Passing Game Coordinator)
1995-99	Florida (Assistant Head Coach/Wide Receivers Coach)
1990-94	Florida (Wide Receivers Coach)
1989-90	Florida Office of Student Life
1984-85	Florida (Student Assistant Coach - Wide Receivers)

- In 1996, Reidel Anthony led the nation in TD receptions (18) and set a NCAA Division I-A record for consecutive games with a TD reception (11). He also tied the NCAA record for most games with a TD catch in one season in 1996 (11), which was originally set by Gator wide receiver Chris Doering in 1995.

- In 1995, Chris Doering and Ike Hilliard ranked first and second in receptions in the SEC and were also two of

only five players in the country with 15 or more touchdown receptions.

● In 2000 freshman Jabar Gaffney and sophomore Reche Caldwell combined for the second most receiving yards (120 catches for 1,944 yards) by a receiver tandem in the nation.

● In 2000 Jabar Gaffney caught more TD passes (14) and had more receiving yardage (1,184) than any freshman in major college history.

## Playing Career

● Four-year letterwinner at Florida (1980-83), First-team All-SEC and Honorable mention All-America (1983), Finished career with 124 catches, then the third-best total in UF history, MVP of 1982 Bluebonnet Bowl, Inducted into University of Florida Athletic Hall of Fame in 1997.

● Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1984-85, 1987)

● Washington Commandos of the Arena Football League (1987) – League leading receiver and scorer

● Detroit Drive of the Arena Football League (1988-91) – Led league in receiving and scoring in 1988, led league in tackles in 1990 and twice received league's top award ("Iron Man"). Team played in championship game four times and captured three consecutive World Championships (1988, 1989 and 1990), Inducted into inaugural class of Arena League Hall of Fame in 1997.

## Prominent Players Coached

### Florida:

● **WR REIDEL ANTHONY** – Was one of three finalists for the 1996 Biletnikoff Award. Football Writers Association of America, Associated Press and Sporting News first-team All-America in 1996, First-team All-SEC in 1996, Caught a TD pass in 11 straight games in 1996 to set a NCAA Division I-A record, 18 TD catches in 1996, a mark that led the nation and is best in UF and SEC history, 1,293 receiving yards in 1996 was second in UF and SEC history, 26 career TD catches is fifth-best in SEC history, A first-round NFL draft pick by the Tampa Bay Bucs in 1997.

● **WR CHRIS DOERING** – Second-team All-America and First-team All-SEC in 1995, Set SEC and UF records for career TD catches (31) and single-season TD receptions (17 in 1995), Set a NCAA record in 1995 for most games

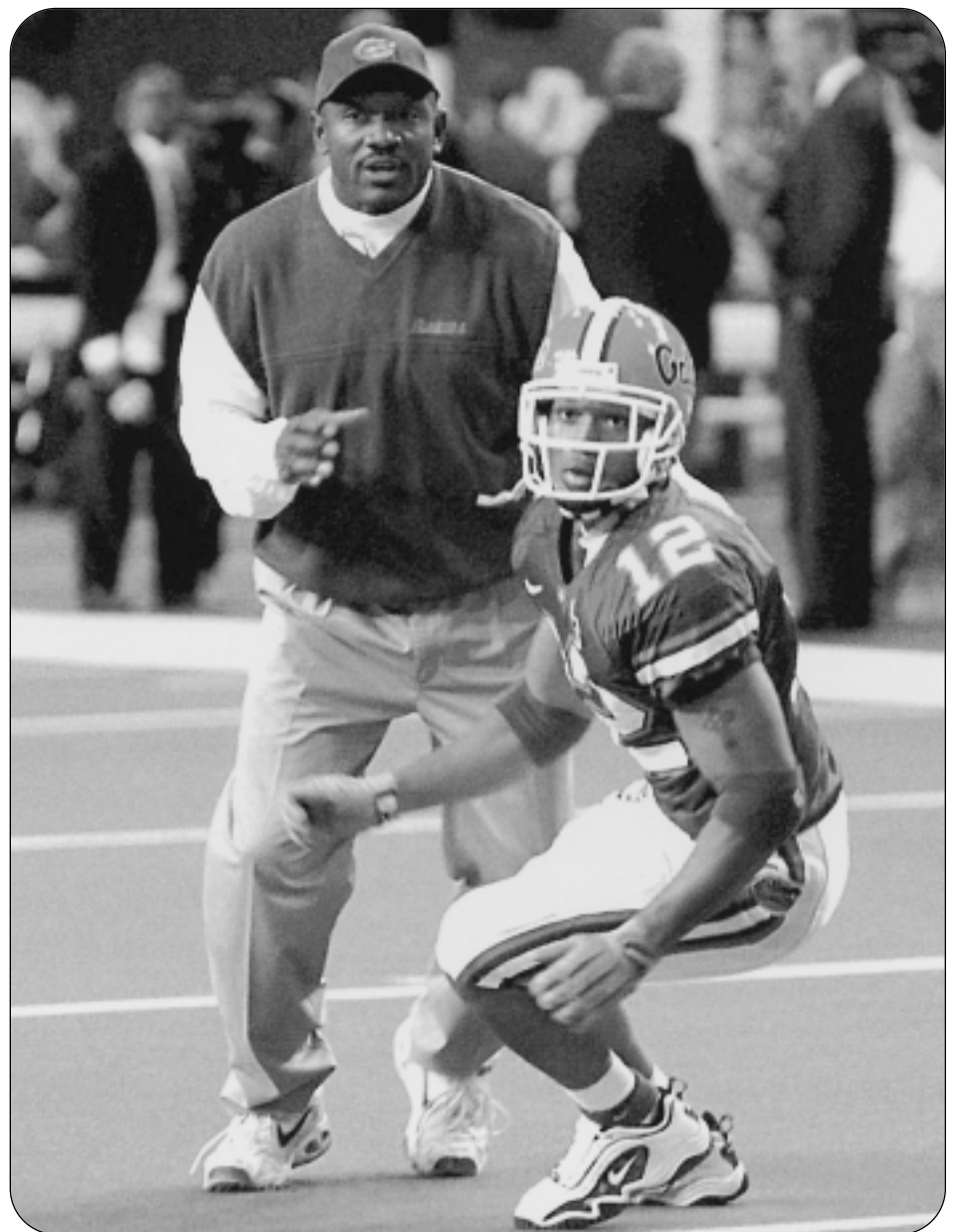
catching at least one TD pass (11), One of just 13 players in Division I-A history with 30 or more career touchdown catches, Drafted by the Jacksonville Jaguars in the sixth round of the 1996 NFL draft and was on the Indianapolis Colts squad during the 1996-97 seasons, Played for Denver in 1999.

● **WR JABAR GAFFNEY** – Named the National Freshman Player of the Year in 2000 by the *Sporting News*. His 14 TD catches were the most by a freshman in major college history as were his 1,184 receiving yards. His 71 catches were the most for a freshman in SEC history. He became the first freshman wide receiver in Gator history to receive first-team All-SEC honors and the first freshman receiver to gain All-America recognition.

● **WR JACQUEZ GREEN** – One of three finalists for the 1997 Biletnikoff

Award, Associated Press and Football Writers Association First-Team All-American (1997), Walter Camp Foundation First-Team All-American (1997), One of 15 finalist for the 1997 Football News Offensive Player of the Year, First-team All-SEC in 1997, Currently ranks sixth on the SEC career touchdown receptions list with 23, His 1024 yards receiving in 1997 ranked as the fourth-best total in UF history, His 23 TD receptions and 2181 yards receiving are the fifth-best totals in UF history, A second-round draft pick of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in 1998.

● **WR AUBREY HILL** – Completed career in 1994 with 86 receptions and 18 TD catches (fifth-best total in school history), His TD/catch ratio of 4.78 ranked second-best in Gator history, Signed as a free agent with the Indianapolis Colts, Now wide receivers coach at Duke.



● **WR IKE HILLIARD** – First-team All-America by the American Football Coaches Association and *Football News* in 1996, Walter Camp Football Foundation 1996 All-American, 1996 *Football News* Offensive Player of the Year semifinalist, One of 10 semifinalists for the 1996 Biletnikoff Award, 1996 Associated Press third-team All-America, 1996 First-team All-SEC choice, 2,214 career receiving yards is third-best in UF history, Career TD/reception ratio of 4.34 (126 catches/29 TDs) is second-best in UF history, 29 TDs is tied for second-best in UF and SEC history, 15 TD catches in 1995 is tied for the third-best seasonal total in SEC and UF history, A first-round draft pick by the New York Giants in 1997.

● **WR HARRISON HOUSTON** – 19 career TD receptions ranked third-best in UF history when he completed career in 1993, Selected to play in East-West Shrine Game in 1993, Finished career with 101 catches, A fifth-round selection in 1994 NFL Draft by Atlanta.

● **WR DARRELL JACKSON** – A semifinalist for Biletnikoff Award in 1999, Third-team All-America by *Football News* in 1999, Six straight 100-yard receiving games in 1999 tied for the best streak in school history and set the Gator record for the longest streak versus SEC opponents, 1,107 receiving yards ranked fourth-best in school history and 64 catches was the fifth-best seasonal total in UF history, His seven 100-yard games in 1999 was third-best seasonal total in UF history, A third-round selection in 2000 NFL Draft by Seattle. Led all NFL rookie receivers in receptions in 2000 and was named to NFL 2000 All-Rookie Team.

● **WR JACK JACKSON** – First-team All-American and first-team All-SEC in 1994, 29 TD receptions were best in UF history and tied for best in SEC history, 15 TD catches in 1994 set UF and SEC seasonal record, One of three finalist for Biletnikoff Award as nation's top WR in 1994, 143 catches ranked fourth in UF history and 2,266 receiving yards was second-best, Drafted by the Chicago Bears in the fourth round of the 1995 draft.

● **WR WILLIE JACKSON** – All-SEC in 1992 and honorable mention All-America ('91, '92, '93), Completed UF career as all-time leader in TD receptions (24) and second in catches with 162, Selected to play in East-West Shrine Game and Hula Bowl in 1993, With the Dallas Cowboys in 1994, the Jacksonville Jaguars in 1995-97 and the Cincinnati Bengals in 1998-99.

● **WR TRAVIS McGRIF** – Third-team All-America and first-team All-SEC in



*The Dixon family (left to right): wife Sandra, daughter Brittany, Coach Dwayne Dixon, son Ian.*

1998, One of 10 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award, Set SEC and UF single-season record with 1,357 yards receiving in 1998, Average per catch of 19.4 in 1998 was third-best in SEC history and best in UF history, Tied for tops in Gator history with eight 100-yard receiving games in 1998, A third-round choice by Denver in the 1999 NFL Draft.

● **WR ERNIE MILLS** – All-SEC selection in 1990, Ended career ninth on UF receiving chart with 1,585 yards, Led SEC in TD receptions (10) in 1990, Played in Blue-Gray All-Star Game, Played with the Pittsburgh Steelers from 1991-96, Carolina in 1997 and Dallas in 1998, Eight catches for 78 yards in the 1996 Super Bowl for Steelers.

● **WR TRAVIS TAYLOR** – MVP of the 1999 Orange Bowl (159 yards receiving, second-best in UF bowl history, and two TDs), UF's offensive MVP of the 2000 Citrus Bowl, Set UF bowl record for receptions in a game with 11 in 2000 Citrus Bowl, Tied UF bowl record with three TDs vs. Michigan State and his 156 yards receiving was the third-best bowl game performance, First-round selection by Baltimore in 2000 NFL Draft.

### **NFL Players: (round drafted)**

**WR Reidel Anthony** (1st) – Florida '96  
– Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**WR John Capel** (FA) – Florida '99  
– Chicago Bears

**WR Chris Doering** (6th) – Florida '95  
– Jacksonville Jaguars

**WR Tre Everett** (FA) – Florida '92

– New Orleans Saints

**WR Daryl Frazier** (FA) – Florida '93  
– Green Bay Packers

**WR Jacquez Green** (2nd) – Florida '97  
– Tampa Bay Buccaneers

**WR Aubrey Hill** (FA) – Florida '94  
– Indianapolis Colts

**WR Ike Hilliard** (1st) – Florida '96  
– New York Giants

**WR Harrison Houston** (5th) –  
Florida '93 – Atlanta Falcons

**WR Darrell Jackson** (3rd) – Florida '99  
– Seattle Seahawks

**WR Jack Jackson** (4th) – Florida '94  
– Chicago Bears

**WR Willie Jackson** (4th) – Florida '93  
– Dallas Cowboys

**WR Nafis Karim** (FA) – Florida '98  
– New England Patriots

**WR Travis McGriff** (3rd) – Florida '98  
– Denver Broncos

**WR Ernie Mills** (3rd) – Florida '90  
– Pittsburgh Steelers

**WR Travis Taylor** (1st) – Florida '99  
– Baltimore Ravens

**WR Alex Willis** (FA) – Florida '00  
– Tampa Bay Buccaneers

## **Personal Information**

**Birthdate:** August 2, 1962

**Hometown:** Gainesville, Fla.

**Education:** 1985 - B.A. in Criminal Justice from the University of Florida;  
1980 - Alachua Santa Fe High School

**Marital Status:** Married to the former Sandra Barclay

**Children:** Brittany (11), Ian (7)