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Tuesday, August 28 - Ara Parseghian

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Head Coach, University of Notre Dame (1964-1974)
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Ara Parseghian is most famous for his days coaching University of Notre Dame football. He coached from 1964-1974, the years popularly known as the "Era of Ara." While at Notre Dame, Parseghian compiled a record of 95-17-4 and a .836 winning percentage, the highest of any Notre Dame coach in the modern era.

Prior to his years at Notre Dame, Parseghian graduated from Miami University and had a short professional football career with the Cleveland Browns. In 1950 he returned to Miami to coach under the fiery Woody Hayes. When Hayes left, Parseghian was promoted to head coach. He remained with the Red Hawks until 1955, when he left for Northwestern University. Parseghian coached the Wildcats for eight years, from 1956 to 1963. During his tenure there, he managed to beat Notre Dame four consecutive years.

In 1964 Parseghian began his career at the University of Notre Dame. The Irish had not had a winning season since 1958, and Notre Dame fans were hopeful for a modest 6-4 season. Their expectations were far exceeded by a 9-1 season. Parseghian demonstrated an exceptional knack for placing the right players in the right positions. He put little-used John Huarte at quarterback, and he went on to break numerous school records and winning the Heisman Trophy. Ara won two national championships and three bowl games while at Notre Dame. Parseghian retired after the 1974 season.

After coaching, Parseghian went into the private sector. He also served as a color analyst for ABC and CBS Sports. He is currently the National Spokesman for the Ara Parseghian Medical Research Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to finding a cure for Niemann-Pick disease. Parseghian served as one of two honorary coaches in the 2007 Blue-Gold game at Notre Dame, along with Lou Holtz.

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