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More than two decades have come and gone since football coach Paul “Bear” Bryant passed away, but his legend is very much alive among players, fans, and coaches today. His 38 year record speaks volumes: 323 victories, 6 national championships, and 13 Southeastern Conference titles. Beyond his impressive coaching record, this man commanded a huge presence as a symbol of strength and leadership for life. “Sacrifice. Work. Self-discipline. I teach these things, and my boys don’t forget them when they leave,” he declared. (Winters)

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Paul Bryant was born September 11, 1913, in Moro Bottom, Arkansas. His father was a poor farmer, and Paul was the eleventh of twelve children. By the time he was thirteen, he was 6 foot 1 and weighed 180 pounds. His nickname “Bear” was given to him because he wrestled a bear. Bear had never seen a football game when he first played offensive end and defensive lineman as an eighth grader on the high school team. He received a scholarship to Alabama in 1931 and helped Alabama go 23-3-2 by 1935. In 1936 Bryant began his coaching career. His mother wanted him to be a preacher. He told her that coaching was a lot like preaching. (Winters)

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After six years as an assistant coach, first at Alabama and then at Vanderbilt, Bryant served in the Navy during World War II. In true “Bear” style, he refused an order to abandon a damaged ship and saved the lives of his men. After the war, Paul turned teams into winners when he was head coach at Maryland for one year, revived the football program at Kentucky

to a 60-23-5 record in eight seasons, and moved on to Texas A&M. He took them from a 1-9 season to 9-0-1 season two years later.

In 1958 Bryant was asked to return to his alma mater. He said he heard his mother calling and signed a contract to coach the Crimson Tide. He poured himself into players like Pat Trammell, his gutsy quarterback. When Pat received an offer from the NFL, Bryant told him to go to medical school. Trammell followed his advice but passed away at the age of 28. Bryant said this was the saddest day of his life. In the 1960s Coach Bryant put Alabama football on the map with football greats like Joe Namath and Kenny Stabler. He also recruited the first African American players to play for Alabama.

Loyal Alabama fan Kevin Mackenzie remembers the strength of Bryant's character. "Coach Bryant was an extremely humble man. He was quick to credit others when Bama was successful and just as quick to take full responsibility when things did not go in Bama's favor." Mackenzie also admired Bear's strong desire and will to win and saw him as a "master motivator" who expected excellence and got it. (Mackenzie)

Certainly Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant was more than a coach. He was a leader who knew how to mold men into winners, by seeing them as individuals and building them into a team. He summed up coaching by saying that you have to learn how to hold a team together, lift some men up, and calm others down until they share a heartbeat. That's when Coach Bryant said they became a team (Winters).

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