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Monday Morning Quarterback Club Announces the 2023 Nick Saban Legacy Award Recipients

BIRMINGHAM, AL – The Monday Morning Quarterback Club will recognize the 2023 Nick Saban Legacy Award recipients Coach Bill Snyder and the late Coach Vince Dooley on Tuesday, February 7 at Red Mountain Theatre Company. The VIP reception will begin at 4:45 PM, followed by the presentation at 6 PM. Guests of honor are Nick and Terry Saban, and this year’s presentation co-hosts are Lauren Sisler and Rick Neuheisel. Limited tickets are available for purchase.

“It is an honor to have Vince Dooley and Bill Snyder recognized with this year’s Saban Legacy Award. These two men positively affected the lives of countless young men during their decorated coaching careers. They represented college football with tremendous integrity and class and left a legacy that few can match in the history of our profession,” said University of Alabama Head Football Coach Nick Saban.

The Nick Saban Legacy Award (NSLA) is a national award created in 2022 to honor and recognize the lifetime achievement of a college coach and his contributions to the game of football. The inaugural recipients were Coach Steve Spurrier and the late Coach Eddie Robinson. The Quarterbacking Children's Health Foundation has established the award to be named annually in honor of the amazing achievements of Coach Nick Saban. This award celebrates his

contributions to the game of football, his community, and his development of young men and coaches as they further their own careers.

“Birmingham has long been one of America’s great football cities and the MMQBC being the oldest continuing football club in the country since 1939, it is only appropriate that we recognize college football coaches and their contributions to the game, development of players and coaches, as well as their contributions to their respective communities through our Nick Saban Legacy Award. Coach Saban and each honoree embody those characteristics at the highest level. We are so proud to recognize Coach Vince Dooley of Georgia, and Coach Bill Snyder of Kansas State, this year! They join last year’s inaugural recipients, Coach Steve Spurrier and Coach Eddie Robinson,” said Robbie Robertson, Quarterbacking Children’s Health Foundation Trustee and Chairman of the NSLA Committee.

Bios for this year’s honorees:

Coach Bill Snyder

Precise. Intense. Tireless. Accomplished. Dedicated. Caring. 200-Game Winner. Hall of Famer. Kansas State head coach Bill Snyder is all of these and much more. Bill Snyder is a retired college football coach and former player. He served as the head football coach at Kansas State University from 1989 to 2005, and again from 2009 to 2018. Snyder initially retired from the position from 2006 to 2008, before being rehired. Snyder retired for the second time on December 2, 2018. He now serves as special ambassador for the athletics department.

Snyder was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2015 and won several conference and national coach of the year awards. He was the head coach at Kansas State for the program's 300th, 400th, and 500th all-time wins. In recognition of his contributions to the program, the football stadium at Kansas State, Bill Snyder Family Football Stadium, is named in honor of him and his family.

The late Coach Vince Dooley

For 40 years, Vince Dooley had an enduring impact on the University of Georgia, Southeastern Conference and collegiate athletics across the country.

Born into an athletic family in Mobile, Alabama, Dooley accepted a football scholarship to Auburn where he was an all-star football and basketball player. After receiving his bachelor’s degree in 1954 and masters in 1963, he accepted his first coaching job as an assistant with the Tigers - being promoted to head coach

at the end of the 1963 season. Following one season at Auburn, Dooley took the helm at Georgia and found a permanent home. In 25 seasons, he won 201 games, six SEC titles and a national championship in 1980. For his legendary career, Dooley was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1994.

In 1979, Dooley accepted the dual role as head coach and director of athletics for the Bulldogs. During his tenure Georgia athletics has seen unprecedented success. Under his watch, Georgia teams have won 18 national championships, including an amazing four in the 1998-99 academic year. Georgia teams have also won 74 SEC team championships and numerous individual national titles in both men's and women's sports.

This year's Nick Saban Legacy Award event will be produced and aired by WBRC FOX 6. The sponsors are Alabama Power, Medical Properties Trust, Stivers Ford Birmingham and Birmingham Monday Morning Quarterback Club.

Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/3HsUn9t>. Enter passcode: Legacy. Ticket options include: VIP \$200*, Gold \$100* and Silver \$50 (*VIP & Gold level include entry to VIP Reception). For more info visit, nicksabanlegacyaward.org.

The Monday Morning Quarterback Club, one of the largest philanthropic organizations in the state, champions the causes of children all over Alabama who have medical needs. Out of the thousands of football clubs in the United States, the Birmingham-based group is believed to be the only one with a primary mission of giving money to organizations that help children. In 2011, through the hard work of its members, the Club was able to pledge \$8 million to Children's of Alabama alone. That donation, at the time, was the largest single gift ever given to Children's of Alabama.

About the Monday Morning Quarterback Club: The Monday Morning Quarterback Club of Birmingham was established in 1939 by Sports Editor of the Birmingham News, Zipp Newman. Zipp's vision for the club was to express fellowship among fellow football lovers. At the time of the club's creation, polio was the number one medical concern facing the nation, so the club and others in the community, raised over three million dollars to build the Crippled Children's Clinic. When the Crippled Children's Clinic was sold to UAB, the Crippled Children's Foundation was formed from the proceeds of the sale, which continued the club's passion and activism for fundraising. In 2020, the Crippled Children's Foundation was renamed the Quarterbacking Children's Health Foundation to become more inclusive and reflect the broader scope of giving. Since its inception, the club's lifetime giving has exceeded \$33 million to children's health-related charities. For more information is available at www.mmqbc.org.

