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Tippy Dye was the quarterback from 1934, the year that Head Coach Francis Schmidt originated the 'Gold Pants' for beating Michigan, through 1936. The Buckeyes defeated TSUN each of those years. The feat of winning three games as the QB against TSUN has not yet been duplicated, although Troy Smith has an opportunity to match that accomplishment in 2006.

Dye also played baseball and basketball (team captain) at tOSU, and later was Ohio State's head basketball coach from 1947 to 1950.

**William Henry Harrison "Tippy" Dye** is a noted former college [athlete](#), [coach](#), and [athletic director](#) in the [United States](#). As a [basketball head coach](#), Dye led the [University of Washington](#) to their only [NCAA Final Four](#) appearance. As an athletic director, Dye helped build the [University of Nebraska football](#) dynasty.

Dye entered the [Ohio State University](#) in 1933 and became a star three-sport athlete. He earned three [varsity letters](#) as a [football quarterback](#) in 1934, 1935 and 1936. His team finished those seasons with records of 7-1, 7-1, and 5-3, respectively. Dye also played guard on the school's basketball team, lettering in 1935, 1936 and 1937. He was an All-Conference selection in the [Big Ten](#) in 1936 and 1937. In 1937 he was also the team's captain. Dye lettered in baseball in 1935 and 1936.

After graduation, Dye entered coaching. He was the basketball [head coach](#) of the [Ohio State University](#) from 1947 to 1950. In 1950 Ohio State won the [Big Ten Conference](#) title and finished in the [Elite Eight](#) of the [NCAA basketball tournament](#). Dye then moved on to the [University of Washington](#), where he served as the basketball [head coach](#) from 1951 to 1959. Washington won three consecutive [Pacific Coast Conference](#) titles (1951-53), and in 1953 went to the NCAA [Final Four](#). Dye's 156-91 record in [Washington](#) ranks him as the third winningest coach in the school's basketball history, behind [Hall of Fame](#) coaches [Hec Edmundson](#) and [Marv Harshman](#).

Dye was hired as the athletic director at the [University of Nebraska](#) in 1962. Prior to hiring Dye, the [University of Nebraska football](#) team had an all-time winning percentage of less than 62%. Since 1962 (ending 2005) the [University of Nebraska football](#) winning percentage is just over 81%, which is by far the highest winning percentage in that period in the nation.

Dye was named after former [United States President William Henry Harrison](#). Harrison used the campaign nickname of [Tippecanoe](#), which led in turn to Dye's nickname of Tippy.

