



Ken Hatfield

Air Force Football

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Ken Hatfield, a native of Helena, Arkansas, rebuilt an Air Force football program between 1979-1983 that set the stage for success at the Academy in years to follow. His last two Falcon teams went 8-5 and 10-2, and the 1983 team was nationally ranked at #13 in the Coaches Poll after beating Ole Miss, 9-3, in the Independence Bowl behind quarterback Marty Louthan and crew. He moved on to Arkansas, his alma mater, after that season, turning the reins at AFA over to his offensive coordinator, Fisher DeBerry. His Razorback teams went 55-17-



1 from 1984-1989 and won SWC crowns in 1988 and 1989. Hatfield left Arkansas for Clemson in 1990, where he ran up a 32-13-1 record and an AAC title in 1991 for the Tigers. Hatfield concluded his college coaching career at Rice, where he led the Owls for 12 years. He was a star defensive back for Arkansas as a collegian and a member of the 1964 NCAA National Championship team under coach Frank Broyles. His 1983 Air Force team was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame in the Class of 2006.