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Lee Corso

Travels from: Florida

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Lee Corso, one of college football's most knowledgeable, opinionated and entertaining analysts, is a key member of ESPN's college football team. Corso serves as game analyst for GameDay and the halftime and scoreboard shows. He joined the network after 28 years as a coach at the college and professional levels, including 17 seasons as a head coach.

Corso was head coach at Louisville from 1969-72, and led the Cardinals to two Missouri Valley Conference titles and their first bowl game ever, the 1970 Pasadena Bowl. He then moved to Indiana in 1972 where he spent 10 seasons as the head coach of the Hoosiers, leading the school to their first bowl victory in 75 years, a 38-37 decision over previously unbeaten Brigham Young in the 1979 Holiday Bowl. He coached Northern Illinois in 1984 before taking over the reins of the Orlando Renegades of the United States Football League in 1985 for one season. He began his coaching career as an assistant coach for 11 seasons (1958-68) at Florida State, Maryland and Navy. In addition, from January to July 1991, Corso served as General Manager of the World League's Orlando Thunder.

Corso began his television career serving as an analyst on bowl games for Mizlou (1979-82) and USFL games for ABC (1983). He debuted on ESPN in 1987 as a game analyst, calling one season of Arena Football and two seasons of college football. In 1989, he moved to the studio, and Corso's seasoned presence and insightful analysis on College GameDay have helped the show earn a huge following as the most comprehensive and entertaining college football pre-game television program. The in-season Saturday morning show received nominations for Sports Emmys in 2000 and 2003 and for CableACE awards in '94, '95 and '97.

As College GameDay's national appeal has grown, Corso's opinions and analysis have become one of the most anticipated in sports television. In 2001, *Sporting News* magazine selected Corso as the 17th most influential person in college football. The magazine in January 2004 ranked Corso and fellow GameDay hosts as 2003's "Most Powerful Media Personalities in Sports." With his unique combination of daring predictions, self-deprecating humor and penchant for wild hats (or the headpiece of a team mascot), Lee has become a cult figure among college students. His "Not so fast my friend," spoken as he begins to counter the prediction given by Herbstreit, has become his trademark catchphrase.

Corso, whose college roommate was actor Burt Reynolds, received four varsity letters in both football and baseball at Florida State. He is a member of the Hall of Fame at Florida State and University of Louisville. In June 2003, Corso was inducted into the state of Florida Sports Hall of Fame in St. Petersburg. A graduate of Florida State University, Corso earned a bachelor of arts degree in physical education and a master's degree in administration and supervision. Corso is Director of Business Development for Dixon Ticonderoga, an international diversified manufacturer and marketer of writing and arts products. Lee also serves as honorary chairman of Coaches Curing Kids' Cancer, a charity that raises money for pediatric cancer research through youth sports teams.