



Brian Tompkins, who enters his 11th year at the helm of the Yale soccer program, has firmly established the Bulldogs as one of the most successful programs in the Northeast. His record at Yale is 95-64-13 (.590), including 38-26-6 (.586) in Ivy League play. No coach in Yale's long history has won as many games in his first 10 years. In eight of his 10 years, the Bulldogs have had a winning record in Ivy play.

In 2005, Tompkins guided Yale to its first Ivy League title since 1991. The Bulldogs finished with a 10-4-4 overall record, were 5-1-1 in Ivy play and advanced to the NCAA College Cup for the sixth time in school history. In 1999, Tompkins led the Bulldogs to a school-record 13 wins, an appearance in the College Cup and a final national ranking of 18th. In 1998, Tompkins led Yale to a 5-2 record in the Ivy League and a second-place finish. Yale won 11 games in 1997 and the team was in the hunt for the Ivy title until the final game of the regular season. In his rookie season, the Bulldogs won 10 games, five more than the previous season.

Eight of Tompkins' players at Yale have gone on to play professionally, including Brian Roberts '04, who currently is playing for the Kansas City Wizards. Roberts became the first Yale player to start a Major League Soccer game when he played 79 minutes against Real Salt Lake in July of 2005. Ryan Raybould, Yale's 2004 captain, also is a member of the Wizards. Brian Lavin '01, a three-time first team All-Ivy selection, was picked by the Wizards in the fifth round of the Major League Soccer SuperDraft in 2002. Jay Alberts was chosen in the fourth round of 2004 draft by the Wizards and spent the 2004 and 2005 seasons with the A-League Minnesota Thunder. He is currently with the Vancouver Whitecaps of the A-League. Matt Schmidt '01 played with Alberts with the Thunder and remains with the team. Schmidt also plays for the Milwaukee Wave of the Major Indoor Soccer League and was an all-star in 2006.

In addition, Jac Gould earned Ivy League Player of the Year honors under Tompkins' tutelage in 1998, and Alberts was named the league's Rookie of the Year in 1999.

Tompkins' success at Yale shouldn't come as a surprise. Prior to arriving in New Haven he built the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee into a national soccer power. In seven seasons at UWM he compiled an overall record of 90-41-11, including six winning seasons. He led the Panthers to an NCAA Tournament appearance (1990), a Mid-Continent Conference title (1993) and a Big Central Soccer Conference crown (1990). His teams were ranked in the top 25 in four of his last six years.

In 1995 he was presented with a Meritorious Service Award from the Wisconsin Soccer Association Hall of Fame and a Special Achievement Award from the UWM Athletic Hall of Fame.

A native of London, England, Tompkins first came to the United States in 1980 as a part of a summer exchange program working with inner-city children. He returned for the next few summers and eventually became an assistant boys' soccer coach at Homestead High School in Mequon, Wis., under former U.S. national and current Kansas City Wizards' coach Bob Gansler. He joined Gansler at UWM as a volunteer assistant coach in 1985 and was named UWM's women's coach in 1987. His 1988 women's team earned the school's first national ranking with a 10-7-0 overall record. In 1989 Tompkins succeeded Gansler as men's head coach.

Tompkins' interest in soccer has extended to the club level as well. He was the head coach of the Bavarian Soccer Club's first team and led the squad to the finals of the National Open Championship in 1994. In addition, he has coached many youth teams for the Bavarians and was a Wisconsin Olympic Development Select Team coach for the 1986 and 1987 boys' teams and the 1988 girls' team. He also was a member of the Midwest ODP staff and was director of the Panther Soccer Camps as well as working on the Olympic Development Region I staff.

Tompkins, a 1979 graduate of Bingley College in England with a degree in education, has been active in numerous charitable organizations. He organized and ran a soccer/reading camp for underprivileged children, volunteered for the Midwest Athletes Against Childhood Cancer Fund and, along with players, worked at Camp Heartland, a camp for children suffering from AIDS in Wisconsin.

Tompkins and his wife, Kristin, reside in Milford and have one child, Ava. Tompkins also has an older daughter, Hayley.