

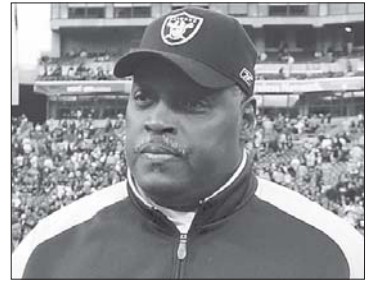
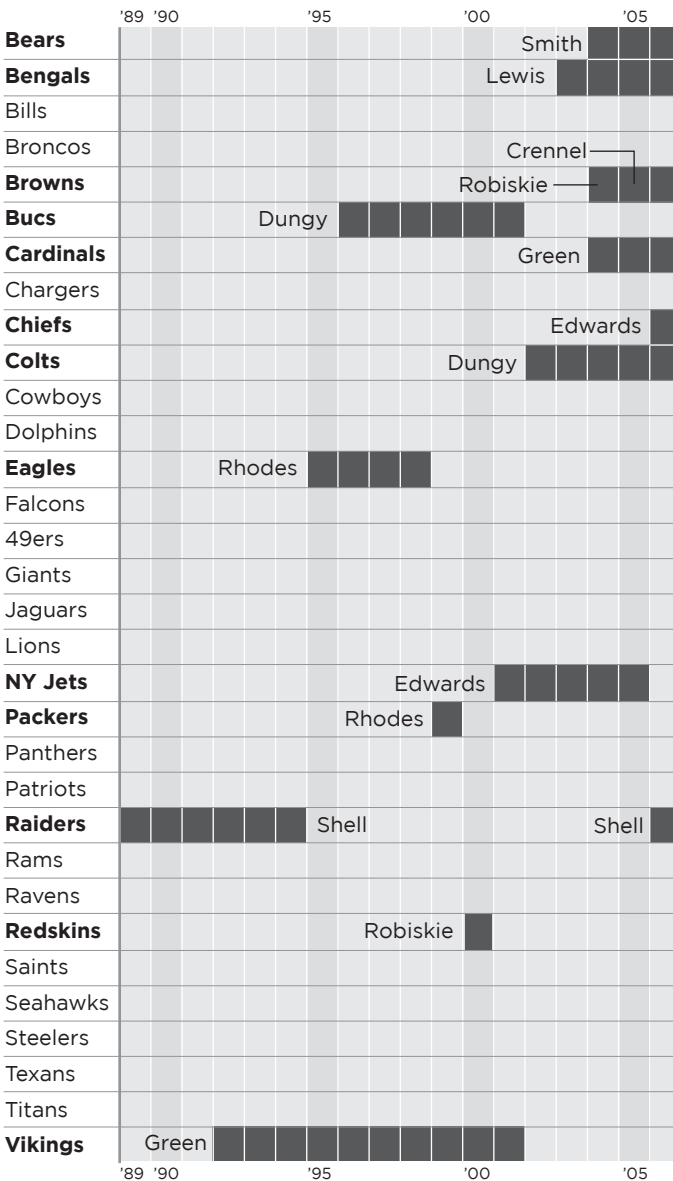
NFL BLACK HEAD COACHES GRADUALLY MAKING STRIDES

Since the Super Bowl's inception, only 14 NFL franchises have hired a black head coach. The Raiders made Art Shell the first in 1989, 22 years after the first Super Bowl. In 2006, the league had seven black head coaches, an all-time high. However, the percentage of blacks in the management positions was disproportionate to the number of players in the league. A look at the history of black head coaches in the Super Bowl era:

BLACK COACHES IN THE NFL (win-loss record)

- Romeo Crennel (10-22)
- Tony Dungy (114-62)
- Herman Edwards (48-48)
- Dennis Green (113-94)
- Marvin Lewis (35-29)
- Ray Rhodes (37-42-1)
- Terry Robiskie (2-6)
- Lovie Smith (29-19)

TEAMS WHERE THEY WORKED



Art Shell won 56 of his 108 games in two coaching stints with the Raiders.

BLACK REPRESENTATION

The percentage of blacks in the NFL at the start of the 2006 season:

Majority owners

0% black

CEO/presidents

0% black

Vice presidents

10% black

General managers

16% black

Head coaches

22% black

Assistant coaches

32% black

Players

65% black

NOTES: The Pittsburgh Steelers last week hired a black head coach (Mike Tomlin).

The first black head coach in pro football was Fritz Pollard (Akron, 1921).