

1971 Wasson High School Football Team

The first Colorado Springs football team to win a state title since 1956, the 1971 T-Birds, coached by Dick Westbay, won all but one game during the regular season. After capturing the South Central League crown and bulldozing their way through quarter and semi finals, the State Championship was a dream-game scenario that matched Wasson up with the one team to which they had lost all season: Denver George Washington.

By all accounts, the State Championship victory came down to one play – one perfectly executed play: With 1:54 left in the game, Wasson quarterback Tony Grantz broke down the left sideline for a 54-yard touchdown run out of a third-and-13 situation. The T-Birds clinched the title with a score of 21-19.