

Jerry Carle, Colorado College Football

During a remarkable 33-year tenure as head football coach of the CC Tigers, Jerry Carle chalked up a 137-150-5 mark and saved football from extinction on the campus in 1960. His most memorable span was the period 1971-76, when he utilized the old-school single wing offense and ran up a 46-7-2 record and took his 1975 team to the NCAA Division III playoffs, losing to Millsaps, 28-21. He coached Tiger gridiron greats like All-Americans Don Soukup, Ed Smith, Daryl Crawford, Terry Hoadley, Ray Bridges, and Scott Robertson, and CC Hall of Famer and NFL Films mogul Steve Sabol. Carle also served as the Director of Athletics at CC from 1957-1982, coached golf and basketball on occasion, and retired in 1990. Counting his time as an assistant coach, 1948-51, and with a timeout for Marine Corps service, he was part of the Tiger sports scene for parts of five decades. The 1948 Northwestern University graduate and native of North St. Paul, Minnesota, is still the winningest coach in Tiger football history. He was inducted into the CC Athletic Hall of Fame in 1996. During his playing days at Northwestern, he was a blocking back for the immortal Otto Graham. He had originally enrolled at Minnesota, and played for Gopher head coach and legend Bernie Bierman and famed assistants Bud Wilkinson (Oklahoma) and Dal Ward (Colorado) Carle was named to membership in the St. Paul Oldtimers Football Hall of Fame in 2002 and received his high school's Distinguished Alumni Award.