

2000 Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame Class of Inductees

Gib Funk

A legendary coach and teacher whose impact on high school athletics was felt throughout the state of Colorado, Gib Funk coached football, baseball and wrestling at Colorado Springs High School from 1946-57 before becoming the first football coach at Wasson High School when the school opened in 1957. During a career that spanned almost two decades, Funk never suffered a losing season in any of the three sports he coached, and captured a state championship in each.

In 1952, Funk led Colorado Springs High School to the state championship in wrestling, followed by a state title in baseball in 1955. In 1956, he guided what many consider to be the finest football team ever to come from the city of Colorado Springs to the state championship with an 11-1 record.

From 1974-82, Funk served as athletic director of Colorado Springs School District 11, and was president of the Colorado High School Activities Association from 1981-82. He was inducted into the Colorado High School Hall of Fame in 1991.

Funk, who was instrumental in the careers of other successful coaches such as Tom Falgien, Jim Hartman, Ron Nighswonger and Dick Westbay, passed away in 1992 at the age of 74.