



COLORADO SPRINGS

Jim Hartman

High School Coaching Legend

Inducted November 10, 2009

Jim Hartman is one of the most revered high school football coaches in Colorado history, an iconic figure whose sideline career spanned parts of five decades and produced a final tally of 211-101-4 and three state championships. It began for the 1951 Colorado Springs High (now Palmer High) and 1955 Colorado A&M (now Colorado State University) graduate when he landed a gymnastics coaching and teaching job at Colorado Springs High School, fresh out of the U.S. Air Force and serving as a pilot in the Korean conflict. He later coached at Wasson, and left to become the head football coach in 1965 at Mitchell High, beginning a storied 18-year run at the school that produced three state football championships. His programs garnered intense recruiting attention by scores of NCAA Division I football coaches and produced All-Americans Terry Miller (Oklahoma State), Cullen Bryant (Colorado) and Jeff Sapp (Navy), among his many standouts. He moved to Widefield High in 1985, winning four league titles and grabbing four state playoff berths, then finished his stellar service at Doherty High as head coach for four seasons, with a pair of playoff berths. He was named the state's prep football coach of the year four times and to the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1997.