

JACK COLLINS



Jack and Doris Rae Collins moved to Cashmere in the fall of 1958. Jack intended to teach and coach here for a couple of years and then move. He never dreamed of spending his 31-year career here, but what a career it was:

Team

186 Wins, 48 Losses, 4 Ties (Most wins in Cashmere Football History)

6 League Titles

10 Playoff Appearances -- 1973, 1975, 1980-1987

5 Semi Finals – 1980, 1981, 1982, 1984, 1985

2 State Championship Appearances – 1984, 1985

1 State Championship – 1984

Individual

.787 Winning Percentage is in the top 25 of Washington State Coaches

6 Times League Coach of the Year

1982 – Washington State Football Coach of the Year

1983 – Washington State and District 7 Coach of the Year

1983 – Head Coach: All State Football Game

1984 – North Central Washington Rotary Coach of the Year

1984 – Pacific Northwest Football Coach of the Year – National Finalist

1987 – Inducted into Washington State Football Coaches Hall of Fame

Though football was his passion, “Mr. Collins” also assisted with the development of the high school track program in the 1960s and 1970s. To help pay for the “New Football Stadium” built in 1972, he served as the meet director for the State A Track/Field Championships held in Cashmere in 1973, 1974 and 1975.

As Athletic Director during the 1970’s, Coach was responsible for the implementation of Title IX, which gave female athletes the same access to athletic facilities and competition as boys. Under his direction, girls’ sports became an integral part of the total athletic program in the Cashmere School District. He was honored for this work by the Washington Secondary Schools Athletic Administrators Association in 1988.

Coach Collins will be forever remembered by his players and his students as a man of discipline who held them all to the highest of standards and inspired them to work hard and do their best, on the football field and in life.

Although he is primarily remembered for his accomplishments as a football coach, Jack is considered by many to be the father of modern-day Cashmere athletics. He not only set the bar for other coaches to follow, the district’s athletic code and the philosophy of hard work and discipline are the foundations still found today on our fields and courts and in our classrooms.