

Jack Stephenson

Midland High School 1979-2006

After graduating from Sul Ross State University in 1962 with a Masters' Degree in School Administration, Jack began his teaching and coaching career at Cowden Junior High School, the following year moved to Alamo Junior High School. In 1969, he moved to Lee High School where he served as an assistant football and basketball coach for eight years. Jack left Midland in 1976 to become the head basketball coach at Snyder High School where he compiled a 64-37 record including a district championship. Jack returned to Midland as the head basketball coach at Midland High School in 1979, where he remained for the next 27 years. During his years as head basketball coach at Midland High School, his teams won 611 games while losing 262. In 1994, Jack made his first trip to the "Final Four" in Austin where Midland High School was defeated by Houston Willowridge. Four years later, Midland High returned to the "Final Four," and won the Texas 5A State Championship by defeating San Antonio Taft 63-51. During Jack's reign as head coach at Midland High School, his teams won seven district championships, four area championships, two regional championships and one state championship. In 19 of his seasons at Midland High, Jack's Bulldogs achieved 20 or more victories and one time posted 41 straight district wins. In Jack's 43 years of coaching basketball, he had only one losing season. Jack holds a varsity career record of 675 wins and 299 losses and an overall basketball coaching record of 885 wins and 402 losses.

Honors

Jack was voted District Coach of the Year, Permian Basin Coach of the Year, and Concho Valley Coach of the Year. Jack also coached the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches' All-Star team in 1998. He was chosen as the Texas Sports' Writers Association Class 5A Boys' Basketball Coach of the Year for the 1997-98 season. When he retired in 2006, he ranked 9th in number of wins for Texas 5A basketball and 22nd overall for most wins in Texas. No 5A high school basketball coach in Texas had more wins with fewer years coached at that time than Coach Stephenson.

