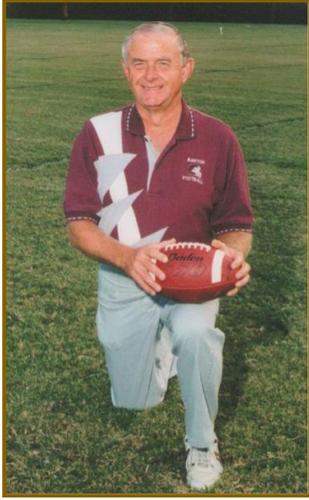


Spotlight: Coach Frank McClellan



Frank McClellan became the head football coach at Barton High School (Phillips County, Arkansas) in 1970, and as the old saying goes, the rest is history.

McClellan won more football games than any other Arkansas football coach to date. At one time, his teams had 111 consecutive regular season wins. Barton won 8 state championships under his leadership. McClellan is a member of the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame.

He cared about his players and was a great inspiration to them on and off the field.

Mr. McClellan ranks 7th among coaches with a career record of 345-66-4 as a coach in Mississippi and Arkansas. For almost 32 years he guided the Barton Bears to 18 victories and eight state championships, while competing in Class A and AA. The Bears have appeared in the state playoffs in 24 of those 31 years.

There is little doubt that Coach McClellan is a coaching legend – a legend virtually hammered out on the football field – now known as “Frank McClellan Field” at Barton. To say Coach McClellan was one of the best coaches in Arkansas is a severe understatement. He is one of the best at what he does in the nation. At one time, Barton held the national record for the most regular season wins (111). Coach McClellan’s teams have won eight state championships, and he holds the Arkansas record for the most consecutive victories.

In recognition of his accomplishments, Coach McClellan has been inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame and the National High School Hall of Fame. According to Ron Kirkland, Superintendent of Barton-Lexa Schools in Arkansas, “Those who played for him learned to play the game the way it was supposed to be played. But more importantly, they learned to be better people.” Coach McClellan truly is the type of person that the Sports Hall of Fame was designed to honor. In addition to these honors, ESPN, who features top high school football programs in the country, spotlighted Coach McClellan’s traditional football program in 2004 in their weekly feature *Timeless*.