



Harley Doggett 1938-2014

Harley Doggett was born near Temple TX in Bell County, July 20, 1938 and lived in that area all his life except his college years at Tarleton and A&M. Although he was a Vocational Agriculture/Biology major, he never was employed as such and began his teaching career in Troy TX in 1963, teaching a variety of subjects and driving the bus twice a day and for basketball games. Gradually he became a junior high coach, then JV, and finally the Troy girls basketball varsity coach in 1968.

He moved to Rogers High School in 1969 where he amassed 837 varsity wins and 356 losses until his retirement in 2005. Totals for junior high, JV, and varsity/JV/JH games combined was 2,237-829 with his most wins in 1978-79 with a win loss record of 90-16.

He coached his teams to the playoffs 24 of his 38 years, was at the regional tournament 7 times and the state tournament 4 times, making it to the finals in 1986. District championships numbered 19.

Coach Doggett led 18 undefeated junior high teams in his career, had 6 girls playing in a THSGCA All-Star Game, 3 girls in the TABC All-Star Game, and coached the All-Star Game 4 times. He was a member of the All-Star Selection Committee, had 6 girls in the THSGCA All-Star track team along with 10 in the All-State Academic Team. He was elected Coach of the Year in 1975, 1986, 1992, 1993 and 2000.

Never playing a day of varsity ball himself, Coach Doggett built his strategies from notes and information gathered at his annual trips to the Girls Coaching Clinic. At one time, he counted 14 ex-players who followed in his footsteps in coaching. Known for his gruffless and humble spirit, he was never one to enjoy personal praise, publicity, and attention. He only wanted it for his girls.