



2007/08 Hall of Fame Inductee

Jerry Franks

Huntingtown High



Jerry has been coaching in the State of Maryland for the past 40 years. His unique ability to take a struggling losing football program and build it into a successful winning team has become his signature trademark.

His first head coaching job was at DeMatha Catholic High School from 1972 to 1981. During these years his teams won 66 games and lost 33 while rebuilding the football program into one of the best in the area.

In 1982, Jerry went to the U.S. Naval Academy to coach the quarterbacks and receivers. During his 6 year tenure at the Academy, they set 28 passing and receiving records. He also served as the recruiting coordinator, computerized the entire recruiting program and organized a national alumni recruiting network.

Jerry returned to high school in 1988 as the head coach at Northern High. He took a school that had only one winning season in their 15 year history and made the state semi-finals the first year with a record of 9 - 3. This was the first time a Calvert County football team had ever made the playoffs. During his 4 year stay, Northern made 3 trips to the state semi-finals, won 2 conference and 3 regional titles, had a 24 game regular season winning streak and compiled an overall record of 37-9.

He has been an active member in the Maryland Football Coaches Association, serving as the Director of the Chesapeake Football Classic, (an all star football game between Maryland and Virginia, from 1992- 1997), the director of the high school film festival 1990 to 1995 and Head Coach of the Big "33" Game in 1992.

From 1997- 2000 Jerry was the head football coach at Calvert High School. He took a school that had 4 winning seasons in the previous 34 year history and won the 3A State title in the fourth year. They were 29 - 14 during this 4 year period.

Jerry returned to the college ranks in 2001 as the offensive coordinator and quarterback coach at the University of Connecticut.

In 2004, he started a new high school football program when Calvert County opened Huntingtown High. Over the past four years, he has developed this team into a winning program and has already taken them into the state playoffs.

Throughout his career, his teams have won several conference, regional and state titles while being ranked in The Washington Posts Top 20 numerous times. He has been recognized as conference, county, regional, Southern Maryland, State and the Washington Post All Met Coach of the Year multiple years.

Jerry has been instrumental in helping promote and develop high school football in the state of Maryland. He started freshman football, contact football camps and 7 on 7 Leagues in Calvert County. He regularly speaks at local, national and university clinics, youth athletic banquets and he is currently the Director of the Southern Maryland Youth Football Coaches Clinic which is free to all youth coaches.

Jerry and his wife, Lois, of 40 years have two daughters, Tracy and Kelley, three granddaughters, Kayla, Marina & Rachel and one grandson, Jeremy.