



RICHARD COTTON
INDUCTED IN 1992
(Plaque #97)

RICHARD BEGAN HIS COACHING CAREER IN 1956 AND COACHED AT THE FOLLOWING SCHOOLS:

1956 - 1960 UPLAND, NEBRASKA
1960 - 1962 NAPONNE, NEBRASKA
1962 - 1964 MORTON, WYOMING
1964 - 1965 ST. STEPHENS, WYOMING
1965 - 1970 MOUNTAIN VIEW, WYOMING
1970 - 1978 SYRACUSE, KANSAS
1978 - 1979 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS
1979 - 1984 SMITH CENTER, KANSAS
1984 - 1992 ST. STEPHENS, WYOMING

ON THE DATE OF HIS INDUCTION HE WAS STILL COACHING AND HIS CAREER ENCOMPASSED 28 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE.

NOTED FOR HIS SUCCESS IN BASKETBALL, RICHARD HAD AN OVERALL RECORD OF 403 WINS AND 248 LOSSES, INCLUDING 9 DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIPS, 3 REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, AND 2 STATE RUNNER-UP TEAMS.

DURING HIS COACHING CAREER, RICHARD ACHIEVED THE FOLLOWING:

- **WYOMING COACHES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE YEAR FOR ALL CLASSES.**
- **1 STATE CHAMPIONSHIP AND 5 CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS IN CROSS COUNTRY.**
- **1 STATE RUNNER-UP TITLE IN BOTH TRACK AND FOOTBALL.**
- **NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC COACHES ASSOCIATION CROSS COUNTRY COACH OF THE YEAR FOR WYOMING - 1989 & 1992.**
- **COACH COTTON WAS A PART OF A CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIP WHILE COACHING AT ST. STEPHENS IN 1988.**
- **HE ALSO COACHED A CONFERENCE AND STATE RUNNER-UP WHILE COACHING AT SHOSHONI IN 1997.**

WYOMING COACHES ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBER.