

Tim Rimpfel

Tim was born and raised in Steelton, PA. He graduated in 1965 from Bishop McDevitt High School in Harrisburg where he played for the legendary Tony Cernugal, who was one of the first coaches inducted in the PSFCA Hall of Fame. Tim graduated from West Chester University in 1969 with a B.S. degree in secondary education-geography. He later received his M.S. degree in comprehensive Social Studies at Shippensburg University. He began his coaching career in 1969 at Trinity High School in Shiremanstown where he was assistant varsity coach and head JV coach to Larry Bekelja. He later became 1st assistant coach to Bill Downs for 5 years. In 1977 Tim took over as head coach at Trinity. He is very proud of his years at Trinity, at the time a single A school that played mostly all Triple and Quad A teams. The players played hard and never quit. In 1981, after one year as Athletic Director at Trinity, Tim became the head coach at his alma mater, Bishop McDevitt. After 7 years at McDevitt, Tim left with 2 league championships, 2 District Championships and an overall record of 55-24-2. Four players played in the Big 33 Game and 8 players received Division I or IAA scholarships. His most famous team was the 1985 squad which won the District and had three major college running backs in the same backfield -- Jim Bryant-Ohio State, Sean Barowski -- Penn State, and Ricky Watters -- Notre Dame. In 1988 Tim moved to Cumberland Valley High School and coached for one year as an assistant to the venerable Harry Chapman. In 1989, he assumed the position of Head Coach at CV. After 20 seasons, Tim has a record of 196-46-1. His teams at CV have won 9 District 3 Championships including 4 in a row in the early 1990s. The 1992 team which featured Jon Ritchie concluded a perfect season by defeating Western power Upper St. Clair for the Quad A State Championship. Tim would like to thank all of the coaches on his staff for putting in years of unselfish time, sweat and effort for the good of the players. He would also like to thank his players who made his 40 years of coaching truly a pleasure. Finally, he would like to thank his most important people in his life, his wife Liz and his two daughters, Callie and Katie for putting up with the long seasons, the off season commitments and the different moods a coach goes through. To those responsible for his selection to the PSFCA Hall of Fame, especially Gump May and Mike Craig, he is most thankful.