



#### ROGER BARTA – SMITH CENTER

Roger Barta, a native of Plainville, Kansas, and a 1967 graduate from Fort Hays State University, built one of the greatest high school football dynasties in the state's history. As the head football coach of Smith Center High School from 1978 to 2013, Barta compiled a career record of 323 wins and 68 losses. During that span, the Redmen won eight state championships. Barta holds state records for career coaching win percentage, all-time undefeated seasons with seven, consecutive undefeated seasons with five, and consecutive wins with a streak of 79 straight victories from 2004 to 2009. Barta and his 2009 Smith Center team were the focal point of the book *Our Boys: A Perfect Season on the Plains with the Smith Center Redmen* by New York Times writer Joe Drape. Barta coached numerous collegiate athletes, including 2011 Kansas Sports Hall of Fame inductee Mark Simoneau.