



Coach Friend and Coach Jay Frazier

Here is some personal history on coach. He was born in the late thirties in S.W. Kansas and went to High School at Burdett Kansas where he excelled in all three sports, football, basketball and track. He then went to Dodge City Junior College where he again starred in those three sports. From there he went to Northwestern Oklahoma State College in Alva where he played football and ran track. After his college career ended he went to Cherokee, OK where he coached lady's basketball for one season.

The next year he was the Junior High football coach in Cimarron, KS. The next year he became the High School football coach helping Cimarron achieve it's first winning season in some years.

After six years at Cimarron Coach moved to Hayesville where he was the assistant football coach and head track coach.

After a year at Campus High in Haysville as overall PE coordinator, coach took over the coaching job at Plainville, KS where in his twenty year stint as head coach took the Cardinals to two state championships along with many winning seasons.

He later coached four years at Stanton County High School in Johnson, KS and now resides with his wife Joan in Syracuse, KS where Joan is an administrator at the high school and Coach enjoys his retirement with Golf, keeping in touch with friends, former coaches and players as well as other activities.

Larry Friend, a native of Burdett, was inducted into the Kansas High School State Activities Association Hall of Fame at a banquet in his honor at Hays on January 24, 2004. A star athlete in high school and college, he lived his dream of coaching other athletes; and

Friend was an outstanding athlete at Burdett High School. Fifty years ago, on March 20, 1954, the Burdett High School Tigers, coached by Jay Frazier, won the Class BB State Basketball Championship at Great Bend with a victory over Plevna High School of 55 to 47, and Larry Friend, at 5'7" and 155 pounds was named the most valuable player. Playing football in college, he was a Conference 1st Team Running Back, All-American Halfback, and All Conference Defensive Back. In track, Friend excelled and set records in the 100 yard (9.4) and 220 yard (20.6) dashes; and

In 35 years of coaching, Larry Friend made an impact on several Kansas High School athletic programs. In the 1960's, he guided Cimarron High School football

team to an amazing 30 game winning streak with an overall record of 46-7-1. He also coached track at Cimarron, leading the Blue Jays to a Class B State Track title in 1966; and In 1968, Friend began a twenty-year stellar coaching career at Plainville High School, guiding the football team to six Mid Continent League titles, six District Championships, five Bi-District titles, Regional and Sub-State Championships on the way to winning Class 3A State Football titles in 1980 and again in 1985. At the close of his coaching career, he had compiled an overall football record of 214-95-1; and Along with his coaching duties, Friend also officiated basketball and was selected to call several state tournaments. He served as the president of the Kansas Coaches Association, was a KSHSAA Coaching School clinician and a Shrine Bowl Coach. He was recognized by the Salina Journal and the Hays Daily News as Area Coach of the Year.