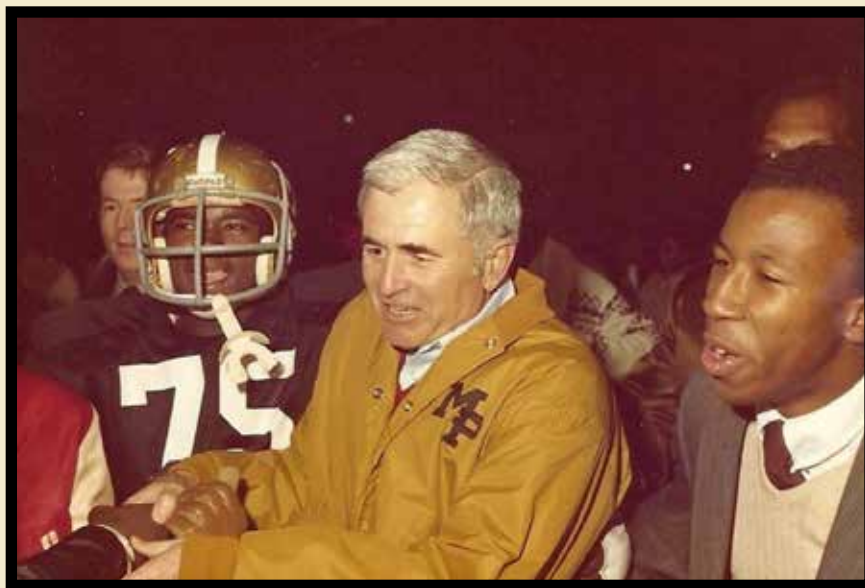


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Forsyth-Monroe County Sports Hall of Fame

Dan Pitts



Beginning his one and only head coaching assignment in August 1959, Dan Pitts led Mary Persons High School football through the 1997 season, and at his retirement was the winningest high school coach in Georgia history. Over the course of his career, from 1963 through 1997, the Bulldogs had only one losing season (in 1965). During the Pitts era, the Coach posted a 303-83-4 regular season record, and a 43-26-0 post-season record, a grand total of 346 wins, 109 losses, and 4 ties. The 1974, 1979, 1980, 1983, and 1994 teams were 10-0 in the regular season, and in twelve seasons the Bulldogs finished the regular season 9-1-0. The 1979 team was 13-0 before losing a heartbreaker in Forsyth to Pitts' hometown Lincoln County to finish 13-1-0, but the next year led by Alvin Toles (who played collegiately at Tennessee and was a first round draft choice of the New Orleans Saints) went 15-0-0 winning the State Championship. The 1982 Bulldogs finished 11-4-0, losing the State Championship game to West Rome; the 1984 Bulldogs also finished 11-4-0 losing the State Championship to West Rome; and the 1993 team finished 13-2-0 losing the State Championship game to Greene County. The first win for Coach Pitts was on October 16, 1959, a 33-21 victory over Henry County, and the last win came in the AA Play-offs on November 28, 1997 in a 42-21 win over Americus. Pitts was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1995, the National High School Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, and has received numerous other honors, Coach of the Year awards, and Resolutions from the Georgia Legislature.

