

## **Perry High School Basketball**

### **Coaches, 1919 through 1969 and Trophies, 1927-1969**

#### **Coach Jim Gooden (1919-1936):**

- Principal of Perry Schools: 1919-1920
- Superintendent of Perry Consolidated Schools: 1920-1936
- Basketball teams played on an outdoor court from 1919 until a new gym opened for the 1926/27 season.
- Seven district titles: 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932 and 1933.

#### **Coach Eric Staples (1933-1965):**

- Principal of Perry High School: 1933-1936
- Superintendent of Perry Consolidated Schools: 1937-1965
- Eight state championships: 1947, 1949, 1953, 1956, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964
- Three state runner-up titles: 1934\*, 1935, 1943
  - \* Season began fall 1933 and ended spring 1934. Likewise, all championships years.
- Nineteen District/Region Championships: 1934, 1935, 1940, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1950, 1953, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1963, 1964
  - Note: Region play started in 1958
- Six district championships at West Georgia schools before coming to Perry
- Winning percentage of 82.4 percent: 924 victories versus only 198 losses (routinely played highest classification schools)
- Georgia Sports Hall of Fame: 1957 ~ Winningest Coach in the Nation during his era

#### **Coach Paul Hartman (1966-1969):**

- Perry High School Teacher
- Principal of Tucker Elementary School.
- Assistant Coach under Eric Staples: 1960-1965; Head coach in 1966.
- Region and state championships: 1966
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- Region championship and State championship: 1966

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