

BIOGRAPHY OF OTIS DINNING

Coach Otis Dinning is being inducted for his career at Washington Junior High School and Paducah Tilghman High School. He coached football and basketball at Washington from 1926-1938 and moved to what was then Augusta Tilghman HS until it became Paducah Tilghman in 1956. During his time at Tilghman he coached the end positions in football and was head basketball coach from 1938-1963. He never had a losing season! His overall coaching record was 738 wins -262 losses, 541-193 at Tilghman. His teams won 22 District tournaments and went to State 6 times. His 1953 team reached the finals but lost to powerful Lafayette. Coach Dinning was an inspiration to his players and many have been responsible for having a street and the Tilghman Gymnasium in Paducah named for him.

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