

GOLDEN EAGLES ATHLETICS

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Hall of Fame Bio



Jim Matney (2015)

Coach Jim Matney, a Belfry High School and Liberty University graduate, has had the most successful run of any coach in JCHS history as he has helmed both the football and wrestling squads.

In 2004 Matney was named JCHS head coach after a successful career at Sheldon Clark High School. The turnaround in the football program was quick, and in the last 10 seasons, Matney has won an astounding nine district titles, had four regional runner-up finishes, two regional championships, and two semi-state appearances. He has led teams to 3 undefeated

seasons and was named the 2006 State Coach of the Year. In 2016 his Eagles were state runner-ups.

His overall record in 11 seasons is 120-30.

In 2007 Matney became the JCHS wrestling coach and has had as much or more success with that program. His grapplers have won six consecutive regional championships and were the 2013 State Dual Runner-up team. He has coached 5 individual wrestlers to state championship titles (he's coached 23 individual state champions throughout his career). No matter how many wins he has accrued, Matney considers his biggest achievement having 30 football players and wrestlers sign national letters of intent to play in college.

Matney continues to coach both football and wrestling at JCHS. He lives at Hager Hill with his wife Debby and their two children, Dalton and Carson.