

Jeff Gumm Hall of Fame Bio

Jeff Gumm is a 1980 graduate of Green County High School, where he was a standout athlete, playing basketball, baseball, football, and running track. He is the all-time leading scorer in basketball at Green County with 2,380 points and he set the school record for most points in a single game with 52, breaking the record of 47 previously held by his father, Larry “Peewee” Gumm set in 1954. He was named 2nd team All-State his senior year. He set the baseball state record for career stolen bases with 127, including 56 in one season, a record which stood for 11 years.

After graduating from Green County, Jeff attended Campbellsville College (now Campbellsville University) on a basketball scholarship. He finished his career at Campbellsville as the 3rd all-time leader in points and 2nd all-time leader in assists. He is the only player in CU history to make the Top 3 in both categories at the time of graduation. He is currently the 11th all-time scorer, with 1,369 points, and 4th in assists, with 529. In addition to being named All-District and All-Conference, he was voted Mr. Campbellsville his senior year and graduated with a teaching degree in 1984.

After graduating college, Jeff worked for one year at Barren County High School where he was an assistant coach in football, basketball, and baseball. In 1985, he relocated closer to home, taking a job as a history teacher and coach at Taylor County High School. He was at various times an Assistant Baseball, Assistant Basketball, and Assistant Football Coach. In 1990, he served as the Head Middle School Football Coach leading his team to an undefeated 9-0 season and claiming both the CKMSAC Regular Season Conference Championship and the CKMSAC Bowl Championship.

Coach Gumm worked full time at Taylor County High School until 2017. He primarily taught Social Studies, but also taught Physical Education his last few years. He served as Taylor County’s Athletic Director from 2008 until 2018. During his tenure as Athletic Director, Taylor County Sports witnessed unprecedented success, including 3 State Bowling Titles, 2 Individual State Champions, 3 Region Basketball Championships, several other Region Titles in various sports, and countless District and Conference Championships spanning all Taylor County Sports. Bowling, Fishing, Wrestling, and Archery teams were all added while Coach Gumm was Athletic Director. School Based Youth League programs were also developed and expanded in many sports during his tenure as

Athletic Director. The first year that the KHSAA sanctioned bowling as a sport, Coach Gumm served as tournament manager for the first region tournament held in the state. His time as AD also saw various construction and renovation projects to Taylor County's Athletic Facilities. He played a major role in the planning and logistics of many of those projects and helped to secure many sponsorships for those projects. Coach Gumm was also actively involved in the 5th Region Athletic Director's Association, serving for numerous years on the 5th Region Policy Board. In this role, he was able to be involved in making decisions that positively impacted not just Taylor County, but all 5th Region schools. The success of Taylor County Sports that began during his time as Athletic Director has continued since his retirement and his decade of leadership of the program helped to lay these foundations.

After serving as an assistant under Fred Waddle, Coach Gumm was named Head Basketball Coach at Taylor County serving from 1989-1998. His teams won 91 games during this time and made two Region Tournament appearances. He would return to the bench as an Assistant Coach on Troy Young's staff from 2000-2008. During this time, he was a part of 3 District Championship teams (2002, 2003, and 2004). His final return to the program came a decade later, following an unexpected coaching vacancy prior to the 2018-19 season. Coach Gumm was appointed as Interim Head Coach for the year. His 2018-19 team had a record of 23-8 and won the 20th District Tournament and was 5th Region Runner-Up.

Despite many other achievements and accolades, Coach Gumm is still best known statewide for his career with Taylor County Baseball. He succeeded Coach Don Shaw in 1993 after previously serving as an assistant coach and has been at the helm of the Cardinals program since. In his 30 seasons with Taylor County Baseball, his teams won 702 games and 13 District Championships (1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2016, 2019), with a winning percentage of approximately 71%. They have also made 21 Region Tournament Appearances (All District Champion years plus 1993, 1994, 2006, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2015), including 3 Region Final Appearances (2001, 2006, 2019). His 2001 and 2019 squads won the first two Regional Titles in Taylor County Baseball history. Additionally, Taylor County Baseball never had a losing season under Coach Gumm's leadership. His teams had 20+ win seasons 24 times and 4 seasons yielded 30+ wins. In addition to his on-field successes, Coach Gumm has been instrumental in the building and renovations of the baseball complex around Shaw Field. A hitting barn, dressing room, new nets and fences, a backstop, grandstands, a concession stand, outdoor batting cages, and a press box have all been constructed and/or renovated during his tenure. Coach Gumm was

inducted into the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 2007 and was one of 8 finalists nationwide for the National High School Coaches Association Baseball Coach of the Year Award in 2016. He currently ranks top 15 in career coaching wins in the state.

Coach Gumm has been married to his wife, Debbie, for 40 years and they have 2 sons and four grandchildren. In retirement, he is still an active supporter of Taylor County Schools and Taylor County Sports. He is a member of the Taylor County High School Athletics Hall of Fame, the Kentucky High School Baseball Coaches Association Hall of Fame, the 5th Region Hall of Fame, and the Green County High School Athletics Hall of Fame.