## 1948 Caveman Football Team

Inducted 2017



The 1948 Caveman Football Team, with legendary Head Coach Mel Ingram at the helm, won the FIRST official Football State Championship at Grants Pass High School. During the regular season, the Cavemen (10-1-1) outscored their opponents 198-54 and avenged its only regular season loss (Medford) in the State Semi-finals. The Cavemen defeated Jefferson 6-0 to win the State Championship game.

On the way home from the State Championship, the team bus crashed. Team members Sterling Heater and Al Newman were killed in the crash. The GPHS gym is named "Heater Newman Gymnasium" in their honor.

1948 Regular Season Record		
GP 6	Washington, OR 0	
GP 39	North Bend 7	
GP 20	Marshfield 7	
GP 18	Coquille 7	
GP 24	Ashland 0	
GP 6	Medford 7	
GP 26	Myrtle Point 0	
GP 19	Roseburg 19	
GP 40	Reedsport 7	
Play-Offs	•	
Quarter Finals- GP 13		Albany 6
Semi-Finals- GP 13 Medford 6		Medford 6
State Finals- GP 6		Jefferson 0

## **Team Members:**

Bill Moore, Gerald Egger, Dick Warren, Keith Bertrand, Harold Dotts, Don Donovan, Walter Johnson, Gerald Hudson, Dick Bayless, Russ Jacobson, Bob Davis, Bob Flock, Jon Walker, Bill Wilcox, Bob Roark, Clinton Reese, Bob Graue, Ed Malone, Dale Ferguson, Orville Miller, Don Hedgepeth, Sterling Heater, Sid Franks, Manager Roy Alpeter. Tom Burgwin, Jim Peckham, James Jordan, Ed Zottola, Bob Orey, Al Newman, Mike Burgwin, Jack Williams, Vernon Craft, Manager Alvie Lewman, Manager Eddie Greenwood. Assistant Coach Russ Werner, Coach Mel Ingram.