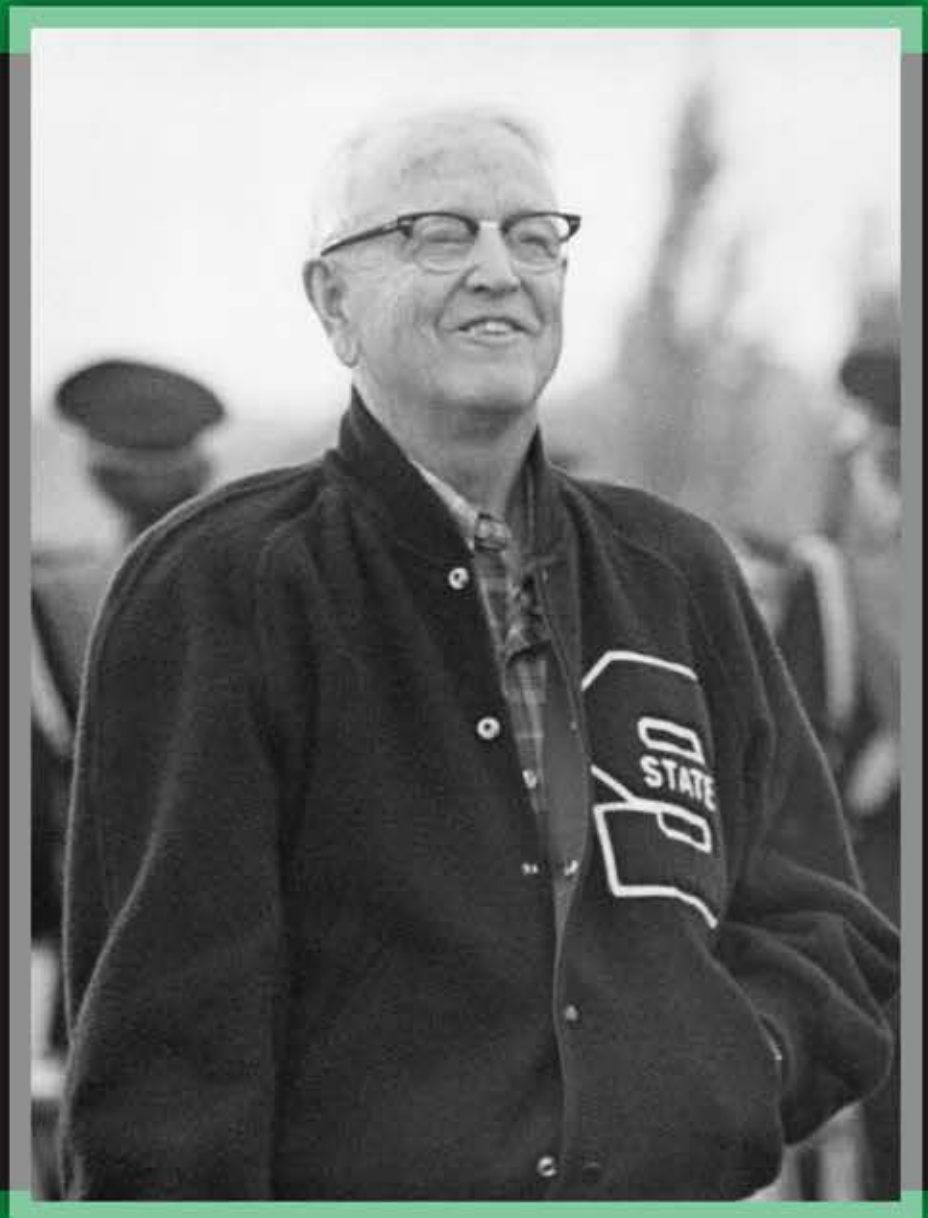


SAM DEMERIT

COACH



PORT WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME
Inducted September 14, 2024



Sam DeMerit was a distinguished figure in Port Washington High School athletics, making significant contributions as both a coach and educator throughout his career. In 1926, Sam began his career at Port Washington High School, where he spent over 36 years as a teacher and coach. During that time he built impressive records with each of his teams. From 1926-1949 his football team achieved 99 wins, 42 losses, and 18 ties, while earning an undefeated record in 1930, 1931, and 1932. As head coach of the basketball team from 1926-1947, he led them to a record of 255 wins and 115 losses, and the state Class "B" Championship in 1936. Sam's impact extended beyond football and basketball, as he also coached five State Championship track teams from 1926-1962. After retiring from teaching in 1962, he continued his service to the community as Port Washington's first full-time recreation director until 1965. His achievements were recognized with inductions into the Stout University Athletic Hall of Fame in 1983 and the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1984.

Sam's influence went beyond the win-loss columns, as he shaped the lives of countless students and athletes with his commitment, integrity, and passion for sports. Sam's ability to inspire and lead, coupled with his long-standing dedication to Port Washington High School, left an unforgettable mark on the school and its athletic programs. His contributions not only brought recognition and success to the school, but also fostered a sense of pride and tradition that continues to resonate within Port Washington High School still today.