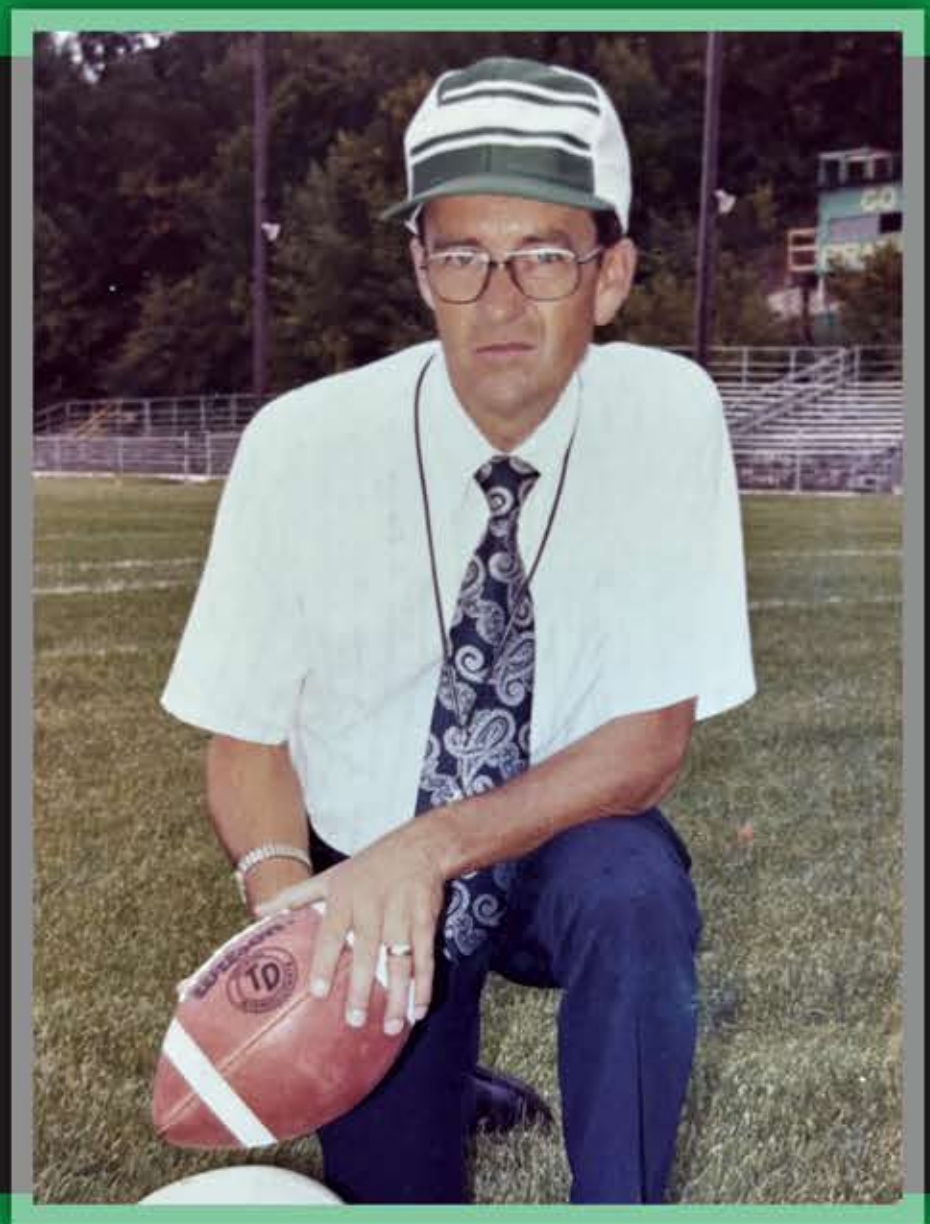


# AL URNESS

## COACH



**PORT WASHINGTON HALL OF FAME**  
*Inducted September 14, 2024*



Al Urness's legacy at Port Washington High School began in 1961 when his teaching and coaching career began. Al coached JV football, JV basketball, and was an assistant coach for track. From 1963 to 1981, Al was the varsity basketball coach, and led the team to a Conference Championship in 1973-74. He took over the varsity football program in 1969 and continued in that capacity for 30 years, where he shaped the football program with his strategic vision and leadership. His impressive coaching statistics underscore his success: an overall record of 224-75-2, 10 Conference Championships, and 12 state playoff appearances. Under his guidance, the team reached the State Championship games four times and secured the State Championship in 1985.

Al's contributions to Port Washington High School and his unwavering commitment to his athletes have cemented his status as a legend in Port Washington-Saukville Communities. He was always able to get the best from his players, while creating a culture of mutual respect and high expectations. This led Al to receive multiple coaching awards that include District/Region Coach of the Year, Conference Coach of the Year and the Milwaukee Sentinel Coach of the Year, in addition to being inducted into the Wisconsin Football Association Hall of Fame. Al's integrity, leadership, and dedication continue to inspire and resonate with those who had the privilege of being coached by him. His legacy at Port Washington High School is a testament to his excellence in coaching and his profound impact on his community.

Al's remarkable career and enduring influence exemplify the qualities of leadership, integrity, and commitment that define true greatness in sports.