

Sports History of Arkadelphia High School

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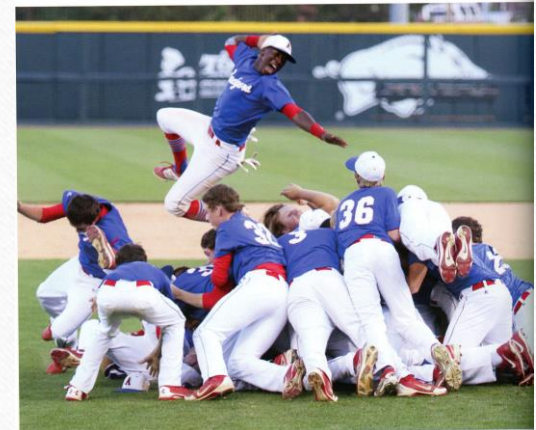
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The Students of Arkadelphia High
School



Baseball

- The baseball team was started at Arkadelphia in 1989.
- They finished their first season with 5 wins and 9 losses. Not bad for a first year team
- In 2013 they became back-to-back champions with a win of 15-1



Softball

- The Lady Badgers Softball team began in 1997.
- Their first two seasons (97 and 98) were considered slow pitch, but in 1999 they had their first fast pitch season.

Newspaper Articles

- In 1970 the week of November 17-21 was declared the first spirit week for Arkadelphia High School.
- That same year it was mentioned that Arkadelphia would host the first cheer clinic in the state.



Coach John Outlaw

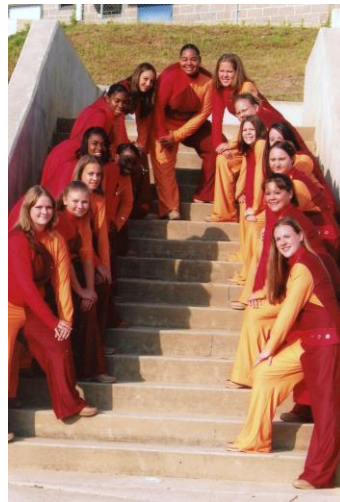
- Graduated from Ozark High School in 1971.
- He was hired as the Arkadelphia Head Football Coach at the age of 26.
- That same year he led the team to the state championship.
- That game against Alma would be won 19-0.
- He was the coach at Arkadelphia from 1979-1993.
- He went on to coach at Sherman, TX from 1988-94 and at Lufkin, TX from 1995-2011.
- He would produce a record throughout these years of 303-87-3.

Football

- This is a picture of the Arkadelphia Football team from 1905.



Colorguard



- Students were able to find some pictures of colorguard groups from 2004-2006

Cheer

- The first cheer team for Arkadelphia High School was back in 1950
- The first diverse cheer team was 20 years later in 1970.



Volleyball



- The volleyball team was very strong in the 1980s.
- The team won State Champs – Overall in 1985, 1986, 1988, and 1989.
- They won State Champs in 1982 and 1984.
- Winning State Champs Runner Up in 1983 and 1987.

Golf

- In 1962 the Badgers Golf team won the State A and B Golf Tournament with a score of 293. This score was the combined totals of Ed McCorkle (143) and Gary Andrews (150).
- The Badgers also won the 2004 State Golf Tournament. “The first state championship in 40 years” according to the 2004 yearbook.

Mascot



- Barney Badger
- I was unable to find when he became the mascot.
- It was after 1964 according to Caroline Wood who attended Arkadelphia High School from 1962-64.

Interviews Done by AHS Students

- One interview that was conducted was an interview with Caroline Wood.
- She was on the Pep Squad from her seventh grade year to her senior year.
- In the interview Wood also discussed the basketball games that were played at what is now Central's P.E. gym.
- Wood mentioned sports that were played at Arkadelphia High School during her time as a student.