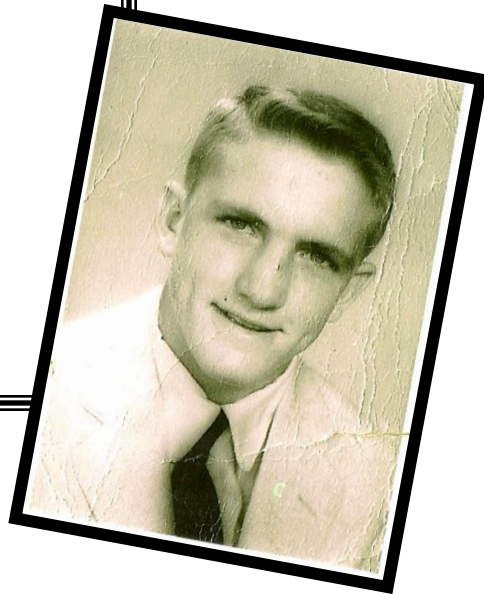


*Introducing...*

*John Cooper*

*Class of 1955*

*Hall of Fame, 2011*



John Cooper's career in athletics includes a variety of milestones. He was elected 1986 National Coach of the Year, the first and only head coach to lead teams from both the Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences to victories in the Rose Bowl, second winningest coach in Ohio State history, and fifth winningest Head Coach in Big Ten football history. He is Past President of the American Football Coaches Association. He coached nine teams to Conference Championships and another five to second place finishes!

His influence on players helped create 21 first-team All-Americans, 16 first-round draft picks, a Heisman trophy winner, a Lombardi Award winner, an Outland Trophy winner, a Bilenikoff Award winner, a Doak Walker Award winner, a Thorpe Award winner, a Butkus Award winner, and a Walter Camp Award winner. He had the best turn-around in the nation in 1978 at Arizona State, finishing second in the nation, winning the 1987 Rose Bowl championship. He was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2009.

Bowl appearances include the Rose Bowl several times, the Sugar Bowl, the Citrus Bowl, the Peach Bowl, the Orange Bowl, the Liberty Bowl, Outback Bowl, Holiday Bowl, Freedom Bowl, Hula Bowl, Japan Bowl, and Peace Bowl. He presently is Coach Emeritus at Ohio State and a consultant for the Cincinnati Bengals, continuing his outstanding interest in athletics. His career also includes a stint as analyst with ESPN.

John's community service includes Big Brothers/Big Sisters, United Way, the Alzheimer's Foundation, the Arthur James Cancer Hospital and Children's Hospital. He does find time for golf, fishing, babysitting his grandchildren, oldies rock and country music. He also is proud to say that he is married after 53 years to his high school sweetheart, also from Powell, and Homecoming Queen in 1956!

John. we salute you and your life contributions!