

# Arkansas High School Coaches Association 2020 Hall of Fame Inductee

## Mike Malham



Coach Mike Malham began his college career at Arkansas State University playing tight end in 1972, but was later moved to linebacker for the 1973, 1974, & 1975 seasons. Malham is the 4th leading tackler in ASU's football history with a total of 370 tackles. He led the team in tackles in 1973 with 113 tackles and in 1974 with 131 tackles. He was 2nd in tackles in 1975 with 126. The 1975 ASU Indians were Southland Champions, finishing with a 11-0 season. They were ranked 21st in the final A.P. poll among major universities. ASU also owned the nation's longest winning streak of division I teams with 14.

Malham made 2nd team All-Southland Conference in 1973, 1st team in 1974 and 1975 and 2nd team Academic All-American in 1973. He has been voted to the All-Time ASU Team (1909-1975) and was elected to the ASU Athletic Hall of Honor in 2001. He was selected to the All-Southland Conference Decade Team of the 70's and

was also selected to the ASU All-Centennial Team.

Malham was drafted by the Chicago Bears in the 17th round in 1976. He spent 1976 with the Bears on the injured reserve. A broken arm in 1977 ended his playing career at Chicago.

Malham began his high school coaching career at Jacksonville High School as an assistant coach in 1978. That same year the Red Devils won the State Championship.

In 1981, Malham was named head coach at Cabot High School, a position he still holds today. His 37-year record at Cabot (1981-2018) is 301-139-4 and is the winningest active coach & the 2nd winningest coach in the history of Arkansas high school football.

Malham has led the Panthers to two State Championships, one in 1983 with a record of 13-1, and the 2nd in 2000 with a record 14-0. He also has 3 state runner-up titles (1997, 13-1, 1998, 12-2, and 2013, 12-1) and has led his team to the state semi-finals 11 times. Malham also has won 15 conference championships during his tenure at Cabot.

Malham was named Head All-Star Football Coach in 1994 and 2001. He led his team to set a scoring record of 38 points in the 1994 All Star Game. Malham was named Channel 4's Friday Night Coach of the Year in 1997 and 2000. He was also the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette's Coach of the Year in 2000, as well as Channel 7's 7A Coach of the Year in 2013. Malham was also inducted into the Arkansas Sports Hall of Fame in 2015.