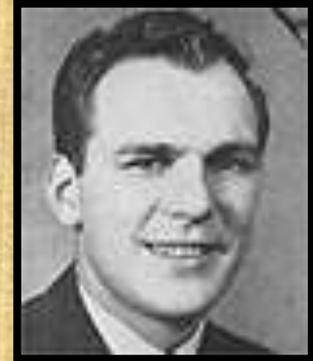


Coach A. E. "Augie" Morningstar 1945 – Won 5, Lost 0, Tied 5

Class of 1936

Augie was an end and linebacker as well as captain of the 1935 Massillon Tiger state championship team, leading a Tiger defense that gave up only 13 points. Augie was a First Team All Ohio selection. He went on to have an outstanding career at the University of Purdue. In 1941 Augie came back to WHS as an assistant coach, and in 1945 he became interim Tiger head coach when Bud Houghton left for military service in WWII. Coach Morningstar will be remembered as only one of two Tiger coaches to be undefeated. That 1945 team finished 5-0-5 and was one of the most courageous teams in Massillon history. They played before 54,000 fans at Cleveland Municipal Stadium, where they tied Cleveland Cathedral Latin (6-6). That attendance figure still stands as a regular season state attendance record.



Augie Morningstar - Massillon Record

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	
				Mass.	Opp.
1945	5	0	5	168	38
Total	5	0	5	168	38

Winning Percentage
100%

Coach Morningstar left Massillon in 1946 for head coaching stints at Portsmouth and Mansfield, but returned to Massillon in 1950 as a teacher and administrator.

Augie's 45 outstanding years as player, coach, teacher, and administrator started and ended in his beloved Massillon. Augie we thank you so very much!

Augie Morningstar started his football career at Massillon in 1930 when he reported as a seventh grader to the late Carrol C. Widdoes, then head coach at Longfellow Junior High School. He played three years for the Poets and started at center while in the eighth and ninth grades.

He came to Washington High School in 1933 and joined the Tigers at which time the youthful Paul Brown was in his second year as the Massillon coach. Brown continued Morningstar at center however as a sophomore he was in a back-up role behind Captain Willis Monroe.

In 1934, Augie became a starter. In those days all starters were two-way players and he played center on offense and linebacker on defense.

Remembers 1934 Canton Game

During the 1934 season the Tigers had recorded nine consecutive shutouts before the annual battle with Canton McKinley on November 24. The game with Canton which was played at Massillon Field before a then record Ohio high school regular season crowd of 20,000. Augie recalls this game as his “saddest moment as a Tiger” as the Bulldogs toppled Massillon, 21-6 in a game between two undefeated, untied elevens for the mythical state championship.

He was appropriately rewarded however by the 1934 All County team at center. At that time players from Alliance, Canton McKinley and Massillon Washington comprised the All County Team.

Coach Brown in 1935 recognized Morningstar’s superior grid talents and leadership qualities and appointed him as team captain. He also switched the versatile Morningstar from center to end to fill the void created by the graduation of the two starting ends from the 1934 team.

Return to Glory in 1935

With four returning regulars back from the previous year, the 1935 Tigers proceeded to conquer all ten opponents. This marked the Tigers first undefeated, untied, season since Coach Dave Stewart’s 1922 team went 10-0-0; it gave Brown his first of six consecutive mythical state titles; and the Tigers 483 points scored set an all time Massillon season record.

Augie stated that his “happiest moment” occurred when the Tigers ended Canton’s record of three straight wins over the Tigers with a 6-0 Massillon victory at Lehman Stadium. After a controversial call in the first quarter that ruled that the Tiger’ Bob Glass had not scored, the game became a seesaw affair until Glass pounded over from the one yard line late in the third quarter to preserve an undefeated season.

This culminated a three year career here for Morningstar. He proved to be a very outstanding gridder as a center, linebacker and later as an end.

Named to All Ohio Team

At the season’s end, Augie was named to the first team All Ohio by the Ohio High School Coaches Association. He was further named captain of the All Ohio team, was selected as honorary captain of the All-Northern Ohio League team (consisting of Barberton, Massillon, Niles McKinley, and Salem); and was selected at end on the All County team.

Noble Kizer, head coach at Purdue University, was the principal speaker at the 1935 Tiger football banquet and Morningstar joined him there in September 1936. Augie

became the first of four Massillon gridgers in the year to attend Purdue. He lettered for three years at Purdue and in his senior year in 1939 was named at center on the All Big Ten team and was voted All American honorable mention.

After his graduation from Purdue, Augie remained in football for years. In 1940 he was Freshman coach at Purdue; from 1941-44 he was assistant coach at Massillon and then elevated to head coach for the 1945 season; in 1946 he was head coach and athletic director at Portsmouth High School, and from 1947-50 he was head coach and athletic director at Mansfield Senior. He also coached the North All Stars to a win over the South All Stars in 1950.

Augie holds the distinction of having been the only former Tiger coach to subsequently defeat Massillon while coaching at another high school. He beat the Tigers, 16-12, in 1949 and as a result his Mansfield team was named by both UPI and INS as the state's best team.

He retired in 1979 after serving twenty-five years as an assistant principal at Washington High School.