



1981 Mitchell High State Football Champions

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The Marauders may be the best prep football team in the city's history and one of the best in Colorado annals. Coach Jim Hartman's team went 14-0 and beat Columbine, 14-7, in the 1981 Class 4A championship game at Garry Berry Stadium in Colorado Springs. Running back Jeff Legette, 5'9" and 155-lbs., ran for 162 yards and quarterback Joe Adams threw the game-winning touchdown pass to David Gabbin in the historic finale. Mitchell had only three players weighing over 200 pounds on its 65-man roster, with 46 of them



weighing 165 pounds or less. Linebacker Steve Gaber was a season-long star on defense and Legette ran for over 2,000 yards as the team led the state in scoring. The Marauders got a 26-yard field goal by Jeff Carnahan in overtime to beat Air Academy, 32-29, in the semifinals and set the stage for the showdown with Columbine. It was one of three state titles won by the school under Hartman, a Colorado Springs native, who was inducted into the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame in 2009.