



## F. DON MILLER AWARD RECIPIENT DICK WESTBAY

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Dick Westbay put together a record of high school coaching over more than four decades which stands as a marvelous testimony to his character and leadership. Westbay was a three-sport athlete at Colorado Springs High School and was the captain of the 1948 Colorado Springs High state championship football team that was unbeaten in eleven games. He enrolled at University of Denver after graduation, becoming an outstanding player for the Pioneers over four seasons. He began his coaching career in Bakersfield, California, after graduating from DU before coming back to Colorado Springs as a teacher at North Junior High and coach at Colorado Springs High. In 1959, he became a teacher and assistant football, basketball and baseball coach at the new Wasson High, where his career brought him the position of head coach in basketball, football, and track, as well as serving as the school's athletic director. His 1971 Wasson Thunderbirds football team won the state championship with a 21-16 win over George Washington. He was inducted to the Colorado High School Coaches Association Hall of Fame in 1993 and his 1971 Wasson state championship team was inducted to the Colorado Springs Sports Hall of Fame in 2005.

The Award is presented annually by the Colorado Springs Sports Corporation to an individual who best reflects the commitment exemplified by Col. F Don Miller in providing a lasting contribution to the local sports community.