

The History of Sheridan High School Athletics



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Roger B. Rowland was a founding member of the Sheridan Historical Society. He took a break from the Society for a few years. In 2000, he returned as an active member of the Society. He currently serves as the Secretary/Treasurer of the Society.

In 2001 he undertook his first research project for the Society by creating the historic listing of city officials. It was difficult task because of the lost and damaged city records from the 1965 Platte River Flood. Each name had to be researched from individual City Council minutes covering a period of almost forty years.

This history represents his sixth major project for the Society and represents several months of research and writing. He grew up in Sheridan and attended Sheridan schools. He graduated from Sheridan High School in 1973. He has served on the City Planning Commission and as Mayor from August, 1983 through December, 1989.

Dedication

This history is dedicated to the six Sheridan alumni athletes that came back to Sheridan High School as faculty and staff members and coached sports.

*Clark Bond, Class of 1954
Track (Head Coach)*

*Kurt Wollenweber, Class of 1978
Football and Baseball (Head Coach)*

*Gerald Tafoya, Class of 1988
Basketball, Boys Soccer (Head Coach), Girls Soccer (Head Coach)*

*Keith Espinosa, Class of 1994
Girls Soccer*

*Zeric Martinez, Class of 1996
Football (Head Coach), Wrestling (Head Coach), and Track (Head Coach)*

*Jennifer Roberts-Uhlig, Class of 1997
Girls Soccer, Track (Head Coach)*

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For the research and history that Art wrote back in 1989 on “Sheridan High School Athletics.” The introduction in this history comes directly from his writing. Art graciously gave me permission several years ago to use his “history.” The inspiration for my effort to continue the history of Sheridan High athletics comes from his work.

Art passed away on February 27, 2018.

Clark Bond, Class of 1954

For his assistance and reminisces about his experiences at the beginning and later when he returned as a teacher, coach, and then assistant principal.

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Principal, Sheridan High School

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Bill Swann, Class of 1971

For all of the newspaper clippings they shared with me.

Sheridan High School Athletics

History

The following introductory history was written by Arthur "Art" Wollenweber in 1989. Art served as the Athletic Director from 1964 to 1989. He coached Sheridan baseball for twenty-two years during that time. He is shown in his Sheridan baseball coach uniform in the picture below.

"Then Sheridan Union High School opened in the fall of 1952 our team[s] competed on an independent basis and played whomever was available. This required a lot of travel on the old yellow school bus. The school played on an independent basis for two years before being accepted into the Suburban League which was an A league (comparable to our current [1989] AA classification). The same year we were accepted into this league, the classification was changed to AAA.



Our Rams played in the AAA Adams-Arapahoe League from 1956 through 1964. The league included: Adams City, Brighton, Cherry Creek, Littleton, Sheridan, and Westminster. Ranum became a member of the league in 1960.

During the 1964-1965 school year, Sheridan was admitted into the AA Metro League which was composed of Broomfield, Clear Creek, Douglas County, Evergreen, Louisville, Lafayette and Sheridan. In 1967, Lutheran became a member of the league.

In later years, as schools like Broomfield, Douglas County and Evergreen got larger and went to AAA (as well as Lafayette and Louisville which became Centaurus High School AAA), other school[s] were admitted into the Metro League. Denver Christian, St. Joseph, St. Francis, Machebeuf and Holy Family became members of the league. St. Joseph and St. Francis merged with Cathedral to form the Central Catholic High School, a league member until it closed.

In subsequent years, other schools which had been class A schools, grew to AA size and were added, and Mapleton dropped from AAA into the league until the present time [1989], making the Metro League the largest league in the state with 12 teams: Clear Creek, Denver Christian, Elizabeth, Holy Family, Kent Denver, Lutheran, Machebeuf, Mapleton, Middle Park, Platte Canyon, Sheridan and Summit. The league divided into two divisions because of the large number of teams.

The history of the school shows that many great athletes in the early years were not able to get honors. In the first two years they could not make All Conference because of not belonging to a league. Also in the early years, while in AAA, the only way an athlete could be recognized as All State was to be in the State Tournament. There were many great athletes who never had the opportunity to receive All State honors.”

Art is also credited for creating the Athletic Wall of Fame at Sheridan High School. For many years, pictures of eligible athletes were on the west wall of the commons. A list of athletes on the wall is available on the Sheridan Historical Society website. This listing is not complete. Several names need to be added from 1989 forward. The Society plans on updating the list.

Special Note: The Academic and Athletic Walls of Fame were removed from the high school in the fall of 2017. All the pictures have been preserved and are in the safekeeping of the principal along with annuals dating back to 1952. The school is working on an alternative method for displaying the pictures. It is anticipated the pictures will be restored when the new display is completed.

Art Wollenweber was inducted in the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2015. “One of the state's iconic coaches and administrators, Wollenweber baseball teams won over 300 games, captured seven league titles and made the state tournament eight times. As an administrator for SHS, Wollenweber played a key role in the Metro League, serving as the league secretary/treasurer from 1973-1989. He spent many years on the CHSAA Board of Control (Legislative Council) and was a member of the CHSAA Executive Committee (Board of Directors).”

High School Athletic Leagues

Sheridan was wholly in the Metro league for twenty-five years. In 1990 Sheridan was moved to the AAAA classification for football. They were placed in the brand new league called the Southeastern Conference. Sheridan soccer teams had been bounced around several leagues for years. Early on there were very few Metro schools with soccer teams. All of the other teams within the high school remained in the Metro League through the spring of 2006.

In 2005 Sheridan Athletic Director Rick Jensen started working on the creation of the new Frontier League. The Metro league got big from too many schools being added. At one point in time, the Metro had been divided into two divisions. The divisions were AA and AAA teams. Eventually the league would have AAA and AAAA divisions. Teams from both classifications played each other in the regular season and were then separated by classification during the post season play. Later on Sheridan would be moved back down to AAA. The Frontier League was finally approved by the CHSAA Board of Control on May 17, 2006. The Frontier League is AAA classification league.

The changes in classifications were mirroring statewide changes made by CHSAA. In 1981 Colorado went from three to four classifications. In 1991 Colorado went to six. In 1995 they

went back to five. Football classifications were broken out differently from other sports, creating their own brand of confusion and criticisms.

In the beginning, the Frontier league included the following schools: Arrupe Jesuit, Bennett, Bruce Randolph, Clear Creek (Idaho Springs), DSST Stapleton, Platte Canyon, Sheridan, The Academy, and The Pinnacle. Later, Clear Creek was moved out of the league. New teams came into the league including: Jefferson, KIPP Denver Collegiate, Lake County, and Middle Park.

In 2006, Sheridan football was again moved to a new league. This time it was the Colorado Conference. The football team continued to be bounced around and at one point was back in the Frontier league. Every two to three years Sheridan football was getting bounced around based on student population. In more recent years, competitiveness and parity have also become factors in where Sheridan and other schools would be assigned in football conferences.

In 2018, Sheridan football was moved to the A classification because of a drop in student enrollment and became part of the new “Foothills Conference.” That conference includes Clear Creek, Jefferson, Lake County, Manual, Platte Canyon, and Sheridan. Platte Canyon will be moved to different conference in 2020.

You can see from the following chart the changes for football conference and classification assignments during the current decade.

Year	2010 - 2012	2014 - 2015	2016 - 2017	2018 - 2019	2020 - 2021
Classification	AA	AA	AA	A	A
Conference	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Frontier</u>	<u>Colorado</u>	<u>Foothills</u>	<u>Foothills</u>
	Bennett Denver West Kent Denver Manual Platte Canyon Sheridan (472)	The Academy Bennett Jefferson KIPP Middle Park The Pinnacle Sheridan (333) Strasburg	Bishop Machbeuf Elizabeth Englewood Kent Denver Ridgeview Sheridan	Clear Creek Jefferson Lake County Manual Platte Canyon Sheridan (350)	Bennett Clear Creek Jefferson Manual Platte Canyon Sheridan
The numbers shown reflect Sheridan's student enrollment for the year.					

There is the possibility the following schools may be added to the Frontier league in the future: Arvada, Englewood, Fort Lupton, and Weld Central. If they are added, the Frontier league would be the largest league in the state. This would be a repeat of the growth problem of the Metro league back in 2005.

CHSAA Hall of Fame Inductee – James Dorsey

Sheridan teacher and coach James “Jim” Dorsey was inducted in the Colorado High School Activities Association Hall of Fame in 2015.

“Mr. Dorsey was a teacher, coach and administrator at Sheridan High School from 1961 until his retirement in 2002. But, the CHSAA has benefited most from his work in officiating and the assignment of sports officials since 1974. His ability as an official stands out when one reads his resume. He was a high school and collegiate baseball umpire from 1961 until 1981.

He officiated basketball at the prep and college levels from 1970 through 1999. His valuable insight into the professional development of basketball officials is underscored by his commitment to the profession. He has been reappointed as the Secretary of the IAABO Board #4 in Colorado every year since 1998. That position requires exceptional organizational, personal and officiating skills.

He is a charter member of the CHSAA basketball officials playoff assigning committee and is a noted clinician. Dorsey received the CHSAA's Distinguished Service Award in 2004, has been a Special Olympics volunteer and officiated for Special Olympics since 1976. In spring 2011, Dorsey became one of just four Coloradoans granted Life Membership in the IAABO.”

History Saved

This is the story of how Athletic Director Jenn Roberts-Uhlig single handedly saved the Academic and Athletic Walls of Fame. As written in 2010 by Dawn Huskey (Class of 86).

“During the summer of 2008 the high school was under construction for the addition of the new wing. All of the pictures from the Academic and Athletic Walls of Fame had been removed by the construction contractors.



Jenn Roberts-Uhlig came in to school one Friday afternoon to find the entire Academic and Athletic Wall of Fame pictures boxed up and in a huge pile of construction trash. She pulled all of the boxes out of the trash and moved them to her office. Jenn was nine months pregnant at the time. Jenn's efforts caused her to go into early labor. Her beautiful baby boy was born on Saturday, now that is what I call dedication to tradition and school pride.

Jenn is a second generation Sheridan alumna and a graduate of the class of 1997. After completing college she decided that she wanted to come back to the Sheridan School District to teach. Jenn has held many positions in her career at Sheridan since joining the staff in 2000. From elementary teacher for 2nd and 3rd grade, moving up to the middle school teaching English and health, and being a student advisor and finally moving up to the high school and becoming the Athletic Director in 2008.

Jenn is now an Assistant Commissioner for the Colorado High School Activities Association.”

"Once a Ram, always a Ram!"

Athletic Directors

James “Jim” Martin	1952 - 1964
Arthur “Art” Wollenweber	1964 – 1989
Mike Geniesse	1989 – 1993
Chuck Taibe	1993 – 1995
Kurt Wollenweber	1995 – 1997
Tony Barnett	1997 – 2002
Rick Jensen	2002 - 2005
Terry Senier	2005 – 2006
Matt Mahan	2006 – 2008
Jennifer “Jenn” Roberts-Uhlig	2008 - 2012
Zeric Martinez	2012 - 2014
David “Dave” Fromson	2014 – 2017
Leslie “Les” Gomez	2017 – Current

The Sports at Sheridan

Boys	Girls
Baseball	Basketball
Basketball	Cross Country - Girls
Cross Country	Gymnastics*
Football	Soccer
Soccer	Softball
Swimming*	Swimming*
Track	Track
Wrestling	Volleyball

*Not a current sport.

Each sport listed above is reviewed in this history. High school annuals and newspaper articles were used as primary resources. There are several annuals which are missing from the collection at the high school, so this review is incomplete.

Whenever possible, we listed the assistant coaches, season record, and number of players on the team. In many cases, the names were not listed in the high school annuals. For that matter, there were several years when spring sports teams were not included in the high school annuals.

Football

Football was Sheridan’s very first sport. In the beginning the school did not have a field. Clark Bond said “We were a traveling team.” The first few years, practices were held on the Fort Logan military post parade grounds. Football was Sheridan’s premier sport from the 1960’s through the 1980’s.

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record	Players
1952	James “Jim” Martin	Don Titus		22
1953	Jim Martin	Don Titus, John Hancock		32
1954	Jim Martin	Don Titus, John Hancock		
1955	Jim Martin	Don Titus, Bob McAfee		
1956	Jim Martin	Don Titus, Bob McAfee, Peter “Pete” Fachinello	5 – 3 – 1	

This year was the first year that Sheridan played on their own field.

1957	Jim Martin	Don Titus, Bob McAfee, Pete Fachinello	5 - 5	
1958	Jim Martin	Bob McAfee, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber		
1959	Jim Martin	Bob McAfee, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber	6 - 4	
1960	Jim Martin	Bob McAfee, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber	5 – 4 -1	
1961	Jim Martin	Bob McAfee, Pete Fachinello, Coach Lockner, Don Titus, Art Wollenweber	5 - 5	

Coach Wollenweber said that Martin “ran the split T and belly series which was new to opposing schools and they greatly feared our attacks.”

1962 C. “Butch” Gardner

Butch Gardner was a former Sheridan football player.

1963	Butch Gardner	Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber	
1964	Butch Gardner	Robert “Bob” Deter, James “Jim” Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber	
1965	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Art Wollenweber	4 – 4 – 1

Three players were named All Conference: Bob Fachinello, Dennis Sato, and Tom Webb. Five players were Honorable Mention: Alan Banks, Larry Brown, Jim Bush, Louie Rivera, and Dick Watson.

1966	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber, Marvin Ward	8 – 1
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The only loss was to Lafayette, the team which later became state champions. Named All State were Steve Fast, Bob Fachinello, and Dale Sanderson.

1967	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Art Wollenweber, Marvin Ward	8 – 3
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Sheridan were the league champions this season.

Sheridan got up early on Valley in the state quarter finals scoring 21 points in the first quarter. Valley only managed one touchdown in the second quarter. Valley got some consolation points in the fourth quarter. The final score was Sheridan 46 and Valley 32.

Sheridan hosted Julesburg in the semi finals. It only took six plays for Julesburg to get their first score. Sheridan came back with their own touchdown. But it would be the only touchdown Sheridan would score. The final score was Sheridan 7 and Julesburg 27. Julesburg would become the state champions the following week.

Named All State were Tom Secrest and Don Saucier.

The First State Championship

1968	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Art Wollenweber	12 - 0
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Sheridan was undefeated this season and won their first State Championship. The team was a scoring juggernaut with 418 points scored during the season while allowing their opponents just 69 points. The team averaged 28 more points than their opponents during the season.

Sheridan hosted Fountain in the state quarter finals. Sheridan was up 28 to 7 at halftime. Sheridan added two touchdowns in the fourth quarter. The final score was Sheridan 42 and Fountain 14.

Sheridan traveled to Haxton for the semi final game. Haxton made this a contest in the first half. Sheridan led 6 to 0 at halftime on a touchdown run by Phil Wolf. Sheridan scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter on a run by Mike Langlett and a forty-five yard touchdown pass from Alan Kube to Tom Stone. The final score was Sheridan 20 and Haxton 0.

Sheridan hosted Meeker in the championship game. There were no scores in the first period. Sheridan gained the upper hand with a 70-yard quick kick by Phil Wolf on third down that put Meeker on their own one yard line. Meeker failed to gain a first down after three plays. They dropped back for the punt that was blocked and it was recovered by Mike Skinner in the end zone for a touchdown by Sheridan.

Sheridan's defense set up the next three touchdowns. With another blocked kick followed by a six yard run by Kube, an interception by Dan Vivian for a score, another interception by guard Rocky Espinosa which set up the fourth touchdown in the second quarter. By the end of the first half Sheridan was up 27 to 0. Sheridan added two touchdowns in the third quarter. Meeker got their only score in the fourth quarter.

The final score was Sheridan 42 and Meeker 6. Coach Deter credited the surprise quick kick in the second quarter as the turning point in the game.

There were seven players named All State: Bob Davis, Alan Kube (QB), Mike Langlett, Mike Skinner, Tom Stone, Harry Veruchi, and Mike Veruchi. Fifteen players had been named All Conference. Coach Deter was named the AA coach of the year.



Sheridan 23 - Brighton 0
Sheridan 26 - Mapleton 7
Sheridan 20 - Lutheran 0
Sheridan 33 - Louisville 7
Sheridan 45 - Evergreen 7
Sheridan 60 - Clear Creek 13
Sheridan 33 - Broomfield 7
Sheridan 29 - Douglas County 7
Sheridan 45 - Lafayette 7

Sheridan 42 - Fountain 14
Sheridan 20 - Haxton 0
Sheridan 41 - Meeker 6

The 1968 championship team picture.



Starting at top, left to right: B. Plocher, M. Drobnych, L. Franklin, M. Dolan, J. Webb, J. Matz, N. Vandermee, D. Meehl, R. Dobbins, D. DeLong, R. Pederson, J. McClung, R. Esterline, D. Hogan, J. Martinez, D. Givan, D. Sato, P. Goorman, J. Kreiensieck, C. Doubek, D. Unrein, D. Woodlee, R. Espinosa, G. Hall, T. Stone, B. Davis, B. Wesselman, B. Robinson, L. Trujillo, M. Bell, J. Finn, P. Czamek, J. Secrest, L. Rowe, J. Van Eps, M. Veruchi, M. Skinner, P. Wolf, D. Vivian, C. Givan, H. Veruchi, D. Lovelace, M. Langlett, A. Kube.

1969 Bob Deter Jim Dorsey, Art Wollenweber

Dan Lovelace and Harry Veruchi were named All State.

1970 Bob Deter Jim Dorsey, Art Wollenweber 39

Bob Skinner was named All State.

1971 Bob Deter Jim Dorsey, Art Wollenweber, 9 – 2 39
 Marty Jacobson, Terry Carroll

Sheridan won the Metro League title. Sheridan advanced to the playoffs and won their first round game over Rocky Ford. The final score was Sheridan 28 – Rock Ford 13. In semi final game Sheridan traveled to Monte Vista. The team stayed overnight in Alamosa the night before, as did the band.

Monte Vista won the game. The final score was Sheridan 12 – Monte Vista 34. Fumbles played a role in Sheridan’s loss. In spite of the win, it was a heart breaker for Monte Vista as their tight end broke his leg and their quarterback broke a collar bone during the fourth quarter of the game. They subsequently lost in the championship game to Salida.

Bob Skinner was named All State.

The 72 State Championship

Sheridan had been a three year high school from 1968 through 1971. Freshmen were part of the Junior High during those years. In 1972 it returned to being a four year high school.

The 1972 team was known for their defense. The team shut out the opponents seven times. It is still a Colorado state top twenty shut out record through 2018.

Charles “Chuck” Woodlee was the first Sheridan back to ever rush over a thousand yards during a single season.

The quarter final game was played in Salida. Many would have considered this game the true championship game. The final score was Sheridan 15 and Salida 14. Sheridan won the game on a two point conversion in the final score of the game. It was a gutsy call by Coach Deter. In the semi final Sheridan beat Valley 53 to 0. Sheridan intercepted two Valley passes and returned them for touchdowns.

The championship game was played at Sheridan based on a coin toss. Their opponent was Monte Vista. “We had suggested the game be played on a neutral field [in Pueblo]. But Monte Vista didn’t want to, so we flipped a coin ... and we won.” Said Coach Deter.

Both teams came into the championship game undefeated. Monte Vista scored first on an 83 yard score. On the next possession by Sheridan, Dan Owens scored on a 63 yard counter trap play. Sheridan went for a two point conversion and scored. The conversion was a significant strategy to give Sheridan the lead. A lead they never relinquished. Owens scored again on another counter trap play. This time for 52 yards.

Monte Vista was keying on Sheridan’s leading rusher Woodlee. Coach Deter was using Woodlee as a decoy which led to the successful counter trap plays. The Rams were up 16 to 7 at the half. A screen pass to Woodlee in the third quarter resulted in the next score. Another two point conversion and Sheridan was up 24 to 7. Monte Vista fumbled the ball and recovered it in their own end zone, giving Sheridan two points on the safety.

Monte Vista then scored twice after a couple of fumbles by Sheridan and the game was in doubt with four and half minutes left in the game, with Sheridan leading 26 to 20. Sheridan played ball control but then Woodlee saw daylight and ran for a touchdown. Sheridan scored their final two points on yet another two point conversion. Sheridan won the State Championship with 34 to 20 final score over Monte Vista.

The Rams got three winning game balls from the playoffs. One for the trophy case, one for Coach Deter, and the one for Superintendent Tom Murphy who was retiring at the end of the school year.

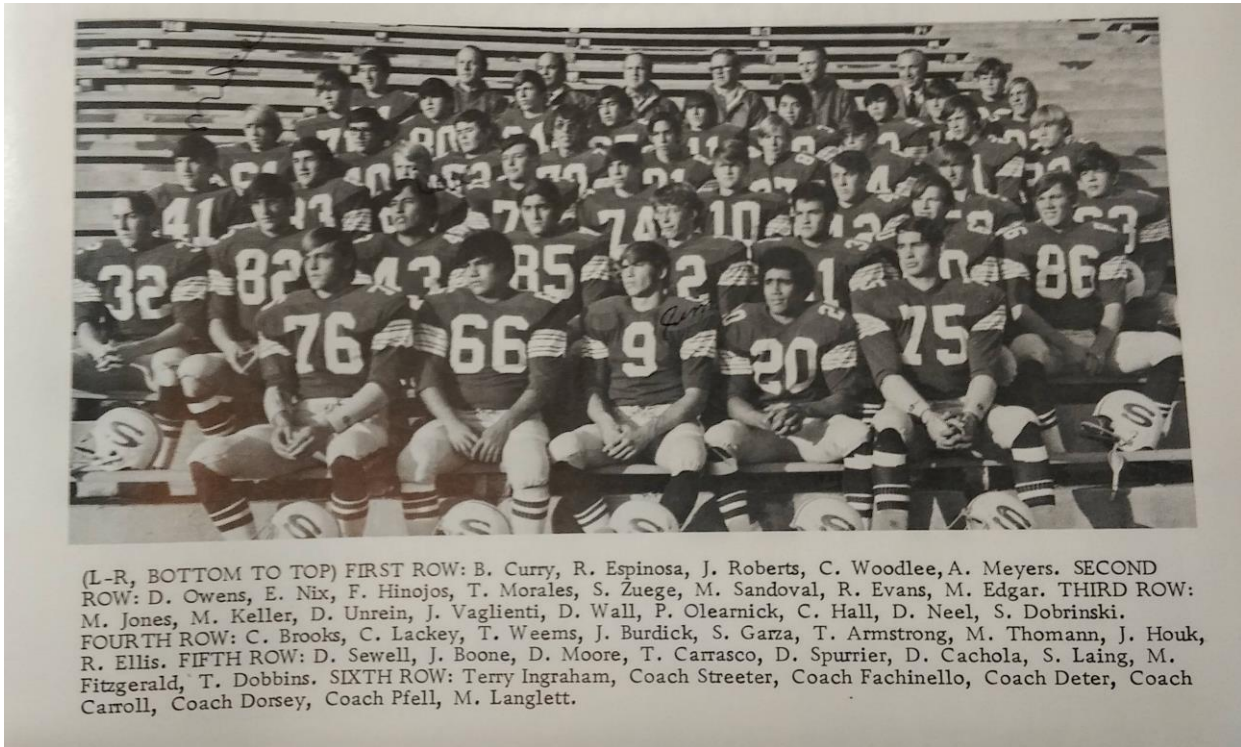
Named All State: Robert Espinosa, Albert Meyers, Jim Roberts, and Charles Woodlee, and Pat Olearnick.



Sheridan 36 - Heritage 0
 Sheridan 40 - Westminster 2
 Sheridan 55 - St. Francis 0
 Sheridan 48 - Holy Family 14
 Sheridan 12 - St. Joseph 0
 Sheridan 26 - Denver Lutheran 13
 Sheridan 35 - Machebeuf 0
 Sheridan 43 - Denver Christian 0
 Sheridan 38 - Clear Creek 0

Sheridan 15 - Salida 14
 Sheridan 53 - Valley 0
 Sheridan 34 - Monte Vista 20

The 1972 championship team picture.



1973	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Terry Carroll, Craig Smith	8 – 1	43
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Charles Hall and Dave Unrein were named all state.

1974	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Terry Carroll, Craig Smith	4 – 5	
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1975	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Peter Fachinello, Terry Carroll, Craig Smith		
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The team had only one loss during the regular season. Sheridan lost in the first round of the state playoffs to Salida. Salida scored first and never really looked back as Sheridan only scored one touchdown. The final score was Sheridan 6 and Salida 36.

Wayne Blazek and Mark Langlett were named All State.

1976	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Craig Smith, Jim Peters	8 – 3	
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Sheridan entered the playoffs based on their second place finish in the Metro League. Denver Christian was the Metro League champions. Sheridan faced Salida for the second year in a row. It was another first round loss to Salida. A penalty and early fumbles cost Sheridan dearly in this game, giving Salida an 18 to 0 half time lead. Sheridan finally scored on the opening drive of the second half. Another Sheridan fumble and Salida scored again. The final score was Salida 25 – Sheridan 7.

Robbie Bowen and Phil Dudley were named All State.

1977	Bob Deter	Jim Dorsey, Pete Fachinello, Craig Smith, Jim Peters	10 – 2	
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Once again, Sheridan was the Metro League champions. A slightly different playoff format sent them to a district playoff win over Manitou Springs. The score was Sheridan 49 and Manitou 6.

In the quarter finals Sheridan traveled to Yuma. Sheridan came back with a huge overtime win with final score of Sheridan 22 and Yuma 21. Yuma had been ranked number one and was previously unbeaten.

Injuries were a problem for Sheridan in the semi final. Sheridan trailed Roaring Fork 12 to 6 at halftime. Roaring Fork turned two interceptions into scores in the second half. Turnovers took Sheridan out of this game. Sheridan lost to Roaring Fork with a final score of Roaring Fork 24 and Sheridan 6. Roaring Fork went on to become the state champions with a victory over Brush. Sheridan had lost to Brush in the second game in the season.

Gifford Dudley and Kurt Wollenweber were named All State.

1978 Bob Deter Pete Fachinello, Craig Smith, 9 - 1
Gene Kelly

Sheridan was unbeaten in Metro league play. Sheridan played host to Buena Vista in the first round of state. It was a cold November day with sloppy field conditions. Sheridan lost three fumbles during the game while Buena Vista lost only one fumble. It was heart breaker as Buena Vista scored with a last minute touchdown and a successful two point conversion. Buena Vista fumbled the ball three times and recovered the ball each time during the final scoring drive. The final score was Buena Vista 16 and Sheridan 14.

Eddie Dudley and Shawn Lord were named All State.

1979 Bob Deter Jim Dorsey, Peter Fachinello, 9 - 3
Craig Smith, Mark Sacco

Sheridan again returned to the state playoffs and made it to the semi finals. Sheridan played Valley in the quarter finals. Valley scored first but Sheridan just kept coming back and took control in the second and third quarters. Sheridan was up 42 to 12 before Valley tried to mount a comeback scoring 18 points in the final quarter. The final score was Sheridan 49 and Valley 30.

Sheridan traveled to Steamboat Springs for the semi finals. Sheridan scored first but Steamboat ran away with this game, scoring touchdowns on runs of 71, 65, 33, 16, and 84 yards. The final score was Sheridan 15 and Steamboat Springs 52. Steamboat went on to become the state champions.

This would be the last season that Jim Dorsey was an assistant coach for the team.

Mike Howard was named All State.

1980 Bob Deter Pete Fachinello, Mark Sacco, 9 - 3 38
Mike Letofsky, Greg Sowder

Sheridan dropped their first two games of the season to Coronado and Holy Family. They lost the Coronado game in overtime. The Rams then racked up seven straight league wins. Sheridan beat Manitou Springs in the opening round 42 - 12. Wind was a factor in the Manitou game and the Rams focused on their ground game. In the quarterfinals Sheridan defeated Yuma 44 - 8. The game was played in Yuma.

In the semi finals, Fountain-Fort Carson came to play on Sheridan's field. A Sheridan fumble led to the first score by Fountain. They scored again off another Rams error to lead 13 to 0. Sheridan scored on a 94 yard drive but failed on the two point conversion. Fountain scored a 68 yard drive for a 21 to 6 lead. Sheridan got the final score with a touchdown and two point conversion and that was end of the scoring. The final score was Sheridan 14 and Fountain 21.

1981 Bob Deter Pete Fachinello, Mike Letofsky, 3 - 6
Coach Salazar, Coach Dalton

1982	Bob Deter	Pete Fachinello, Chris Cook, Terry Hensley, Bob Wolfe	4 – 5
1983	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Terry Hensley	
1984	Bob Deter	Pete Fachinello, Chris Cook, Terry Hensley	7 - 2

This would be the last season for Pete Fachinello as an assistant coach.

1985	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Terry Robertson, Volunteer Coach Marvin Ward	
1986	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Terry Robertson, Marvin Reed, Larry Sage, Kurt Wollenweber	

John Glassburner was named All State.

1987	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Coach Sage, Terry Robertson, Kurt Wollenweber, Coach Trujillo. Volunteer coach Rod Guilford.	9 - 2
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The team got off to a 6 and 0 start. It was the best start in several years. Kent Denver with Coach Scott Yates had been the nemesis of Sheridan for the last several years

Sheridan had to play a pigtail game on a Tuesday night to get into the playoffs. Sheridan got the break as Lamar had to travel to Sheridan for the game. “It’s been a long time, it’s nice to be back,” said Coach Deter. Sheridan led 21 to 14 at halftime. The Rams pulled away in the second half for a final score of Sheridan 38 and Lamar 14.

In the first round of the playoffs, Alamosa held Sheridan to its lowest point total of the season. Alamosa let 10 to 6 at halftime. The final score was Alamosa 17 and Sheridan 6.

1988	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Terry Robertson, Larry Sage, Kurt Wollenweber, and Volunteer Coach Marvin Ward	9 – 1
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Sheridan was undefeated during the regular season. They came into the state playoff game ranked number three in the state. Fountain-Fort Carson got an early jump on Sheridan leading 21 to 0 at half time. Fountain racked up 328 yards rushing, mostly in the first half. Two third quarter fumbles by Fountain got Sheridan back into the game. Sheridan scored two touchdowns

in the quarter and held Fountain scoreless. Fountain was able to hold onto the win with a final score of 28 to 21.

Mike Fitzgerald was named All State.

1989	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Kurt, Wollenweber, Terry Robertson, Volunteer coaches Marvin Ward, Rod Guilford
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This would be the last year that Sheridan played football in the Metro League. Troy Langlett was named All State.

1990	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Terry Robertson, Mike Smith. Volunteer coach Marvin Ward	8 - 3
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Sheridan football was moved to AAAA and became of member of the new Southeast Conference. Sheridan would become the inaugural champions of the league. The team was undefeated in league play and had regular season record of 8 and 2. They beat Englewood in the final regular season game in a snowstorm. The score was Sheridan 32 and Englewood 14.

In the playoff game, the quarterback for Alamosa ran and passed for 270 yards, intercepted two passes, and scored two touchdowns as the Mean Moose routed Sheridan. The final score was Alamosa 56 and Sheridan 6. Quentin Crawford rushed 1,251 yards during the season. He missed this game as he was in the hospital with a spinal infection.

1991	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Mike Smith, Terry Robertson. Volunteer coaches Rod Guilford, Kyle Deter, Bill Deter	5 - 5
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Sheridan beat Highlands Ranch this season. Highlands Ranch was second ranked in the state at the time. However, it took a late season win over Englewood to put the Rams in the playoffs. The score was Sheridan 28 and Englewood 22. The loss knocked Englewood out of the playoffs. Quentin Crawford scored three touchdowns in the Englewood game. Sheridan tied for league champions. First year Eaglecrest received the top seed as they defeated Sheridan three weeks earlier. That was a shoot out as the final score was Eaglecrest 50 and Sheridan 41.

Sheridan hosted Trinidad in the first round of the playoffs. In spite of 204 yards rushing by Quentin Crawford, Trinidad won 41 to 13. Crawford was the leading scorer in the state this season.

1992	Bob Deter	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Terry Robertson, Frank Messenger, Kurt Wollenweber	2 - 8
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Coach Deter got the 200th victory of his career during this season. It was his 29th season at Sheridan. It was a 34 to 12 victory at Woodland Park. He was only the fourth football coach in state history to notch 200 wins, at this point in time.

Coach Deter wrote the following for the school annual for that year. “As I look back over the last 29 years, I have gained many treasures as far as memories are concerned. I have fond feelings for the State Championship years – ’68 & ’72 – as they were ‘perfect’ seasons.

But over the years, games, teams, players, and experiences are cherished as well. Relationships with players have been the most significant, and I have been quite fortunate to have had quality assistants who have contributed to the success and fun we’ve had. The ‘people’ chemistry has, obviously, been the secret behind our success.

The ‘Deter Era’ will continue, as I plan on coaching until I retire. And, even then, I anticipate that I will continue coaching after retirement from teaching. If not Sheridan, somewhere else! It’s too much fun not to!” Coach Robert Deter.

If ever there was a prophetic statement, this was it. For this was the last season for Coach Deter as the football coach at Sheridan. Times had changed and it was time to move on. Indeed, he did move on. Coach Deter would become the head football coach at Elizabeth High School for several more seasons. He would return to the state playoffs one more time. Later on, he became an assistant coach for a short period of time at a Jefferson County high school.



Bob Deter graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in 1963. He was on a football scholarship his sophomore through senior years at UNC. He obtained his Masters degree from UNC in 1966. Before Sheridan, he taught at Jefferson County schools.

In 1999, Coach Bob Deter was inducted to the Colorado High School Coaches Association, Hall of Fame.

This picture of Coach Deter was taken during the 1972 – 1973 school year. The same year as his second state football championship.

1993	Jim Juliana	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave, Frank Messenger, Terry Robertson, Dennis Sheehan	3 – 7	50
1994	Bryan Powell	Chris Cook, Terry Robertson, Steve Kossick, Chris Vollmer	3 – 8	22

In a strange twist of conference schedules and seeding, Sheridan managed to get into the state

playoffs in spite of their poor record. Sheridan finished tied for fourth in conference play. Sheridan was eliminated in the preliminary round with a loss to Palisade by score 38 to 15.

1995	Bryan Powell	Chris Cook, Terry Robertson, Steve Kossick, Chris Vollmer, Jerry Nave, Troy Karsten	1 – 9	34
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Sheridan’s only win this season was over Summit. Summit was ranked tenth in the state at the time. This season the team was in the Central conference in the AAA classification. Their conference would change again in 1996.

1996	Bryan Powell	Chris Cook, Tim Gioia, Devin Kay, Troy Karsen, Chris Nicholas	2 – 7	
1997	Ric Cash	Chris Cook	3 – 7	45
1998	Ric Cash	George Gardner, John Gutierrez, Devin Kay, Chad Olson, Keith Wahl	5 – 3	59
1999	Ric Cash	Devin Kay, Keith Wahl, Coach Gardner, Coach Kay	7 – 4	

Sheridan qualified for state. It had been five years since they last went to state. Sheridan lost to Florence in the first round.

2000	Ric Cash	Keith Wahl, Coach Gardner, Coach Gutierrez, Zeric Martinez	2 – 8	
2001	Kevin Uhlig	Zeric Martinez, Rick Clark, Scott Culligan, Keith Garner, David Williams		37
2002	Kevin Uhlig	Scott Culligan, Tim Marshall, Scott Olsen, Tim Spencer, Landon Weiderstien. Volunteer coach Andy Haase.	1 – 9	
2003	Matt Sloan	Kelly Murphy, Jeff McCall, Sam Witter		32
2004	Matt Sloan	Kelly Murphy, Sam Witter, Coach Murphy, Coach Summers	3 – 7	
2005	Matt Sloan	Kelly Murphy, Sam Witter, Coach Murphy, Coach Loole, Coach	1 – 9	

		Simmons		
2006	Matt Sloan	Coach Nate, Coach Witter, Coach Moreno	2 - 7	29
2007	Matt Sloan	Anthony Barela, Ed Gurule, Dorado Kinny, Adam Palczeski, Sam Witter	0 - 9	26
2008	Lonnie Tate		2 - 8	
2009	Dwayne Davis	Alex Barela, Anthony Barela, Lou Vullo	4 - 6	35
2010	Dwayne Davis	Alex Barela, Anthony Barela, Lamar Hudson, Mark Surrat	5 - 5	32
2011	Dwayne Davis	Alex Barela, Anthony Barela, Lamar Hudson, Lou Vullo, Coach Helma, Coach Reese	6 - 4	40
2012	Zeric Martinez	Craig Blaser, John Hawk, Michael Marshall, Coach Maezingo	2 - 7	
2013	Zeric Martinez	Joe Howell	3 - 6	
2014	Johnny Martinez		5 - 4	
2015	Johnny Martinez		1 - 7	
2016	Johnny Martinez		1 - 8	
2017	Jason Coghlin	Andy Brown, Ramon Young	1 - 8	12
2018	Jason Coghlin	Andy Brown, Ramon Young, Marlon Goranson	1 - 8	15

Football State Records

All time, all classifications, through 2018, from CHSAA.
Indicates state rank.

Shutouts: #13, Sheridan, 7 Shutouts in 1972.

Passing Touch Downs, Two Teams: #5, Sheridan (5) vs. Denver West (5) in 1990.

Wins: #14 Bob Deter, Sheridan/Elizabeth, 223 from 1964 to 1999

Years Head Coach: #9 Bob Deter, Sheridan/Elizabeth, from 1964 – 1997, 32 years.
Years Head Coach at One School: #11 Bob Deter, Sheridan from 1964 – 1992, 28 years.

The Future of High School Football

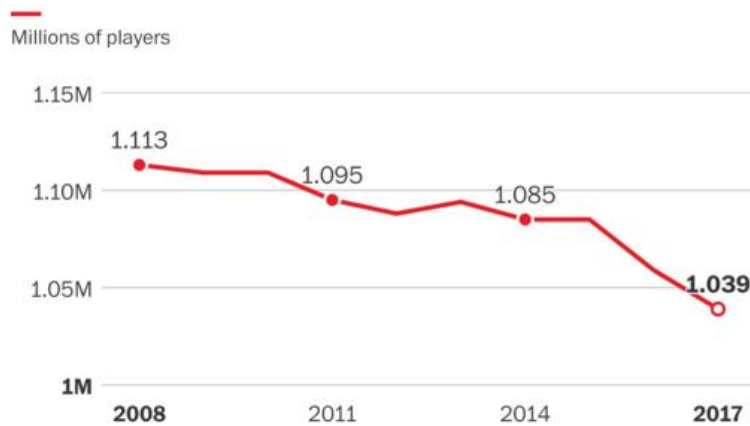
There has been a dramatic loss in the number of players for Sheridan for the last few years. Some of this is consistent with the drop of student enrollment. This is also marked by the drop in classification this past season from AA to single A. Last season Sheridan finished with 12 players. This season they finished with 15 players.

Sheridan had to forfeit a game this year for not enough players. Other teams forfeiting in the state this year for the same reason include Dolores and Cheyenne Mountain high schools.

However, Sheridan is not alone in this problem. Other teams in the Foothills conference this season also had roster issues. Clear Creek had 13 players this season. Jefferson had 19 players. Platte Canyon, this year’s league champions had just 21 players.

Another systemic problem is not enough officials. Sheridan had one game rescheduled twice this past season for lack of officials.

A major question for Sheridan in future seasons; will they be able to put enough players on the field?



Source: National Federation of State High School Associations

On August 18, 2018 the Washington Post reported the following. “In the past decade, high school football enrollment is down 6.6 percent, according to date from the National Federation of State High School Associations.

More than 20,000 fewer high school students played football in 2017 than in 2016. Fewer than 1.04 million students played football for the first time since 2003. Twenty schools nationwide in 2017 dropped football completely, including junior varsity and freshman programs.”

Cross Country

Cross Country started in 1959 under Coach Bob Webb. The runners made a name for themselves in 1961, when they won the first ever state championship in any sport for Sheridan. But alas, it is very much a forgotten sport. There are several years in the seventies and eighties where the sport is not included in the high school annuals. Some years there was no team.

Year	Coach	Runners
1959	Bob Webb	12
1960	Bob Webb	7
1961	Bob Webb	18

The 1961 Cross Country team won the very first State Championship for Sheridan. When you look through the CHSAA championship teams listings, you almost miss Sheridan. For this team won their championship under the banner of Sheridan Union High School.



Rex Hilgers, Bill O'Donnell, Frank Segura, Butch Hamilton, and Jerry Wright.

1962	Bob Webb
1963	Don Titus

1964	Don Titus	21
1965	Don Titus	
1966	Don Titus	
1967	Don Titus	
1968	Peter Fachinello	
1969	Peter Fachinello	

The 1969 team were the district champions and took third place in state.

1970	Peter Fachinello	8
1971		
1972		6
1973	Craig Smith	5
1974		2

The cross country teams disappear from Sheridan annuals from 1975 through 1987.

1988	Jeff Mayor
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The 1988 team won the league championship.

Victor Thompson was the state cross country champion. His picture is on the right.

Victor also participated in the national Junior Olympics and took second place.



1989	Jeff Mayer
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We are not sure, but we believe this is the first year girls started participating in cross country.

1990	Jeff Mayer	The 1990 team qualified for state.
1991	Jeff Mayer	Preston Aronson placed 5 th in state.
1992	Jeff Mayer	10

This was the largest team in several years with 10 runners. The boy's team took second place in the Metro League and Region. The boy's team took 4th place at state.

1993	Jeff Mayer	10 Boys	4 Girls
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Five boys qualified for state.

1994	Jeff Mayer
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The boy's team again qualified for state this year. The boy's team brought home the state second place team trophy. Brian Jeffers was the Metro League senior of the year.



Members of the boys second place state team were: Adrien Begaii, Brian Jeffers, Jess Jeffers, Josh Lancaster, and Chris Valenti.

The girls finished in fourth place in the regional.

Tiela Cairns was the first Sheridan girl to qualify for state.

1995	Jeff Mayer & Victor Thompson	6 Boys	6 Girls
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This was the first girl's team to qualify for state. They included Jennifer Krowczyk, Tiela Cairns, Nicole Johanson, Jeanne DeNoyer, and Lorie Fitzgerald.

1996	Jeff Mayer		
1997	Jeff Mayer		
1998	Barbara Loughren	4 Boys	3 Girls
1999	Barbara Loughren	4 Boys	6 Girls
2000	Barbara Loughren	6 Boys	3 Girls
2001	Barbara Loughren		
2002	Barbara Loughren	3 Boys	
2003	Barbara Loughren	4 Boys	7 Girls
2004	Barbara Loughren	9 Boys	4 Girls
2005	Gail Beaton	4 Boys	2 Girls
2006	Gail Beaton	6 Boys	3 Girls

The boys were the inaugural Frontier League Champions. Beaton was league coach of the year.

2007	Loren Richmond	4 Boys	
2008	Loren Richmond		
2009	Loren Richmond	7 Boys	1 Girl
2010	Coach Schafer	6 Boys	2 Girls
2011	Scott Cary & Sarah Larson	6 Boys	
2012	Joe Arrazola		7 Girls
2013	Joe Arrazola		
2014	Brook Staluka	5 Boys	5 Girls
2015	Joe Arrazola		
2016	Robert Selb & Omar Gallegos		
2017	Omar Gallegas & Blake Selle		
2018	Von Miller		

Boys Soccer

Boy's soccer began in 1972. The first coach was Richard "Dick" Lynch. There were no teams in the Metro League, so the boys participated in the Empire League. It was the only soccer league in the state at the time. It included teams from the metro Denver area, Colorado Springs, and one west slope team.

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record	Players
1972	Dick Lynch			19
1973	Gifford Lininger		8 - 4 - 1	25

Three players were All State from this team. They were Ken Yarbrough, Giffy Lininger, and Chris Osieczanek.

1974	Gifford Lininger	Coach Thompson	6 - 2	
1975	Gifford Lininger	Coach Ginzberg		
1976				
1977	Coach Bellamy	Charles "Red" Turner		
1978	Ronald Keith	Robert Becker		

Ken Fehr was named All State.

1979	Ronald Keith	Red Turner	8 - 7	
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Sadly, Ron Keith passed away at the end of the season from an apparent heart attack. Coach Keith played baseball at Metro State, lettering three years.

He taught physical education at Alice Terry and Fort Logan. His death came just before the birth of his only child.

Mr. Keith was a sergeant in the Marines for four years and served in Viet Nam. He is buried at Fort Logan National Cemetery.



1980	Howard Person	Red Turner		
1981	Greg Knoll	Ben Medina		
1982	Ben Medina	Gregg Knoll	13 - 2 - 2	

Sheridan was the State Co-Champion this season. An amazing accomplishment. At that time, all soccer teams competing in the state playoffs participated in one statewide classification tournament.

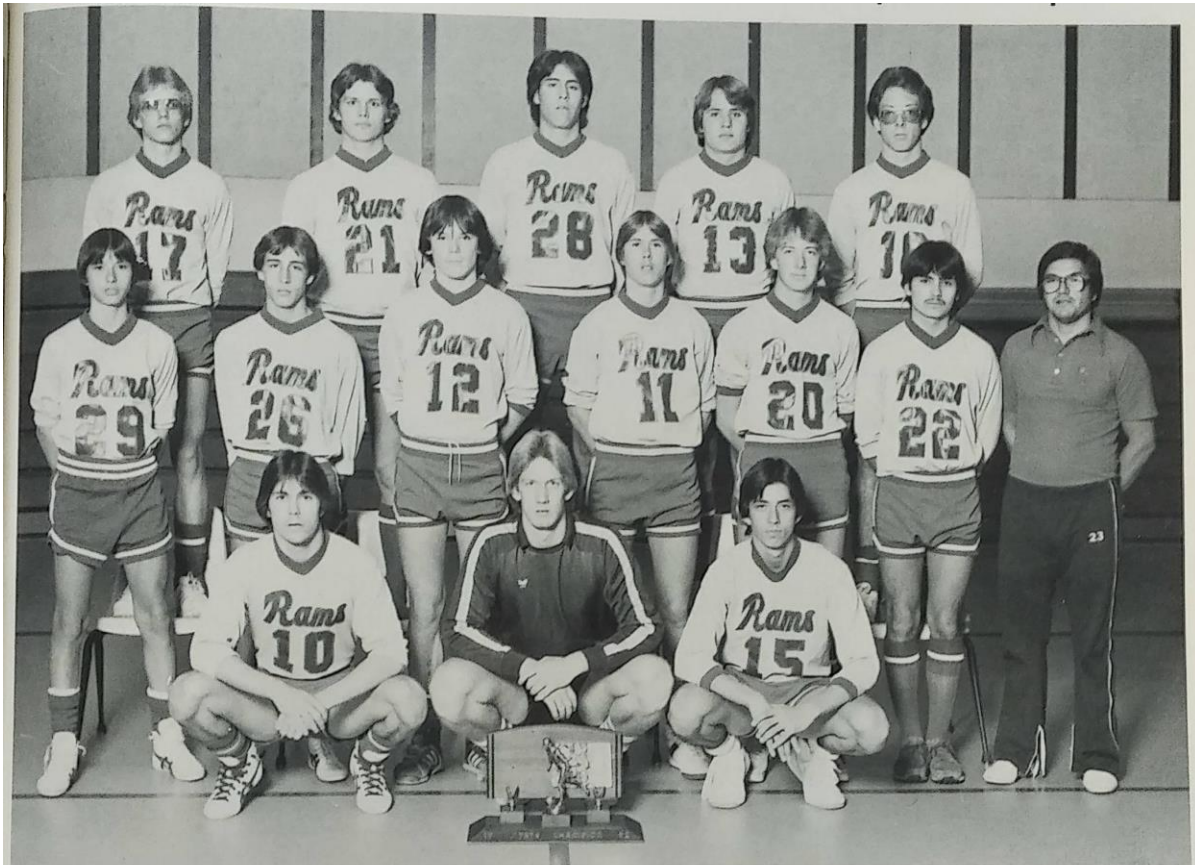
Sheridan won the Metro League with a record of 11 – 2 – 1. Sheridan played Coronado in the quarter finals. The Rams were down 2 to 0 in the game. They came from behind to win the game 3 – 2. They beat Ranum in the semi finals to advance to the championship game.

The championship game was played in Jefferson County’s Reed Street stadium. After a shoot out, the game still ended in 1-1 tie.



The 1982 boys Soccer team were State Co-Champions with Doherty.

Coach Medina wrestled in college and was a physical education major. Coach Medina gave credit to his college soccer teacher and the camps he attended for helping with his success. He also gave credit to assistant coach Greg Knoll. Coach Knoll had played soccer at Colorado State University.



Back: Chris Watson, Tim Rogers, Bob Chavez, Bryan Balkema, Russ Dakin; Middle: Phil Mares, Rex Trujillo, Gary Bailey, Craig Pless, Pat Ross, Kelly Lovato, Coach Medina; Front: Dennis Pless, Mike Fehr, Gary Mares.

Mike Fehr and Dennis Pless were named All State.



Bottom row: Jason Land, Luke Dunker, Mike Martin, Toan Nguyen, Shane Daniels, Keith Espinosa, Duane Rodarte, Donny Smith. Middle row: Corey McKinney, Chris Wood, Tory Odekirk, Nick Minch, Mike Fast, Jeremy Bauer, David Jessen, Matt Wood. Top Row: Coach Randy Mourning, Paula Montoya, Jared Boldt, Jan Brettman, Matt Geniesse, David Perez, Troy Olsen, Ernie Gallegos, Coach Dean Snell.

1994

Dean Snell

Randy Mourning, Ron Ezzie

16 – 2 – 1



Sheridan won the league championship and their regional. Sheridan defeated Roaring Fork in the state semi finals.

The finals were played in the fog laden Englewood Stadium. In the end, Sheridan lost to Lewis Palmer 4 – 2.

This gave the Rams the state second place trophy.



Left to right. Front row: Shane Wood, Terry Bain, Danny Hoschouer, Luke Dunker, Shane Daniels, Mike Martin, Norman Russell, Toan Nguyen, Jeremy Cortez, and Donny Smith. Back Row: Coach Randy Mourning, Matt Wood, Jared Boldt, Nick Minch, Mike Fast, Brandon Corbin, Troy Olsen, Laurindo Lucero, Ryan Burke, Nick Arcuri, Coach Ron Ezzie, and Coach K. Dean Snell. Missing the picture are: Jason Land, Duane Rodarte, and Chris Wood.

Author's note: Thanks to all that helped me identify all the player's names.

1995 Dean Snell Randy Mourning, Ron Ezzie 9 – 7

This team got off to a hot start but wound up in a three way tie for third place in the league. Sheridan beat Denver Lutheran in the regional, which qualified the team for state. Sheridan lost to Glenwood Springs 4 to 1 in the state quarter finals, ending their state run. Duane Rodarte was named All State.

1996 Dean Snell Randy Mourning, Ron Ezzie 5 – 7 – 1

This was a tough year as the team lost six games by one goal.

1997	Dean Snell	Randy Mourning, Ron Ezzie	5 – 7 – 1
1998	Dean Snell	Ron Ezzie, Sue Tyler	6 – 7 – 1
1999	Dean Snell	Ron Ezzie, Sue Tyler	4 – 3 – 2
2000	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie, Sue Tyler	4 – 10

This was a tough transition as Coach Tafoya was named the coach just a few weeks before the first practice. Coach Tafoya was a Sheridan graduate that had come back to teach and coach at his alma mater.

2001	Gerald Tafoya		
2002	Gerald Tafoya	Coach Pippin	4 – 11 – 1

2003	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	4 – 7 – 1
2004	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	2 – 11 – 2
2005	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	
2006	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	12 – 4 – 1

Sheridan were the Frontier League champions this year.

2007	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	10 – 1 – 3
2008			
2009	Brent Conner		7 – 6 – 3
2010	Andrew Coons	Jim Marahan	4 – 6
2011	Andrew Coons		6 – 7 – 2
2012	Andrew Coons		3 – 8 – 1
2013	Andrew Coons		9 – 6 – 2

This team qualified for state. They beat Manitou Springs in the first round but then lost to Coal Ridge.

2014	Andrew Coons		12 – 3 – 2
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Another trip to state. They beat Heritage Christian in the first round and then lost to Colorado Academy.

2015	Andrew Coons		9 – 6 – 2
2016	Andrew Coons	Matt Hooper	4 – 12
2017	David McKelfresh		4 – 11
2018	Anthony Prichard	Pharouk Hussein	7 – 8

Boys Basketball

This was the first winter sport for Sheridan beginning with the 1952 – 1953 school year. The first coach was Don Titus. In the beginning Sheridan played schools including Bear Creek, Strasburg, Frederick, Denver Christian, Idaho Springs, Evergreen, Byers, and Bennett. The Metro League would not be created for several years. The team played independent schedules for the first two years.

Sheridan would change classifications five times from 1952 to 1964. They started in the C classification in 1952 – 1953 season. In the 1953 – 1954 season they were in the B classification. During the 1954 – 1955 season they jumped over the A classification to AA classification. This AA classification included the twenty six largest schools in the state at the time spread out into just four conferences (leagues) across the state.

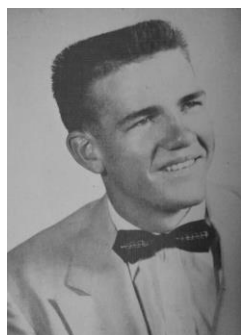
During the 1954 – 1955 season Sheridan joined the Central Suburban League which included the following schools: Adams City, Aurora, Arvada, Golden, Lakewood, Littleton, Wheat Ridge, and Westminster. In the 1956 – 1957 Sheridan was in the Adams-Arapahoe League. This league would become part of the AAA classification.

Sheridan finally joined the Metro League in 1964. The team changed back to the AA classification when Sheridan joined the Metro League. During this season the state went from five classifications down to three. The classifications would remain the same until 1980. Sheridan would then flip again to AAA, AAAA, and then back to AAA in the Frontier League.

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record
1952 – 1953	Don Titus	James “Jim” Martin	
1953 – 1954	Don Titus	Jim Martin	18 - 6

With an independent schedule, Sheridan participated in the Class B District 3 playoffs. It was a gruesome and odd district playoff with the Rams playing “six games in seven days.” The team made it to the district final. By the final, the Rams did not have any “gas” left and lost to Mountair 47 – 41. Had the Rams won, they would have gone to the state tournament. Dana Elm was the leading scorer for the Rams. Dana averaged 24.6 points a game during the season.

1954 – 1955	Don Titus	Jim Martin	13 - 5
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Sheridan lost in the first round of the Central Suburban League tournament. They subsequently won the Consolation Championship game. This would also be the first year Sheridan had a freshmen team. The freshmen coach was Bob McAfee.

Dana Elm (pictured) was named to the “All Metro/All-Suburban Team.” Dana averaged 25.5 points during the league season. Elm received a recruiting offer from Colorado State University but wound up playing basketball at Denver University.

1955 – 1956 Don Titus Jim Martin, Bob McAfee

There were just six wins this season, but one win was over Cherry Creek.

1956 – 1957 Bob McAfee Arthur “Art” Wollenweber

This season had two freshmen squads.

1957 – 1958 Bob McAfee Art Wollenweber
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1959 – 1960 Bob McAfee Art Wollenweber
1960 – 1961 Bob McAfee Art Wollenweber, Don Titus

Marvin Ward was named all state.

1961 – 1962 Bob McAfee James “Jim” Dorsey, Don Titus
1962 – 1963 Bob McAfee Don Titus
1963 – 1964 Bob McAfee Don Titus, Jim Dorsey
1964 – 1965 Don Titus Jim Dorsey
1965 – 1966 Jim Dorsey Bob Deter
1966 – 1967 Jim Dorsey Bob Deter

This team just missed going to the state tournament. Sheridan played Broomfield in the league tournament championship game. Sheridan had a 30 to 20 lead at halftime. Broomfield mounted a furious comeback in the second half to tie the game at the end of regulation. With 30 seconds left in overtime Broomfield scored a lay up to come within a point. Sheridan missed a free throw and on the rebound committed a foul. Broomfield made two free throws to win the game by one point. The final score was Sheridan 57 and Broomfield 58. Broomfield went on to win the state championship.

Tom Hayward was named All State.

1967 – 1968 Jim Dorsey Bob Deter

This was the first basketball team to make it to the state tournament. The team ran the table in the league tournament with wins over Louisville, Lafayette, and Denver Lutheran. Sheridan entered the state tournament with an 11 – 7 record.

Sheridan faced Highland in the first round of the state tournament. Sheridan got off to a slow start in the beginning of the game, which gave an early eight point lead to Highland. By the end of the first quarter Sheridan was still down four points. At halftime Sheridan was still down by a point.

Sheridan managed to take the lead in the third quarter. The lead changed back and forth several times. Sheridan staged a final rally in the fourth quarter but it was not enough. The final score was Sheridan 51 and Highland 55.

Tom Secret was named All State.

1968 – 1969	Jim Dorsey	Bob Deter
1969 – 1970	Jim Dorsey	Bob Deter
1970 – 1971	Jim Dorsey	Bob Deter
1971 – 1972	Jim Dorsey	Terry Carroll



Playing in the old gym during the 1971 – 1972 school year. The concession stand was on the west end and the stage was on the east end. The new high school was opened in the fall of 1972. The old gym was still used for one more year as the gym in the new high school was not ready.

1972 – 1973	Bob Deter	Terry Carroll
1973 – 1974	Craig Smith	
1974 – 1975	Craig Smith	
1975 – 1976	Craig Smith	
1976 – 1977	Craig Smith	
1977 – 1978	Craig Smith	James Dugan
1978 – 1979	Gene Kelly	James Dugan
1979 – 1980	Gene Kelly	James Dugan
1980 – 1981	Denny Squibb	Robert Mango
1981 – 1982	Denny Squibb	Coach Salazar
1982 – 1983	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook
1983 – 1984	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook
1984 – 1985	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave
1985 – 1986	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave
1986 – 1987	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave

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1987 – 1988	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave
1988 – 1989	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave
1989 – 1990	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave

During this season, Sheridan defeated Denver Christian. Christian was ranked sixth in state at the time. Six sophomores played varsity on this team.

1990 – 1991	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave	
1991 – 1992	Mike Geniesse	Chris Cook, Jerry Nave	10 – 5
1992 – 1993	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie	6 – 10

1993 – 1994	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, K. Dean Snell	16 – 6
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Sheridan made it into the state playoffs this season. They lost to Lewis Palmer in the state championship game.

The Rams defeated Jefferson in the first game of the regional which guaranteed them a spot in the state playoffs. They lost to Lewis Palmer in the regional final.

The state playoffs were a school wide event. The quarter finals were played on a Thursday morning. Several busloads of students were brought from school to the game.

The team beat second ranked Steamboat Springs in the quarter finals. That was followed by a semi final win over Sterling.

In the championship game the “Ram nightmare trotted onto the court” once again. This time at the coliseum. It was the Lewis Palmer Rangers. There were ten Rangers over 6’ tall on the Lewis Palmer team.

The Rams kept the game close in the first half. Palmer pulled away in the second half to win the game 56 to 39. “With the victory eluding his team, Coach Geniesse pulled his first string players, and replaced them with the reserve players from the bench. ‘I wanted every kid to be on the floor in a championship game.’”

Sheridan was awarded the second place state trophy. This was highest finish ever for a Sheridan basketball team.

Matt Geniesse was named All State.



Left to right: Coach Mike Geniesse, Jared Cavaliere, David Jessen, Pete Segura, Tony Summers, James Olseon, Matt Geniesse, John Troung, Mike Fast, Billy Ott, Mark Scott, Shane Daniels, and Assistant Coach Ron Ezzie. Persons not included in picture were: Jeff Geniesse, team managers Jeff Lueck and Yolanda Sandoval, and Assistant Coach Dean Snell.

1994 – 1995	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, K. Dean Snell	4 – 15
1995 – 1996	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, Gerald Tafoya	9 – 10
1996 – 1997	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, Gerald Tafoya	14 – 5
1997 – 1998	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, Gerald Tafoya	16 – 6

Sheridan won the Metro League championship. It was the first league championship since 1969.

1998 – 1999	Mike Geniesse	Ron Ezzie, Gerald Tafoya	18 - 4
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Sheridan was the Metro League champions for the second straight year. All five starters (all seniors) were named All Conference.



Mike Geniesse

Coach Geniesse left Sheridan to become the Athletic Director and head basketball coach at Great Falls University in Montana. It would give him another opportunity to coach his sons.

From 1986 through 1999, Coach Geniesse had amassed a record of 255 wins against 178 losses.

1999 – 2000	Ron Ezzie	Dean Snell	12 – 7
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The team was 10 and 3 in the Metro League and 6 and 0 in 4A play within the league. Sheridan was the 4A division champion in the league.

2000 – 2001	Ron Ezzie	Dean Snell	15 – 7
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It was also the first time Sheridan had beat Denver Christian since 1990. The Metro League had 3A and 4A divisions at this time. Sheridan became the 4A District Champion with a win over Englewood. The team made it to the second round of the regional before being defeated. It was an odd schedule because of the league configuration with 3A and 4A teams. Sheridan played Englewood and Skyview three times during the season.

2001 – 2002	Ron Ezzie	Gerald Tafoya	
2002 – 2003	Ron Ezzie	Gerald Tafoya	1 – 18
2003 – 2004	Ron Ezzie	Gerald Tafoya	

This was a horrible season for Sheridan. They lost all of their games except for one win by forfeit.

2004 – 2005	Lou Vullo	Eduardo Barela	
2005 – 2006	Lou Vullo	Eduardo Barela, Larry Burnardo	
2006 – 2007	Lou Vullo	Renard Simmons, Eduardo Barela	13 – 2

Sheridan was the Frontier League Champions. They won the district but lost in the first round of the regional in a 66 – 69 overtime loss to Machebuff.

2007 – 2008	Lou Vullo	Renard Simmons, Eduardo Barela	8 – 8
2008 – 2009	Lou Vullo		11 – 2
2009 – 2010	Tacuma Williams	Ron Ezzie	13 – 10
2010 – 2011	Michael Granderson	Tacuma Williams, Ezekiel Ocansey	18 – 5

Sheridan made it into a state playoff game.

2011 – 2012	Michael Granderson	Ezekiel Ocansey, John Hawk	16 – 7
2012 – 2013	Ezekiel Ocansey	Michael Lamond, John Hawk	6 – 14
2013 – 2014	Ezekiel Ocansey	Michael Lamond, John Hawk	9 – 5

Ezekiel Ocansey started the season as head coach and Michael Granderson finished this season as the head coach.

2014 – 2015	Michael Granderson	John Hawk, Johnny Martinez	13 – 10
2015 – 2016	Rex Terry		10 – 14
2016 – 2017	Rex Terry	John Chavez, David Marquez	11 – 10
2017 – 2018	Rex Terry	Zach Erickson, David Marquez	9 – 14
2018 – 2019	David Marquez	Michael Lamond, Daniel Espinoza	9 – 12



About five years ago, the floor in the gymnasium was replaced and is now a wood floor.

The original floor constructed in 1972 was a synthetic surface.

Boys Basketball State Records

All time, all classifications, through the 2018 – 2019 season.

Indicates state rank.

Points in a game total: #12, Matt Geniesse, 2/5/94 vs. Manitou Springs, 55 points.

Points in a quarter: #7, Matt Geniesse, 3/7/19, 22 points.

Points in a half: #5, Matt Geniesse, 2/5/94, 34 points.

Free throws made in a game: #7, Matt Geniesse, 3/10/94, 21.

Free throws attempted in a game: #4, Matt Geniesse, 3/10/94, 27.

Three-Pointers attempted in a season: #18, Daniel Martinez, 2015-16, 226.

Steals in a career: #17, Robert Williams, 2015 – 2017, 229.

Steals in a season: #14, Aaron Bettale, 2009 – 2010, 121.

Steals in a season: #17, Robert Williams, 2015 – 2016, 117.

Triple-Doubles in a career: #2, Robert Williams, 2015 – 2017, 4.

Triple-Doubles in a season: #2, Robert Williams, 2016 – 2017, 3.



Matt Geniesse



Aaron Bettale



Daniel Martinez



Robert Williams

Wrestling

Wrestling began with the 1953 – 1954 season. In the beginning matches were held with schools including: Adams City, Castle Rock (Douglas County), Littleton, Bear Creek, Westminster, Golden, Aurora (Central), and Wheat Ridge.

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Matches	Wrestlers
1953 – 1954	John W. Hancock Jr.		5 – 4	
1945 – 1955	John Hancock			
1955 – 1956	Pete Fachinello		9 - 2	

Sheridan was team Co-Champions in the Adams Arapahoe League.

1956 – 1957	Pete Fachinello		7 – 3	
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Sheridan was the team District Champions.

1957 – 1958	Pete Fachinello			
1958 – 1959	Pete Fachinello	Coach Miyamoto		
1959 – 1960	Pete Fachinello		8 – 2 – 1	
1960 – 1961	Pete Fachinello	Bob Webb		
1961 – 1962	Pete Fachinello	Bob Webb		
1962 – 1963	Pete Fachinello	Arthur “Art” Wollenweber		
1963 – 1964	Pete Fachinello	Art Wollenweber		

This season Sheridan had their first individual State Champion Kenny Sato.

1964 – 1965	Pete Fachinello	Art Wollenweber		
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Brothers Alan and Donnie Sato were State Champions this season.

1965 – 1966	Pete Fachinello	Art Wollenweber		
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Alan Sato was also a State Champion this season.

1966 – 1967	Pete Fachinello	Art Wollenweber		
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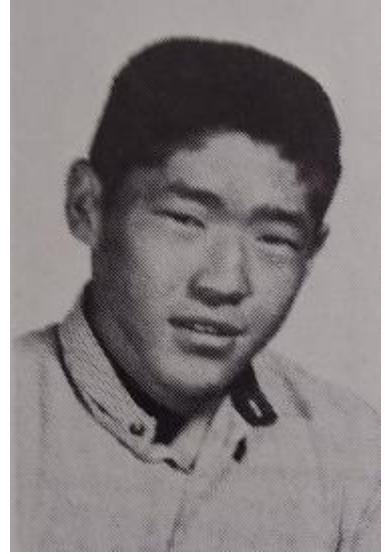
Donnie Sato was also a State Champion this season.



Kenny Sato



Alan Sato



Donnie Sato

1967 – 1968 Pete Fachinello Art Wollenweber

Sheridan was both team league and district champions this season.

1968 – 1969 Pete Fachinello Art Wollenweber

1969 – 1970 Pete Fachinello Art Wollenweber

1970 – 1971 Pete Fachinello Art Wollenweber 8 – 3

There were five wrestlers that won individual district championships this season.

1971 – 1972 Pete Fachinello Art Wollenweber

Bob Skinner was a State Champion this season.

1972 – 1973 Pete Fachinello

Mark Sandoval was a State Champion this season.

1973 – 1974 Pete Fachinello 10 – 0

Steve Kidd was a State Champion this season.

1974 – 1975 Pete Fachinello

1975 – 1976 Pete Fachinello

1976 – 1977 Pete Fachinello 8 – 3

1977 – 1978 Pete Fachinello

1978 – 1979 Pete Fachinello

Six wrestlers went to the state tournament this season. Keith Prach took second place.

1979 – 1980 Pete Fachinello 10 – 1
1980 – 1981 Pete Fachinello

Sheridan placed third in district. This was Coach Fachinello’s final season coaching wrestling. His career team record was 275 matches won against 49 losses. He was also President of the Colorado Wrestling Association at this time.

1981 – 1982 Ben Medina 6 – 4 – 1
1982 – 1983 Ben Medina Coach Caverly
1983 – 1984 Ed Mondalvo Paul Miller
1984 – 1985 Forrest Davis Paul Miller
1985 – 1986 Forrest Davis Paul Miller
1986 – 1987 Forrest Davis Kevin Bethke

Sheridan had seven wrestlers win at district. Coach Davis was named “Coach of the Year.”

1987 – 1988 Forrest Davis Kevin Bethke 10 – 3

Sheridan was league champions this season and placed second in district.

1988 – 1989 Forrest Davis Coach Moore
1989 – 1990 Forrest Davis

Sheridan finished second in league this season and qualified four wrestlers for state.

1990 – 1991 Forrest Davis Terrin Kelly

This season Sheridan was moved to the AAAA classification.

1991 – 1992 Forrest Davis Dave Saunders
1992 – 1993 Forrest Davis 8 – 8

Five wrestlers qualified for state this season.

1993 – 1994 Forrest Davis 5 – 15

This was a rebuilding season for Coach Davis. This was the first year of the “Sheridan Kids Tournament.”

1994 – 1995 Forrest Davis

Seven wrestlers qualified for state. This was the best season since 1984.

1995 – 1996 Forrest Davis John Sandoval 10 – 0

The team was the Metro League champions this season. Sheridan beat Englewood for the first

time in twelve years. The team scores were Sheridan 43 and Englewood 38. Six wrestlers placed at region.

1996 – 1997	Forrest Davis	John Sandoval	
1997 – 1998	Forrest Davis	Loren Vigil, Larry Green	8 – 0

Sheridan finished second in the Metro League.

1998 – 1999	Forrest Davis	Zeric Martinez	5 – 0
1999 – 2000	Forrest Davis	Zeric Martinez	4 – 4
2000 – 2001	Forrest Davis	Zeric Martinez	2 – 4
2001 – 2002	Forrest Davis		
2002 – 2003	Forrest Davis	Tim Spencer	5 – 2 – 1
2003 – 2004	Forrest Davis		2 – 1
2004 – 2005	Forrest Davis	George Medina	
2005 – 2006	Forrest Davis	Zeric Martinez	

Sheridan was participating in fewer duals and started participating in more tournaments during this season. This would be the last season for Coach Davis coaching wrestling at Sheridan. He still continued as a teacher at Sheridan. This was also the last season for Sheridan in the Metro League. The next season Sheridan would become part of the new Frontier League. The new league simply did not have wrestling teams like the Metro. There would also be a drop in the number of students participating in wrestling.

2006 – 2007	Zeric Martinez	Montie Nitchie	8
2007 – 2008	Zeric Martinez	Montie Nitchie	7
2008 – 2009			
2009 – 2010	Frank Contreras	Montie Nitchie	14
2010 – 2011	Frank Contreras	Montie Nitchie	9
2011 – 2012	Frank Contreras	Montie Nitchie	

For the first time in over thirty years, Sheridan would have a state wrestling champion. Both Luis Gurule and Levi Maes were State Champions this season. The last state champion in any boys sport at Sheridan was 1997. This was a big boost to the school and the athletic program.

2012 – 2013	Frank Contreras	Montie Nitchie	
2013 – 2014	Gene Maez	Montie Nitchie	13
2014 – 2015	Gene Maez	Montie Nitchie	12
2015 – 2016	Gene Maez	Montie Nitchie	

Ricky Ayala was a State Champion this season.

2016 – 2017	Gene Maez	Montie Nitchie	12
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Ricky Ayala was again a State Champion. Ricky was the third wrestler to be a state wrestling champion twice. The others were Alan Sato in 1965 and 1966 and Donnie Sato in 1965 and 1967.

2017 – 2018 Gene Maez Montie Nitchie

Faustin Lopez was a State Champion this season.

2018 – 2019 Montie Nitchie Gene Maez

State Wrestling Champions



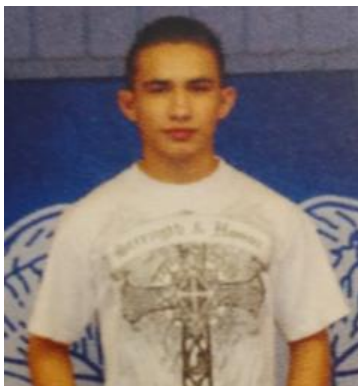
Bob Skinner – 1972



Mark Sandoval - 1973



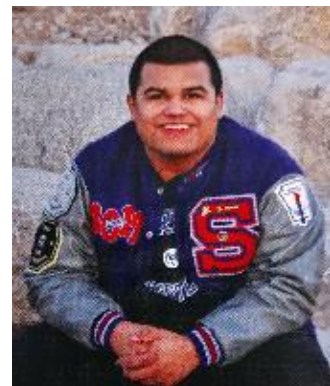
Steve Kidd - 1974



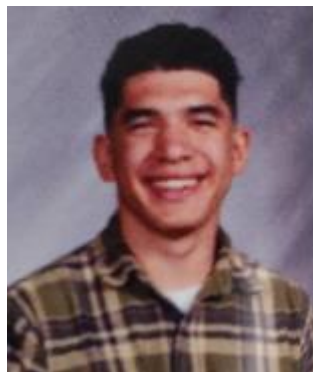
Luis Gurule – 2012



Levi Maes – 2012



Ricky Ayala – 2016, 2017



Faustin Lopez – 2018

The Sato brothers were state champions and their pictures are on page 37.

Wrestling State Records

All time, all classifications, through the 2014 – 2015 season.

Most years head coach at one school: Forrest Davis, 1986 – 2006, 20.*

Most state qualifiers in a career: Forrest Davis, 1986 – 2006, 79.

Most varsity victories in season: Casey Seifert, 2005 – 2006, 37.

Most varsity victories in a career: Jeremy Cortez, 1992 – 1996, 110.

Most take downs in a career: Jeremy Cortez, 1996 – 1996, 185.

Most Pins in a Season

Casey Seifert, 2005 – 2006, 29	Casey Seifert, 2006 – 2007, 25
James Kyle, 2002 – 2003, 27	

Most Pins in a Career

Jeremy Cortez, 1992 – 1996, 72	Josh Seifert, 2002 – 2006, 57
Casey Seifert, 2004 – 2008, 70	Robert Seifert, 1999 – 2003, 54
Derek Patton, 1996 – 2000, 61	Joshua Weitzel, 1997 – 2001, 50

Most Escapes in a Season

Will Trujillo, 2004 – 2005, 42	Joe Richardson, 1997 – 1998, 34
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Most Reversals in a Season

Jacob Collier, 2000 – 2001, 40	Robert Seifert, 2001 – 2002, 30
Pendleton Than, 1994 – 1995, 37	Casey Seifert, 2004 – 2005, 30
Robert Seifert, 2002 – 2003, 32	Casey Seifert, 2005 – 2006, 30

Most Reversals in a Career

Casey Seifer 2004 – 2008, 81	Josh Seifert, 2002 – 2006, 69
Joshua Weitzel, 1997 – 2001, 75	Armando Delgado, 2001 – 2005, 64
Robert Seifert, 1993 – 2003, 75	Pendleton Than, 1991 – 1995, 61
Coung Than, 1989 – 1993, 74	Eric Sipes, 1995 – 1999, 60
Chris Jaramillo, 1995 – 1998, 69	

Most Near Falls in a Season

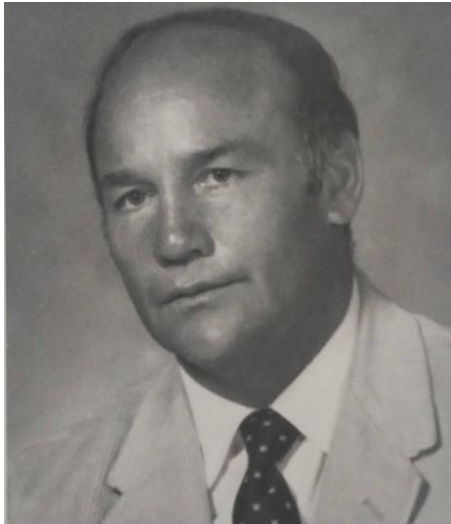
Joshua Weitzel, 1997 – 1998, 77	Joshua Weitzel, 1999 – 2000, 56
Joshua Weitzel, 2000 – 2001, 77	

Most Near Falls in a Career

Joshua Weitzel, 1997 – 2001, 167	Jeremy Cortez, 1992 – 1996, 121
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*This was from CHSAA records that are incomplete.

There were two faculty members that held the position of head wrestling coach for 49 out of the 67 years the high school has been in existence. An amazing feat of stability for the wrestling program.



Pete Fachinello

Peter D. Fachinello became the head wrestling coach of Sheridan in 1956. That was just the fourth year of existence of the high school. He held the position for 25 years. Coach Fachinello played football and was a wrestler in high school. He was a state champion in wrestling at the 98 pound weight.

During his tenure his teams won two league championships and five district championships. Six wrestlers became state champions while he was the head coach. After retiring Pete was presented with an honorary plaque and dedication by the Metro League.

He taught civics, physical education, social studies, and world history. He never missed a day of school in thirty years. An astounding accomplishment. Mr. Fachinello

passed away on March 21, 1999.



Forrest Davis

Forrest Davis came to Sheridan High School in 1984 and was head wrestling coach for 22 years until 2006. He wrestled just two years in high school in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Forrest became a wrestling official, a job that led to his first coaching job. That, in turn, led to a recommendation that he pursue a teaching career. He enrolled at Adams State College and obtained a degree in industrial arts. While earning his degree he continued his wrestling career at ASC. In 2017, he was inducted in the Adams State College Sports Hall of Fame.

Coach Davis was twice named Metro League Coach of the Year. While at Sheridan, 79 wrestlers qualified for the state tournament. Forrest began coaching at Bear Creek High School, when his sons enrolled there.

In 2018, Coach Davis was given an award by the Colorado State Chapter of the National Wrestling Association for "Lifetime Service to Wrestling." Coach Davis said "Every once in a while I'll be blessed and a kid will come back to say, 'You changed my life, you really made an impact on me.' That to me is a great accomplishment. I got into the educational arena to impact kids' lives and I have been lucky enough to have the opportunity to do that."

Mr. Davis still teaches at Sheridan in classes for drafting and woodworking.

Swimming

The Sheridan swimming pool was constructed in 1969. The first swim team was started in 1970 under Coach Jim Hasty. Girls swimming would be added in 1974.

Year	Coach	Swimmers	
1970 – 1971	Jim Hasty	7 Boys	
1971 – 1972	Jim Hasty	6 Boys	
1972 – 1973	Jim Hasty	14 Boys	
1973 – 1974	Jim Hasty		
1974 – 1975	Jim Hasty	6 Boys	5 Girls
1975 – 1976	Jim Hasty	16 Boys	13 Girls
1976 – 1977	Jim Hasty		16 Girls
1977 – 1978	Jim Hasty	24 Boys	15 Girls

Coach Hasty started the season. He then moved to Kansas and was replaced by Coach Holmes.

1978 – 1979	Coach Holmes	8 Boys	10 Girls
1979 – 1980	Coach Holmes & Joan Nietupski	5 Boys	12 Girls
1980 – 1981	Coach Finelli & Joan Nietupski	4 Boys	17 Girls
1981 – 1982	Brad Sharp		9 Girls
1982 – 1983	Coach Pawless & Coach Hackenberger	11 Boys	12 Girls
1983 – 1984	Coach Hackenberger		
1984 – 1985	Sue Wilkin & Karen Mack		

During this season the girls set nine new school records.

1985 - 1986	Mary Jane Geniesse		
1986 - 1987	Ray Price		
1987 – 1988	Ray Price		
1988 – 1989	Ray Price		
1989 – 1990	Mark Albrecht		

The girls scored a team victory of their longtime nemesis Summit County.

1990 – 1991	Coach Walker, Chris Ballew & Jeremy Bauer		
1991 – 1992			
1992 – 1993	Kevin Byrne		

1993 – 1994 This season Sheridan started participating in a cooperative with Mullen High School. Sheridan students would become part of the Mullen team. Swimming continued until 2009. In 2009 the swimming pool was closed.

Baseball

Sheridan started playing baseball in the spring of 1953. It was the first spring sport for Sheridan. This was a “blue jeans and t-shirt” team and played an independent schedule.

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coach	Record
1953	James “Jim” Martin		
1954	Bob McAfee		
1955	Bob McAfee		
1956	Bob McAfee		
1957	Arthur “Art” Wollenweber		
1958	Art Wollenweber	Bob McAfee	
1959	Art Wollenweber		
1960	Art Wollenweber	Bob McAfee	
1961	Art Wollenweber	C. Gardner	
1962	Art Wollenweber		
1963	Art Wollenweber		
1964	Art Wollenweber		
1965	Art Wollenweber		6 – 6



This picture was taken in 1965 of the old ball field, east of the football field and next to Federal Blvd.

Yes, those are cars parked on Federal Blvd., back before it was a paved four lane roadway.

There were many times that high foul balls hit cars on Federal.

1966	Art Wollenweber		8 – 2
1967	Art Wollenweber		8 – 4
1968	Art Wollenweber		

This team went to the state tournament. They beat Manitou Springs in the first game 6 – 0. They lost in the second round to Platte Valley 0 – 3. Seven players were selected to the all conference team.

1969	Art Wollenweber	James “Jim” Dorsey	8 – 6
1970	Art Wollenweber	Jim Dorsey	6 – 7
1971	Art Wollenweber	Jim Dorsey	6 – 6

Jim Roberts was named All State.

1972

Art Wollenweber

Jim Dorsey

12 - 2

Sheridan won the Metro League Championship and completed their regular season record with 12 wins against 1 loss. In the quarter finals Sheridan put on an offensive display with Jim Roberts leading the way with three hits during the course of the game resulting in three runs scored. Five players had two hits or more during the game. The Rams cruised to an 11 to 3 victory. Sheridan hosted Valley in the semi finals. Valley was the state champions in the previous year. With the victory the Rams advanced to the state championship game.



Sheridan faced Las Animas in the state championship game. Sheridan was dealt a crushing blow from an outstanding performance by Las Animas pitcher Ben Gallegos. Gallegos only allowed four hits by the Rams. Gallegos then got a huge hit of his own driving in three runs. Las Animas won the state championship with a score of 11 runs against Sheridan's 2 runs. It was the fourteenth straight win for Las Animas. As a result Sheridan took the Second Place trophy.

Jim Roberts was named All State for the second year in a row.



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FRONT ROW LEFT TO RIGHT, B. Skinner, T. Czamek, C. Woodlee, J. Neil, M. Kube, R. Romero, M. Czamek, J. Roberts, SECOND ROW, C. Osieczanek, P. Martinez, T. Armstrong, D. Neel, S. Kidd, S. Berninzi, D. Innes, D. Roberts, T. Morales, Coach Wollenweber, THIRD ROW, B. Jones (Mgr.), C. Shoup, G. Lininger, C. Hall, M. Meyers, G. Blazek, M. Jones, P. Oleamick

1973

Art Wollenweber

Jim Dorsey

Jim Roberts was named All State for third straight year.

1974	Art Wollenweber	Jim Dorsey
1975	Terry Carroll	
1976	Terry Carroll	
1977	Terry Carroll	

The team was league co-champions this season.

Kurt Wollenweber was named All State.

1978	Bob Dietzman coached the first half of the season and was replaced by Art Wollenweber in the second half of the season.	Jim Dugan
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Kurt Wollenweber was named All State for the second year in a row.

1979	Art Wollenweber	Jim Dugan
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Coach Wollenweber was named the Colorado Coach of the Year. He was also named the National Coach of the Year Runner Up.

1980	Mark Sacco	Jim Dugan	6 – 8
1981	Mark Sacco	Coach Letofsky	5 – 9
1982	Terry Hensley	Coach Letofsky	12 – 4

Coach Hensley was named the Metro League Coach of the Year.

1983	Terry Hensley	
1984	Terry Hensley	Mike Geniesse

The Rams were the Metro League champions by defeating Mapleton 4 – 3 in the league title game. The Rams defeated University and Lamar in the first two rounds of the state playoffs to advance to the state semi finals in Colorado Springs.

The state semi finals and championship game were played in the same day. The Rams faced Delta in the first semi final game at 9:00 am. Sheridan scored three runs each in the second and third innings to pull away from Delta in a 10 to 3 win. The winning pitcher was Alan Marudas.

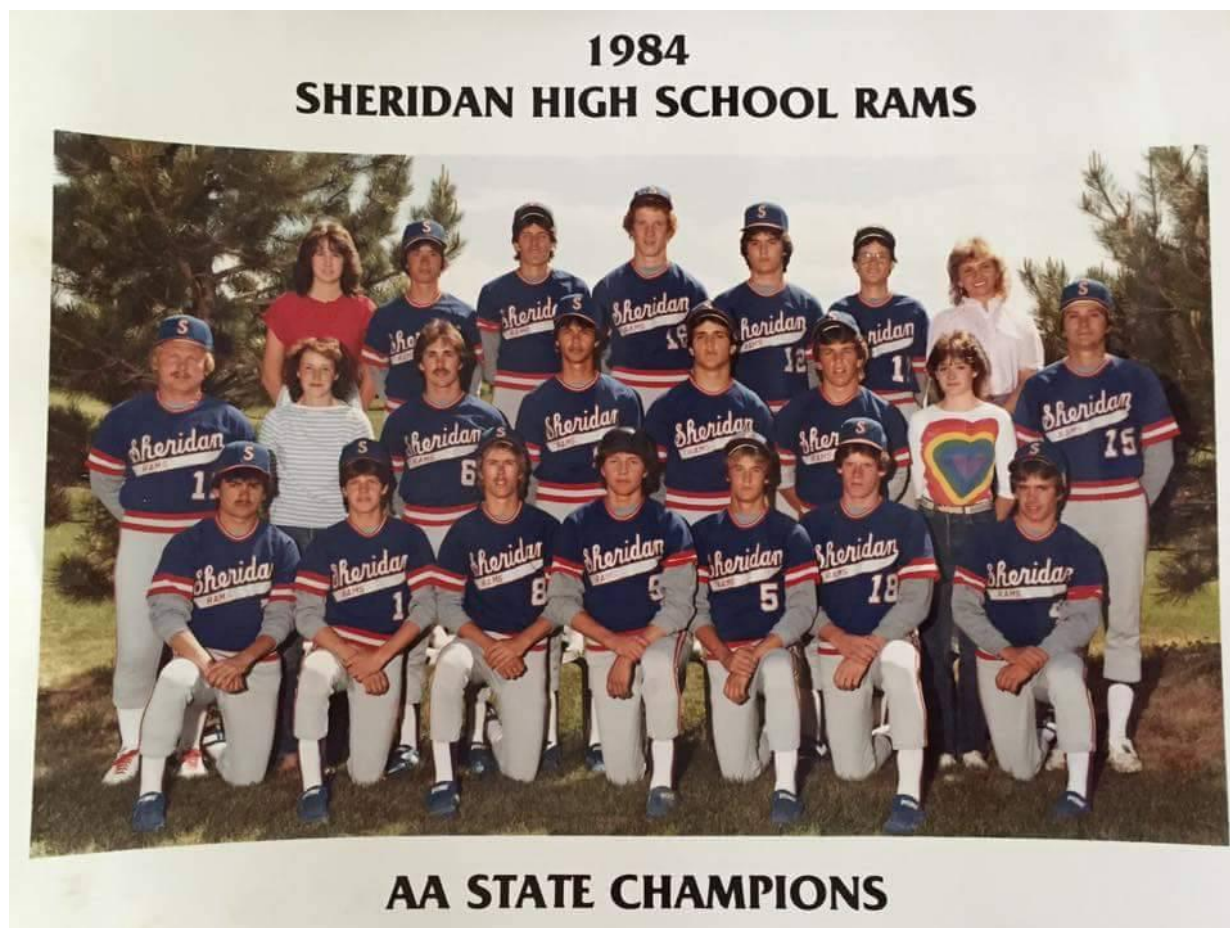
Sheridan faced Valley in the championship game at 5:30 pm. Valley did not know what hit them as the Rams ripped seven scoring runs in the first inning. They added three more runs in the second. The Rams coasted to a 19 to 3 final score and the state championship. Rich Royer was the winning pitcher for the Rams.

Coach Hensley commented “...I got a superb game performance.” from Royer.



Championship Line Score

	Innings	Runs	Hits	Errors
Sheridan	7 30 072 0	19	14	2
Valley	000 300 0	3	6	12



Front Row: Kelly Lavato, Mike Scribner, Craig Pless, Brian Trujillo, Scott Jennings, Craig Bruce, Dave Masche. Middle Row: Head Coach Terry Hensley, Jeanette Larsen - Mgr, Dennis Pless, Rich Royer, Alan Marudas, Rick Baumann, Jennifer Wagner - Mgr, Coach Mike Geniesse. Back Row: Julie Schmidt - Mgr, Phil Mares, Jeff VanNote, Mathew Themm, John Bell, John Klipka, Theresa Dilts - Mgr.

Picture courtesy of Alan Marudas.

Rick Baumann was named All State.

1985 Terry Hensley
1986 Art Wollenweber

Mike Lopez and Phil Mares were named All State.

1987 Kurt Wollenweber

Mike Lopez was named All State.

1988 Kurt Wollenweber

Jim Klipka, Mike Lopez, and Tim Vallejos were named All State. Mike Lopez was All State for the third year in a row.

1989 Kurt Wollenweber Mike Geniesse

Jeff Elrod and Greg Harvey were named All State.

1990 Kurt Wollenweber

Greg Harvey was named All State for the second year in a row.

1991 Kurt Wollenweber
1992 Kurt Wollenweber 13 – 4

Jeff Lundy and Jay Mayoral were named All State.

1993 Jerry Nave Frank Messenger, Mike Geniesse

This team finished as Metro League champions and made it to the state quarter finals.

1994 Jerry Nave Frank Messenger, Vince Schade 5 – 12
1995 Jerry Nave Steve Kossik, Nick Arcuri 12 – 6

This team finished second place in the Metro League. Jesse Abeyta was named All State.

1996 Jerry Nave Steve Kossik, Nick Arcuri 3 – 13
1997 Jerry Nave Steve Kossik, Nick Arcuri
1998 Jerry Nave Devon Kay, Nick Arcuri 3 – 11 – 1
1999 Jerry Nave Devon Kay, Nick Arcuri 4 – 13 – 1
2000 Jerry Nave Keith Wahl, John Guterrez
2001 Jerry Nave
2002 Jerry Nave Coach Kane
2003 Jerry Nave David Derby
2004 Jerry Nave David Derby
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2006	Jerry Nave	Eduardo Barela, David Derby	
2007	Tom Medina	Matt Sloan	11 – 8
2008	Tom Medina		8 – 11
2009	Jerry Nave		
2010	Jerry Nave		7 – 12
2011	Jerry Nave		9 – 10
2012	Jerry Nave	Manual “Manny” Marquez	13 – 8
2013	Manny Marquez	Craig Blazer	5 – 14
2014	Manny Marquez	Ron Contreraz	9 – 11
2015	Manny Marquez	Ron Contreraz	14 – 7

Frontier League Champions this season.

2016	Manny Marquez	Ron Contreraz	14 – 5
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Frontier League Champions this season.

2017	Manny Marquez	Ron Contreraz	9 – 10
2018	Manny Marquez	Ron Contreraz	6 – 12
2019	Justin Dalrymple		8 – 15



In 1978 the new Sheridan Community Park was constructed with federal funds. One of the features was a brand new baseball field behind the high school. The field is fully fenced in and is 375 feet deep in center field. It is lighted and features a fenced in bullpen. The Loretto Heights tower can be seen behind left center field. This picture was taken of the Sheridan game on April 9, 2019 and caught the Sheridan pitcher in full motion.

Track

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Boys	Girls
1954	James "Jim" Martin			
1955	Don Titus	Peter Fachinello	8	
1956	Bob Webb		10	
1957	Bob Webb		22	
1958	Bob Webb			
1959	Bob Webb			
1960	Bob Webb			
1961	Bob Webb			

A new "Grasstex" surface replaced the cinder track prior to the season. This resulted in several broken records during the season. It was the first Grasstex track in the Rocky Mountain area. Most of the installation work was completed by local groups.

1962	Bob Webb		12	
1963	Don Titus	Butch Gardner	23	
1964	Don Titus	Butch Gardner		
1965	Clark Bond	Robert "Bob" Deter		

This was the season of Sheridan's first track trophy for a second place finish in District. Eight boys were qualified for the state track meet. Dan Trujillo was the State Champion in the 880 yard run.

1966	Clark Bond	Bob Deter		
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Dale Sanderson was the State Champion in discus.

1967	Bob Deter			
1968	Bob Deter			

Dave Woodlee was the State Champion in the mile run.

1969	Bob Deter	Peter Fachinello		
1970	Bob Deter	Peter Fachinello		
1971	Bob Deter		24	
1972	Bob Deter		15	
1973	Bob Deter			

Albert Myers was the State Champion in discus.

1974	Bob Deter	Avonell Mitchell	23	27
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Avonell Mitchell became the girls track head coach this season.

Mike Ingraham participated in the state pentathlon competition and placed second.

This was the first official season of girls track. Pam Toney became the girls State Champion in high jump. Laura Laing took second place at state in the 880 yard run.

1975 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell

Pam Toney was the girls State Champion in high jump.

1976 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell 23



Sheridan won their first Track State Championship this season.

Mike Woodlee was the force behind this championship.

Mike was a State Champion winning the high hurdles, low hurdles, and 220 yard dash. He also took third place in the high jump.



Mike Woodlee

Phil Dudley was the State Champion in the 100 yard dash. Between Mike and Phil, they scored enough team points to win the team championship by one point.

Pam Toney was the State Champion in high jump for the third year in a row. This was her senior season.

1977 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell

Phil Dudley was the State Champion in the 100 yard dash, for the second year in a row.

1978 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell
 1979 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell

Six boys qualified to the state meet. Shawn Lord set a school record in the shot put at 53' 10".

1980 Bob Deter Avonell Mitchell 16

Four boys qualified for the state meet.

1981 Bob Deter Dottie Boyle 15
 1982 Bob Deter 15

Sheridan qualified five boys to the state meet.

1983 Bob Deter

Gary Mares was the State Champion in Long Jump.

1984 Bob Deter

1985 Bob Deter

1986 Bob Deter

1987 Bob Deter

1988 Bob Deter

1989 Bob Deter

Chris Cook, Sharon Quarton,
Terry Robertson

Victor Thompson was the State Champion in the 3200 meter run.

1990 Bob Deter

1991 Bob Deter

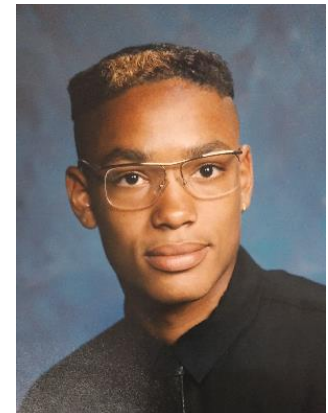
1992 Bob Deter

Chris Cook, Jeff Mayer, Sharon 25
Quarton



Sheridan won their second Boys State Championship this season. It was another one point victory.

Jason Day was the State Champion in both the High Jump and Triple Jump.



Jason Day

William Ryan Pyffer was the State Champion in the 800 Meters run.

1993 Bob Deter

Chris Cook, Jeff Mayer, Sharon
Quarton

1994 Bob Deter

Chris Cook, Jeff Mayer, Terry
Robertson

1995 Jeff Mayer

Chris Cook, Terry Robertson,
Bryan Powell

1996 Jeff Mayer

Chris Cook, Bryan Powell, Kelly
Kirkpatrick

On June 4, 1996 the track was heavily damaged by a severe thunderstorm. Dirt and debris that had washed down the banks surrounding the track and field was removed and cleaned up. The track was never repaired and was no longer suitable for competition.

1997 Jeff Mayer 14

Josh Lancaster was the State Champion in 110 Hurdles. Four girls qualified for the state meet.

1998 Jeff Mayer Chris Cook, Chris Nicholas, Larry Green 13

1999 Jeff Mayer Chris Nicholas, Larry Green 34

2000 Jeff Mayer Chris Cook, Ric Cash, Barb Loughran

2001 Coach Swanny John Zahler, Ron Roset, Coach Spencer

2002 Coach Swanny John Zahler, Ron Roset, Coach Spencer

2004

2005

2006 Lindsey Abrams Jackie Meider, Zeric Martinez
2007 Zeric Martinez P. Laviera Hadaenfelt, Gretchen Gosch



Tacole Williams

Tacole Williams was the girls State Champion in the 200 Meters. She is just the second girl individual state champion in Sheridan history.

Head Coach Zeric Martinez said “We actually scratched her from the 100 knowing that if we took care of her she could pop and win the 200.”

Tacole finished 3rd in the preliminaries at 27.32 seconds, .53 of a second behind the leader. Tacole made up the difference in the finals with a run of 26.29 for the championship. An improvement of 1.03 seconds, .13 of the second ahead of the 2nd place finisher.

2008

2009

2010

2011

2012

2013 Zeric Martinez Joe Arrazalo 7 4

2014 Joe Arrazalo

2015 Brooke Stluka

2016 Brooke Stluka

2017 Omar Gallegos

2018 Von Miller

2019 Ian Kopicik

State Track Champions



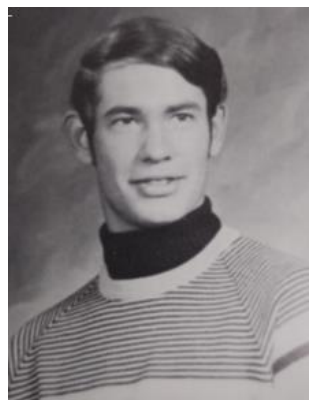
Dan Trujillo
880 Yard Run, 1965



Dale Sanderson
Discus, 1965



Dave Woodlee
Mile Run, 1966



Albert Myers
Discus, 1973



Phil Dudley
100 Yard Dash, 1976, 1977



Gary Mares
Long Jump, 1983



Victor Thompson
3200 Meter Run, 1989



William Ryan Pyffer
800 Meter Run, 1991



Josh Lancaster
110 Meter Dash, 1997

State champions shown on previous pages were Mike Woodlee on page 51, Jason Day on page 52, and Tacole Williams on page 53. Pam Toney is shown on the next page.

Title IX

“Title 9” is a portion of the US Educational Amendments of 1972. In essence “No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any education program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance.”

These amendments were a follow up to the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The act of 1964 did not prevent discrimination based on sex. Title 9 is known for its impact on high school and college sports although it did not expressly mention sports. The impact was not generally understood until the department of Health, Education, and Welfare published the final regulations in June, 1975. Educational institutions were given three years to comply.



Pam Toney

The first girl individual State Champion in Sheridan history.

There was some early success in girls track and basketball. Pam Toney won individual state track titles in high jump three consecutive years in 1974, 1975, and 1976.

The girl’s basketball team made it into the state playoffs in just their second year of existence. The head coach was Avonell Mitchell.

Sheridan was ahead of the curve establishing its first girl’s sport of track in the spring of 1974. The following school year girl’s basketball was established with Avonell Mitchell as the head coach. Volleyball followed in the fall of 1975 and gymnastics in 1976. Girls were also included in cross country and swimming sports programs. Girl’s soccer was started in the spring of 1979.

The last year of gymnastics at Sheridan was in 1992. It was replaced by girl’s softball in the fall in 1992. Like most schools in the beginning, Sheridan had no budgeting for these programs. In the early years, the same uniforms were shared by multiple girls’ sports.



Coach Mitchell

Volleyball

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record
1975	Gabriel "Gabby" Baxter		
1976	Jim Dugan		
1977	Jim Dugan		
1978	David Mason	Jim Dugan	
1979	David Mason	Coach Gilday	
1980	Merye Wachtel		
1981	Dennis Squibb		8 - 5
1982	Sue Bethke	Janice Hock	4 - 8
1983	Sue Bethke	Sandy Early	
1984	Chet Bunting		
1985	Chet Bunting	Grayson Graff	
1986	Chet Bunting	Grayson Graff	
1987	Chet Bunting	Coach Reinhart	
1988	Forrest Davis	Tara Edwards	
1989	Tara Edwards	Laura Callies	
1990	Tara Edwards	Kathy Zenisk	
1991	Tara Edwards	Kathy Zenisk, Laurie Dilger	8 - 10
1992	Donna Gaudreault	Kathy Zenisk	
1993	Donna Gaudreault		3 - 14
1994	Sherrie Langston	Mike Geniesse	
1995	Sherrie Langston	Mike Geniesse	1 - 15
1996	Chet Bunting	Patty Dugg	4 - 11
1997	Paul Warren		
1998	Paul Warren	Betsy Humphrey, Michelle Dye	11 - 11
1999	Tiffany Hunt	Katie Dowden	
2000	Michael Rowe	Trier Barnes, John Zahler	
2001	Michael Rowe	John Zahler	
2002	Michael Rowe	John Zahler	
2003	John Zahler	Lindsey Abrams	
2004	Lindsey Abrams	Joshua Beacham	
2005	Lindsey Abrams		
2006	Lindsey Abrams		7 - 12
2007	Gretchen Goesch		0 - 16
2008	Gretchen Goesch		2 - 16
2009	Gretchen Goesch	Heidi Behrends	8 - 12
2010	Edward Schafer	Kristi Mize	1 - 14
2011	Edward Schafer	Jada Mateo	5 - 12
2012	Jada Mateo	Adam Soliz	5 - 17
2013	Adam Seliz	Craig Trebesh	1 - 19
2014	Adam Seliz		1 - 19
2015	James Gibson		2 - 17
2016	James Gibson	Amanda McMurray	13 - 9
2017	Wendy Salazar	Celeste Delgado	5 - 18
2018	Rhett Travis	Angela Hoschouer	7 - 14

Softball

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record
1992	Beverly Patterson		

During one game this season, the team accomplished 54 stolen bases.

There was no team in 1993, as there were not enough players.

1994	Beverly Patterson	Dave Gibson	7 – 9
1995	Beverly Patterson	Dave Gibson	8 – 7

This season the team became part of the Metro League. In prior years the Metro League did not have enough softball teams.

1996	Beverly Patterson	Laura Fitzpatrick	11 - 3
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The team was the Metro League Champions this season. Sheridan made it to the semi finals of the district tournament before losing to Sterling 4 to 2. Sheridan had led in the game until the last inning. Coach Patterson received the Metro League coach of the year award.

1997	Beverly Patterson	Laura Fitzpatrick	9 - 4
1998	Beverly Patterson	Mike Geniesse	
1999	Beverly Patterson	Jerry Nave	7 - 3
2000	Jerry Nave		8 – 8
2001	Jerry Nave		
2002	Jerry Nave		7 – 13
2003	Jerry Nave	David Derby	6 – 12
2004	Jerry Nave	David Derby	4 – 15
2005	Jerry Nave		6 – 12
2006	Jerry Nave	Coach Barella	8 – 13
2007	Jerry Nave	Coach Barella	9 – 9
2008	Jerry Nave		
2009	Jerry Nave	Coach Barella	10 – 9
2010	Jerry Nave		0 – 12
2011	Jerry Nave		0 – 14
2012	Manny Marquez	Annette Green	6 – 11
2013	Manny Marquez	Annette Green	8 – 17
2014	Manny Marquez	Annette Green	11 – 7
2015	Manny Marquez	Annette Green	8 – 12
2016	Manny Marquez	Annette Green	9 – 10
2017	Miguel Trejo	Jeremy Langer	8 – 12
2018	Miguel Trejo	Jeremy Langer	9 – 14

Girls Basketball

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record
1974 – 1975	Avonell Mitchell	Coach Reinke	
1975 – 1976	Avonell Mitchell		

Sheridan won the district tournament this season and went to the state tournament. It was the first girl's state basketball tournament held in Colorado.

Pam Toney was named All State.



Left to right.

Sheri Lininger, Heidi Brechmann,
Patty Hull, Berta Gonzales

Karie Plattner, Mari Marple,
Laura Laing, Denise Mitchell

Sue Kaberline, Pam Toney,
Sue Doubek, Velma Cook

1976 – 1977	Avonell Mitchell	
1977 – 1978	Avonell Mitchell	
1978 – 1979	Avonell Mitchell	
1979 – 1980	Mark Sacco	Hank Gilday
1980 – 1981	Mark Sacco	Coach Lovato
1981 – 1982	Terry Hensley	Janice Hock
1982 – 1983	Terry Hensley	Janice Hock
1983 – 1984	Terry Hensley	Sherrie Langston
1984 – 1985	Terry Hensley	Sherrie Langston
1985 – 1986	Larry Sage	Terry Robertson
1986 – 1987	Larry Sage	Terry Robertson
1987 – 1988	Larry Sage	Terry Robertson
1988 – 1989	Larry Sage	Robert "Bob" Deter
1989 – 1990	Bob Deter	Laurie Callies
1990 – 1991	Frank Messenger	

There were only six players on varsity this season.

1991 – 1992 Frank Messenger Beverly Patterson 15 - 4



Angie King and Patty Jeffers were the top scorers for the team this season. Angie King was named All State.

Front row: Manager Misty Palmer, Carla Chavez, Tammy Riggins, and Manager Joy Rogers. Back Row: Frank Messenger, Patty Jeffers, Angie King, Michelle Jaramillo, Lola Gallegos, and Manager Carey Patton.

1992 - 1993 Frank Messenger Donna Gaudreault

1993 – 1994 Frank Messenger Donna Gaudreault



Patty Jeffers was named All State.

Patty received a four-year athletic scholarship to Chadron State College in Nebraska.

1994 – 1995	Sherrie Langston	Chris Vollmer	2 – 16
1995 – 1996	Sherrie Langston	Chris Vollmer	1 - 18
1996 – 1997	Earl Swanson	Coach Laffoon, Coach Kennedy	8 – 12
1997 – 1998	Earl Swanson	Theresa Fox, Victor Fazio	8 - 11
1998 – 1999	Earl Swanson	Victor Fazio	11 – 10
1999 – 2000	Tony Barnett	Keith Wahl	11 – 10
2000 – 2001	Tony Barnett	Keith Wahl	10 – 12
2001 – 2002			
2002 – 2003	Duane Buys	Knin Suwannakorn	
2003 – 2004	Duane Buys		
2004 – 2005	Duane Buys		
2005 – 2006	Victor Fazio		
2006 – 2007	Victor Fazio	Ami Podczervinski	9 - 11

2007 – 2008	Marquette Williams	Matt Trujillo	3 – 17
2008 – 2009	Marquette Williams		8 – 15
2009 – 2010	Duane Buys		9 – 14
2010 – 2011	Duane Buys		15 – 9
2011 – 2012	Duane Buys		9 – 13
2012 - 2013	Joe Calderon		12 – 12
2013 – 2014	Joe Calderon		12 – 12
2014 – 2015	Joe Calderon		12 – 11
2015 – 2016	Aaron Vick		11 – 13
2016 – 2017	Tom Baker	Elizabeth Baker	8 – 13
2017 – 2018	Von Miller	Justin Brabham	2 – 18
2018 – 2019	Justin Brabham	Angeline Chavez	7 – 14

Girls Basketball State Records

All time, all classifications, through the 2018 – 2019 season.
Indicates state rank.

Most Overtimes: #8, Kent Denver vs. Sheridan, 1/26/91, 3.

Three Pointers-attempted in a season:
#6, Faith Barela, 2015 – 2016, 244.

Three Pointers-attempted in a game:
#5, Faith Barela, 2/15/16, 18.
#16, Faith Barela, 1/9/16, 16.

Rebounds in a Season:
#7, Arianna Drake, 2018 – 2019, 381.

Wins: #3, Duane Buys (Denver Christian/Sheridan/DSST-College View). He was still active through the current 2018 – 2019 season, 467. Overall record: 467 wins and 237 losses.



Faith Barela



Arianna Drake



Duane Buys

Gymnastics

Year **Head Coach**
1976 – 1977 Charlene Lewis

Three gymnasts went to state including Cindy Knudson, Kim Furhman, and Bev Gonzales.

1977 – 1978 Charlene Lewis
1978 – 1979 Charlene Lewis

The entire team went to state this season and finished fourth overall. Cindy Knudson placed third in the all round.

1979 – 1980 Charlene Lewis

Seven gymnasts qualified for state this season.

1980 – 1981 Charlene Lewis
1981 – 1982 Charlene Lewis
1982 – 1983 David Paynter & Debbie Knoll

Three gymnasts went to state.

1983 – 1984 There were no gymnastics this season.

1984 – 1985 Charlene Lewis

Jennifer Mousel was the only returning letter winner this season. Jennifer qualified for state along with Tammy Van Treeck.

1985 – 1986	JoAnn Thwaites	Judy Brookens
1986 – 1987	JoAnn Thwaites	Judy Fazio
1987 – 1988	Nancy Mellon	Cindy Hayes
1988 – 1989	Nancy Mellon	Cindy Hayes
1989 – 1990	Coach Gates	
1990 – 1991	Patrice Campbell	
1991 – 1992	Patrice Campbell	

Girls Soccer

Year	Head Coach	Assistant Coaches	Record
1979	Charles "Red" Turner		

There were no league matches this season as there were no leagues. There were eight games played this season, with nine members on the team. Later the team would participate in the AAA Skyline League as there were still very few AA teams in the beginning.

1980	Robert Becker		
1981	Howard Person	Red Turner	

This team won the league this season making it into the state playoffs. They lost to Lincoln 0 – 1 in the first round of state.

1982	Howard Person	Red Turner	
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The team won the league for the second year in a row and lost in the first round of the playoffs.

1983	Coach Knoll		11 – 3
1984			
1985	Dean Bagley		
1986	Dean Bagley		
1987	Dean Bagley		
1988	Dean Bagley		
1989	Dean Bagley	Randy Mourning	
1990	Dean Bagley		
1991	Dean Bagley		

Angie King was named All State.

1992	Dean Bagley		
1993	Dean Bagley	Randy Mourning	
1994	Dean Bagley	Randy Mourning	
1995	K. Dean Snell	Randy Mourning	3 – 8 – 4
1996	Dean Snell		
1997	Dean Snell		1 – 10 – 1
1998	Dean Snell		
1999	Dean Snell	Randy Mourning	

Teresa Cavaliere became the first Sheridan girl's soccer player to receive a soccer college scholarship. The scholarship was from Regis University.

Teresa played four years at Sheridan and was the captain of the Sheridan team. "He [Coach Snell] talked me into playing for my last year and for that I'm thankful."



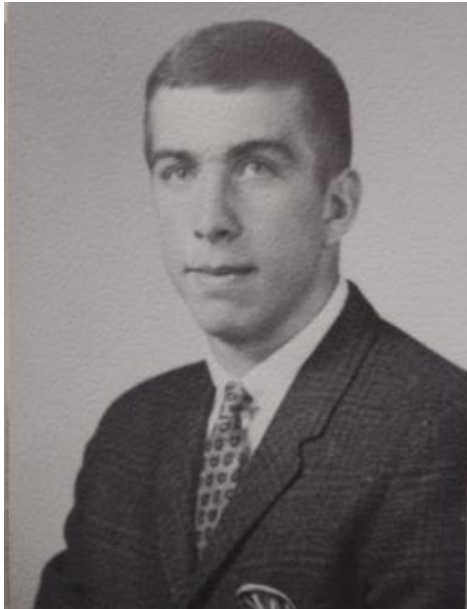
2000	Dean Snell	Sue Tyler, Keith Espinosa
2001	Sue Tyler	Keith Espinosa
2002	Gerald Tafoya	Ty Pippin
2003	Ty Pippin	Jennifer Roberts
2004	Gerald Tafoya	

Coach Tafoya was name the AAA Metro League Coach of the Year.

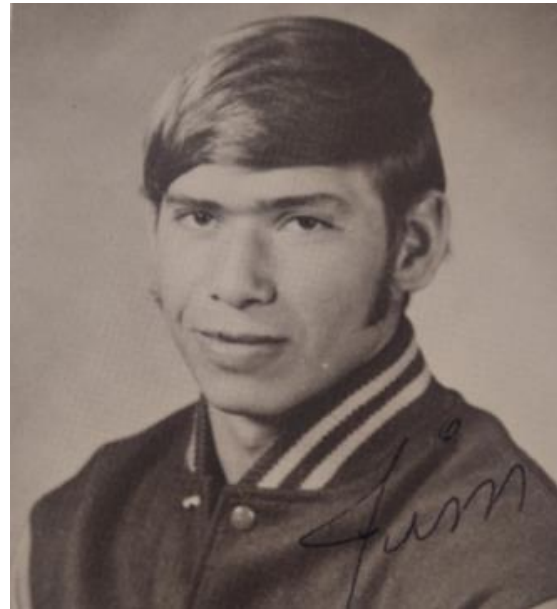
2005			
2006	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie	
2007	Gerald Tafoya	Ron Ezzie, Brent Connor	8 – 2 – 4
2008			
2009	Brent Connor		2 – 10 – 3
2010	Brent Connor		9 – 5
2011			
2012	Sarah Larson	Coach Kaskey	6 – 6 – 3
2013	Andrew Coons	Annette Green	11 – 5
2014	Andrew Coons	Annette Green	4 – 10 – 1
2015	Andrew Coons	Laura Bakes	9 – 6
2016	Laura Bakes		9 – 6
2017	Laura Bakes	Hannah Moore	9 – 6
2018	Hannah Moore		7 – 8
2019	Pharouk Huessin		4 – 10 – 1

All State or State Champions in Multiple Sports

There have been seven athletes that were All State or State Champions in multiple sports. Three previously shown are Bob Skinner (page 40) was a State Champion in wrestling in 1972 and All State in football in 1970 and 1971. Pam Toney (page 55) was a three time State Champion in high jump in 1974, 1975, and 1976 and All State in basketball in 1976. Victor Thompson (page 21) was a State Champion in Cross Country in 1988 and Track in the 3200 Meter Run in 1989.



Tom Secrest
Football 1967, Basketball 1968



Jim Roberts
Football 1972, Baseball 1971, 1972, 1973



Kurt Wollenweber
Football 1977, Baseball 1977, 1978



Angie King
Soccer 1991, Basketball 1992

Interesting Tidbits

Sheridan athletes have played on other school teams outside of Sheridan. As mentioned before, starting in 1993 Sheridan swimmers started participating on the Mullen swim team. In the late nineties, other Sheridan athletes participated on other schools teams besides swimming. Some examples include the following. In 1998: Sean Tyler played tennis at Kennedy High School and Kathy Schmidt participated in gymnastics at Littleton High School; and, in 1999, Chris Hildebrand played lacrosse at Englewood High School.



In 1977, Joyce Viera (picture on left) played on the Junior Varsity baseball team. This was made possible with the advent of Title IX. The act basically provided that girls should get equal treatment and opportunity of boys. It was 1992 before Sheridan would have their first ever girls softball team.

Before Title IX, there were no opportunities for girls to play in sports. Prior to that time girls could participate in the Pep Club. There were many times into the 70's when the Pep Club had over sixty members. During the 1960 – 1961 school year, there were actually over one hundred girls in the Pep Club.

Also in the early years there were pom pom cheer teams, with each member wearing a letter from S H E R I D A N on their cheer uniform. During the 1977 – 1978 school year the Pep Club name was changed to the Spirit Club. There have been boys that were cheerleaders at Sheridan. The Spirit Club faded from existence in the 1980's.

From time to time there have been students that wore a Rams mascot costume, especially during football games. There have been several different versions of the Ram mascot. Both boys and girls have worn the Rams mascot costume. Below we see four different versions, but there have been more.



The head of the costume in the very left picture was actually made of paper mache. It was made by Mary Sewald Avalos, class of 1986, when she was the mascot during her freshman year.

Sheridan returned to a four year school in the fall of 1972. From 1967 through the spring of 1972 the freshmen were part of the junior high. During the fall of 1972 there 86 boys participating in fall sports which included 32.5% of the boys in school.

Letters were given to athletes that met participation requirements in each sport. For the first athletic letter earned an athlete received a Chenille “S” letter patch and a certificate. Certificates were given for each additional letter earned. Shown below are several different styles that were used over the years. On the left is the very first Chenille letter given to athletes back in 1952. The last one on the right is the current style.



Players that received an athletic letter were part of the Letterman’s Club. The name was changed to the “S” Club with the advent of Title IX and girl’s participation in sports. During the 1995 – 1996 school year, there were 23 members in “S” Club of which 12 were girls. That club also faded out of existence. However, letters are still awarded to qualifying athletes.

Bill Swann, from the class of 1971, played basketball at Sheridan. Bill won a free throw contest which started at the Cinderella City mall and ended up at the Denver Auditorium Arena during a half time of the Denver Rockets game with the New York Nets. Bill went on to play basketball at Western State College. Bill was a Colorado high school basketball official for over twenty-five years officiating both boys and girls games.

Jay Graves, from the class of 1981, played football at Sheridan. He played football at Fort Lewis College for a short time and then joined the Navy. He is a personal trainer. In 1990 he became an assistant football coach at Englewood High School under head coach Randy Penn for 17 years. That was followed by a couple years as an assistant coach at Columbine. Two years after Penn retired, in 2009 Jay returned to Englewood High School as the head football coach. A position he held for nine years.

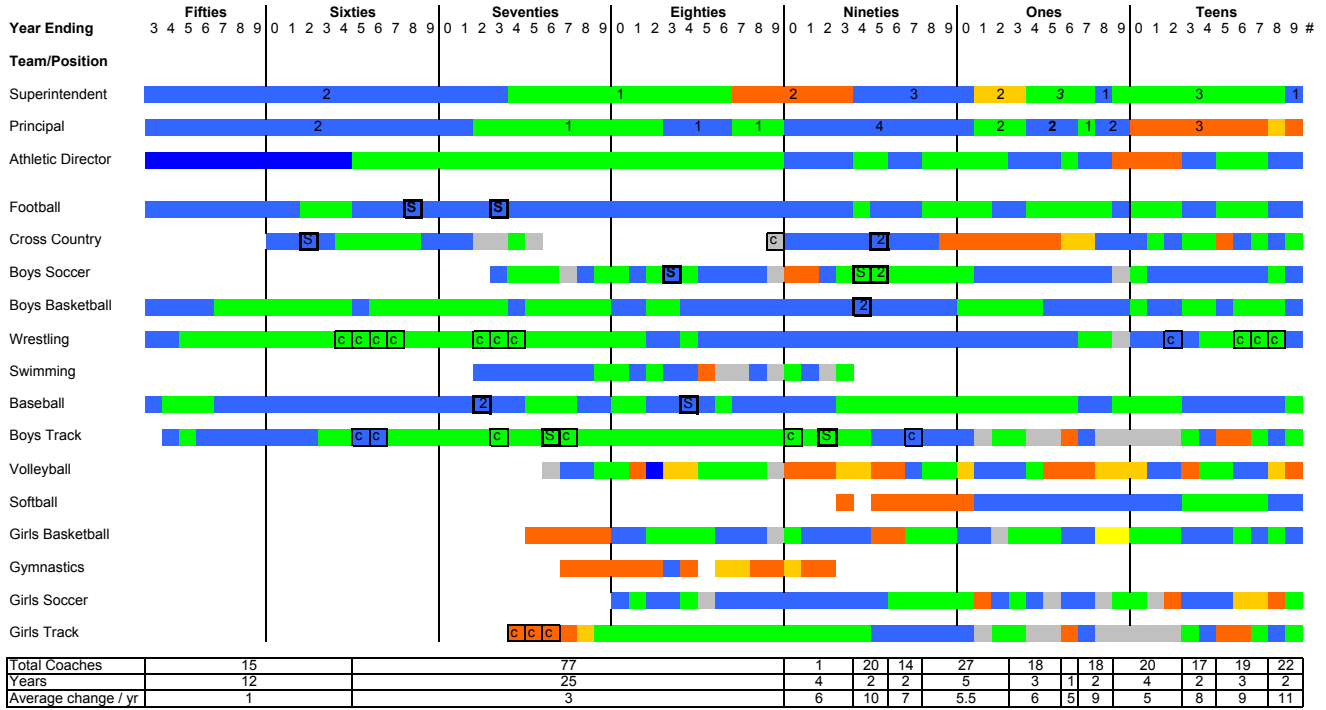
John Paul Geniesse, from the class of 1999, played basketball at Sheridan. He was the head boy’s basketball coach at Discovery Canyon High School. He started the program from scratch in 2007. John Paul has been the head boy’s basketball coach at Woodland Park High School for the last five years.

Derek Patton was a wrestler that graduated from Sheridan in 2000. He recorded 67 pins during his years at Sheridan. He wrestled in the state tournaments at both McNichols Arena and the Pepsi Center. In 1999 he was invited to wrestle for Team Colorado in Fargo, North Dakota. After graduation, he came back and was a wrestling coach at the Middle School from 2012 – 2015 and then an assistant coach at the high school from 2016 to the present. At first he was a volunteer coach, now he gets paid.

The History of Sheridan High School Athletics

Appendix 1

Trends and Changes of head coaches for Sheridan High School athletics.



1 Represents the number of athletic directors during the tenure of the superintendent or principal.

S Represents a state championship team.

2 Represents a team that took second place in state.

c Represents individual(s) state wrestling or track champion.

Every change in color represents a new head coach.

Blue Male head coach.

Green Male head coach.

Orange Female head coach.

Yellow Female head coach.

Grey Coach unknown.

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