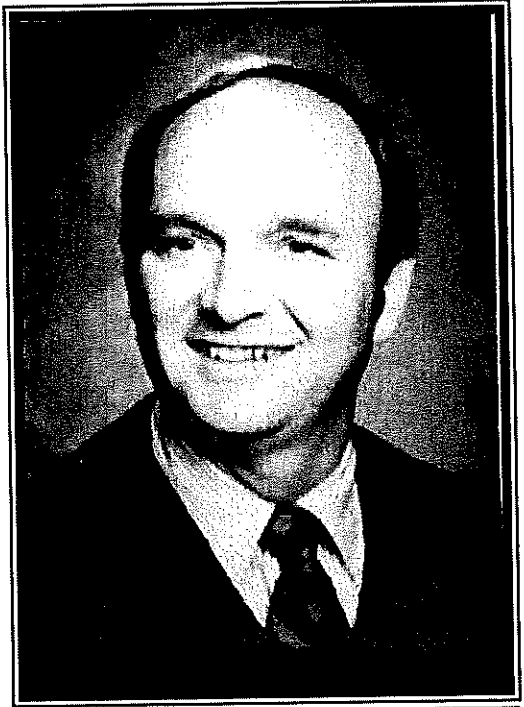


Walter J. Dubzinski Jr.

Walter's passion for the game of football was inspired by his father, who was head coach of the Gardner High School Wildcats for twenty years. At the age of eight, Walt served as a water boy for his father's high school squad. Walter first taste of playing the game came as a seventh grader. He went on to play high school football for his father from 1957 to 1959. Upon graduation from Gardner High School, Walt continued in his father's footsteps by attending and playing for the Boston College Eagles. His graduation from Boston College in 1964 led to the start of his high school coaching career, with assistant coaching jobs at Hanover, St. Bernard's, Gardner and Athol high schools.



The opportunity to become a head coach came in 1977 when Walter applied for the job leading the Lunenburg Blue Knights. After being named head coach for the 1977 season, Walter began his legacy in Massachusetts high school football coaching history. The first two seasons were the cornerstone for Walt's nine successful seasons run at the helm of the Blue Knights.

In 1979, the Blue Knights led by Coach Dubzinski began a run of four Super Bowl appearances in the span of six seasons. The first was played against Southbridge High School in a tightly matched game in which the Knights pulled out a 15-14 victory. The next opportunity came in 1981, when the undefeated Knights played Northbridge High. Once again, the Knights prevailed, giving the school and Coach Dubzinski its second Super Bowl victory. In 1983, a rematch of an early season loss against Oakmont was avenged as the team went on to defeat the Spartans, 21-20, giving Walter his third Super Bowl triumph in five years. The Blue Knights returned to the Super Bowl in 1984 but fell to a tough Oakmont High squad.

Through the 1985 season, Walter J. Dubzinski Jr. led the Lunenburg Blue Knights football team as head coach. Under his leadership, the Blue Knights compiled a 67-25-2 record, for a .753 winning percentage. During his nine seasons as head football, Coach Walter led the Blue Knights to four Super Bowl appearances, winning the title three times: in 1979, 1981 and 1983. Coach Dubzinski continued to serve as a head football coach after moving back to his hometown, Gardner, culminating in another Super Bowl title in 1997. In 2006, Walter was elected into the Massachusetts High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame. He completed his football coaching career after the 2014 season. After 38 seasons of leading both programs, Walt's career record was 242-161-4, a .600 winning percentage and a truly amazing career.

It is with great pride that we welcome Walter J. Dubzinski Jr. into the Lunenburg High School Athletic Hall of Fame.