

# WASHINGTON REDSKINS MIDGET FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION

## History – How it all began...

Not many people today remember a man named Fred J. Boehning. Fred was a quarterback for Washington High School who graduated in 1939. Fred, who won the award for most outstanding player during his time at Washington High, felt that young kids needed to be exposed to football before high school. He wanted kids to be coached in the fundamentals, and to get a chance to enjoy the sport before their teen years.

Fred went to the local Moose and Elk Lodges, and also canvassed door-to-door to raise money for uniforms and equipment. After he had a team of young boys signed up, he organized them to sell peanut brittle door-to-door to raise more money. After a year's effort, the Warren County Midget Football League was launched in 1960. Fred was assisted by coaches Jim Rapis and Robert Dun.

Although the first season's statistics were 0-9 with one tie, the team went on to a 22 game winning streak. Our current coaching staff is credited with 28 straight games won. Today's Redskin varsity team begins this season with 15 straight games under their belts.

Fred Boehning retired in 1964 because of back problems. The photo below shows him receiving a plaque from the boys on the team during the last year he led the League. The plaque reads: "For Outstanding Loyalty and Sportsmanship in Coaching Midget Football 1959-1964".

Fred died in 1970. After his death, the Fred J. Boehning Memorial Award was established to recognize sportsmanship, leadership and dedication in varsity football. The trophy is given to one outstanding varsity player each season.



1964 Retirement Ceremony; Left to Right: Two Boys (Unknown), Fred Boehning, Mr. Flood, Mr. Rapis, Mr. Carling, Mr. Brewster

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Head Coach– Bill Wandley  
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Head Coach– Bo Storm  
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