

Joe Gibbs: SDSU Physical Education alumnus (A.B., 1964 & M.A., 1969) is in the Aztec Hall of Fame (2002)

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Sport:
Football Player 1961-63 and Coach 1965-66

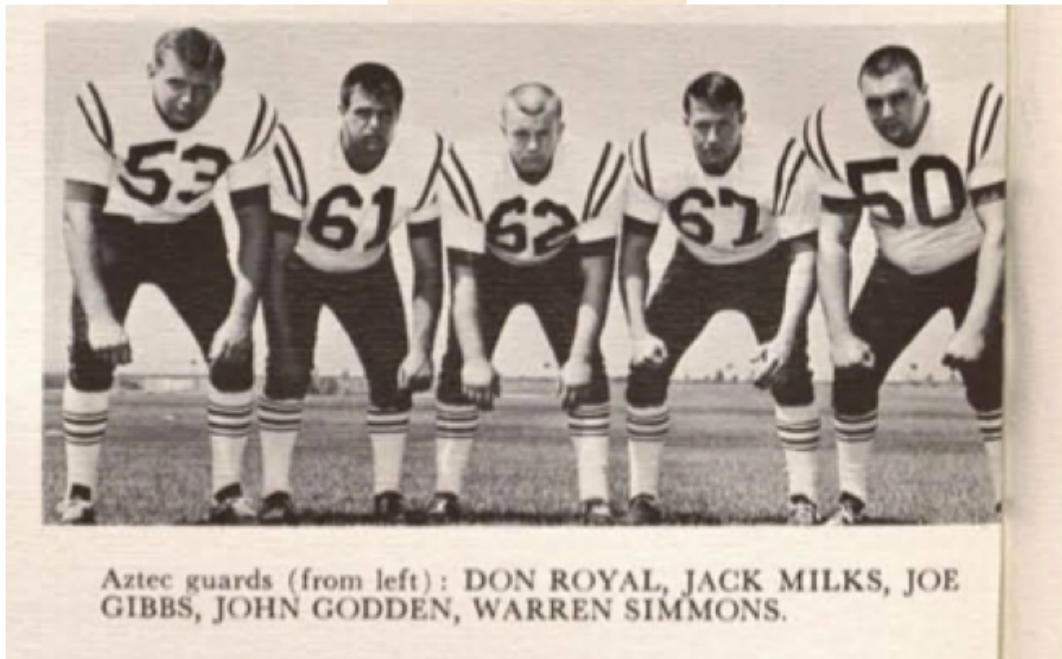


Hall of Fame Class of 2002

Joe Gibbs was an Aztec football letterman in 1961-62-63. He then spent two years as a graduate assistant and one year as a full-time assistant under former San Diego State head coach Don Coryell. During Gibbs' stay on Montezuma Mesa the Aztecs never lost more than two games in a season and in 1966 San Diego State posted a perfect 11-0 record. From 1981 to 1992, Gibbs served as head coach of the Washington Redskins, where he posted a 140-65 record. In 1992, he became just the third coach in NFL history to win three Super Bowls. He left the NFL to head up the NASCAR team of Joe Gibbs Racing in Huntersville, N.C.



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Aztec guards (from left): DON ROYAL, JACK MILKS, JOE GIBBS, JOHN GODDEN, WARREN SIMMONS.

Joe Jackson Gibbs: Profile in The Sports Hall of Fame Encyclopedia

Gibbs, Joe Jackson (born: November 25, 1940 in Mocksville, North Carolina); inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame as a coach in 1996; only active NFL coach to be inducted into the football hall of fame; won three Super Bowls.

After attending Santa Fe High School (Santa Fe Springs, California) in 1959, where he played quarterback, Gibbs went to Cerritos Junior College (Norwalk, California) and San Diego State University (California), where he played tight end, offensive guard, and linebacker on the football team that was coached by Don Coryell. He graduated from SDSU in 1964 and earned a master's degree from the university in 1966.

After college, he served as an assistant coach at San Diego State (1964–1966, under Coryell), Florida State University (Tallahassee, 1967–1968), University of Southern California (1969–1970, under John McKay), and the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville, 1971–1972, under Frank Broyles), before becoming an assistant coach in the National Football League with the St. Louis Cardinals (1973–1977, again under Coryell), Tampa Bay Buccaneers (1978, reuniting with McKay), and the San Diego Chargers (1979–1980, again with Coryell). Seventeen years after starting his coaching career, Gibbs became a head coach with the NFL's Washington Redskins in 1981. During his first stint with the team (which lasted 12 years), the Redskins won the National Football Conference title in the strike-shortened 1982 season and four NFC Eastern division championships (1983–1984, 1987, 1991). He would become the 20th and 26th head coach in the history of the Redskins.

Gibbs was named NFL Coach of the Year three times (1982–1983, 1991); compiled a 124–60–0 (.674) regular-season record and a 16–5–0 (.762) post-season mark; won three Super Bowls (XVII in 1983, XXII in 1988, and XXVI in 1992) with three different quarterbacks (Joe Theismann - XVII, Doug Williams - XXII, and Mark Rypien - XXVI); and won 10 or more games per season eight times, with only one losing season (7–9) in 1988. His combined .683 winning percentage is surpassed only by Vince Lombardi (.740) and John Madden (.731).

After retiring for the first time at the end of the 1992 season, Gibbs focused on his National Association for Stock Car Automobile Racing (NASCAR) team, Joe Gibbs Racing, which won three championships under his ownership.

In January 2004, Gibbs returned to the NFL and rejoined the Redskins as head coach and team president, eventually resigning from both positions in 2008.

Although he lost his first five games as head coach of the Redskins, Gibbs was able to finish the season at 8–8. In only his second year in Washington, he led the team to a Super Bowl XVII victory (a 27–17 win over the Miami Dolphins in January 1983) in the strike-shortened season. In the next season, he again led the Redskins into the Super Bowl, but lost to the Los Angeles Raiders 38–9.

In the 1986 season, he lost the NFC Championship game to the New York Giants. It would be the last championship game he would ever lose. In 1987, the Redskins won Super Bowl XXII (42–10 over the Denver Broncos) and in 1992 won Super Bowl XXVI (37–24 over the Buffalo Bills), giving Gibbs his third title.

His Redskins teams were known for power running (with backs like John Riggins) behind the strong offensive line, nicknamed "The Hogs," and for controlling the line of scrimmage. To complement his running game, Gibbs created a deep-threat passing game with receivers like Art Monk.

Outside of football, he created his NASCAR team, Joe Gibbs Racing, in 1991, a year before he first retired from the NFL. The first driver for his team was Dale Jarrett (1991–1992), with subsequent drivers being Bobby Labonte (1993–2005) and J.J. Yeley (2006–present). Once Gibbs returned to the NFL, his son took over day-to-day operations of the racing team.

In his first year back with the team, the Redskins finished with a record of 6–10, and in 2005, finished at 10–6, good enough to make the playoffs for the first time since 1999.

He co-wrote two books, *Joe Gibbs: Fourth and One* in 1992 and *Racing to Win* in 2003.

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