

David Youngvorst Assistant Boys Coach of the Year Robert “Bob” Meyers – Edwardsville High School

Coach Meyers was the head coach at Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville between 1979 till his retirement in 1989. The highlights of his coaching resume includes:

- 4 National Champions titles (NCAA Division II), 1986-1989
- 3 Singles National Championships (NCAA Division II) 1984, 1985, and 1989
- 2 Doubles National Championships (NCAA Division II) 1987, 1988
- 2008 Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville Hall of Fame Inductee
- 1983 NCAA Division II Women’s Tennis Coach of the Year
- 1988 NCAA Division II Men’s Tennis Coach of the Year
- 1984-1989 Served as NCAA Division II Men & Women’s Chairperson
- 1980-1988 Intercollegiate Tennis Association Division II National Representative
- 2005 to present Assistant Coach, Edwardsville High School

Bob Meyers philosophy of tennis, the sport of life’s teachings. . .

“From my experience’s of being a tennis player, teaching pro, coach, instructor, and administrator, I came to the conclusion that tennis is one of, if not, the best life’s educator. It teaches us the up’s and downs of winning and losing and how to mentally deal with the emotions of both. It teaches us how to compete and to compete in a positive manner. In all, it teaches us how to deal with many of life’s experiences.

“From the above statement is the basis of how I’ve attempted to coach my player’s. When coaching, I want them to feel that I’m in their corner working with them toward making them the best player they can become. That mean’s working hard to make the technical changes to achieve higher levels of success as well as learning something from every match they play. Most of all discovering within themselves the high level of player and person they can become to deal with whatever life presents them.”

David Lipe, Edwardsville High School head coach, writes the following regarding Coach Meyers:

“Bob’s rapport with students of all ages and abilities is masterful. I think of him as the “Tennis Whisperer” for his ability to communicate and motivate seemingly everyone. Equal parts charm, wisdom, and compassion, Bob has mastered a personality blend that instills confidence and a desire to perform, the kids love him!”

Congratulations, Coach Meyers, on being named the 2013 Assistant Coach of the Year!