

Fred Galluzzo

For 25 years Fred Galluzzo has journeyed the side lines of Oak Park and Gordon Tech high schools promoting, teaching and mentoring some of the finest players that the State has had to offer. With more than 200 victories, five conference championships and 11 IHSA sectional titles, Fred has had unmeasured success. However, Fred will quickly point out that winning is not his first priority, “The process of practicing mechanics, learning a point strategy, performing up to your individual expectations are primary; winning is a good result, but it is not my first goal in working with students.”

Fred believes that the best results come from getting to know his players “outside the court lines; what classes are they in, other activities in school...” Fred believes in drawing parallels from students’ day to day lives in order to make them productive and goal oriented. And, it apparently has worked well! Fred coaches with the philosophy that “there is no finish line” hence; the method is foremost. We could all take a page from that philosophy. Outstanding!

Fred is a student of Vic Braden, Nick Bolleteri and Chet Murphy. He has been with the IHSTCA since its inception and has seen “many positive changes” through out his tenure from the sectional assignments to the mechanics of running the State tournament. He would love to see a team tournament at some point as the “team” has been center focused for him. Fred has great memories of first championships and recent underdog comebacks, all in relation to the growth and maturation of these players, holding true to his beliefs.

The IHSTCA Hall of Fame is proud to welcome 2011 inductee Fred Galluzzo to its’ ranks. Fred will retire this year after serving students for 38 years, and thankfully, he will continue to guide them on the side lines as he will remain in coaching at Oak Park. Congratulations Fred, and welcome!