

Hall of Fame Inductee

Judy Elder – Crystal Lake Central High School

For nearly three decades, Judy Elder has been the face of Crystal Lake Central tennis. She was always poised, passionate, and a role model to others. Her definition of success was not only about the number of wins and losses her teams compiled but also about the life lessons that she taught her players. There is not a more fitting way to honor the legacy of Judy Elder than by inducting her into the IHSTCA Hall of Fame.

Judy Elder coached the boys tennis team at Crystal Lake Central for 21 seasons. Her teams were very successful during these 21 years, accumulating 172 wins, seven conference championships, and six IHSA sectional titles.

Judy also coached the girls tennis team at Crystal Lake Central, leading that program for 36 years. The girls program won 290 matches during the time that Judy Elder was at the helm. CLC also won twelve conference titles and seven IHSA sectional crowns during her career. Central earned two second place state trophies under Judy Elder and finished unbeaten in dual matches seven times during her reign.

Judy was highly respected by her coaching peers, both for her ability as a coach and for her quality as a person. She also established wonderful and lasting relationships with her players. She had high expectations of her players, both on the tennis court and in the world outside of sports. These athletes became better players and better people as a result of her expectations and her caring.

Judy Elder had a profound impact on the sport of tennis, Crystal Lake Central High School, and the IHSTCA. Her successes as a coach are numerous, and her legacy lives on through her players. Today, we are honored to induct Judy Elder into the Illinois High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame.