

John Robertson Casper



John began coaching basketball in 1959 in Missouri. After moving to Casper in 1966 he completed 47 years coaching in 7th through 9th grades including: 16 years in football; 16 years in volleyball; and 22 years of track, plus several years in elementary school. His 53 years of coaching has included well over 2,200 athletes and 160 teams in more than 1,500 games. John's basketball teams were known for their press defenses and creative offenses, which were designed to accommodate the individual player's strength and ability. This resulted in more than 30 district and city championships and a record of 520-210 (.710).

John's primary interest and expertise was coaching basketball. Athletes were made aware of expectations, which included commitment; self-discipline; work ethic; positive attitude (on the court and in the classroom) and acceptance of individual roles relative to team success. Fundamentals were stressed along with techniques for individual moves. Whenever possible, teams met prior to practice time to study the rules of the game and to discuss team strategy before going on the court.

Players were expected to show respect for the officials and the game. They were advised that following their years of high school competition with rivals, that they may find themselves working together in a college class or possibly the workplace. Players were expected to play hard; smart; and to make the most of their God given ability. They were advised that long after the scores are forgotten, people will remember how they were treated.