

Irv Sanderson (Erie and Prophetstown High Schools)

He began his coaching career in 1961. He spent 48 years of his life serving as a track coach. Most of that time was at Prophetstown and Erie Co-op. He was also head cross country coach for Prophetstown from 1969 to 1989. In cross country his teams qualified for the State meet three times. In 1981 his team won the district and placed 3rd in the IHSA State Meet. He coach five athletes to state medals. His tenure as a track and field coach included 11 conference championships and 2 Sectional championships. In 1975 his team placed 4th at the IHSA Class A State Track and Field Meet. In the State meet Irv has coach 28 individual place winners along with 8 relay place winners. He coached 5 State Champions. Two athletes set class a state records in the 100 yard dash (1975) and the pole vault (1980).