

District 14 Coaches Hall of Fame

Arch Justus

Inducted 2006

Years Coaching: **33 Years**

Schools Coached At: **Northwest, Oak Hill, Portsmouth Clay, Minford, Lucasville Valley**

Career Record: **532-220**

Tournament Record:

Sectional Championships: **20**

District Championships: **6**

Regional Runner Up: **3**

Regional Championships: **1 (1969)**

State Championships: **None**

League Titles: **20**

League Coach of the Year:

District 14 Coach of the Year: **None**

O.H.S.B.C.A. Coach of the Year: **None**

A.P. Coach of the Year: **1 (1986)**

A.P. State Coach of the Year: **None**

North South All Star Game Coach: **1969**

Ohio Kentucky All Star Game Coach: **None**

Undefeated Regular Seasons: **None**

20 Win Seasons: **4-** 23-2 (1966), 20-4 (1967), 24-3 (1968), 26-2 (1969)

A.P. Poll Final Rankings:	1961	28th
	1965	19th
	1966	22nd
	1967	20th
	1968	12th

All State Players

<u>Year</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>School</u>
1953		Northwest
1954		Northwest
1955		Northwest
1956		Northwest
1957		Oak Hill
1958		Oak Hill
1959	19-4	Portsmouth Clay
1960	12-11	Portsmouth Clay
1961	18-5	Portsmouth Clay
1962	14-10	Portsmouth Clay
1963	12-10	Portsmouth Clay
1964	14-7	Portsmouth Clay
1965	18-5	Portsmouth Clay
1966	23-2	Portsmouth Clay
1967	20-4	Portsmouth Clay
1968	24-3	Portsmouth Clay
1969	26-2	Portsmouth Clay
1970	19-5	Portsmouth Clay
1971	13-11	Portsmouth Clay
1972	15-8	Portsmouth Clay
1973	12-9	Portsmouth Clay
1974	17-4	Portsmouth Clay
1975	10-10	Portsmouth Clay
1976	11-8	Portsmouth Clay
1977	9-9	Portsmouth Clay
1978	10-8	Portsmouth Clay
1979	15-6	Portsmouth Clay
1980	15-7	Portsmouth Clay
1981	15-9	Portsmouth Clay
1982	17-5	Portsmouth Clay
1983	16-7	Portsmouth Clay
1984		Minford
1985		
1986		Lucasville Valley
1987		Lucasville Valley

In coaching there is no ‘secret method’ to use. Sometimes we forget where an idea came from, but take what works best for an individual and move forward from there.

Arch Justus graduated from Bloom Local High School, South Webster, Ohio in 1946. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics from Cedarville College in 1950 and a Master’s Degree in School Administration from Morehead State University in 1968. Arch participated in basketball and baseball both in high school and college.

Justus began his teaching career in 1950 as a mathematics teacher the Clay Local School District in Scioto County. He became a registered basketball official and baseball umpire during this period. He accepted his first coaching position in 1953 as the basketball and baseball coach in McDermott High School in Scioto County. His basketball team the first year won the school’s first league and tournament

championship in 29 attempts. McDermott High School was a member of the "Sweet Sixteen" in 1955. After leaving McDermott High School, he coached two years at Oak Hill.

Coach Justus returned to Portsmouth Clay in 1958 and remained there for 25 years. He also coached a year at Minford in 1983-84. After his retirement from active duties in school administration in 1983, he complete his coaching career at Lucasville Valley where his cherished 500th win was recorded in January 1986.

During 33 years of active coaching, Justus' teams compiled a record of 532 wins and 220 losses, including 18 league/conference titles, 20 county/sectional and six district tournament championships. His teams appeared in four regional finals and one state tournament in 1969. He serves as a member of the South coaching staff in the 1969 North-South All-Star game. He was also selected SE District Coach of the Year three times, and received the Life Member Award in 1987 to the Naismith Memorial Hall of Fame. Arch had the unusual experience of serving as a head basketball coach while serving as a math teacher, a high school principal, a local superintendent and after his retirement as a school administrator!

Arch and wife Joann, an elementary teacher, reside in Portsmouth Ohio have two sons, Jeff and John.