

Ron York

Ron York is known as an “all-around tennis guy” as a player, club owner, teaching professional and enthusiast. He got his start playing college tennis at Jamestown College and then moved to Fargo N.D. where he participated in many tournaments in the section. Since the early 1970’s, Ron has been winning tournaments throughout the Northern section and teaching people to love playing tennis. His athletic skills have served him well in tennis and his teaching skills have brought his students many championships.

Ron’s accomplishments as a player are many, including winning 11 National Public Parks Championships; ranked #1 in the 1980 men’s singles and doubles; eleven #1 rankings including men’s singles and doubles/35 singles/40 singles/50 singles; twelve sectional championships in Men’s doubles, 35 singles/doubles, 40 singles/doubles and 45 singles and has been a finalist 14 times. Ron was ranked #1 in men’s doubles in 1974, 1976 and 1977 each year with a different partner and held national rankings in several age groups. In 1984, he was awarded the USTA Northern Al Teeter Sportsmanship Award.

His coaching awards are just as impressive throughout the years. He has been the regional coach at seven Olympic festivals, received the USTA Northern Ward Burton Junior Development Award in 1981 and coached many successful juniors and women’s teams in the Burnsville M.N. area. In 2001, Ron was inducted into the USTA Northern Hall of Fame. Ron is currently a teaching professional at the Woodbury Country Club in Woodbury M.N.

Fellow tennis teaching professional and nominator Tom Wynn said this, “Ron was fond of his ND roots and would let tennis players stay at his home in MN to play tennis tournaments. His participation in ND tournaments helped draw players to our area as he was the top dog! Ron is well-deserving of this award as a life long tennis person.”