

Victor “Vic” Youngs

From his tennis roots as a high school player in Madison W.I. to his collegiate career at Concordia College in Moorhead M.N, Victor has been an integral part of tennis coaching in North Dakota for over 41 years. He has served as the Head Boys tennis coach at Fargo South for 31 years and their Girls Head tennis coach for 7 years. Among his accomplishments, he has coached four championship teams at Fargo South (1980, 1995, 2015, 2017), coached eight ND State singles champions and five ND State doubles champions and had eight ND Outstanding Senior Athlete award winners. He has accumulated an overall record of 318-132 as a Fargo South boys tennis coach (71% winning percentage). Among his coaching achievements, he has received the ND Coach of the Year award for Boys tennis six times, the Eastern Dakota Conference (EDC) Boys Tennis Coach of the Year three times and has been a finalist six times for the National Coach of the Year.

His passionate involvement in other coaching capacities throughout the years has grown area tennis, including founding the Fargo South JV Invitational tournament which gives younger players in the state an opportunity to play each other in a competitive atmosphere. Vic has also served as Director of the EDC tournament four times and volunteers for programs such as ND State Coaches convention, Fargo/Moorhead Tennis Patrons and Junior Team Tennis.

Nominator Jerry Caufield noted, “Vic has been a terrific contribution to tennis at Fargo South and Courts Plus programs. He has been great at getting more kids playing tennis by doing camps and promoting tennis in the area”. Fellow nominator Paul Thibedeau writes, “I will always be grateful for Coach Youngs for convincing me to stay on the tennis team all those years ago. Not only did I improve at tennis, but I also developed the love of the game.”