

Scott McPherson is a 1979 graduate of Williston High School. In tennis, he earned All-Conference and All-State honors as he and his doubles partner won the West Region Championship and placed 2nd at the State Tournament his senior year. He earned a Bachelor's Degree in Secondary Education from Valley City State University. While attending Valley City State, he was a member of 3 conference championship tennis teams from 1982-1984.

In 1996, he completed his Master's Degree in Secondary Education at the University of Northern. He accepted his first teaching position in 1985 at Williston Junior High School followed by a position in 2000 at Simle Middle School in Bismarck. In 2015, he accepted a teaching position at Legacy High School where he is currently teaching. He started coaching boys' tennis in 1995 and girls' tennis in 1997 at Williston High School. In 2002, he was hired as the boys & girls' tennis coach at Century High School. In his 6 years of coaching boy's tennis at Williston, his teams qualified for the State Tournament 5 times and he was nominated 5 times as WDA Coach of The Year. In his 4 years of coaching the girls at Williston, his teams qualified 3 times for the State Tournament along with the 1999 team winning the State Championship, and he was nominated as the North Dakota Coach of The Year. After accepting the varsity boys/girls' tennis positions at Century High School in 2002, he was fortunate to have continued success. The girls' teams won the WDA Team Championship from 2002-2009 & 2011. His teams placed 2nd in 2010 & 2014 and 3rd from 2012-2013. During these 13 years, he was recognized as the WDA Coach of The Year in 2003, 2004, 2009, and 2011, and was nominated as the North Dakota Coach of The Year in 2011. His boys' teams at Century qualified for the State Tournament from 2002-2007, & from 2009-2013 with the teams from 2006-2007, & 2009- 2011, & 2013 winning the WDA Championship. He was nominated as the WDA Coach of The Year in 2006, 2007, & 2009. During his 25 seasons of coaching the boys & girls' programs, his teams qualified for the state tournament 24 times. He made another attempt to coach his 3rd boys & girls' tennis programs in his 35th season of coaching when he was hired to start the programs for Legacy High School in 2014-2015. He will be coaching in his 52nd & 53rd seasons, 27th boy's season and 26th girl's season, starting in 2022/2023 school year. He is the only tennis coach in the history of the WDA Conference to win 3 WDA Tournament Championships with 3 different teams from the conference as well as qualifying 3 different teams for the State Tournament from the conference. In 2006 he coached his first individual state doubles champions. In 2018 he coached his first individual state singles champion. He has also had the privilege of coaching 5 North Dakota Senior Tennis Athlete of The Year recipients from his teams. McPherson's career record over 26 years of coaching boys tennis at Williston, Century, & Legacy is 460-144 and his career record over 25 years of coaching girls stands at 350-129 for a combined overall record of 810-273 in 51 seasons for a 75% winning percentage. His boys' teams have qualified for the state tournament 24 times in 26 seasons and his girls' teams have qualified 20 times in 25 seasons for a combined total of 46 times in 51 seasons. During his 51 seasons, his teams have won 21 WDA Conference Tournament Championships & finished 2nd 12 times. He has had 73 All-Conference players & 38 All-State players. He has been a candidate for the National Coach of The Year 3 times.