Jud began his coaching carreer at West Valley High School in Spokane, Washington where he won five League Championships in 14 seasons. He then moved to Washington State and coached the freshman for five seasons, winning 99 and losing 9.

In 1971 he became the head coach at Montana. His five season record there was 80 and 53. His 1975 team won Montana's first outright Big Sky Championship after sharing the title in 1974. Jud was Big Sky Coach of the Year in 1975. Heathcote served as assistant coach of the U.S. Pan American Team in 1975 & 1987.

In 1976-77, Jud came to MSU where he has spent 19 seasons. His 182 wins in the Big Ten ranks 5th on the all time list for conference victories. Jud's Spartans won three Big Ten Titles and an NCAA National Championship in 1979. His team made the NCAA nine times and played in the NIT three times.

In 19 seasons as head coach, the Spartans won 340 and lost 220; his 24 season college record was 420-273. Jud was Big Ten Coach of the Year in 1978 and 1986. In 1990, he was the NABC Coach of the Year and in 1995, College Sports Magazine and Sporting News Coach of the Year. Jud is one of only 36 coaches to win a National Championship.



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