

JIM CLARY

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im Clary celebrated his 32nd year of coaching this past season by guiding Troy High School to a 15-6 record and continuing a long tradition of success with the Colts.

His illustrious career began in 1961 at Tuscumbia (Mo.) High School before he moved to Michigan and accepted a position at Clawson Junior High in 1964. Shortly thereafter, he assumed the head coaching role at Clawson High, and with the exception of a one-season stint at Michigan Christian College (1974-75), stayed on from 1965-80.

Clary took over at Troy prior to the 1980-81 campaign and has posted a 198-82 record in 13 seasons. Troy, a consistent factor in the Southeastern Michigan Association title chase, reached the Class A quarterfinals in 1989 and battled powerhouse Detroit Southwestern before losing 68-57.

Overall, Clary owns a 466-244 career mark as a boys varsity head coach and had eclipsed 500 wins over his entire career. He also boasts 15 district, nine league and two regional championships.

Clary, 54, has three children, sons Monty and Marty, and a daughter, Beth. Marty pitched in three different seasons (1987, 1989-90) for the Atlanta Braves, Monty presently teaches at Troy Athens High School, and Beth is a doctor.

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