

**RUSSELL J. "LEFTY" FRANZ**  
***Pinconning High School***

In 35 years of coaching at three different high schools, Lefty's teams have won 528 games, while only losing 188. He has divided his time between Saginaw St. Stanislaus High School (1952-68), Saginaw All Saints High School (1969-82), and Pinconning High School (1983 to the present).

His teams have won nine league championships, 15 district, and five regional titles. They made it to the State Championship games four times—winning two state titles.

Lefty was Michigan High School Coaches Association Coach of the Year (1973-74); *Detroit Free Press*, *Detroit News*, *U.P.I.* and *A.P.* Coach of the Year (1974), and *U.P.I.* and *A.P.* Coach of the Year (1975). He was League Coach of the Year eight times and was inducted into the Michigan Coaches Hall of Fame (1988).

Presenter: Clarence Snover

