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Baldwin-Wallace Coaching Legend Bob Packard Dies



Austintown, Ohio—Baldwin-Wallace coaching legend Bob Packard, the winningest football coach in school history with 156 victories, passed away on Saturday, October 20, of a heart attack.

Packard's career spanned 34 years as a player, assistant coach and then head coach at Baldwin-Wallace for 21 years.

Under Packard's guidance, the Yellow Jackets won six Ohio Athletic Conference (OAC) titles and made two NCAA playoff appearances. In addition, BW was nationally ranked virtually every year and the program produced numerous All-American, Academic All-American, All-OAC and Academic All-OAC student athletes.



Coach Packard was a true gentleman," said OAC Commissioner Tim Gleason. Despite the arena of emotion and competition, he always remained poised and in control. He is a coaching role model for those whose lives he touched. His class and dignity will be sorely missed, but always remembered."

Packard grasped the Yellow Jacket system as a student athlete, assistant coach and offensive coordinator for his head coach, the legendary Lee Tressel. Packard strongly believed in

the Division III philosophy of the student athlete.

Bob Packard was Ohio State Head Coach, Jim Tressel's offensive backfield coach during his playing days at BW from 1971-74.

College football and the Baldwin-Wallace College community lost a great man," said Jim Tressel. He touched many lives in his illustrious coaching career and will be dearly missed. The Tressel family, specifically, lost a much loved friend who had an important impact on our lives. Our prayers and loving thoughts go out to Bob's wonderful family."

In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Packard was professor in the Division of Health and Physical Education.

The viewing will be Friday, October 26 from 2:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. at Baker-Osinski-Kensinger Funeral Home at 206 Front Street in Berea. A memorial service will take place on Sunday, October 28 at 2:00 p.m. at the Berea United Methodist Church at 170 Seminary Street in Berea.

Information provided by the BW Sports Information Department

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