

Kevin Bodkin Wall of Fame Plaque

Picture



Small plaque under picture

Kevin Bodkin
Inducted July 2011

Biography

Northern Kentucky Swim League
Wall of Fame
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For the past 45 years, Kevin Bodkin has been synonymous with Northern Kentucky Diving. Kevin's involvement with diving began in 1966 with the Ludlow-Bromley Swim & Dive team. During his days of competition in the NKSL, Kevin was a frequent fixture atop the podium winning diving championships. At the height of his career, he won the Bronze medal at the 1977 Junior Olympics. Once Kevin reached the end of his competitive diving days, he moved over to coaching. From 1978 to 1985, Kevin coached the Ludlow-Bromley Diving Team. After an 11 year break from coaching, Kevin re-engaged with the sport by coaching the Sunlite Pool Diving team from 1996 to 2003. In 2004, he moved up to coaching high school divers. From 2004 to 2009, he coached the Campbell County Middle & High School Diving teams. Then, in 2010 he joined his fellow inductee into the NKSL Wall of Fame, Richard Dickmann, coaching Covington Catholic's diving team. Kevin now also coaches Notre Dame Academy's Diving Team. That's a 34 year history of competing and coaching  divers to achieve their best in Northern Kentucky.

But coaching is really only half of the story. Kevin's spirit for competition and love of the sport cannot be matched by many. As the league was voting on whether or not to induct Kevin into the Wall of Fame, a story was shared with the delegates that really touched everyone. It was in 2009 at a dual meet at Bluegrass where Kevin was timing during the swim meet. Since Kevin was representing the visiting team, he was timing swimmers for Bluegrass. As each swimmer would approach their race, Kevin would give them words of encouragement then cheer for them as if they were his own children. At some point during the evening, Bluegrass parents began to ask who it was that was cheering and providing so much encouragement to the Bluegrass children. Some of Kevin's history was shared with parents and then

they understood what was going on. Wherever Kevin goes, he makes a lasting impression on the sport and the people who associate with the sport.