

# Championship High School Coaches Comments



**DOUG BOXELL (FIVE state championships)** It really requires some thoughtful study to really understand and appreciate what you are doing. I now do a much better job of teaching offensive moves and shooting mechanics after working your camps.

**ERIC NELSON (state champion, state runnerup, state semi finalist twice)** By far the greatest benefit that your system has had on our teams is the confidence it has created not only in pressure situations but also as players develop their one on one and shooting skills throughout the year. We have had several average athletes that have turned into very sound players because they have developed good footwork, learned how to finish around the basket, and made themselves into a shooter with great range. **Throughout several state championship playoff runs, when the game is on the line, the kids that we want with the ball or on the Free Throw line are those that have embraced your system of shooting and one on one and have mastered the skills.** On top of what it has done for our players, it has created a tremendous base of knowledge for me and my coaching staff to teach the game to kids at every level in our program from 1st grade to Seniors in high school.

**MIKE OSTERMAN (state runnerup, state semi finalist twice):** Beating championship defenses (the foundation of any good team) is where the shooting and one on one skill systems that Don Eddy Camps teach come into play. We want our players to be versatile where they can catch & shoot, shoot the jumper off the dribble, penetrate with one on one moves, be a tough threat in the post and at the free throw line. There are no "cream puff" activities in this camp as it is focused on the joy of working hard. A lot of time is required in establishing muscle memory for the shooting game and all of the foundation moves of the perimeter one on one play and post play. Coach Eddy is the best teacher that I have ever been associated with in my lifetime. I have been in coaching 26 years. I learned how to teach, create, organize, analyze, cooperate and how to be a success under Coach Eddy. **Some important honors and statistics from our program:** (all were in different years)

- **State Champions Team Free Throw** 75%
- **State Champion Team Three Point** 44%
- **Individual State Free Throw Champion** 93%
- **Individual State Three Point Champion** 47%

**SCOTT JOLLY (twice state champion)** The combination of rapid improvement as a player and growth as a person is what sets this camp apart. This is a quick hard working camp with GREAT TEACHING. Average athletes become competitive and good athletes become outstanding. For my own self I learned a system of teaching skills instead of spotty instruction. Coaches need to work this camp as well as send their players.

**MARK McCALEB (state champion):** I attended your coach's clinic on your offensive skill systems here in Birmingham in 1994. Since that time I have implemented your program with our team. We are currently ranked 17th in the nation, shooting 42% from the three point line and well over 50% overall. We spend 20 minutes a day on the shooting game. It is no coincidence that our shooting and winning percentages have improved since implementing your system. Every coach needs these systems.

**WANDA BENDER (twice state champion)** These systems equip the coach to help their players to be as good as they can be. The systems are both scientific and creative.

**RICK BARKER (twice state champion):** Here the effort is being made to build the whole person. By Thursday I could see how much improvement had been made and when someone made a mistake they knew how to correct it. This camp has changed my whole attitude toward coaching. We are back to back champions and this program will help us reach our next goal. In this day of lowering of standards the banner here is held high! The staff set the tone!

**DOUG HEINTZ (state runner-up, state semi finalist once):** I tracked the statistical improvement of my team over a four year time period. I wanted to know if getting my players in this camp and me and my staff working the camp was worth the effort. You will see that it is well worth the effort. **Nearly all of my players, grades 6 thru 12 attend and we work on the skill systems everyday in practice.** This is not a "quick fix," rather it is a path to excellence that requires time, commitment, perseverance and patience. Below are TEAM, not individual statistics, which makes them even more impressive and are spread over a four year period (boys teams).

	<b>Win/Loss</b>	<b>FG%</b>	<b>3 Pt%</b>	<b>FT%</b>
<b>Yr 1</b>	<b>16-15</b>	<b>45%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>58% (state runnerup)</b>
<b>Yr 2</b>	<b>17-12</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>62%</b>
<b>Yr 3</b>	<b>25-7</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>67% (state semi finalist)</b>
<b>Yr 4</b>	<b>28-4</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>72%</b>

**COACH STAN LEECH (state runners-up):** You present a different product! While your shooting system has helped our team win the state three point field goal percentage I feel the best thing I have learned is how to build the one on one game into the player.

**COACH MIKE SMITH (state runner-up):** My players, including my son Jimmy (Texas Class 5A Player of the Year), and also my daughter Patty (led NAIA in assists) have been helped tremendously by attending your camps.

**DAVID ALMANY (four times state tournament):** I have coached varsity basketball for seventeen years. My teams won 75% of their games and participated in four state tournaments so I know teaching when I see it. My son benefited greatly from your camp. He went from being an outstanding shooter to an outstanding scorer. Anyone who has coached knows there is a big difference. He is averaging 25 points a game on an undefeated team. People comment all the time to me about how much he has improved.

**BOBBY BATES (Twice State Runnerup)** I have been working Don Eddy basketball camps for the last 12 years. I fell in love with the camps because the camps expose kids to Jesus and basketball. I think the biggest thing I have learned as a coach, is attention to detail, what to teach, how to teach, and how to correct. I have seen average athletes become good players due to good skills. I am a better coach and my teams are better for having been involved in Don Eddy basketball camps. I have seen players and coaches develop a relationship or renew a relationship with Jesus through attending camp. We teach the entire systems in our program. I recommend Don Eddy camps first, to all our players in our program (grades 7-12). I believe students will be a better player and a better person through attending this camp. I know that I would not be the coach or person that I am today had I not been involved with Don Eddy basketball camps. I tell people all the time that our success is not because I am a great coach, but that we teach a great system. **Statistics (girls teams) over a five year period at same school; year 1 to year 5:**

**Winning %:** 55% - 98.5%    **Pts Pr Gm:** 52 - 87    **FG%:** 36 - 44    **3 Pt FG%:** 23 - 32    **FT%:** 47 - 70