

Chippewa Valley boys basketball coach, Voss, joins 500 club

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Clinton Township Chippewa Valley coach Kevin Voss is pictured with players following a victory against Macomb L'Anse Creuse North Jan. 23. With Chippewa's win, Voss earned his 500th career victory.

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CLINTON TOWNSHIP — A glance at the final score from Clinton Township Chippewa Valley's boys basketball game against Macomb L'Anse Creuse North Jan. 23 doesn't look all that exciting in and of itself.

The Big Reds won 60-36 on a cool Tuesday night at Chippewa.

There was no championship at stake, and nothing all that extraordinary happened during the game.

But for coach Kevin Voss, it was a night he isn't likely to forget anytime soon. The victory gave him his 500th career win.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association lists only 25 other boys coaches with 500 or more victories.

Voss acknowledged that reaching that milestone was a "pretty big thing," and what makes it all the more special is that all of those victories came as a coach for Chippewa.

“That’s pretty rare today,” Voss said. “And also, we’ve done it the right way; there’s no skeletons in our closet. We’ve never violated rules. ... Our kids are the kids we want, and we work hard with (them). We put the best product on the floor we can put on the floor.”

Senior D’Lano Woods was a part of Voss’ special night.

“He had my back for four years, so this is a good way to pay him back,” Woods said. “(He’s) the best coach you can have.”

Voss is in his 36th season at Chippewa, with one of those seasons being spent leading the school’s girls program.

He has had a lot of “great kids” to work with over the years, including a solid group this season.

“It’s a good group of kids; hard working,” Voss said. “They’re fun to coach. ... It’s been a good run like that at Chippewa. ... Very few problems on our teams, and that allows you to stay that long.”

At press time, Chippewa was 9-2 overall and 4-2 in the Macomb Area Conference Red Division. Aside from being a pretty good defensive team, Voss also said his squad is one with speed and quickness. And then there’s what could be the team’s primary strength.

“We got 15 guys on our squad, and (the) beautiful thing is, I think they all like each other,” Voss said. “They’re teammates; they’re not against each other. Even if you’re not playing, you’re happy for another guy. That’s really important to me that we are a team all the time.”

This season could become all the more special for Voss if his team is able to come away with a title or more.

“We’re hoping to get a MAC Red championship,” he said. “We’d like to win the Red if we can get a piece of it, and then turn it over to the tournament and stay in it as long as we can.”

Up next, Chippewa plays at 7 p.m. Feb. 2 at Utica Eisenhower.