



## The Wisconsin Fastpitch Softball



### Coaches Association Inducts

## JERRY COGNETTA Elmwood High School into the WFSCA Hall of Fame

Jerry Cognetta's softball days began at an early age growing up in St. Paul, MN where he played on various fast and slow pitch teams. One of his fond playing memories was the opportunity to face Eddie Feigner – The King and His Court.

Jerry coached varsity softball at Elmwood High School as head coach from 1977-1996. He posted an overall record of 301-39. During his tenure Jerry coached Elmwood to WIAA State Championships in 1977 & 1984 and Runners-up in 1985, 1994 & 1995 for a total of nine State Tournament appearances. His teams won nine WIAA Sectional titles, 16 Regional championships and compiled a conference play record of 163-11 which includes a 63-conference game win streak and 17 Dunn-St. Croix Conference titles. In 1995 Jerry was honored with the Wisconsin High School Coaches Association Outstanding Service Award for contributions to the game. He earned the Wisconsin High School Coaching Association Championship Coaching award in 1977 and again in 1984. Jerry was inducted into the University of River Falls Hall of Fame in 2003 as a player & coach.

After retiring from coaching softball Jerry coached varsity baseball at Elmwood from 1998-2004 and assisted at UW-Stout's softball program from 2007-2011 while also umpiring varsity softball and baseball.

Jerry married his wife Julie in 1976. They have three adult children (Cheristi, Vinny and Ario) and three grandchildren (Vincent, Luca & Francis). They recently moved from their family home in Elmwood and relocated to Hudson, WI. Jerry and Julie are enjoying retirement and spending time with their grandchildren as they begin their sports activities.