

# Fishing with a coaching legend

If you're a basketball fanatic, you've probably been glued to the television set over the last two weekends to catch March Madness, which is appropriately known as the NCAA tournament.

My infatuation with March Madness paved the way for the beginning of a friendship with one of the great coaching icons in the collegiate game, who also happens to be an avid sportsman.

It was during the 1999 Final Four in Tampa, Florida when I entered a hotel where the National Association of Basketball Coaches conducted its annual convention.

Seeking out a friend who I was supposed to meet in a lobby that was infested with college basketball coaches and fans, an individual donning an eye-catching cardinal red sports jacket caught my attention.

It wasn't so much the jacket that gravitated me towards him, but rather the person who donned it in Denny Crum.

Whether it be the pros or collegiate ranks, there aren't too many people who can hold the title of head coach at one place for 30 consecutive seasons.

Coach Crum did that in the basketball crazy state of Kentucky, where wins and losses are measured under a microscope. Prior to announcing his retirement earlier this month, Coach Crum directed his teams to six Final Four appearances



Mike Hayakawa

that included two NCAA titles in 1980 and 1986. He was also inducted into the Basketball Hall of Fame as an active coach.

A few years back, I read an article in USA Today that documented Coach Crum's angling exploits in places like Alaska, South America and the Caribbean.

Keeping the article in my memory bank, I vowed to bring it up if I had the opportunity to meet him.

Taking a deep breath before approaching Coach Crum, I introduced myself and brought up the topic of fishing.

To my surprise, his face lit up and the knowledge he possessed on the sport spewed out in volumes, almost as much as what he knows about X's and O's. We became engrossed in various aspects of the sport before he excused himself to attend a previous engagement. Before leaving, he asked for my business card and vowed he would call.

He did just that. Shortly after our meeting, he sent me a letter wishing to initiate a fishing expedition in south-

ern Ontario.

After on-going discussions we settled on a mid-August date where I took Coach Crum and his fiancé, Susan Sweeney, to one of my favourite smallmouth bass waters I dub the Ultimate Lake.

Watching the coach handle a rod and reel, he took the same intense approach on the water as if he sat on his chair along the sidelines directing his team.

Even though I knew the body of water we were on, at various times Coach Crum directed me to manoeuvre our vessel to places where he thought fish would occupy I obliged.

"You know Mike," he said, "you'd make a good player."

"Why's that?" I asked.

"Because you listen to your coach," he declared.

The competitive fire in Coach Crum surfaced as he kept track of every fish we caught and safely returned that day. He even initiated a small wager on who would haul in the 50th fish.

I'm glad to say it wasn't him, nor Susan.

Having conversed with Coach Crum last week, he proclaimed his intention to divert more attention to his favourite recreational pastime now that he's got more free time on his hands.

If for some reason he doesn't, I'll be sure this time around to call him up and wet his angling appetite.

That's something the Coach would want from one of his "players."

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Sunday School @ 9:30 am  
11:00 a.m. Hot Button Issues  
The Bible and Euthenasia  
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April 13 Good Friday Service  
8:00 a.m. Speaker: Rev Jim Amy  
Breakfast at 9:00 a.m.  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service  
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10:00 a.m. - Bible Class  
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship

Message: Fasting without Frowning  
Kids Club Wednesday at 3:45 p.m. Grades 1-6  
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Advance Notice, Good Friday  
Breakfast Fri., April 13, 8:30 a.m.  
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**April 1st, 2001**  
Celebration Service  
9:45 a.m.

Guest John Cross with Goodseed, Author "Stranger on the Road to Emmaus"

Sunday School for all ages  
11:00 a.m.  
6:00 p.m. Fellowship Groups in Homes  
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For more info call Church Office

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**Sunday, April 1st, 2001**  
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**Sunday, April 1st, 2001**  
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8:00 a.m. Holy Communion  
10:00 a.m. Choral Eucharist  
Church School and Nursery provided

Wednesday, April 4th  
10:00 a.m. Seniors Service & Tea  
5-7 p.m. Open Kitchen  
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