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Bo Ryan: Another Hill To Climb



Synopsis

Bo knows hoops. As a member of the exclusive 500-win club, University of Wisconsin head coach Bo Ryan has the second highest winning percentage among active coaches (with at least 500 victories) in college basketball, second only to North Carolina's Roy Williams. Ryan's formula for success can be traced back to UW-Platteville, where he won four national championships during a memorable 15-year run punctuated by two undefeated seasons. But there was still another hill to climb for Ryan, the all-time winningest coach in Division III history. After a short layover at UW-Milwaukee, where he coached the Panthers to their first back-to-back winning seasons in eight years, Ryan welcomed the challenge of proving himself all over again at the Big Ten level. And it didn't take long for Ryan to make his mark with the University of Wisconsin basketball program. In his first season, he guided the Badgers to their first share of the conference title in 55 years. Since then, Ryan has raised the bar to unprecedented heights, leading the Badgers to the four winningest seasons in school history. Ryan's first six teams averaged 23.7 wins per season, capped by the program's first ever No. 1 national ranking and a school record 30 victories in 2006-07. The victory record was broken the next year as the 2007-08 team finished 31-5. Ryan's competitive fire, attention to detail and commitment to executing the fundamentals has been at the core of his success, along with his signature Swing offense. And it all serves as a valuable road map for young coaches. In his autobiography *Another Hill To Climb* Ryan talks about the many people who have influenced his journey, beginning with his formative years in Chester, PA., where the 'street-smart' Ryan nurtured his point guard mentality. Known as a fascinating storyteller, Ryan also talks about the hurdles and the highlights that accompanied each step, and the importance of developing a plan that will transcend any level of competition.

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Customer Reviews

As a retired female coach from a Div.1 tennis program and as an alumni of the UW-Madison, I have admired Bo Ryan's ability to get the most out of his players, his successes, his dedication, his non-egotistical coaching style, and his genuine concern for developing his athletes as a whole person. It was interesting to learn about his background that made him the individual he is today. He seems to enjoy the community out-reach that goes with his job and is a great representative of a great university. I bought the book for my grandson's that are developing BB athletes and my brothers. I loved it too! Janis A. Pum....Class of 1957 UW-Madison.

Great book, great coach, he took 5 short white guys taught them defense and team work which took them into the pa playoffs, maybe helped him get the div 3 coaching position. Like father like son, 2 of the greatest men I ever met.

Madison "Capital Times" newspaper sports columnist Mike Lucas combines his talents with Bo Ryan himself to present Bo Ryan: Another Hill to Climb, a sports autobiography University of Wisconsin basketball coach well known for having surpassed 500 victories during the course of his record. How did he earn this impressive achievement? In his life story he explains the events and elements that shaped his coaching philosophy, and offers a wealth of insights into the world of college team sports. "I have never made it 'us against them.' That would be counter-productive. In no way do you gain any kind of an advantage by waging in your own mind a psychological battle with an individual or a particular school. It clouds your vision. So I don't do it." An inset handful of black-and-white and color photographic plates round out this testimony of how to blaze the path to victory, in an expert coach's own words.

Really enjoyed this book after receiving it as a Christmas gift. Bo Ryan deserves all of the accolades he gets. I've always admired those that earn their way up which Bo certainly has - from JV high school coach to head coach of a top flight DI program like the Univ. of Wisconsin. Great insight and advice for your young coaches just getting started in the coaching profession.

I gave this book to my father for his 91st birthday. He lives in Wisconsin and is a Badger fan. He

zipped through the book and found it fascinating. He was amazed at what goes on behind the scenes.

Good book with some basketball coaching information, but more of a biography than a "how to" It's amazing how many people he knows throughout the country and state. He drops a ton of names. If you are a Wisconsinite and Badgers basketball fan, it is a must read. He is a very neat guy who is definitely one of a kind. He sure has an interesting story to tell and does it fairly well. The only reason I didn't give it 5 stars is because it is a bit all over the place and doesn't necessarily have a nice flow. It has some nice pictures and stats in it also.

Great inspirational book that has hooked several of my students who had never read an entire book in their lives. Thank you Coach Ryan!

My perception was this book would focus on how he worked on getting team chemistry rather than a chronological events of his teams.

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