

Alan "Al" Carrier

West Bend East Coach

Throughout his more than 46 years of coaching, Alan "Al" Carrier taught much more than backhands and forehands. He taught generations of West Bend students integrity, effort, and family values.

West Bend East and West High Schools were established in 1970. That same year, Al accepted the head tennis coaching job for the boys program at East. Al remained the coach until his retirement after the 2014 season, which is 45 straight seasons. He was also the head coach for the girls program for eight seasons and served as a girls program assistant for 12 more seasons, for a total of 20 seasons coaching the girls team. If you're counting, that is 65 seasons as a high school tennis coach.

Just some of the accomplishments of his East boys tennis teams include winning more than 400 career dual meets. He coached 61 WIAA State qualifiers between girls and boys and qualified a boys team for the WIAA State competition.

In 2015, Al was inducted into the Wisconsin High School Tennis Coaches Association Hall of Fame. In addition to being a respected teacher at Silverbrook Middle School, his other passion was the West Bend Food Pantry, which he would ride his bike to nearly every day.

Sadly, Al passed away in February 2019. The West Bend Tennis Association is holding the First Annual Team Blast tennis tournament on October 5 and 6 to honor Al's memory and that of two other West Bend tennis legends, Tom Ladwig and Bob Neja.