

ONTARIO BASKETBALL HALL OF FAME



Al Quance

Coach

BIOGRAPHY

Coaching Highlights:

- **1960-62:** Al Quance started his coaching career as the supervisor/coach of the Adam Beck basketball program in the former Toronto Parks & Recreation citywide playground basketball league; took Adam Beck Junior and Intermediate teams to the City Championships.
- **1966-69:** Began the Eastern Commerce basketball tradition that became one of the most prominent basketball programs in Canada.
- **1969-79:** Expanded the basketball tradition to Oakwood Collegiate Institute.
 - In 10 years, Al coached his teams to one Junior and seven Senior City Championships.
 - Made seven consecutive OFSAA appearances.
- **1970:** Founded the Oakwood Minor Basketball League.
- **1976:** At the Ontario Summer Games, Al coached the Central West team to the Gold Medal.
- **1980-86:** Coached the Central Tech. Bantam and Senior teams, taking the Bantam team to the City Finals in 1986.
- **2000:** Coached the Raptors High School All Star team that defeated the Western New York All Stars at the Air Canada Centre.
- **2002-03:** Coached the Birchmount Park Bantam team to the playoffs.
- **2003-04:** As Director, Birchmount Park girls and boys basketball programs, Al coached the Senior boys team which the Toronto Star ranked as the top GTA team for two consecutive weeks.

Clinician Highlights:

- **1983:** Canada Basketball approached Coach Al to be the primary writer of the Basketball Development Model. The BDM was a success and Al was contracted to be a member of the writing team for Levels I, II and III.
- **1986:** Al was selected as one of the first core of Level I, II and III Master Course Conductors and was the lead instructor of the first Master Course Conductor training sessions held in Winnipeg.
 - Since 1986, Al has certified an estimated 2,500 coaches, more than any course conductor in Canada.
 - Al was also selected to attend the initial CBET training session in 1997.
 - Al is a FIBA Olympic Solidarity instructor coach and has conducted coaching clinics in Botswana and Jamaica.
 - Al has also delivered advanced coaching clinics for the English speaking Pan American team coaches while representing OBA and Canada Basketball.

Toronto Raptors Highlights:

- **1995-2002:** The Toronto Raptors hired Al to launch their Community Relations Department.
- Established the Raptors Ambassadors Program enabling young basketball career-oriented people to join the Raptors family while developing and supporting basketball in their communities.
- **1998-2000:** As Manager, Community Relations, served as the Raptors liaison on the Board of Directors for OBA.
- **2002:** Contribution to the Ontario and Canadian basketball community was recognized by the Raptors with the awarding of the prestigious John B. McLendon trophy.