

Mike Rowan

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The spring of 2008 marks Mike Rowan's fifth campaign as head coach of the Lady Ranger fast-pitch softball team.

The 2007 Northwest squad claimed the first-ever MACJC north division championship in the six-year history of the program. The Lady Rangers set a school record for victories by posting a record of 35-13.

This is Rowan's second coaching stint at Northwest. A 1978 graduate of the college, Rowan served as assistant coach and equipment manager for both the Ranger football and baseball teams from 1978-1982. Rowan also headed up the Northwest track team in 1982 and led the squad to the MACJC north division, state and Region XXIII championships. Rowan was named state and region Coach of the Year.

Other coaching experience for Rowan came at Senatobia High School from 1991 through 2002. His duties there included junior high basketball and football coach, and girls' cross country coach. Before going to Senatobia High School, Rowan was director of athletics at Baddour Memorial Center in Senatobia from 1982 through 1992 where he worked with the Special Olympics.

Rowan has also served as director of parks and recreation for the city of Senatobia. In that position, he was instrumental in the organization and operation of sports programs for all ages and responsible for the maintenance of athletic fields.



A familiar name throughout the state, Rowan has been a certified official in football, basketball, baseball and softball for 24 years. He has officiated sports on many different levels including the MPSA, MHSAA and the MACJC. Rowan has been named Softball Official of the Year by the MHSAA on three occasions.

Inducted into the Northwest Sports Hall of Fame in 1998, Rowan was an All-State selection after the 1977 football season as a quarterback and played in the Mississippi Junior College All-Star Game. He also lettered two seasons in baseball at Northwest as a pitcher and outfielder and led the Rangers to back-to-back state championships in 1976 and 1977.

Rowan is married to the former Kathy Thompson. They have a son, Brandon, and a daughter, Brittany.

Rowan's accomplishments

- 2007 Lady Rangers claimed their first-ever MACJC north division championship
- Lady Rangers set a school record for victories with a 35-13 record last season
- Inducted into the Northwest Sports Hall of Fame in 1998
- Named state and region Coach of the Year as Northwest's track coach in 1982