

Bob McDonald “*Leaving a Lasting Legacy*” Honor

2024 Award to Dave Galovich and Neil Tesdahl - Crosby/Ironton



Dave Galovich and Neil Tesdahl are honored to receive the Leaving a Lasting Legacy award in honor of Bob McDonald. Not only do Dave and Neil coach basketball like Bob, but they also have close ties to the legendary Coach McDonald. Dave student taught and coached under Bob in Chisholm. Neil is married to Bob’s daughter, Sue. Dave (head coach) and Neil (assistant coach) have been coaching basketball together in Crosby-Ironton for thirty-plus years. Together, they have taken 3 Ranger teams to the State tournament. You had better have a great relationship as coaches when you take countless bus rides to games, scouting trips to pretty much every gym in

central and northern Minnesota, running the elementary program two days a week, and the day-to-day practices and games. The camaraderie we have is pretty amazing! Dave and Neil have not only taught the fundamentals of the game throughout the years but have also taught life’s lessons to the many athletes wearing the maroon and white. Basketball will always be a part of Dave and Neil’s lives. Sitting on the bench today, to sitting in the stands in the future. Again, we are both truly humbled to be receiving this honor. In closing: GO CI GO!

Update: C-I coach Dave Galovich won his 800th game against Pillager. Dave joins Bob McDonald, Bob Brink of Rocori, and Ken Novak of Hopkins with 800 wins.