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Lansing School District mourns the passing of former Everett High School Hall of Fame coach George Fox



(Lansing, MI) It is with great sadness that the Lansing School District family mourns the passing of former Everett High School Hall of Fame basketball George Fox. Fox coached the Everett Viking team led by Ervin “Magic” Johnson to a state championship in 1977.

“My heart sincerely hurts after hearing that my high school basketball coach, George Fox, passed away,” Johnson wrote on Twitter. “As a young 15-year old, Coach Fox helped me become a better basketball player and person. He pushed me to be great on and off the court.”

George Fox coached the Lansing Everett High Viking men’s basketball team to several championships between 1970-1979. Fox was the UPI and AP Coach of the Year in 1977, and was later inducted into the Greater Lansing Sports Hall of Fame and the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Hall of Fame.

Fox was a star basketball player in high school and at Alma College, and was the first person in Michigan to win a state title as a player and coach. Fox passed away at the age of 88.

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