

Eugene Lambert (coach)

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Eugene Wasdon Lambert, Sr.^[1] (October 23, 1905 – October 27, 2000) was a basketball and football coach as well as an athletic administrator.^[2]^[3] He served as head basketball coach at North Texas Agricultural (now the University of Texas at Arlington), Kenyon, Arkansas, Memphis State and Alabama. He served as head tennis coach in 1957 at the University of Alabama, and head football coach at both North Texas Agricultural and Kenyon.

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Coaching career

After he graduated from Arkansas, Lambert coached at both Texarkana and Taylor High Schools before taking his first collegiate coaching position at North Texas Agricultural College in 1933.^[4] At North Texas, he coached both the basketball team and the football team which he led to an overall record of eleven wins, four losses and five ties (11–4–5). From North Texas, Lambert moved to Kenyon College where he again coached both the men's basketball and football teams. During his two-year tenure with the Lords, he led the basketball team to an overall record of 15 wins and 16 losses (15–16) and the football team to an overall record of six wins, seven losses and one tie (6–7–1).^[5]

From Kenyon, Lambert returned to Arkansas as an assistant coach and became the head coach for the 1942 season. While with the Razorbacks, he led Arkansas to an overall record of 113 wins and 60 losses (113–60), two Southwest Conference championships and invitations to three and appearances in two NCAA Tournaments.^[4] After he served for one year as the athletic director at Arkansas A&M, Lambert returned to the coaching ranks as the head coach at Memphis State.^[4]

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Dr. Eugene Lambert

Sport(s) Basketball, football

Biographical details

Born October 23, 1905

Searcy, Arkansas, U.S.

Died October 27, 2000 (aged 95)

Williamson, Texas, U.S.

Alma mater University of Arkansas

Playing career

1927–1928 Arkansas (Football)
1928–1929 Arkansas (Basketball)

Coaching career (HC unless noted)

Basketball

1929–1930 Texarkana H.S.
1931–1932 Taylor H.S. (TX)
1933–1934 North Texas Agricultural
1935–1937 Kenyon
1938–1941 Arkansas (Assistant)
1942–1949 Arkansas
1951–1956 Memphis State
1956–1960 Alabama

Football

1929–1930 Texarkana H.S.

While with the Tigers, he led Memphis State to an overall record of 87 wins and 45 losses (87–45) two appearances in two NCAA Tournaments.^[6] In April 1956, Lambert was hired to serve as head coach at Alabama.^[6] While with the Crimson Tide, he led Alabama to an overall record of 49 wins and 49 losses (49–49).^[7] In 1957 Lambert also served as the head tennis coach for the Alabama Crimson Tide. He then resigned from Alabama in April 1960 to become athletic director at Memphis State.^[7] He remained as the Tigers' athletic director through his resignation in 1966.^[8]

Head coaching record

Basketball

1931–1932	Taylor H.S. (TX)
1933–1934	North Texas Agricultural
1935–1936	Kenyon
Administrative career (AD unless noted)	
1950	Arkansas A&M
1960–1966	Memphis State
Head coaching record	
Overall	Basketball: 264–170 (.608)
	Football: 17–11–6 (.588)

Season	Coach	Overall	Conference	Standing	Postseason
Kenyon Lords (<i>Ohio Athletic Conference</i>) (1935–1937)					
1935–1936	Kenyon	7–11			
1936–1937	Kenyon	8–5			
Kenyon:		15–16			
Arkansas Razorbacks (<i>Southwest Conference</i>) (1942–1949)					
1942–1943	Arkansas	19–7	8–4	3rd	
1943–1944	Arkansas	16–8	11–1	T-1st	
1944–1945	Arkansas	17–9	9–3	2nd	NCAA Final Four
1945–1946	Arkansas	16–7	9–3	2nd	
1946–1947	Arkansas	14–10	8–4	T–2nd	
1947–1948	Arkansas	16–8	8–4	3rd	
1948–1949	Arkansas	15–11	9–3	T–1st	NCAA Quarterfinals
Arkansas:		113–60	62–22		
Memphis State Tigers (<i>Independent</i>) (1951–1956)					
1951–1952	Memphis State	25–10			
1952–1953	Memphis State	10–14			
1953–1954	Memphis State	15–9			
1954–1955	Memphis State	17–5			NCAA First Round
1955–1956	Memphis State	20–7			NCAA Quarterfinals
Memphis State:		87–45			
Alabama Crimson Tide (<i>Southeastern Conference</i>) (1956–1960)					
1956–1957	Alabama	15–11	7–7	7th	
1957–1958	Alabama	17–9	9–5		
1958–1959	Alabama	10–12	6–8	7th	
1959–1960	Alabama	7–17	4–10	10th	
Alabama:		49–49	26–30		
Total:		264–170			
<div><div></div> National champion</div> <div><div></div> Conference regular season champion</div> <div><div></div> Conference tournament champion</div> <div><div></div> Conference regular season and conference tournament champion</div> <div><div></div> Conference division champion</div>					

Football

Year	Coach	Overall	Conference	Standing	Bowl/playoffs
North Texas Agricultural Aggies () (1933–1934)					
North Texas Agricultural:		11–4–5			
Kenyon Lords (<i>Ohio Athletic Conference</i>) (1935–1936)					
1935	Kenyon	3–3–1	1–1–1	11th	
1936	Kenyon	3–4	1–3	T–14th	
Kenyon:		6–7–1	2–4–1		
Total:		17–11–6			

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