



Eric Smith - Bio

Coach Eric Smith

A Journey of Athletic Excellence and Leadership

Early Life and Athletic Achievements

Coach Eric Smith was born and raised in Central Michigan. Growing up, he was a self-described sports junkie, passionate about athletics and competition. In 2016, he was honored as a Hall of Fame inductee at Alma High School in Central Michigan.

During his high school years, Eric distinguished himself as a four-sport varsity athlete. He achieved All-State honors in both football and basketball, a testament to his talent and dedication. After graduating in 1984, Eric attended Bowling Green State University on a full athletic scholarship as a Division-1 quarterback.

College Career and Academic Success

Eric earned a full athletic scholarship to Bowling Green State University, where he continued to thrive both academically and athletically. His transition from high school to college football was marked by determination and a strong ability to balance rigorous training with academic responsibilities. Throughout his career at Bowling Green, Coach Smith was recognized as a three-time First Team All-MAC Academic performer, demonstrating excellence both on the field and in the classroom. He attributes his achievements to maintaining a teachable spirit and a focused work ethic.

Professional Career and Leadership Development

After earning his degree in Business Administration in 1988, Eric embarked on a diverse business career, which included roles in Financial Services, Pharmaceutical Sales, and Real Estate. His various leadership roles contributed to his growth as a leadership trainer. In 2016, Coach Smith became a certified speaker, trainer, and coach for The John Maxwell TEAM, recognized as the #1 leadership organization in the world.

Coaching and The Winning Edge Quarterback Academy

Following four years of coaching high school football, Eric founded 'The Winning Edge Quarterback Academy' in 2014 to help develop athletes and winners in life. He conducts

Quarterback/Receiver Camps in North Carolina, Northern California, Nevada, and Oregon. Additionally, Eric serves as a private quarterback coach and provides leadership and peak performance coaching to athletes seeking a competitive edge in sports and life.

Innovative Training Platforms and Publications

In 2017, Coach Smith launched the complete ONLINE Quarterback Training Academy, offering aspiring quarterbacks and coach's comprehensive resources to develop as complete athletes and leaders in both football and life. In 2022, he introduced one of the world's only QB Development Apps, a unique platform designed to help quarterbacks improve by engaging with the program and doing the necessary work.

Beyond coaching, Coach Smith is a nationally published leadership author, with numerous articles featured in prominent publications such as USA Football and American Football Monthly.

Recent Accomplishments

Recently, Coach Smith released his book, *The Winning Edge Way*. This guide teaches coaches and athletes how to become 3-Dimensional Competitors—those who elevate themselves, others, and their sport.

Connect with Coach Smith

Coach Smith is a nationally published leadership author. He has had many articles published nationally with well know publications such as USA Football and American Football Monthly.

He has also been a featured guests on recent quarterback podcast. Click below to listen!

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