### **Keith Leupold**

Born: Deming, New Mexico

High School: Deming High School, Deming, New Mexico

College: New Mexico State University

## **High School**

3-year letterman in tennis.

• 1-year letterman in basketball.

- 1976 Doubles Tennis 3AAA District Champions
- 1976 President of the National Honor Society
- 1976 Represented Deming High School as a Boys Stater.
- 1977 Member of the District 3AAA basketball champions team.
- 1977 Qualified for the state tennis tournament.

#### **Professional**

- Volleyball Coaching Record: Keith Leupold 614-256, one of four head volleyball coaches with more than 600 wins. He had six state titles, which ranks 6<sup>th</sup> all-time in number of state championships. And three state-runners-up 2006, 2016, & 2022.
- 1988 present Head Volleyball Coach for Las Cruces High School
- 1995 AAAA Volleyball State Champions with 22-0 record. Beat defending champion, Santa Fe High ... both teams were undefeated going into the championship game.
- 1996 Named AAAA Volleyball Coach of the Year.
- 1997 AAAA Volleyball State Champions with 19-4 record. A team with no seniors beat a
  West Mesa team with 10 seniors in 5 sets.
- 1998 AAAA Volleyball State Champions with 23-1 record. Beat district rival, Onate. This
  was the fifth match against Onate in the season. Onate gave the Bulldogs their only loss of
  the season. It was the fifth straight year in the Final Four for the Bulldogs.
- 2000 AAAA Volleyball State Champions with 21-12 record. Beat Sandia High School in three sets. They did not lose to a New Mexico team. Their two losses were to volleyball power, El Paso Franklin High School (Texas).

- 2001 AAAA Volleyball State Champions with 21-1 record. Beat Rio Rancho High School in four sets. They did not lose to a New Mexico team. Their only loss was again to volleyball power, El Paso Franklin High School (Texas).
- 2023 AAAAA Volleyball State Champions with 26-2 record. Beat #3 Cibola for the state
  title in four sets after having to come through the loser's bracket in the double elimination
  state tournament. They had lost a five setter to Cleveland High School in the semi-finals,
  then had to beat #2 defending champions, La Cueva High School. The Bulldogs had been
  ranked #1 most of the season.
- Keith was one of seven coaches across the nation to be named as a finalist for national coach of the year for volleyball by the National High School Athletic Coaches Association
- Under Leupold, has consistently ranked as one of the top volleyball programs in New Mexico.
- 1998 Nominated for National High School Athletic Coaches Association (NHSACA) Coach of the Year.
- 2018 One of the eight finalists for the NHSACA Coach of the Year.
- Keith's greatest pride is the fact that the Bulldawgs have qualified for the state tournament
   36 years in a row, which is the only high school in the state in volleyball who can claim this record streak.
- 1982 Head Tennis Coach at Deming High School
  - o 1982 Qualified for the State tennis tournament.
  - o 1983 Qualified for the State tennis tournament.
- 1982 Assistant Football Coach at Deming High School
- 1983-1985 Freshmen Basketball Coach at Deming High School
- 1985 Head Volleyball Coach for Deming High School.
- 1993 Founder of the Deming National Junior Tennis League
- 1994 Coached the South team in the New Mexico's North-South Volleyball All-Star game.
- 1995 Coached a New Mexico high school volleyball all-star team in Australia.
- 2004 Coached the South team in the New Mexico's North-South Volleyball All-Star game.
- Scorekeeper for the Las Cruces Bulldogs boys' basketball team

#### **Honors**

- 2012 NMHSCA Distinguished Service Award. The NMHSCA recognizes an individual each
  year that has gone up and beyond the call of duty to help the New Mexico High School
  Coaches Association or New Mexico Coaches. This award is for those individuals that believe
  in the value of great coaches and the impact coaches make on the lives of others.
- 2020 National Federation High Schools (NFHS) Southwest Regional Coaches of the Year.
- 2020 Inducted into the NMHSCA Hall of Honor.

# **Family**

- Jane, wife
- Children: Zachariah, Brita, Nathan