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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Illinois Wesleyan University football coach Don Larson ranks fifth in total victories among coaches in Division III of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, the NCAA Statistics Service reported today.

Larson has won 134 games in 26 seasons as coach at his alma mater. He has 91 losses and nine ties. The Division III leader is John Gagliardi of St. John's (Minn.) with 197. Larson's coaching rival in the College Conference of Illinois and Wisconsin, Art Keller of Carthage, ranks second with 161 victories. Forrest Perkins of Wisconsin-Whitewater is third with 149 and Lee Tressel of Baldwin-Wallace is fourth with 144.

Darrell Mudra, Eastern Illinois University coach, is tied for the top spot in Division II with Jim Malosky of Minnesota-Duluth. Each has 129 victories.

Larson is a Princeton High School product who was a four-year regular as a linebacker and fullback at IWU from 1946 through 1949. He coached in the Rockford public school system for four years before returning to Wesleyan as head coach in 1954.

He also has won more games in the CCIW, 112, than any coach in the history of the league and he has been named Coach of the Year in District 20 (Illinois) of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics six times.

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