

Amityville's Agostino gets 400th win

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QUICK SUMMARY

Jack Agostino has a record of 400-92 and the Warriors have won four state titles under his watch.



Photo credit: Joseph D. Sullivan | Amityville boys basketball head coach Jack Agostino during a game against Harborfields. (February 18, 2008)

As soon as Jack Agostino's journey to 400 career coaching wins was finished Friday, he began a less time-consuming trip. It was a one-hour drive (no traffic) from Amityville to [Izod Center](#) to see his former player, [A.J. Price](#), suit up for the visiting [Indiana Pacers](#) on Friday night against the [Nets](#).

Call it good timing for "a good day," Agostino said by phone on the way to [New Jersey](#). With Amityville's 86-50 victory at home Friday over [Westhampton](#), Agostino became the second [Suffolk](#) boys basketball coach to reach 400 wins. Amityville (7-1) also clinched its 23rd consecutive playoff berth.

"It's an unbelievable feeling right now," Agostino said. "In the position I'm in, you have an opportunity to impact someone else's life. But these kids don't know how much of an impact they've had on my life."

In his 23rd season, Agostino has a record of 400-92 and the Warriors have won four state titles, 10 [Suffolk](#) titles and eight [Long Island](#) crowns since he took over for the 1987-88 campaign.

He's coached a notable list of players, including active [NBA](#) players Price and the [Washington Wizards'](#) [Mike James](#). There is also Jason Fraser, who played at Villanova and was part of the Amityville group that won four straight state public school Class B titles from 2000 to 2003.

"When you win that many games, it means you're getting older and you have good players, but the relationships that you build last a lifetime," said Agostino, 47. "That's what you remember about all these victories."