KEOKUK - Kim Muhl quietly and humbly collected his 900th victory as the head coach of the Kirkwood women's basketball program Wednesday night when the top-ranked Eagles clipped Southeastern, 73-66, in the ICCAC conference opener in Keokuk.

There was no announcement to the crowd after the game. And there was no celebration, no hugs and apparently no mention of the achievement by Muhl's players in the locker room.

"I don't know if they knew or not. Which is good," he said during a telephone interview on the bus ride back to Cedar Rapids.

Muhl did give himself a treat before heading home. "A hamburger at Wendy's," he said, laughing.

Muhl, 64, has posted an incredible record at Kirkwood with 900 wins and only 158 losses in 31 years, with seven national titles along the way. As usual, he downplayed Wednesday's milestone.

"It's one of those things," he remarked. "You don't think about it right now, because you're getting ready for Iowa Lakes on Saturday. Maybe next summer I'll think about it.

"It's hard to believe you've been doing it this long," he allowed. "Like they always say, time passes quickly."

Muhl said he's not sure if he'll stick around to reach 1,000 victories in a few years, but acknowledged the thought of 1,000 is enticing.

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