

60TH ANNUAL



Hall of Fame Banquet

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DoubleTree by Hilton Minneapolis Park Place Hotel
St. Louis Park, Minnesota

'KEEPERS OF THE GAME'



Our Hall of Fame Banquet

Among the several guiding principles of the MFCA is to preserve the past, recognize achievement and honor accomplishment. The MFCA Hall of Fame Awards Celebration is an evening of joy, pride and gratitude to those 'Keepers of the Game' who, through their dedication to the Game, have earned the admiration, thanks and praise of colleagues and community in an evening of celebration.

The MFCA is proud to recognize these extraordinary 'Keepers' who yesterday, today, and we know will tomorrow, represent the very best values of the MFCA and of the game itself. There are few fraternities like the fraternity of football coaches and few huddles like the huddle of the GAME.

This evening, as we honor achievement and accomplishment, let us all renew our commitment to football, its everlasting preservation, and its vital role in the fabric of our lives.

Ron Stolski
Executive Director, MFCA
Proud 'Keepers of the Game'





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The Hall of Fame Induction Process

The Minnesota Football Hall of Fame honors those unique individuals whose efforts in coaching, administration and promotion of football have been truly outstanding.

Hall of Fame nomination forms are submitted to the Football Coaches Association Officers and Hall of Fame Committee members. The selection committee meets each winter to review the Hall of Fame nominees and make selections.

The Hall of Fame inducts members into one of three divisions:

- 1 The Citation Division** honors support to the promotion of high school football over a long period of time.
- 2 The College Division** honors college football coaches, players, and support personnel who have achieved a standard of excellence over many years.
- 3 The High School Division** honors our football coaching colleagues who have spent the majority of their professional years serving the high school student athletes of Minnesota.

MFCA Officers

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Ron Stolski, Brainerd

PRESIDENT

Nick David, Mound-Westonka (4A)

1ST VICE PRESIDENT

Bryan Strand, Barnesville (2A)

2ND VICE PRESIDENT

To Be Announced (6A Coach)

SECRETARY TREASURER

Jim Dotseth, Minneapolis



*Ron Stolski,
Executive Director*



*Nick David,
President*

Program

Master of Ceremonies	Jim Dotseth, Secretary/Treasurer
Invocation	Dwight Lundeen
Welcome	Ron Stolski, Executive Director, MFCA
Don Swanson Award.....	Ron Stolski
Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award	Bubba Sullivan
9-Man Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Hall of Fame Introductions.....	Paul Lemke and Scott Tschimperle

2024 Hall of Fame Inductees

Citation Division:

Stuart Groskreutz, Stillwater Gazette Sportswriter

High School Division:

Carl Fruechte, Caledonia

Dan Essler, New London Spicer

Mike Kleinschmidt, Albany Area

Jeff Williams, Owatonna

Wayne "Ribsy" Petermeier, Browerville

Class 1A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Distinguished Service Award.....	Ron Stolski
Class 2A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Class 3A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coach Awards.....	Jim Dotseth

2023 Butch Nash Assistant Coach Award Recipients:

Travis Armstrong, Blue Earth Area

Mike DeWulf, Nevis

Tom Fritze, Hastings

Mark Griffin, Eden Prairie

Timothy Hernandez, St. Thomas Academy

Matt Kittelson, Blooming Prairie

Adam Langer, Eden Valley-Watkins

Shane Minske, Lakeville South

Chad Olson, Farmington

Chris Otterness, Kasson-Mantorville

Matt Skala, Owatonna

Matthew Smude, Blaine

Adam Spurrell, Maple Grove

Eric Teders, Waseca

Andy Zigan, Monticello

Tim Zupke, Mayer Lutheran

Class 4A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Assistant Coach of the Year.....	Jim Dotseth
Coaching Service Awards	Jim Dotseth
Class 5A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Class 6A Coaches of the Year	Jim Dotseth
Presentation to Outgoing President.....	Nick David, Mound-Westonka
State Coach of the Year	Jim Dotseth

Hall of Fame rings donated by Cambria



Presenters

Jim Dotseth, Master of Ceremonies, Secretary-Treasurer of the MFCA

Jim was Inducted into the MFCA Hall of Fame in 2010; Chair of the Awards Committee and serves on the Executive Committee and Mr. Football Committee; emcee of the Hall of Fame Celebration since 2010.

Paul Lemke, Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee

Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee; he is a member of the Executive Committee and Hall of Fame Committee. Paul is a 2009 Butch Nash Award recipient and was selected as the 2018 Assistant Coach of the Year.

Dwight Lundeen, Head Football Coach, Becker High School

2014 MFCA Coach of the Year. He serves on the Mr. Football Committee, Awards Committee, and is MFCA liaison with the Minnesota Vikings. Becker won the 3A Prep Bowl in 2005, and 4A Prep Bowl in 2014 and 2015. Dwight has 399 wins, which is 2nd most in Minnesota football history. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2009. Lundeen has been the head coach at Becker for 52 years. He started the program in 1970 and continues to coach today. In January, Dwight was awarded the National Power of Influence recipient award by the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA).

Dave Nelson, Chairman of MFCA Hall of Fame Celebration

Dave Nelson has coached at both Blaine and Minnetonka and his teams have made several state playoff appearances. He led both schools to state championship titles - Blaine in 1988 and Minnetonka in 2004. Dave served as MFCA President in 2002 and was named State Coach of the Year in 2004. In 2014, he was named MFCA Clinic Man of the Year and was inducted into the MFCA Hall of Fame. He's a member of the Executive Committee, Awards Committee and the Tackle Cancer Committee. Dave was awarded the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Power of Influence Award in 2020.

Nick David, MFCA President, Head Football Coach, Mound-West Tonka

Nick David is entering his twelfth year (2013-Present) as the Head Football Coach at Mound Westonka High School. During Nick's tenure as Head Football Coach, the White Hawks have won five Subdistrict Championships. Prior to arriving at Mound Westonka, Nick was the Defensive Coordinator at Tri-City United High School for four years. Nick has been selected as the Subdistrict Coach of the Year five times, was honored with the 2022 MFCA Don Swanson Award, and was also selected to be the Head Coach of the South Team in the 2023 Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game. Nick has served in numerous roles on the MFCA Executive Committee since 2019, including 2nd Vice-President, 1st Vice-President, and now currently as the MFCA President. Nick has also been a Subdistrict Representative since 2015, and has served as the Individual Academic All-State Chair and on the MFCA Clinic Committee since 2019.

Ron Stolski, Executive Director MFCA

1983 MFCA President; 2006 American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) national Power of Influence recipient; 2008 Hall of Fame inductee. The 2019 season was his 58th as head coach and he currently ranks 3rd in wins among all Minnesota coaches with 389. He is on several MFCA committees and is chair of the very successful MFC Clinic that was held this weekend here at the Doubletree. In 2010 he was named MFCA Coach of the Year.

Bubba Sullivan, Power of Influence Committee Chair

Bubba was the head football coach at Northfield H.S. from 1989 until his retirement in 2021. During his tenure, his team won many conference and section titles, were state runners-up 4 times and his 1997 team won the Class 4A State championship. He has been the State Coach of the Year, the Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award recipient and is a member of the MFCA Hall of Fame. Bubba is the chair of the Jerry Kill Power of Influence Committee, and a member of the Hall of Fame Selection and Academic All-State Selection committees.

Scott Tschimperle, Co-Chair of the Hall of Fame Committee,

2015-2016 MFCA President; Glencoe-Silver Lake was Prep Bowl Class 3A champion in 2008 and runner-up in 2009. Scott is a member of the Hall of Fame Committee and the Executive Committee.

The Butch Nash Outstanding Assistant Coaches Award



The Butch Nash Award is one of the most significant recognitions of the MFCA awards. Named in honor of the legendary Gopher Football assistant coach, George “Butch” Nash, the award recognizes those coaches who represent what is best in assistant coaches everywhere.

Butch was respected, honored and revered by all whose lives he touched: players, colleagues and public. During his extraordinary career as a Gopher assistant coach, he exemplified the endearing qualities of coaching competency, unconditional loyalty, integrity, many years of dedicated service, pride in his profession, and unrivaled passion for the Golden Gophers and the game he loved.

The MFCA is proud to recognize those coaches who have, over a career, demonstrated the qualities embodied in a true legend and one of the original ‘Keepers of the Game.’



Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

1984

Ken Bey, Owatonna
Hal Dvorak, Rochester John Marshall
Bill Franti, St. Cloud Tech
Denny Luke, Hutchinson
Monte Miller, Minneapolis Patrick Henry
Steve Nunnink, Brainerd
Jim Roback, Coon Rapids

1985

John Dunbar, Zumbrota
Paul Gasner, Totino-Grace
Larry Junkermeier, White Bear Lake
Ron Juell, Albany
Arv Soma, Fairmont
Bernie Wesloh, Brooklyn Center

1986

Victor Berra, Burnsville
Don Callisto, Le Center
Ron Domschot, Alexandria
Tom Foley, Stillwater
Rich Lees, Austin
Jake Lynch, Bloomington Jefferson
Larry Senrick, Fridley
Tom Smith, New Richland-Hartland

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Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

1987

Dean Allen, Cambridge
Colin Anderson, Elk River
Ed Draheim, Owatonna
Jim Fehrman, Medford
Brian Kispert, Richfield
Doug Spray, Montevideo
Leo Traurig, New Ulm
Dan Tschimperle, Silver Lake

1988

Jerry Carlson, Cambridge
Eldon Dahl, Pipestone
Doug Darnell, Brooklyn Center
Donn Drommerhausen, Stillwater
Mike Flynn, Granite Falls
Charles Johnson, Princeton
Richard Johnson, Lakeville
Ken Zwach, Wayzata

1989

Ron Beachy, Staples-Motley
Richard Bird, Bloomington Jefferson
Bill Braun, Ely
Don Kuiper, Worthington
John Peterick, Mahanomen
Marv Peters, Rochester Lourdes
Roger Stelljes, Park Center
Gary Von Holtum, Janesville

1990

Dennis Booren, St. Peter
Tom Critchley, Hawley
LeRoy Erickson, Buffalo
Norm Fieg, Bloomington Kennedy
Dominic Hillesheim, Triton
Dan Ratzloff, Pipestone
Jim Tetzloff, Faribault

1991

Tom Chirhart, Becker
Jeff Ferguson, Blaine
Jim Herman, Forest Lake
Dave Jewison, Rochester Lourdes
Jim Rolbiecki, Minneota
Dave Thielman, Richfield
Jack Willhite, St. Louis Park
Richard Zeman, Lakeville

1992

Steve DuBois, Kasson-Mantorville
Bob Hooper, Detroit Lakes
Tom Idstrom, Irondale
Lowell Kutches, Blaine
Dennis Malherek, Bloomington Jefferson
Jeff Olson, St. Peter
Bruce Schmidt, International Falls
Bob Stewart, Mounds View

1993

Richard Klein, Stillwater
James Bock, Breckenridge
Bruce Nelson, Eagan
John Mithun, Chokio-Alberta
Paul Bengston, Hopkins
James Slifka, Medford
Walter Malmstrom, Mahtomedi
Bernie Litecky, Totino-Grace

1994

Bud Bjornaraa, Apple Valley
Robert Lingen, Stephen
Howard LaVigne, International Falls
Roger Trobec, Sartell
Dean Baldrey, Granite Falls-Clarkfield
Karl Deis, Mora
Gary Burr, Farmington
Chet Stevenson, Brainerd

1995

James Knutson, Lakeville
Joseph Brisson, Browerville
Gary Walter, St. Michael-Albertville
William Krugman, Albany
Joe Roberts, Luverne
Terry Bodeen, Braham
Stephen Collins, New Prague

1996

Gary Hansen, Chatfield
Mike Thomas, Edina
Michael Scanlan, Cretin-Derham Hall
Oscar Blegen, Anoka
Roger Jones, Gibbon-Fairfax-Winthrop
Larry Otterblad, Silver Bay
Vince Conway, Hill-Murray
Gary Gauffin, Mora

1997

Terry Althoff, Luverne
Joel Andrychowicz, Henry Sibley
Dale Bockovich, Cook County
Charles Madson, Faribault
Bruce Rosenow, Hutchinson
James Sutherland, Bertha-Hewitt
Bob Vanderhoof, Northfield

1998

Jefferson Bernards, Kasson-Mantorville
Melvin Anderson, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
Gary Dahlberg, Deer River
Mark Embretson, Brainerd
Wayne Dietz, Woodbury
Dennis Foreman, Eagan
Rory Johnson, Proctor
Dave Wicker, Minneapolis Patrick Henry
Kevin Nowotny, Adrian

1999

John Schilling, McLeod West
Dick Braun, Fertile-Beltrami
Mike McCarney, Battle Lake
Dan Alsbury, Byron
Roger Elzenga, Windom
Mike Kleinschmidt, Albany
Shannon Gerrety, Blaine

2000

Frank Drazkowski, St. Charles
Kerry Linbo, Byron
John Rasmussen, Sauk Rapids
Bradley Schmidt, Verndale
Dennis Stockmo, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Rick Swanson, Blaine

2001

Bill Douchette, Silver Bay
Terry Hartman, Hastings
Doug Heruth, Blaine
Wally Larson, Eagan
Lee Rebstock, Jordan
Rick Schmiedeberg, Warren-Alvarado-Oslo
Dennis Trydahl, Breckenridge
Jeff Wagner, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown

2002

Doug Torgerson, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
Tom Dahlberg, Hastings
Jeff Ramey, Brainerd
Brian Kvebak, Mankato East
Richard Hest, Eagle Valley
John Rosholt, Watertown-Mayer
David Swanberg, Le Sueur-Henderson
Mike Carroll, Rochester Lourdes

2003

Tim Anfenson, St. Michael-Albertville
Dave Enge, Anoka
Pat Hinnenkamp, Totino-Grace
Bob Kovich, Lakeville
Ron Randall, Plainview/Elgin-Millville
Rory Sanders, Tartan
Doug Schutte, McLeod West
George Soukup, Minnetonka
Mike Quist, Alexandria

2004

Bill Baumann, North Branch
Lee Eklund, Hawley
Mick Goudy, Rogers
Keith Howard, Elk River
Mark O'Neill, Champlin Park
Tom Sand, Jordan
Tim Seaton, Verndale
Tracey Wensloff, Roseau

2005

Glen Bernard, Rushford-Peterson
Charlie Cornell, Thief River Falls
Dan Dymoke, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Mike Gaffaney, Yellow Medicine East
Mark Herbes, Upsalsa
Jake Moore, Hastings
Rob Nielsen, Detroit Lakes
Joel Thompson, Mora

2006

Craig Brenner, BOLD
Dave Comer, Lakeville South
Dan Hennen, Eden Prairie
Gregory Hills, Rush City
Bruce Huber, Triton
Lyle Rambow, Morris Area
Mitchell Thompson, Rushford-Peterson
Mark Woitalla, Northfield

2007

Alan Amdahl, Albany
Vaughn Glasener, Melrose
Mark Johnson, Minneapolis Roosevelt
Robert Nickleby, Woodbury
Derek Parendo, Proctor
Delles Solie, Owatonna
David Style, Glencoe-Silver Lake

Butch Nash Award Past Recipients

2008

Scott Berning, St. Michael-Albertville
Jeff Briard, Springfield
Dick Gaughran, Eden Prairie
Steve Guider, Blaine
Patrick Hudak, Farmington
Scott Parsons, Brainerd
Vern Schnathorst, Detroit Lakes
Jon Thielen, Eden Valley-Watkins

2009

Jay Anderson, Totino-Grace
Roger Erickson, Lake of the Woods
Chad Gustafson, New London-Spicer
Terence Kent, Kittson County Central
Paul Lemke, Glencoe-Silver Lake
Tim Olson, Thief River Falls
Scott Palmer, Buffalo
Scott Swansson, Woodbury

2010

Mike Allen, Northfield
Kirk Golberg, Lakeville South
Greg Johnson, Delano
Mark Johnson, Rocori
Mike Labine, Detroit Lakes
Jeff Moore, Verndale
Jeff Moritko, Totino-Grace
Charlie Reed, Cretin-Derham Hall

2011

Joel Baumgarten, Rocori
Michael Boomer, Cook County
Rick Haley, Delano
Thomas Pink, Northome
Patrick Rieder, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton
Mark Ritter, Eden Prairie
Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park
Ralph Weber, Anoka

2012

Marc Achterkirch, Owatonna
Mark Elmer, Stillwater
John Jensen, Rochester Lourdes
David Larson, Hutchinson
Roger Lindahl, Benson
John McEachran, Perham
Paul Ruud, Glencoe-Silver Lake
Daren Sagedahl, BOLD

2013

Bill Aufdenkamp, Frazee
Daniel Brinkman, Hutchinson
Darby Carlson, St. Michael-Albertville
David Meyer, Detroit Lakes
Matt Myrvik, Minneota/Lincoln HI
Jeff Saueressig, Chisago Lakes
John Schultz, New Richland-HEG

2014

Gary Andersen, Fairmont
Josh Austad, Rocori
Bryan Brighton, Plainview-Elgin-Millville
Greg Clough, Minnetonka
Keith Cornell, St. Michael-Albertville
Steve Drewlo, Blaine
Mark Madigan, Simley
Jason Moden, Osseo

2014 (continued)

Conley Natvig, Browerville
David Rocheleau, Pierz
Todd Stokke, Lewiston-Altura
Doug Wanous, Owatonna

2015

Wayne Beisel, Winona
Thomas Doyscher, Norwood Young America
Bill Kinnunen, Grand Rapids
Patrick Klubben, St. Peter
Michael Langer, Brainerd
Mike Lundeen, Becker
Burt Roberts, Woodbury
Brett Schmidt, Hawley
Blaine Schnaible, Marshall
Tom Sola, Northfield
Phil Trowbridge, Barnesville
Lindsay Wallace, Delano
Matt Watson, Centennial

2016

Adam Birkholz, Lester Prairie/Holy Trinity
James Bohaty, Moose Lake-Willow River
Gary Cornell, Virginia
Michael Cross, Elk River
Clint Ewald, St. Louis Park
Todd Johnson, Mahanomen
Andrew Lancaster, Browerville/Eagle Valley
Scott McLachlan, Albany
Rob Pederson, Eden Valley-Watkins
Greg Powell, Big Fork
John Rockwell, Columbia Heights

2017

Joe Basil, Maple Grove
Michael Breyen, Elk River
David Carlson, Barnum
Bryan Dammann, Minnetonka
Curt Hahn, St. Michael-Albertville
Peter Heryla, Columbia Heights
Thomas Quiram, Le Sueur-Henderson
Darrell Salmi, Stillwater
Neil Tesdahl, Crosby-Ironton
Mark Thornton, Northfield
Rod Tollefson, Sibley East

2018

Aaron Ferrier, Redwood Valley
Jeff Flugum, Apple Valley
Ron Fuchs, Paynesville Area
Dan Gross, BOLD
Roger Hanson, East Grand Forks
Josh Hofstedt, Cannon Falls
James Mulcahy, Perham
Curt Olson, Underwood
Chad Pothén, Lakeville North
Christopher Riley, Zimmerman
Dave Shoemaker, Minnetonka
Steve Sussner, Minneota

2019

Aron Anderson, Brainerd
Hokan Bengtson, Becker
Dan Douglas, Montevideo
David Ellefson, Hutchinson
Dave Foster, Cromwell

Mark Hemberger, NCE-UH
Ty Houglum, Mora
Brian Hovland, Underwood
Brad Johnson, Fairmont
Matthew Jones, Verndale
Michael Kuntz, Chisago Lakes
Robert Larson, Mahanomen/Waubun

2020

Jeff Boonstra, New London Spicer
Joe Coenen, Chanhassen
Todd Hamer, Lakeville North
Gregory Johnson, Verndale
Mark Harris, Stillwater
Kevin Hulke, Minnesota Valley Lutheran
John Kyvig, Andover
Matt Nelson, Kasson-Mantorville
Andrew Stephenson, Spring Lake Park
Michael Wenninger, Luverne
Daniel Svoboda, Glencoe-Silver Lake

2021

Jason Albrecht, Lakeville North
Steve Alger, St. Peter
Jesse Barnacle, DGF
Cory Bedel, Hancock
Jim Bentson, Pillager
Andy Dahl, MLWR
Terry Donovan, Kasson-Mantorville
Duane Ferber, NRHEG
Jeff Gabrielson, New London Spicer
Jon Gilmer, Lakeville South
Craig Larson, Fertile-Beltrami
Jim McKeon, Bemidji
Daniel Storlie, Byron

2022

Chad Anderson, Totino Grace
Bryan Cook, Mora
Jerry Eggermont, Owatonna
Greg Ellsworth, Mankato West
Eric Graham, Cambridge-Isanti
Mike Johnson, Edina
Glenn Mogensen, Farmington
Todd Mortimer, Warren-Walvarado-Oslo
Troy Nelson, Brainerd
Michael Puhmann, Stillwater Area
Neil Steffes, Fertile-Beltrami
Dirk Wells, Lakeville South

2023

Travis Armstrong, Blue Earth
Mike DeWulf, Nevis
Tim Fritze, Hastings
Mark Griffin, Eden Prairie
Timothy Hernandez, St. Thomas Academy
Matt Kittelson, Blooming Prairie
Adam Langer, Eden Valley-Watkins
Shane Minske, Lakeville South
Chad Olson, Farmington
Chris Otterness, Kasson-Mantorville
Matt Skala, Owatonna
Matthew Smude, Blaine
Adam Spurrell, Maple Grove
Eric Teders, Waseca
Andy Zigan, Monticello
Tom Zupke, Mayer Lutheran

2023 Minnesota Sub-District Coaches of the Year

COACH	SUB-DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CLASS
Beau LaBore	Metro East	Stillwater	6A
Jackson Litterer	Metro Maroon	Buffalo	6A
Mike Diggins	Metro North	Centennial	6A
Nick Johnson	Metro South	Eagan	6A
Jason Potts	Metro West	Edina	6A
Paul Clark	Mid Northwest Central	Pillager	2A
Anthony Soderberg	Mid Northwest Red	Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton	3A
Mike Ellingson	Mid Northwest White	Albany	3A
Dan Houghton	Mid Northwest White	Rockford	3A
Ray Tri	Mid Northwest Three Rivers Blue	Eden Valley-Watkins	2A
Chris Moscho	Mid Northwest Gopher Gold	Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa	1A
Bryan Strand	Mid Northwest Heart of Lakes North	Barnesville	2A
John Clark Jr.	Mid Northwest Valley Plains West	Mahnomen/Waubun	1A
James Beckman	Mid Southeast East	Bethlehem Academy	1A
Chris Goodwin	Mid Southeast West	Norwood-Young America	2A
Dustin Bosshart	Mid Southeast West	St. Clair/Loyola	2A
Robert Minkinen	Northeast Silver	Barnum	2A
Dave Westermann	North North	Little Fork-Big Falls	9M
Shawn Klimek	North South	Nevis	9M
Dave Louzek	Northeast Blue	Moose Lake-Willow River	2A
Erik Lofald	Northeast Red	Duluth Denfeld	4A
Scott Arntson	Northeast White	Esko	3A
Tim Carlson	Northstar East Gold	Bloomington Jefferson	5A
Travis Walch	Northstar East Maroon	St. Thomas Academy	5A
Mike Empting	Northstar North	Alexandria Area	5A
Cullen Nelson	Northstar South Gold	Chanhassen	5A
Jeff Williams	Northstar South Maroon	Owatonna	5A
Tom Orth	Northstar Twin Cities	Two Rivers	5A
Tom Develice	Northstar West Gold	Andover	5A
Marc Franz	Northstar West Maroon	Rogers	5A
Matt Townsend	Skyway Blue	Columbia Heights	4A

2023 Minnesota Sub-District Coaches of the Year

COACH	SUB-DISTRICT	SCHOOL	CLASS
Matthew Walter	Skyway Brass	Annandale	3A
Joe McPherson	Skyway Bronze	Orono	4A
Jim Jackman	Skyway Copper	Litchfield	3A
Rob Reaves	Skyway Gold	Hill-Murray	4A
Dwight Lundeen	Skyway Green	Becker	4A
Charles Adams III	Minneapolis	North	3A
Sam Thompson	Skyway Orange	St. Agnes	2A
Joel Swanson	Skyway Platinum	Kasson-Mantorville	4A
Mark Heiser	Skyway Red	Patrick Henry	3A
Ryan Fay	Skyway Silver	Princeton	4A
Jay Anderson	Skyway Yellow	Totino Grace	4A
Dusty Drager	South Central Blue	Maple River	2A
Terry Bahlmann	South Central Red	Marshall	4A
Tom Schuller	South Central Silver	Jackson County Central	2A
Brad Wendland	South Central White	Waseca	3A
Rex Metzger	South West	Hills-Beaver Creek	9M
Mike Kesler	Southeast Red	Rochester Lourdes	3A
Carl Fruechte	Southeast White	Caledonia	2A
Chad Johnston	Southwest North	Minneota	1A
Randy Schettler	Southwest South	Adrian/Ellsworth	1A
Brent Kucera	Southwest South	Sleepy Eye United	1A
Trevor Carrier	South East	LeRoy-Ostrander	9M
John Wilebski	West North	Goodridge/Grygla/Gatzke	9M
Eric Olson	West South	Ottertail Central	9M

Minnesota Section Coaches of the Year

CLASS: 9M - SECTION COACH

- 1 Matt Kolling, Kingsland
- 2 Dwane Jemmings, Cedar Mountain
- 3 Rex Metzger, Hills-Beaver Creek
- 4 Eric Olson, Otter Tail Central
- 5 Shawn Klimek, Nevis
- 6 Brian Nelson, Fertile-Beltrami
- 7 Dan Zubich, Mountain Iron-Buhl
- 8 John Wilebski, Goodridge/Grygla/Gatzke

CLASS: 1A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Chris Mensink, Fillmore Central
- 2 Dean Aurich, Mayer Lutheran
- 3 Adam Meyer, Springfield
- 4 Chris Moscho, Belgrade-Brooten-Elrosa
- 5 Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 6 Mike Johnson, Parkers Prairie
- 7 Shawn Kuhnke, Braham
- 8 John Clark Jr., Mahnomen/Waubun

CLASS: 2A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 2 Brandon Neseth, Triton
- 3 Tom Schuller, Jackson County Central
- 4 Dan Meyers, Cannon Falls
- 5 Adam Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
- 6 William Infanger, Osakis
- 7 Dave Louzek, Moose Lake-Willow River
- 8 Bryan Strand, Barnesville

CLASS: 3A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Garrett Mueller, Stewartville
- 2 Ryan Weinandt, Dassel-Cokato
- 3 Brad Wendland, Waseca
- 4 Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 5 Matt Walter, Annandale
- 6 Mike Ellingson, Albany Area
- 7 Scott Arntson, Esko
- 8 Anthony Soderberg, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton

CLASS: 4A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Ben Halder, Byron
- 2 Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 3 Rob Reeves, Hill-Murray
- 4 Jay Anderson, Totino Grace
- 5 Sean McMenomy, Benilde-St. Margaret
- 6 Joe McPherson, Orono
- 7 Justin Voss, North Branch
- 8 James Herberg, Rocori

CLASS: 5A - SECTION COACH

- 1 Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 2 Cullen Nelson, Chanhassen
- 3 Travis Walch, St. Thomas Academy
- 4 Dave Muetzel, Mahtomedi
- 5 Jack Negen, Robbinsdale Armstrong
- 6 Mark Franz, Rogers
- 7 Tom Develice, Andover
- 8 Mike Empting, Alexandria Area

CLASS: 6A - SECTION COACH

- 3 Brian Vossen, Lakeville North
- 3 Ben Burk, Lakeville South
- 3 Jeff Erdmann, Rosemount
- 4 Dan Fritze, East Ridge
- 4 Beau LaBore, Stillwater
- 5 Mike Diggins, Centennial
- 6 Mike Grant, Eden Prairie
- 6 Jason Potts, Edina

State Coaches of the Year

1965

Bill Severin
Grand Meadow, Region I

1966

Stav Canakes
Edina, Region V

1967

Tom Mahoney
Fairmont, Region II

1968

Jerry Sullivan
Minneapolis Roosevelt, Region V

1969

Art Haas
Austin, Region I

1970

Gary Gustafson
North St. Paul, Region IV

1971

George Larson
Cambridge, Region IV

1972

George Wemeier
Minneapolis Washburn, Region V

1973

Dick Lawrence
Eveleth, Region VII

1974

John Drews
Rochester John Marshall, Region I

1975

Bob Swanson
Mountain Iron, Region VII

1976

Lyle Eidsness
St. Peter, Region II

1977

Paul Benson
Granite Falls, Region III

1978

Jim Simser
New Richland-Hartland, Region I

1979

Ron Raveling
Columbia Heights, Class AA

1980

Les E. Drechsel
Crookston, Class A

1981

Gary Roebuck
Holdingford, Class B

1982

George Thole
Stillwater, Class AA

1983

Ron Scott
Coon Rapids, Class AA

1984

Grady Rostberg
Hutchinson, Class A

1985

Norm Johnson
Minneapolis Roosevelt,
Class AA

1986

George Larson
Cambridge, Class A

1987

Dave Brokke
Granite Falls, Class B

1988

Gerhard Meidt
Minneota, Class C

1989

Jim Mader
Albany, Class A

1990

Ken Baumann
Mahnomon, Class C

1991

Neal Hofland
Chokio-Alberta, Class 9 Man

1992

Larry Thompson
Lakeville, Class AA

1993

Rick Manke
Detroit Lakes, Class A

1994

DeWayne Johnson
Anoka, Class AA

1995

Ken Jacobson
Chatfield, Class C

1996

Clark Bergloff
Mora, Class A

1997

Bob "Bubba" Sullivan
Northfield, Class 4A

1998

Keith Bergstedt
Cromwell, Class 9 Man

1999

Lyle Anderson
Cook County, Class 1A

2000

Mike Grant
Eden Prairie, Class 5A

2001

Flint Motschenbacher
Detroit Lakes, Class 4A

2002

Mike Mahlen
Verndale, Class 9 Man

2003

Dave Dose
Glencoe-Silver Lake, Class 3A

2004

Dave Nelson
Minnetonka, Class 5A

2005

Mark Kroulik
Stephen-Argyle, Class 9 Man

2006

Jim Reinhardt
Rushford-Peterson, Class 1A

2007

Jeff Ferguson
Totino-Grace, Class 4A

2008

Carl Fruechte
Caledonia, Class 2A

2009

Jon Bakken
Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
Class 2A

2010

Ron Stolski
Brainerd, Class 5A

2011

Carl Lemke
St. Croix Lutheran, Class 3A

2012

Brent Schroeder
Caledonia, Class 2A

2013

Jeff Williams
Owatonna, Class 5A

2014

Dwight Lundeen
Becker, Class 4A

2015

Gary Sloan
Grand Meadow, Class 9 Man

2016

Jeff Ferguson
Totino-Grace, Class 6A

2017

Leo Pohlkamp
Pierz, Class 3A

2018

Mike Kesler
Rochester Lourdes, Class 3A

2019

Chad Gimbel, Blooming Prairie
Class 1A

2020

Justin Reese, Fridley, Class 4A

2021

Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson,
Class 4A

2022

Chad Johnston, Minneota
Class 1A

2023

Announced at Awards Banquet

Minnesota Class Coaches of the Year

1980

- 9M** Clifford Sense, Wellcome
- C** Tony Thiel, Battle Lake
- B** David Main, Gaylord
- A** Joe Mayer, Rochester Lourdes
- AA** Ron Raveling, Columbia Heights

1981

- 9M** Keith Swanson, Hoffman-Kensington
- C** John Gross, Medford
- B** Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
- A** Les Drechsel, Crookston
- AA** Dick Hanson, Burnsville

1982

- 9M** Bill White, Westbrook
- C** Dennis Weimerskirch, Belgrade
- B** Bill Beck, Appleton
- A** Tom Mahoney, Fairmont
- AA** George Thole, Stillwater

1983

- 9M** "Buz" Rumrill, Silver Lake
- C** Dick Strand, Southland
- B** Robert Youso, Moose Lake
- A** Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
- AA** Ron Scott, Coon Rapids

1984

- 9M** Dan Motschenbacher, Norman County West
- C** Del Elston, Harmony
- B** Dave Brokke, Granite Falls
- A** Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
- AA** Dick Walker, Richfield

1985

- 9M** Dale Svaren, Oklee
- C** Ken Belanger, Zumbrota
- B** Bruce Harding, Sandstone-Finlayson-Askov
- A** Clark Bergloff, Mora
- AA** Norm Johnson, Minneapolis Roosevelt

1986

- 9M** Warren Keller, Argyle
- C** Jerry Tietje, Sherburn
- B** Bob Peterson, Esko
- A** George Larson, Cambridge
- AA** Roger Lipelt, Wayzata

1987

- 9M** "Buz" Rumrill, Silver Lake
- C** Gerhard Meidt, Minneota
- B** Dave Brokke, Granite Falls
- A** Larry Thompson, Lakeville
- AA** Dick Walker, Richfield

1988

- 9M** Terry Ogorek, Hallock
- C** Gerhard Meidt, Minneota
- B** Mike Belseth, Breckenridge
- A** Larry Thompson, Lakeville
- AA** Dave Nelson, Blaine

1989

- 9M** Dean Rasmussen, St. Clair
- C** Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian
- B** Charles Sundeen, Gibbon
- A** Jim Mader, Albany
- AA** Dick Hanson, Burnsville

1990

- 9M** Roger Goerisch, South Central
- C** Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
- B** Warren Olson, Brooklyn Center
- A** Dean Taylor, Sartell
- AA** DeWayne Johnson, Anoka

1991

- 9M** Neal Hofland, Chokio-Alberta
- C** Gary Graham, Browerville
- B** Steve Solem, BOLD
- A** Bob Jackson, Spring Lake Park
- AA** Larry Thompson, Lakeville

1992

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen
- C** Gene Stritesky, Ogilvie
- B** Willie Rauen, Pine Island
- A** Rick Manke, Detroit Lakes
- AA** Larry Thompson, Lakeville

1993

- 9M** Neal Hofland, Chokio-Alberta
- C** Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
- B** Gary Fasching, St. Cloud Cathedral
- A** Rick Manke, Detroit Lakes
- AA** Paul Miller, Apple Valley

1994

- 9M** Terry Ogorek, Kittson County Central
- C** Ken Jacobson, Chosen Valley
- B** Don Henderson, Triton
- A** Dean Taylor, Sartell
- AA** DeWayne Johnson, Anoka

1995

- 9M** Keith Bergstedt, Cromwell
- C** Ken Jacobson, Chatfield
- B** Mike Holzer, Kingsland
- A** Frank Fredlund, St. Peter
- AA** George Thole, Stillwater

1996

- 9M** Mike Mahlen, Verndale
- C** Mike Malmberg, Hawley
- B** John Thiel, Breck
- A** Clark Bergloff, Mora
- AA** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

1997

- 9M** Mike Mahlen, Verndale
- 1A** Lyle Anderson, Cook County
- 2A** Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian
- 3A** Jim Mader, Albany
- 4A** Bob "Bubba" Sullivan, Northfield
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

1998

- 9M** Keith Bergstedt, Cromwell
- 1A** Lyle Anderson, Cook County
- 2A** Ken Baumann, Mahnomen
- 3A** Larry Herm, Foley
- 4A** Grady Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Gary Halvorson, Woodbury

1999

- 9M** Jim Guetter, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Lyle Anderson, Cook County
- 2A** Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
- 3A** Stuart Nordquist, International Falls
- 4A** Rick Sutton, Mankato West
- 5A** Rich Kallok, Cretin-Derham Hall

2000

- 9M** Stan Olson, LeRoy-Ostrander
- 1A** Dean Deibele, Sleepy Eye Public
- 2A** Don Henderson, Triton
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** George Larson, Cambridge-Isanti
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2001

- 9M** Richard Risbrudt, Hillcrest Lutheran
- 1A** Curtis Strand, McLeod West
- 2A** Terry Karlsgodt, Atwater-Cosmos-Grove City
- 3A** Tom Schuller, Jackson County Central
- 4A** Flint Motschenbacher, Detroit Lakes
- 5A** Bob Majeski, Hastings

2002

- 9M** Mike Mahlen, Verndale
- 1A** Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
- 2A** Clay Anderson, Norwood-Young America
- 3A** Bill Ihrke, Plainview/Elgin-Millville
- 4A** Rick Sutton, Mankato West
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

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Minnesota Class Coaches of the Year

2003

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Clair Austin, Goodhue
- 2A** John Thiel, Breck
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Larry Thompson, Lakeville

2004

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
- 2A** Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
- 3A** Bruce Nelson, East Grand Forks
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Dave Nelson, Minnetonka

2005

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Paul Dunn, Springfield
- 2A** Ray Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
- 3A** Dwight Lundeen, Becker
- 4A** Wally Malmstrom, Mahtomedi
- 5A** Brad Anderson, Wayzata

2006

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Jim Reinhardt, Rushford-Peterson
- 2A** Don Henderson, Triton
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2007

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Clair Austin, Goodhue
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Dave Dose, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2008

- 9M** Jason Freed, Houston
- 1A** James Cortez, Kerkhoven-Murdock-Sunburg
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Scott Tschimperle, Glencoe-Silver Lake
- 4A** Mark Esch, Mankato West
- 5A** Shannon Gerrety, Blaine

2009

- 9M** Mark Kroulik, Stephen-Argyle
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Jon Bakken, Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
- 3A** Dan Essler, New London-Spicer
- 4A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 5A** Mike Scanlan, Cretin-Derham Hall

2010

- 9M** Jeff Gronner, Cromwell
- 1A** Denny Lux, New Ulm Cathedral
- 2A** Don Seipkes, Ottertail Central
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** Marc Franz, Rogers
- 5A** Brad Anderson, Wayzata

2011

- 9M** Andrew Fleischman, Edgerton/Ellsworth
- 1A** Cory Larson, Dawson-Boyd
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran
- 4A** Mike Rowe, Rocori
- 5A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2012

- 9M** Steve Jipson & Brian Dahl, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley
- 1A** John Clark, Jr., Mahnomon
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace
- 6A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2013

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** John Clark, Jr., Mahnomon
- 2A** Jeff Johnson, Chatfield
- 3A** Carl Lemke, St. Croix Lutheran
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Mike Grant, Eden Prairie

2014

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 2A** Luke Mitchell, Holdingford
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** Dwight Lundeen, Becker
- 5A** Rex King, Simley
- 6A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace

2015

- 9M** Chuck Ross, Underwood
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Brent Schroeder, Caledonia
- 3A** Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
- 4A** Chad Sexauer, South St. Paul
- 5A** Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville
- 6A** Derrin Lamker, Osseo

2016

- 9M** Gary Sloan, Grand Meadow
- 1A** Charles Adams III, Minneapolis North
- 2A** Carl Fruechte, Caledonia
- 3A** Mike Kesler, Rochester Lourdes
- 4A** John Cassellius, Winona
- 5A** Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 6A** Jeff Ferguson, Totino-Grace

2017

- 9M** Zach Hauser, Spring Grove
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Clay Anderson, Pipestone Area
- 3A** Leo Pohlkamp, Pierz
- 4A** Jim Gunderson, Academy of Holy Angels
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Jared Essler, St. Michael-Albertville

2018

- 9M** Zach Hauser, Spring Grove
- 1A** Steve Solem, BOLD
- 2A** Bryan Strand, Barnesville
- 3A** Mat Mahoney, Fairmont
- 4A** Merrill Pavlovich, Delano
- 5A** Jeff Williams, Owatonna
- 6A** Brian Vossen, Lakeville North

2019

- 9M** Tim Kirk, Mountain Lake Area
- 1A** Chad Gimbel, Blooming Prairie
- 2A** Dave Louzek, Moose Lake-Willow River
- 3A** Ryan Weinandt, Dassell-Cokato
- 4A** James Herberg, Rocori
- 5A** Bryan Dahl, Chaska
- 6A** Lambert Brown, Wayzata

2020

- 9M** Chad Christianson, Hancock
- 1A** Dean Aurich, Mayer Lutheran
- 2A** Randy Kuechenmeister, Blue Earth Area
- 3A** Mike Kleinschmidt, Albany
- 4A** Justin Reese, Fridley
- 5A** Kevin Feeney, Moorhead
- 6A** Ben Bur, Lakeville South

2021

- 9M** Trevor Carrier, LeRoy-Ostrander
- 1A** Dean Aurich, Mayer-Lutheran
- 2A** Jeff Johnson, Chatfield
- 3A** Ryan Weinandt, Dassell-Cokato
- 4A** Joel Swanson, Kasson-Mantorville
- 5A** JJ Helget, Mankato West
- 6A** Ben Bur, Lakeville South

2022

- 9M** Dan Zubich, Mountain Iron-Buhl
- 1A** Chad Johnston, Minneota
- 2A** Bryan Strand, Barnesville
- 3A** Chad Gustafson, New London Spicer
- 4A** Chris Mensen, Simley
- 5A** Steve Hamilton, Elk River
- 6A** Matt Lombardi, Maple Grove

2023

- 9M** Shawn Klimek, Nevis
- 1A** Chris Moscho, Belgrade-Broten-Elrosa
- 2A** Adam Tri, Eden Valley-Watkins
- 3A** Garrett Mueller, Stewartville
- 4A** Andy Rostberg, Hutchinson
- 5A** Cullen Nelson, Chanhassen
- 6A** Mike Diggins, Centennial

MFCA Assistant Coaches of the Year

YEAR	NAME	SCHOOL	CLASS
1989	Paul Gasner	Totino-Grace	A
1990	Jerry Foley	Stillwater	AA
1991	John Peterick	Mahnomen	C
1992	Bob Hooper	Detroit Lakes	A
1993	Jerry Carlson	Cambridge	AA
1994	Roger Trobec	Sartell	A
1995	Jeff Olson	St. Peter	A
1996	Steve Nunnink	Brainerd	AA
1997	Dale Bockovich	Cook County	1A
1998	Kevin Nowotny	Adrian	1A
1999	Gary Hansen	Chatfield	2A
2000	Mike Kleinschmidt	Albany	3A
2001	Bruce Nelson	Eagan	5A
2002	Bruce Rosenow	Hutchinson	4A
2003	Bernie Litecky	Totino-Grace	4A
2004	Doug Heruth	Blaine	5A
2005	Glen Bernard	Rushford-Peterson	1A
2006	Richard Johnson	Lakeville South	5A
2007	Conroe LeRoy Erickson	Buffalo	5A
2008	Mark Weitalla	Northfield	4A
2009	Jay Anderson	Totino-Grace	4A
2010	Mick Goudy	Rogers	4A
2011	Mark Ritter	Eden Prairie	5A
2012	Bob Kovich	Lakeville North	6A
2013	Marc Achterkirch	Owatonna	5A
2014	Dan Brinkman	Hutchinson	5A
2015	Jeff Wagner	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	2A
2016	Will Wackman	Spring Lake Park	5A
2017	Greg Clough	Minnetonka	6A
2018	Paul Lemke	Glencoe-Silver Lake	3A
2019	Aron Anderson	Brainerd	5A
2020	Doug Wanous	Owatonna	5A
2021	Matt Myrvik	Minneota	1A
2022	Charlie Reed	Woodbury	6A
2023	Mike Johnson	Edina	6A

2024 Assistant Coach of the Year Award



Mike Johnson

Edina

Assistant Coach of the Year Award

Mike Johnson is a 1980 graduate of Alan B. Shepard High School in Palos Heights, Illinois, a suburb southwest of Chicago. He came to Minnesota to attend Bethel University, where he played football as a linebacker and nose guard, starting two years, graduating in 1984. A committed teacher, Mike taught middle school and high school English for 35 years in Osseo Area Schools, retiring in 2020. He served in many teacher leadership roles and received recognition from administration, peers, and students. Mike served as the Gifted and Talented Education Coordinator at Brooklyn Jr High in Brooklyn Park in the early 1990's and was selected to be a member of the inaugural faculty at Maple Grove High School in 1996. At the end of that year, students elected him to be faculty speaker at Maple Grove's first commencement. He also served as Department Chair and many other roles for 14 years at Park Center High School. Mike was selected to be a full-time Instructional/Peer Coach in Osseo Schools for the last six years of his teaching career.

Mike just completed his seventh year as defensive coordinator at Edina, his fourth year with Coach Potts. At Edina, he has coached teams that have appeared in the state tournament twice and the state championship once. Before Edina, Mike served as the Defensive Coordinator at Osseo High School for eight years with head coach Derrin Lamker, an era in which Osseo had the winningest overall record in what was then the Northwest Suburban Conference. Osseo won three conference championships, appeared in the state tournament twice, and won the 2015 6A state championship. Before Osseo, Mike served as the Defensive Coordinator at Park Center High School for five years with head coach Terry Westermann. Mike was a sophomore coach at Maple Grove High School from 1996 to 1999 under Craig Hansen. He also coached sophomore football at Park Center under Mike Barnes in 1987 and 1988.

Mike was defensive line coach at Bethel University from 1989 to 1995 under two MFCA Hall of Fame coaches, head coach Steve Johnson and defensive coordinator Mike Plinske. It was an era when Bethel transformed itself into a perennial contender in the MIAC.

Currently, in addition to coaching football, Mike continues to serve since retirement as a substitute teacher and works as a part-time editor. He lives in Brooklyn Park as an empty-nester with his spouse of 27 years, Anne, and has two adult daughters, Ellen and Bea.

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Stuart Groskreutz

Stillwater Gazette
Sportswriter

Citation Division

Stuart Groskreutz is a 1991 graduate of Litchfield High School. Playing basketball and tennis under Hall-of-Fame coach John Carlson, Stuart played No. 1 doubles for a team that captured the school's first-ever state championship in 1989. He also played tennis and received Academic All-MIAC honors at Concordia College in Moorhead before earning a degree in English writing with minors in communications, and history/political science.

He gained valuable reporting and writing experience in college while working at the West Central Tribune in Willmar and the Forum in Fargo. After graduation, Stuart landed at another daily newspaper in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, where he spent a year before becoming its sports editor. He arrived at the Stillwater Gazette in 2000 and has covered the Stillwater Ponies for nearly a quarter-century. Stuart has been recognized with numerous awards for sports reporting, column writing, and photography by the Wisconsin Newspaper Association and the Minnesota Newspaper Association. He has also been named Sportswriter of the Year four times in the APG of ECM Better Newspaper Contest. Stuart was honored with the Distinguished Service Award for Outstanding Media Coverage from Special Olympics Minnesota in 2006. Stuart is married to Sarah and they reside in Stillwater, where he enjoys playing golf and spending time outdoors.

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Carl Fruechte

Caledonia

High School Division

Carl Fruechte is a 1984 graduate of Caledonia High School. He has been a Special Education Assistant and a coach in Caledonia since 1987. Carl has been coaching basketball since 1987 and football since 1988. During his coaching career, Carl has been a part of state championships in Boys Track (2011), Boys Basketball (1997), and Girls Basketball (2009). Carl has been the Head Football Coach from 1997 through 2009 and then again from 2016 to the present. During his time as coach, he has won 8 conference titles, 8 section championships and six state championships! Carl has been a part of 10 total football championships as head and assistant coach!

Carl has been a Conference Coach of the Year 8 times, a Section Coach of the Year 8 times, Minnesota Football Coaches Association Class Coach of the Year three times and the State Coach of the Year in 2008! He was also named the LaCrosse Tribune Coach of the Year five times and the Greater LaCrosse Sports Connection Coach of the Year in 2009.

Carl has been married to Becky for 35 years, and they have three children, Alecia, Isaac, and Maria, with eight grandchildren. He enjoys watching his 3 children play high school and college sports. Carl also enjoys biking and hiking with his wife and visits many Minnesota state parks. His favorite moments include winning some important games but the most pride comes from watching young boys become productive members of our society.

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Dan Essler

New London Spicer

High School Division

Dan Essler graduated from Brooten High School in 1981. He earned 4 letters in football, was captain his senior year, and voted team MVP and All-Conference. He went on to Fergus Falls Community College where played football and baseball for 2 years. Dan then went to Moorhead State University and graduated in 1986 with a degree in Physical Education.

Dan began coaching defensive backs at Willmar Community College in the fall of 1986. He then added assistant wrestling at Brooten and head boys track coach at Belgrade/Brooten over the next two years. In 1989, Dan moved to New London - Spicer to become the Defensive Coordinator for 11 seasons before becoming Head Football Coach in 2000, a position he held for the next 21 seasons. After the 3rd season, the Wildcats had a combined 3-21 record (.125 winning %). New London - Spicer then went 130-62 (.677) the next 18 seasons. NLS reached the Class AAA State Tournament 5 times during that stretch. They first made the semifinals in 2008, won the state championship in 2009, lost in the 1st round in 2012, before losing in the state finals in 2013 and 2014. The Wildcats have not had a losing season for 21 straight seasons. Dan was Section 6AAA Coach of The Year in 2008, 2009, 2012, 2013 and 2014. He was named the Class AAA Coach of The Year in 2009. He also coached the North team in the 2012 MN All-Star Game.

Dan was also head boys track coach for 24 Years and head girls track coach for 29 years. He retired from coaching and teaching in 2021. He has been a volunteer football coach at NLS the past 3 seasons where the Wildcats won the Class AAA title in 2022.

Dan would like to extend a special thanks to former Athletic Directors, Ron Dobbs and John Vraa in addition to assistant coaches Chad Gustafson, Jeff Boonstra, Jeff Gabrielson, Chad Powers, Paul Beuning, Jair Toedter, Rick McLain, Joey Dreier, Jeff Tufto, Taylor Dammermann, trainer Chris Heminover and former head coach, Lou Pirrotta for their many years of coaching. This group, NLS Grounds Crew, parents and former players made the success of the program possible over the years with their hard work and dedication. Dan and his wife Margaret have 2 children: Jake, a college scout with the Minnesota Vikings and Adam, business software sales for Oracle in Austin, Texas. The Essler's enjoy traveling and hanging out with family and friends.

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Mike Kleinschmidt

Albany Area

High School Division

Mike Kleinschmidt graduated from Sauk Centre High School in 1979. He earned 3 letters in football, was all-conference twice, and was a captain as a Senior. Mike went on to play football at the University of Minnesota-Morris from 1979-82. He was a graduate assistant coach at UMM in the fall of 1983 before graduating in 1984.

Mike began his teaching career at Arlington-Green Isle in 1984, where he was assistant football coach, and head boys track coach. In 1985, he moved to Albany and taught elementary school for 33 years. Mike coached for 37 years, which also included 13 seasons as head boys golf coach. Mike was an assistant football coach from 1985-2002. During that time, Albany won two State Championships: 1989 & 1997. In 1999, Mike was a Butch Nash Award recipient. In 2000, he was selected as Assistant Coach of the Year, and coached on the Outstate All Star Team staff. Mike was selected as the AFLAC National Assistant Coach of the Year in 2002.

Mike served as the head coach at Albany from 2003-2021. During his 19 seasons, he led the Huskies to four state tournament appearances (Prep Bowl runner-up 2005), five section titles, and nine conference championships. He compiled a record of 151-50. Mike was named the Class 3A Coach of the Year in 2020. He was the section coach of the year five times, conference coach of the year nine times, and in 2010, was named a Minnesota Vikings Coach of the Week. Mike also served on the MN Football Advisory Committee and as a conference/sub district rep during his career.

Mike and his wife Tamara have three children: Aaron (Brooke), Gina (Emil), and Will (Olivia), and five grandchildren: Cohen, Sawyer, Grayson, Kyler, & Vianna. During their free time, Mike and Tamara like to golf, travel, and enjoy life on the lake with family and friends.

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Jeff Williams

Owatonna

High School Division

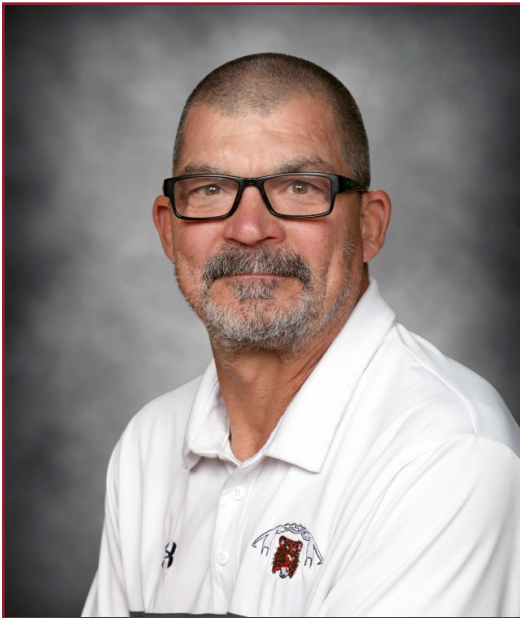
Jeff Williams is a 1983 graduate of Rochester John Marshall High School where he played Football and Baseball for the Rockets. He attended the University of Notre Dame, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Biology in 1987. After deciding to enter the teaching and coaching profession, he attended Winona State University, earning a Life Science-Teaching Degree in 1989. Jeff later earned his Master's Degree from the College of St. Scholastica in 2000.

While working on his teaching degree, Jeff served as the Varsity Defensive Backs Coach at Rochester John Marshall, working under his father "Snuffy" Williams. In 1989 Jeff was hired to teach Biology at Owatonna High School. He served as an Assistant Football and Baseball Coach, coached Legion Baseball, and supervised the Weight Room. In 1996, Jeff was named Head Baseball Coach at OHS, serving for one season. That spring, longtime Hall of Fame Football Coach Jerry Peterson stepped down. Jeff was named Head Football Coach and took over the Huskies in the Fall of 1996. As Head Football Coach at Owatonna, Jeff became the winningest coach in Big 9 Conference history, having amassed a record of 207-86. During that span, the Huskies have won 10 Conference titles and 10 Section Titles. In both 1998 and 2012, Owatonna finished as State Runner-Up. Owatonna won the State Championship in 2013, 2017, and 2018. Jeff has been named Conference Coach of the Year 9 times, Section Coach of the Year 10 times, and Class 5A Coach of the Year 3 times. Jeff served as the Head Coach of the Outstate Team that defeated the Metro 28-21 in the 2000 All Star Game. He joined his dad Snuffy as the only father and son to both defeat the Metro as Outstate Head Coaches. In 2013, Jeff was named State Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Football Coaches Association. In 2018, he was named State Coach of the Year by the Minnesota Vikings, the Associated Press, and USA Today. Jeff finished as a Finalist for the NFL Don Shula National Football Coach of the Year in 2018.

In Jeff's estimation, the most rewarding aspect of serving as a coach is the relationships one builds with players, assistants, and coaches from competing schools. Football is the finest fraternity there is and many of these relationships will last a lifetime. Jeff is a long-time member of the All Star Game Selection Committee, has served on the Football Advisory Committee, and was MFCA President in 2021-2022. Jeff and his wife Nancy, a School Social Worker at Owatonna High School, have been married 25 years and have two children, Matt and Nick. In their spare time, they enjoy traveling, especially to beach towns.

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**Wayne "Ribsy"
Petermeier
Browerville**

High School Division

Wayne "Ribsy" Petermeier is a 1983 graduate of Melrose High School in Melrose, Minnesota. Ribsy then went on to the University of Minnesota at Morris where he played football as a wide receiver, punter, and holder for the Cougars. He Graduated from UMM in 1988 with a degree in Elementary Education and coaching. After graduation he went back to Melrose where he taught and coached varsity football for the Dutchmen for 1 season. He then went on to teach third grade in Hayfield, Minnesota where he was an assistant varsity football coach for the Dodge Center/Hayfield C-Hawk football team where the C-Hawk's won the Wasioja Conference Championship. In 1990, his second year at Hayfield, he began the Hayfield football program. After the 1991 school year he took a job in Browerville, Minnesota where he was an elementary school teacher for twenty-seven years. The past thirteen years Ribsy has been the Athletic Director along with the past six years as the Dean of Students.

During his time in Browerville, he has been part of sixteen conference/district championships with nine of those as the head coach, twelve section championships with four of those as the head coach, and seven state semifinals with two of those as head coach. At the present time his record is 159-79 as the head coach at Browerville (Browerville-Eagle Valley). He has been part of 278 wins and 110 losses in his varsity coaching career. Ribsy is a nine-time conference/ district coach of the year and a four time section coach of the year. He also was the head girl's basketball coach for seven years with a record of 83-68 and head fastpitch coach for twenty years with one state tournament appearance and a 210-116 record. Ribsy coached in the MFCA All-Star game in 2007 (which was and still is one of the greatest highlights and weeks of his coaching career), is a past president of the MFCA serving in 2007, is currently the MFCA Individual Academic Award Chairman, the Chair of the MFCA Camp outreach program, and is a past recipient of the Don Swanson Service award in 2011.

Being able to say that he has not missed a MFCA sponsored coaching clinic since 1988 is something he is very proud of. Ribsy is most proud to be able to say that his oldest son Brent is on the Varsity Football staff at St. Cloud Tech High School, his middle son Kyle is the Head Football coach at Wadena-Deer Creek High School, and his youngest son Nate was on his staff as the O-Line & D-Line coach at Browerville. "Being able to coach all three of our son's and watching their success is the highlight of my career." Ribsy has been married to Kris (Matti) for the past 31 years whom he met while in Hayfield.

They have three children - Brent, Kyle, (Mackenzie), and Nate, (Marah). Ribsy also has one granddaughter Jaya who is 2 ½ years old.

I am also fortunate that Kris has been my biggest supporter for all these years. She has been—and continues to be—the backbone of our family. As football coaches ,we are all "Keepers of the Game." My wife, Kris, is the "Keeper of the Family."

Distinguished Service Award



Roseann Giovanatto-Shaver

The Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund

Distinguished Service Award

Roseann Giovanatto-Shaver is the Executive Director of The Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund (2004-present). Previously, Roseann was on the board of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society MN Chapter and a sales rep for a local custom boutique clothing company.

Roseann was born and raised in Cleveland Ohio, went to Olmsted Falls High School. She worked as the Assistant Manager of a 5-7-9 Clothing store before being hired by Northwest Airlines as a Flight Attendant. Roseann moved to Minnesota in the early 1980's. It's at that time she met and married KARE 11's Randy Shaver in 1986. They have 2 children Ryan (Heather) and Rob (Amber) Shaver and 2 Grandchildren Bella Rose and Rocco Lee.

After volunteering for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society MN Chapter and overseeing the Randy Shaver Celebrity Golf Classic from 1994-2003, Randy and Roseann created the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund. In 2012, Coaches Dave Nelson, Beau Labore, Jon Bakken, Jeff Ferguson and Jeff Moritko met with Roseann and began a partnership model now known as "Tackle Cancer". Since 2012, Tackle Cancer has raised 3.5 million dollars and the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund has raised over 13 million dollars to benefit Minnesota's Cancer Community by boasting a 6-9% administrative budget and allowing for 91 -94 cents of every dollar raised to benefit cancer research, patient aid and new improved technology that all stays in the state of Minnesota. Research in the areas of breast cancer, pancreatic cancer, brain cancer, ovarian cancer, osteosarcoma and lymphoma have all benefitted from funds raised by the partnership between Tackle Cancer and The Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund. Additionally, community programs that fund kids with cancer camps, mobile cancer awareness to outstate communities and cancer preventive hoodies for volunteer firefighters are currently being funded. Roseann is humbled, privileged and honored to work to support and enhance the lives of Minnesota's Cancer Community in tandem with Tackle Cancer.

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Distinguished Service Awards

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Distinguished Service Award Past Recipients

1990	Jim Lano, Normandy Inn	2008	Dave Fritze, Minnesota High School All-Star Football Game
1991	Bud Olson, Bud Olson Awards	2009	Brad Madson, Minnesota Vikings
1992	Bob Roy, St. Louis Park High School	2010	TCF Bank Stadium
1993	Don Swanson, Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School	2011	Dave Lee, WCCO Radio
1994	Bill Etter, Chi Chi's Restaurant	2012	Mike Turner, Varsity Photos, Inc. & Varsity Awards
1995	Tom Mahoney, Fairmont High School	2013	Dave Giles, MFCA Historian
1996	Joe Samuelson, Stillwater High School	2014	Kevin Merkle, Minnesota State High School League
1997	Dick Walker, Richfield High School	2015	Jim Becker, Eagan
1998	Jim Dotseth, Minneapolis Patrick Henry High School	2016	John Gross, Medford
1999	Randy Shaver, KARE 11 TV	2017	Dan O'Brien, University of Minnesota
2000	Jim Simser, Fairmont High School	2018	John Reglein, The Graphic Edge
2001	Butch Nash, University of Minnesota	2019	Claud Allaire, MFCA Clinic
2002	Jostens	2020	Dave Nelson, Tackle Cancer
2003	Ralph Anderson, Becker County Record and Detroit Lakes Tribune	2021	Jeff Ferguson, MFCA Recruiting Fair
2004	Gordon Shaw, University of Minnesota	2022	Will Wackman, Spring Lake Park High School
2005	Bill Hoag, Varsity Gold	2023	Marc Bachman, St. Peter High School
2006	Healy Awards	2024	Roseann Giovanatto-Shaver, The Randy Shaver Cancer Research & Community Fund
2007	Doubletree Park Place Hotel, Minneapolis		

Service Awards

40-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Terry Bahlmann, Marshall

35-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Neil Tesdahl, Crosby-Ironton

30-YEAR SERVICE AWARD

Paul Lemke, Glencoe-Silver Lake

Jeff Moore, Verndale

Brian Schoneck, Maple River

200 Wins

Chad Gimbel, Blooming Prairie

Randy Kuechenmeier, Blue Earth Area

Jeff Williams, Owatonna

Winners of 200+ Games

RANK	WINS	LOSS	TIES	COACH	SCHOOL	YRS	WIN %	HOF
1	432	132	3	Mike Mahlen	Verndale	54	0.7645	2009
2	399	167	3	Dwight Lundeen	Becker	54	0.7038	2009
3	389	182	5	Ron Stolski-r	Brainerd	58	0.6797	2008
4	388	80	0	Mike Grant	Eden Prairie	41	0.8290	2014
5	315	158	0	Merrill Pavlovich-r	Delano	46	0.6660	2011
6	307	66	6	George Larson-r	Cambridge	40	0.8179	1994
7	304	150	0	Carl Lemke-r	St. Croix Lutheran	46	0.6696	
8	291	78	0	Steve Solem-r	BOLD	33	0.7886	2015
9	287	66	2	Ken Baumann-r	Mahnomen	32	0.8113	2002
10	285	69	2	George Thole-r	Stillwater	31	0.8034	2000
11	279	89	0	Jon Bakken-r	Waterville-Elysian-Morristown	33	0.7582	2014
12	279	151	0	Karl Deis-r	Mora	55	0.6488	2019
13	277	89	1	Grady Rostberg-r	Hutchinson	34	0.7561	1999
14	276	84	0	Leo Pohlkamp-r	Pierz	33	0.7667	2016
15	276	110	0	Terry Bahlmann	Marshall	40	0.7150	2023
16	275	133	2	Stuart Nordquist-r	International Falls	41	0.6732	2001
17	269	115	2	Jim Roforth-r	Osakis	45	0.6995	2002
18	267	124	0	Dave Nelson-r	Minnetonka	36	0.6829	2014
19	266	160	0	Don Seipkes-r	Ottertail Central/Henning	43	0.6244	2013
20	263	86	2	Neal Hofland-r	Chokio-Alberta	35	0.7521	2005
21	260	132	10	George Smith-r	Mahtomedi	43	0.6592	1994
22	259	102	9	Les Dreschel-r	Red Lake Falls/Crookston	40	0.7122	1993
23	259	105	13	John Hansen-r	Osseo	40	0.7042	1992
24	259	143	0	Larry Thompson-r	Lakeville South	38	0.6443	2014
25	256	94	8	Tom Mahoney-r	Fairmont	38	0.7263	1990
26	256	114	0	Dean Aurich-r	Mayer Lutheran	36	0.6918	2021
27	251	84	0	Don Henderson-r	Triton	31	0.7493	2016
28	246	137	0	Terry Karlsgodt-r	Atwater-Grove City- Cosmos	39	0.6423	2011
29	241	91	0	Dave Nigon-r	Totino Grace	31	0.7259	2003
30	238	112	0	Randy Strand-r	Adrian	33	0.6800	
31	236	79	0	Gerhard Meidt-r	Rothsay/Minneota/Big Lake	32	0.7492	1999
32	233	108	3	Buz Rumrill-r	Glencoe/Silver Lake	33	0.6817	1999
33	230	65	0	Jim Mader-r	Albany	26	0.7797	2003
34	230	84	0	Gary Sloan-r	Grand Meadow	29	0.7325	2022
35	230	138	1	Roger Lipelt-r	Wayzata/Providence	40	0.6247	2001
36	228	52	0	Andy Rostberg	Hutchinson	25	0.8142	
37	223	91	1	Jim Simser-r	Fairmont/New Richland-H	32	0.7095	2000
38	222	56	0	Dave Louzek	Moose Lk/Willow River	25	0.7985	
39	222	91	0	Stan Olson-r	LeRoy-Ostrander	30	0.7093	2004

r = Retired

Winners of 200+ Games

RANK	WINS	LOSS	TIES	COACH	SCHOOL	YRS	WIN %	HOF
40	221	97	0	Dave Brokke-r	Granite Falls/YME	31	0.6950	2007
41	220	74	0	Clark Bergloff-r	Mora	29	0.7483	2003
42	220	127	1	Don Stueve-r	Fergus Falls	37	0.6336	2011
43	217	139	0	Jeff Erdmann	Rosemount	34	0.6095	
44	216	46	0	John Clark Jr.	Mahnomen/Waubun	23	0.8244	
45	216	130	6	Billy Beck-r	Lac Qui Parle Valley	39	0.6222	1997
46	214	41	0	Chad Johnston	Minneota	22	0.8392	
47	214	141	0	Bob Jackson-r	White Bear Lake/SLP	35	0.6028	2019
48	212	64	0	Gary Graham-r	Browerville	25	0.7681	2004
49	212	83	8	Kenneth "Red" Wilson-r	Bemidji	34	0.7129	1974
50	212	121	2	DeWayne Johnson-r	Anoka	33	0.6358	2009
51	211	54	0	Tom Schuller	Jackson County Central	24	0.7962	
52	210	134	0	Joe Scoblic	Lester Prairie	34	0.6104	
53	209	91	0	Jerry Wallskog-r	LeCenter/BDRSH/Monty	31	0.6967	1998
54	208	134	0	Bubba Sullivan-r	Northfield	31	0.6082	2022
55	207	86	0	Jeff Williams	Owatonna	28	0.7064	2024
56	207	92	0	Terry Ogorek-r	Kittson County Central	30	0.6923	2012
57	207	109	2	Andy Nelson-r	Lake Benton/Verdi	34	0.6541	1994
58	206	89	0	Ron Johnson-r	Clearbrook/Gonvick Tr.	31	0.6983	
59	205	58	2	Dick Hanson-r	Burnsville	25	0.7774	2012
60	204	74	0	Chad Gimbel	Blooming Prairie	27	0.7338	
61	204	92	0	Terry Highum-r	Lanesboro	31	0.6892	
62	203	66	1	Stav Canakes-r	Edina	27	0.7537	1992
63	202	106	13	Bruce Frank-r	Le Sueur	37	0.6495	1985
64	202	120	2	Con Natvig-r	Swanville	33	0.6265	2007
65	202	147	0	Richard Risbrudt-r	Fergus Falls	35	0.5788	2017
66	200	65	0	Rich Kallok-r	Cretin-DH	22	0.7547	2006
67	200	77	3	Bob Youso-r	Moose Lake/Willow River	30	0.7196	1991
68	200	89	0	Ken Mauer-r	St. Paul Harding	32	0.6920	1993
69	200	111	0	Dean Taylor-r	Sartell/St. Cloud Cathedral	32	0.6431	2004
70	200	130	0	Randy Kuechenmeister	Blue Earth Area	33	0.6060	2023

r = Retired



2024 Don Swanson Award



Clay Anderson Kimball

Don Swanson Award

Clay Anderson is a 1982 graduate of Northfield High School. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Exercise Studies from St. Olaf College in 1986 and his Masters in Education degree from St. Mary's University in 2008. Clay began his coaching career in Northfield as a junior high coach in 1987. From 1989-1996 he served as the defensive coordinator for Northfield High School.

Clay has had 26 seasons as a head coach: Le Center (1997-1999), Norwood Young America (2000-2004), Albert Lea (2005-2010), Benton Community, IA (2011-2013), Pipestone (2015-2019) and Kimball Area (2020-Present). Clay has coached in seven state championship football games: three as defensive coordinator at Northfield H.S. (1993, 1994, & 1996) and four as a head coach (1999 - Le Center), (2002 - NYA) and (2015 & 2017 - Pipestone). Clay has twice been selected as the Class "AA" Coach of the Year in Minnesota (2002 - NYA, 2017 - Pipestone). Clay has been a frequent clinic presenter in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and South Dakota. He has also been an activities director for 23 years. This past fall was Clay's 37th year in coaching. During that time, he has filled many roles within the MFCA, including serving on the Executive Committee and being the chairmen of the Mr. Football committee from 2004-2011 & 2019-present. Clay also served on the Football Advisory Committee to the MSHSL, coached in the All-Star game in 2000 & 2011, and was the President of the MFCA in 2006.

Clay, currently the activities director and head football coach at Kimball Area H.S. is married to Melissa Radeke (Superintendent, Lester Prairie Schools) and resides in Dassel, Minnesota. Clay has one daughter, Kalah (Bryan) and one granddaughter, Lily. Clay also has three stepchildren, Hona (Kevin), Maddie (Luke) and Cooper (Catie) and five step-grandchildren: Soren, Kathryn, Elizabeth, Pax, and Margaret.

2024 Don Swanson Award

2010	Mike Watson	Centennial
2011	Wayne "Ribsy" Petermeier	Browerville
2012	Conley Natvig	Swanville, Swanville-Grey Eagle, Browerville
2013	John Gross	Medford
2014	Rob Nielsen	Detroit Lakes
2015	Terry Turek	Le Sueur-Henderson
2016	Dave Nelson	Minnetonka
2017	Bill Magnuson	Pequot Lakes
2018	Dave Fritze	Eagan
2019	Jim Dotseth	MFCA Secretary Treasurer
2020	Scott Tschimperle and Paul Lemke	Glencoe-Silver Lake
2021	Beau LaBore and Dave Nigon	Exhibit Manager/MFCA Clinic
2022	Nick David	Mound Westonka
2023	Rick Sutton	Farmington
2024	Clay Anderson	Kimball

The Don Swanson Award represents exemplary service to the MFCA. It is presented annually to a member of our association who personifies what the late **Don Swanson** exemplified: unconditional service to and for football in Minnesota. "Swannie" was a respected teacher, coach, administrator and friend to all who knew him. His passing in 2009 left us all with a void.

He was a proud graduate of South High school and Gustavus Adolphus College and a lifelong educator in the city of Minneapolis. His work as part of the MFCA clinic is legendary and he will never be replaced. In honoring "Swannie," we remember his sense of humor, his quick wit, his engaging charm, and, most importantly, his tireless efforts on behalf of students and coaches. He was one of our finest – a true 'Keeper of the Game.'



Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award



Beau LaBore

Stillwater

Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

Beau LaBore is a 1997 graduate of South St. Paul High School where he was an all-state linebacker and played in the Metro's 27-26 victory over the Outstate in the All-Star Game. He attended St. John's University and played football under legendary coach John Gagliardi. LaBore was a two-time All-American linebacker for the Johnnies who lost to Mount Union 10-7 in the 2000 National Championship Game. LaBore earned a Social Science and Secondary Education Degree, followed by a Master's Degree in Teaching and Learning and a K-12 Principal License through St. Mary's University.

LaBore was an assistant coach at Minnetonka, Hastings, and South St. Paul before becoming head football coach at Woodbury High School in 2005. In 2009, LaBore was the defensive coordinator in a 54-13 Metro victory in the Minnesota High School All Star Game. He has been head coach at Stillwater Area since 2011. That same year, he was inducted into the South St. Paul High School Athletic Hall of Fame. The Ponies have won five sub-district championships and two section championships.

Through the Tackle Cancer Board, LaBore was awarded the Randy Shaver Cancer Research and Community Fund "Friendship Award" in 2015. LaBore is the MFCA Community Service Award chair, serves on the Executive Director's Committee, and was President in 2019-2020. He earned the "Don Swanson" Award for exemplary service to the MFCA in 2021. The second oldest of seven children, LaBore chose a career in education because several teachers and coaches had an indelible impact on his life. The Ponies coaching staff fosters a program that makes playing football fun, challenging, and more than just a game. Each year, the Ponies give hundreds of hours to youth football, nursing homes, Tackle Cancer, adaptive athletes, and the area food shelf. LaBore and his wife, Ashley, live in Stillwater and have a two-year-old daughter, Brooke.

The Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

honors a deserving high school football head coach for his effect on his players, school and community.

The selected coach embodies the life-changing qualities of respect and inspiration, and has caused student-athletes and others to want to emulate their honesty, patience and modesty. Their positive influence is reflected in their community service, their mentoring and role modeling, and finally, measured by the lives he has touched and changed.

The MFCA award recipient is then nominated for the national Power of Influence Award, which is presented jointly by the American Football Coaches Association and the American Football Coaches Foundation.



Jerry Kill Power of Influence Award

2006	... Ron Stolski*	..... Brainerd High School
2007	... Mike Mahlen	..... Verndale High School
2008	... Dave Hylla	..... Proctor High School
2009	... Dave Nelson*	..... Minnetonka High School
2010	... Dwight Lundeen*	..... Becker High School
2011	... Jeff Ferguson	..... Totino-Grace High School
2012	... Paul Mork	..... White Bear Lake/New Life Academy
2013	... Mark Froehling	..... Farmington
2014	... Bob "Bubba" Sullivan	..... Northfield
2015	... Jon Bakken	..... Waterville-Elysian-Morristown
2016	... Don Seipkes	..... Ottertail Central
2017	... Jeff Schlieff	..... Spring Lake Park
2018	... Tom Lenarz	..... Cloquet
2019	... Dave Louzek	..... Moose Lake-Willow River
2020	... Charles Adams III	..... Minneapolis North
2021	... Steve Jipson	..... Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley (Posthumously)
2022	... Rodney Lossow	..... Minneapolis South
2023	... Bryan Strand	..... Barnesville
2024	... Beau LaBore	..... Stillwater

*Also received National Power of Influence Award.



Beau LaBore, 2024 MFCA Power of Influence recipient

Previously Inducted Hall of Famers

1965

Bernie Bierman
Jake Christiansen
Frank Cleve
Bernie Cole
Vern Morrison
Bronko Nagurski
Ted Peterson
Lew Swearingen

1966

Les Barnard
Bert Baston
John Gagliardi
Red Hastings
Lefty Ranweiler

1967

Paul Giel
Francis "Pug" Lund
Joe Markley
Cliff Morlan
Louis Todnem

1968

Lee Brockmeyer
Sid Hartman
Elmer Wigen
Charles "Bud" Wilkinson

1969

C.P. Blakeslee
Dick Bradley
Jim Byrne
Ray Christensen
Pete Guzy
Lloyd Hollingsworth

1970

Adrian Christensen
Jake Christiansen
Harry Peter "Bud" Grant
Walter "Butch" Hertz
Les Knuti
Frank O'Rourke
Wendell Vlasin
Ed Widseth

1971

Russell "Butzie" Maetzold
Manny Marget
George "Butch" Nash
Harold M. "Snooks" Sullivan

1972

William F. Broekmeier
Jerry Krueger
Jim Lee
Fred Vant Hull
Dick Wildung

1973

Ralph Anderson
Jerry Dahlberg
Chuck Elias
Marv Helling
Bruce Smith
Earl Teas

1974

Jerry Ekstein
Odis LeGrand
Edor Nelson
Doc Watson
Kenneth "Red" Wilson

1975

Bob Collison
Art Haas
Russ Helleckson
Bernie Lusk
Dick Mahar
Les Nell

1976

Kermit Anderson
Will Gullickson
Dwayne Hoberg
Jack Malevich
Jim Pederson
George Roscoe
Murray Warmath

1977

Art Avis
Jim Carrington
Lee Krough
Frank "Butch" Larson
Herschel Lysaker
Jim McLaughlin
Leo Sebastian

1978

Chuck Dixon
Chauncey Martin
Ted Meinhover
Roy "Chip" Rasmussen
George Reedy
Marty Rossini
John Vucinovich

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Ted Meinhover
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George Reedy
Marty Rossini
John Vucinovich

1979

Bruce Bakke
Herman Frickey
Bill Hansen
LeRoy McMahon
Dick Mulken
Harry Newby
Milt Osterberg
Bob Shrank
Steve Silianoff
Lloyd Stein

1980

Bruce Bennet
Neal Davis
Jim Gustafson
Jim Molnar
Norm Wagner
Jim Wallace

1981

Lou Barle
Irv Nerdahl
Glenn Redmann
Clayton Tonnemaker

1982

Bob Gove
Wally Hitt
Don Nylund
Gary Olson
Dale Scholl

1983

Jim Gotta
Joe Mrkonich
Stan Nelson

1984

Tom Briere
Jim Henkes
Dick Lawrence

1985

Bruce Frank
Giffy O'Dell
Don Riley
Bob Roy
Don "Swannie" Swanson

1986

Ralph Hagberg
Charles Halsted
Peter Herges
Oiva Ike Pesonen
Cliff "Jiggs" Senne

1987

Terry Egerdahl
Lauren "Huns" Hagge
Donald "Bill" McMoore
Jerry Sullivan
Angelo L. Taddie

1988

Herb Claffy
Mac Dahl
Art Fredrickson
Ralph Peterson
Ron Raveling
Cal Stoll

1989

John Drugg
Don Fox
Jim Griffin
Bill Severin
Harvey Shew
Tony Thiel

1990

Roland Bromberg
Gary Gustafson
Tom Mahoney
Bob O'Neill
Dick Rezanka
Al Siegle

1991

Morgan Brandup
John Davies
Earl Gramling
Roy Hokkanen
Ron Scott
Bob Youso

1992

Stav Canakes
Dan Devine
John Hansen
Joe Mayer
Warren Olson
George Wemeier

1993

Les Drechsel
Ken Mauer
Tom Porter
Dana Powers
Dick Walker

1994

Dick Bakke
George Larson
Jim Malosky
Andy Nelson
Marsh Nelson
George Smith

Previously Inducted Hall of Famers

1995

Gerry Brown
Bruce Frank
Norm Johnson
Bob Peterson
Pat "Bruno" Waldner

1996

Jim Christopherson
Marv Gunderson
Mike Morrissey
Lloyd C. Petersen

1997

Bill Beck
John Drews
Ross Fortier
Andy Lia
Jerry Peterson

1998

John Conzemius
Frank Fredlund
Bob Sullivan
Jerry Wallskog
Wes Wistrom

1999

Bill Martin
Gerhard Meidt
Grady Rostberg
"Buz" Rumrill
Mal Scanlan
Omer Sieben

2000

Jerry Hegna
Andy McCarty
Elmer Menage
Ed Mettner
Jim Simser
George Thole

2001

Ken Belanger
Don Bertek
John Gross
Roger Lipelt
Stuart Nordquist
Keith Swanson

2002

Ken Baumann
Herschel "Pepper" Lysaker
Rick Manke
Paul Mork
Willie Rauen
Jim Roforth

2003

Lyle Anderson
Clark Bergloff
Jim Mader
Dave Main
Dave Nigon
Dick Strand

2004

Gary Graham
Stan Olson
Deryl Ramey
Randy Shaver
Dean Taylor

2005

Neal Hofland
Ken Jacobson
Dick Jonckowski
Donavon Larson
Terry McLean
Jerry Sonnek

2006

Ken Hill
Gordon Hinck
Rich Kallock
Charles Kavanagh
Stan Skjei
Dick Tressel

2007

Keith Bergstedt
Dave Brokke
Robert Hage
Dan Kostich
Conley "Con" Natvig
Tom Witschen

2008

Don Elston
Mario Lucia
Jim Sims
Ron Stolski
Gary Trimble

2009

Roger French
Dave Hylla
DeWayne Johnson
Dwight Lundeen
Mike Mahlen

2010

Dave Dose
Jim Dotseth
Dennis Hale
Jim Reinhardt

2011

Terry Karlsgodt
Mark Kroulik
Bob Majeski
Merrill Pavlovich
Don Stueve
Darrel "Bozo" Wincek

2012

Earl Bauman
Paul Gasner
Dick Hanson
Steve Nunnink
Terry Ogorek
Tyrone Wacker

2013

Jerry Carlson
Jerry Foley
Ivan Kroulik
Steve Ott
Don Seipkes
Gene Stritesky

2014

Jon Bakken
Dave Fritze
Mike Grant
Tom Idstrom
Dave Nelson
Larry Thompson
Marc Trestman

2015

Jeff Ferguson
Paul Miller
John Sherman
Steve Solem

2016

Don Henderson
Steve Johnson
Bernie Litecky
Rand Middleton
Flint Motschenbacher
Leo Pohlkamp

2017

Brad Anderson
Larry Knutson
Richard Risbrudt
Mike Scanlan
Curtis Strand
Rick Sutton

2018

Mike Belseth
Mike Bialka
Steve Fedie
Doug Torgerson
Ray Tri
Terry Turek

2019

Doug Heruth
Bob Jackson
Mike Max

2020

Walter Hunting
Jeff Mumm
Mike Quist
Mike Turner
Karl Urbaniak

2021

Bill Bailey
Karl Deis
Terry Horan
Mike Plinske
Richard Robinson

2022

Dean Aurich
Gary Fasching
Rob Nielsen
Gary Sloan
Bubba Sullivan
William White

2023

Terry Bahlmann
Randy Kuechenmeister
Chuck Ross
Doug Ekmark
Darrell Thompson

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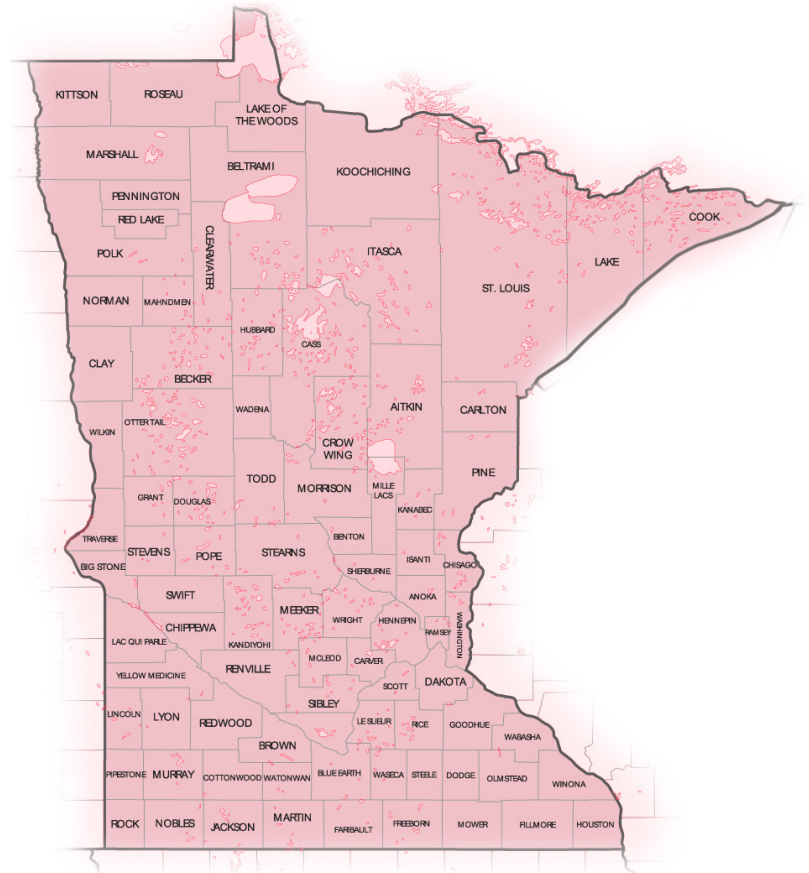
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 1958Lew Swearingen, Jackson
 1959Red Wilson, Bemidji
 1960Loren Hagge, Rochester
 1961Frank Cleve, Minneapolis Patrick Henry
 1962Lou Barle, Greenway
 1963Tom Mahoney, Fairmont
 1964Steve Silianoff, South St. Paul
 1965Dale Scholl, Redwood Falls
 1966Bill Hansen, Willmar
 1967Bob Roy, St. Louis Park
 1968Marv Gunderson, Winona
 1969Milt Osterberg, Worthington
 1970Dick Lagergren, Brainerd
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 1972Don Varpness, New Ulm
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 1980Dick Lawrence, Eveleth
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MFCA Code of Ethics

PREAMBLE

One of the distinguishing characteristics of a profession in education may be that its members are cognizant of, and perhaps dedicated to, rendering a service to humanity. As educators who choose to coach football, we must understand that the justification for football is that it provides educational and physical values for those who play the game, and the game essentially belongs to the players who choose to play it. The welfare of the game depends on how coaches live up to the spirit and letter of ethical conduct, and how coaches, as educators, model ethical conduct, and remain mindful of the trust and confidence placed in them by colleagues, players and the public.

PURPOSE

This code of ethics has been developed to protect, promote, and preserve the best interests of the game and the coaching profession. Its primary purpose is to clarify and distinguish ethical and professional practices from those which are detrimental. Its secondary purpose is to emphasize the value of football as an experience that contributes to the overall education of the student-athlete and to stress proper functions in relation to schools, players and the public.

ARTICLE ONE | Responsibility To Players

1. Coaches shall be aware of the tremendous influence they have on the education of the student-athlete; therefore, they shall never place the value of winning above the value of instilling the highest ideals of character and integrity.
2. Coaches shall follow or create and enforce a set of training rules for players that reflect the positive values of abstaining from drugs, alcohol and tobacco.
3. Coaches shall never place the value of winning over the safety and welfare of players.
4. Coaches shall not exert pressure on faculty members to give players special consideration.
5. Coaches shall show respect to all players by treating them with integrity and honesty in both verbal and nonverbal behavior, regardless of their role or contribution to the team.
6. Coaches are responsible for their players' actions on the field and must not permit them to perform with the intent of causing injury to opposing players.
7. Coaches shall not seek unfair advantage by teaching deliberate unsportsmanlike behavior to players; they shall instruct players to play within the written rules and within the spirit of the game at all times.

ARTICLE TWO | Professional Behavior

1. Coaches shall exemplify the highest moral character, behavior and leadership.
2. Coaches shall display modesty in victory and be gracious in defeat.
3. Coaches shall promote ethical relationships among fellow coaches.
4. Prior to, and following contests, coaches for the competing teams should meet and exchange cordial greetings to set the correct tone for the event.

ARTICLE THREE | Sportsmanship

1. Coaches shall exhibit, model and teach good sportsmanship.
2. Coaches shall exert their influence to enhance sportsmanship by spectators, both directly and by working closely with cheerleaders, pep clubs, booster groups, parents and administrators.

ARTICLE FOUR | Scouting

It is considered ethical to scout opponents only during games and agreed upon scrimmages, and within the designated rules of the conference or section by-laws. The head coach is responsible for the actions of his scouts.

ARTICLE FIVE | Relationships With Game Officials

Coaches shall respect the integrity and judgment of the game official. Coaches shall not indulge in conduct which would incite players or spectators against officials. Public criticism of officials is considered unethical.

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