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How long have you been at your current school?
20 years

What was your coaching path to your current school?
Assistant Coach - Belle Plaine, IA (1 year)
Assistant Coach - Amboy, IL (2 years)
Assistant Coach - Washington, IA (5 years)
Head Coach - WACO (20 years)

What is an earliest memory that helps us understand how you fell in love with football?

There are two things I remember from my grade school days.

First was playing 1 on 1 vs my brother in the front yard. Looking back, it was basically a tackling drill as the defender would toss the ball back to QB like a snap and then you ran the ball. Didn't seem like a tackling drill at the time it was football.

Second, was playing tackle football in my grandparent's yard with my cousins and uncles. No helmets, no shoulder pads, no schedule practices and games. It was a mile and half bike ride to my grandparent's house. We would draw up plays on our hands or in the dirt and just have fun playing football. There were many ripped shirts and holes in the knees of our pants, but it was so much fun.

Which coach had the greatest impact on you growing up?

Bob Saatoff, my high school coach, was the influence to become a coach and Lloyd Sisco once I started coaching. I learned more football in my 5 years under Lloyd than I knew existed.

If you could pick one aspect of your coaching career that you are the proudest of, what would it be?

The relationships I have built with players. I was at a basketball game two nights ago and had a man come up to me and say "how's it going coach". He was a player from my first-year coaching at WACO and now moved out of town and has a life away from WACO. 20 years later he is a grown man with kids and is still calling me coach and stopping to talk with me.

We are in the middle of clinic season, how do you approach an upcoming clinic?

We are doing our own clinic around the IFCA virtual clinic. We are meeting as a staff at school on Friday night to have general discussions, coming back on Saturday to view sessions

from IFCA in a common location and then meeting Sunday afternoon to wrap up what we took in on Saturday.

Which coaches are on speed dial for help and why?

My go to guy is former coach Rick Moorman. He coached at several colleges (Ellsworth, Wayne State and Iowa Wesleyan) before joining our staff at WACO in 2002 and coached with us for over 10 years. He has since got out of coaching, but is still the guy I go to with questions. It is not always a head coach that has the answers. He has so much knowledge of football.