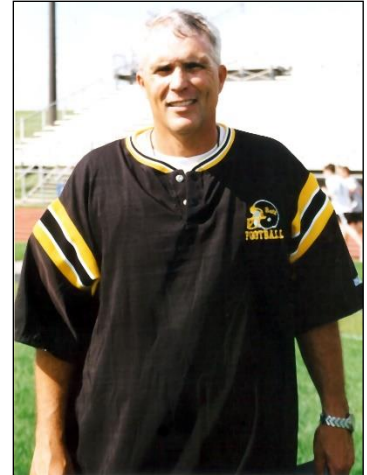


A Distinct Retrospect by

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My introduction to BETT football was during my senior year at UNI. I met Coach Merv Habenicht and Coach Tom Freeman at the UNI Football Clinic in the spring of 1976. They were there looking at trying to install the “Houston Veer Attack” into Bettendorf’s program. Specifically, they were there looking for an offensive line coach. Little did I know at the time that I would become that offensive line coach and would experience many memorable moment ahead.

Shortly after the spring clinic I interviewed at Bettendorf High School for a teaching and coaching position. When interviewing with Merrit Parsons, Ray Oles, and Habenicht, it was very apparent that Bettendorf loves its football! Not long after my interview I was offered the job and the link to Bettendorf football was installed.



Over the years, the philosophy of BETT football has changed very little. Championships are won with great defense, a solid kicking game, and an offense that can run the ball. I hope that philosophy will never change as it is the recipe for a run at a championship every season. Other vital links are: a junior varsity schedule; a two (2) platoon system; and two (2) freshmen football teams which gives young players a chance to develop their skills.

Over the 32-years I was associated with Bettendorf football, I have always told people I was a small piece to a larger puzzle. It takes a lot of good coaches at every level, including varsity, sophomore, freshmen, and junior high. Success takes a huge commitment and dedication with time and effort from both coaches and players. Everyone has to be on the same page with the same goals to be able to put all the pieces of the puzzle into a large picture.

The attitude of BETT football is to win the conference, qualify for the playoffs, and make a run for a state championship. An integral part of Bettendorf’s success has been more than just what is done between the first day of practice and the last game. What happens in the off-season in relation to strength and conditioning is so vital to the development of a player’s ability, attitude, and success on and off the field. Football teaches athletes about hard work, dedication, positive attitudes, perseverance, and many other life-long lessons to be success in life.

In closing, I need to mention a deep gratitude to Merv Habenicht and Tom Freeman who played very large parts in my development as a coach and person throughout the years. I also want to mention Kevin Freking for being the “workhorse” in Bettendorf Football over many years. Without his commitment, so much of Bettendorf’s success may not have happened.

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