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2010 Bulldogs continue status as premier program in state

Bettendorf claims M.A.C. title while defense posts 7 shutouts as Bulldogs advance to Semifinals



The Bettendorf Bulldogs finished 12-1 this past season, won their twelfth (12) Mississippi Athletic Conference title, and advanced to their seventeenth (17) Class 4A semifinals before losing 21-7 to Iowa City High. Also, Head Coach Aaron Wiley was named the M.A.C. "Coach of the Year" while improving his overall record to 31-4 (88.5%).

BANNER YEAR FOR BULLDOGS, PLAYERS, AND COACHES

REDEMPTION

For some, “Redemption” is just a word while for others it’s a driving force—and such was it for the 2010 Bettendorf Bulldogs who, prior to the season, vowed to settle any doubt that the program was on the decline after an early exit from the 2009 playoffs with a loss in the Substate Round. **Two-time All-State defensive lineman Brody Berrie** said it best before the opening game of this season: *“Last year’s loss still hurts as much now as it did then. Our goal is winning State, it always is. We’re not messing with the MAC. We’re going through the MAC and trucking everyone.”*

Truth be told, Bettendorf virtually did truck everyone en route to a 9-0 regular season while advancing to the 4A semifinals for the first time since 2007. Although Bettendorf lost in the UNI-Dome, 21-7, to Iowa City High, to finish 12-1, many milestones occurred during the season. For starters, the Bulldogs recorded their 15th undefeated regular season since 1951 while claiming the school’s 22nd overall conference championship. As well, the defense—spearheaded by Berrie—posted seven total shutouts and began the season by recording 4 in a row which tied the same feat accomplished by the 1998 squad.

As well, the defense also recorded back-to-back shutouts in the 1st and 2nd Round of the playoffs. Overall, the defense allowed 85 total points—6.5 per game—which ranks only behind the 1981 squad that permitted a mere 63 points during an 11-1 and state championship campaign. Offensively, the Bulldogs put up some big numbers as they outscored their opponents 140-0 during the first four games while totaling 382 points during the season which ranks them twelfth (12) all-time.

In reality—despite the speculation of pseudo experts—the Bulldogs “aren’t back” because in reality they never “went away”... and with the roster full of returning starters as well as new, eager players willing to make their mark, anyone who underestimates the Bettendorf Football Program is making a big mistake. Congratulations to the 2010 squad, Coach Wiley and his coaching staff.



BULLDOGS DOMINATE M.A.C. ALL-CONFERENCE, ALL-METRO, AND ALL-STATE SQUADS

A total of 26 Bettendorf players earned All-Conference while **Head Coach Aaron Wiley** was named the M.A.C. “Coach of the Year.” Wiley joins four other former Bulldog coaches **Merritt Parsons (1955-66)**, **Ray Oles (1967-70)**, **Merv Habenicht (1971-99)**, and **Randy Scott (2000-07)** as conference “Coaches of the Year” which is elite company considering some never have even one coach earn such an honor. Furthermore, 13 Bulldogs landed on the All-Quad City Metro team named by the *Quad City Times* while 4 players were named to either the *Des Moines Register* or *Iowa Newspaper Association* All-State squads and include 1st Team selections Berrie, **Nate Shaw (LB)**, and **Gage Ridenour (P)**. In all, the 2010 season was a success and the

RANDY SCOTT INDUCTED INTO HALL OF FAME

Speaking of former head coaches, at halftime of the Class 4A state championship game on November 19th, former Bettendorf Head Coach Randy Scott was inducted into the Iowa High School Football Hall of Fame. Prior to Scott leading the Bulldogs from 2000-07, Scott was an assistant under former **Head Coach Merv Habenicht** from 1976-99 after graduating from the University of Northern Iowa where he was a starter at center for the Panthers. During his tenure as head coach, Bettendorf compiled a record of 85-12 while winning the 2004 and 2007 4A titles; both the '04 and '07 squads went 13-0 and to be only the third and fourth teams, respectively, to “Win 13.”



The Bulldogs also won 4 conference titles under Scott while also qualifying for the playoffs 8 consecutive times in which they won 19/25 games. Also notable is Scott's 2000 and 2002 squads who finished as the State Runners-up while both the 2001 and 2006 teams advanced to the Semifinals. Randy joins Parsons as well as Habenicht in the Hall of Fame which makes Bettendorf one of few schools in the state with 3 different Hall of Fame football coaches.

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2010 SEASON

M.A.C. Champions— 12-1 Record



ROW 1: Coach Phil Schaefer, Coach Mark Spranger, Coach Brian Barquist, Head Coach Aaron Wiley, Coach Joe Girsch, Coach Kevin Freking. ROW 2: Craig Wanwright (Athletic Trainer), Ryan Ballard (Trainer), Luke Manwiller (Trainer), Kaylyn DeCock (Trainer), Megan Beck (Trainer), Lexi Medberry (Trainer), Emma Weis (Trainer), Wellington VanHoutan (Trainer), Eric Knudson (Athletic Trainer). ROW 3: Jason Nutt, Tyler Baker, Tom Stahle, Brent Cribbs, Josh Gellerman, Blake Younkin, Andy Lam, Stephen Cramond, Branden Colen, Jordan Gagne, Eric Platt. ROW 4: Shawn Rasmussen, Caleb Thompson, Tyler Younkin, Travis St. Ores, Austin Woods, Andy Miles, Eric Wells, Alex Aronson, Tamrick Atwood, Keaton Jurevitz, Adam Vesole. ROW 5: Oliver Kao, Dan McCutcheon, David Switzer, Andrew Peterman, Zach Riedesel, David Cribbs, Cameron Thompson, Joe Goettsch, Lucas Harksen, Ben Krause, Bryan Levsen. ROW 6: Nick Moffitt, Grant Anderson, Griffin Steil, Hunter Spreen, Cam Schmid, Devon Spreen, Reid Ingold, Lucas Jay, Kenny Gaskin, Zach Peterson, Zack Edwards, Shane Boles. ROW 7: Zach Burroughs, Justin VanHoutan, Nick Heimendinger, Danny Henderson, Nate Shaw, Nick Hughes, Daniel Sullivan, Brodie Berry, Evan Kurtz, Matt Moore, Evan Hale. ROW 8: John Peeters, Josh Schirm, Tom Dunlavy, Gage Ridenour, DeAdrian King, Sam Krause, Austin Bries, James Weeks, Ryan Smith, Alec Darrow, Shanne Funk, JP Flynn.

Game Scores/Results

Regular Season

Week #1: (W) Bettendorf 52, Davenport West 0
Week #2: (W) Bettendorf 51, Davenport North 0
Week #3: (W) Bettendorf 10, Davenport Assumption 0
Week #4: (W) Bettendorf 27, Pleasant Valley 0
Week #5: (W) Bettendorf 19, North Scott 10
Week #6: (W) Bettendorf 41, Burlington 6
Week #7: (W) Bettendorf 31, Davenport Central 24
Week #8: (W) Bettendorf 48, Clinton 7
Week #9: (W) Bettendorf 35, Muscatine 0

1st Round: (W) Bettendorf 20, Waterloo West 0
2nd Round: (W) Bettendorf 27, Dubuque Hempstead 0
Quarterfinals: (W) Bettendorf 14, CR Kennedy 17
Semifinals: (L) Bettendorf 7, Iowa City High 21

Mississippi Athletic Conference Team Standings

Bettendorf... 9-0 / 12-1

North Scott... 8-1 / 9-2
Davenport Assumption... 7-2 / 7-3
Pleasant Valley... 5-4 / 5-5
Muscatine... 5-4 / 6-5
Davenport Central... 4-5 / 4-6
Burlington... 4-5 / 4-6
Clinton... 2-7 / 2-7
Davenport West... 1-8 / 1-8
Davenport North... 0-9 / 0-9

M.A.C. Coach of the Year

Aaron Wiley

All-Conference Players

:: Offense ::

1st Team: Hunter Spreen - Lineman

2nd Team: Ryan Smith - Lineman

2nd Team: Black Younkin - Running Back

2nd Team: Travis St. Ores - Kicker

3rd Team: Grant Anderson - Lineman

3rd Team: Tamrick Atwood - Wide Receiver

3rd Team: Gage Ridenour - Wide Receiver

3rd Team: Gage Ridenour - Quarterback

Honorable Mention: Matt Moore - Tight End

Honorable Mention: JP Flynn - Lineman

Honorable Mention: Sam Krause - Lineman

Honorable Mention: Devon Spreen - Running Back

Honorable Mention: Adam Vesole - Running Back

All-Conference Players

:: Defense ::

1st Team: Brody Berrie - Lineman

1st Team: Griffin Steil - Lineman

1st Team: Nate Shaw - Linebacker

1st Team: Keaton Jurevitz - Linebacker

1st Team: Cam Schmid - Back

2nd Team: DeAdrian King - Lineman

2nd Team: Gage Ridenour - Back

2nd Team: Travis St. Ores - Kicker

2nd Team: Gage Ridenour - Punter

3rd Team: Justin VanHoutan - Lineman

3rd Team: Tom Dunlavy - Back

3rd Team: Tyler Younkin - Back

Honorable Mention: Alec Darrow - Linebacker

All-Quad City Metro Players

:: Offense [or] Defense ::

1st Team: Hunter Spreen - Offensive Lineman

1st Team: Brody Berrie - Defensive Lineman

1st Team: Nate Shaw - Linebacker

1st Team: Gage Ridenour - Utility

2nd Team: Blake Younkin - Running Back

2nd Team: Tamrick Atwood - Wide Receiver

2nd Team: Griffin Steil - Defensive Lineman

2nd Team: Justin VanHoutan - Defensive Lineman

2nd Team: Keaton Jurevitz - Linebacker

2nd Team: Tom Dunlavy - Defensive Back

Honorable Mention: Ryan Smith - Offensive Lineman

Honorable Mention: DeAdrian King - Defensive Lineman

Honorable Mention: Travis St. Ores - Kicker

All-State Players

Brody Berrie - Defensive Lineman

1st Team - Des Moines Register & Iowa Newspaper Association

Nate Shaw - Linebacker

1st Team - Des Moines Register & Iowa Newspaper Association

Gage Ridenour - Utility & Punter

1st Team - Iowa Newspaper Association [Punter]

2nd Team - Des Moines Register [Utility]

Hunter Spreen - Offensive Lineman

3rd Team - Iowa Newspaper Association

Captains, M.V.P., Managers

Captains

Tamrick Atwood, Brodie Berry, Andy Miles, Gage Ridenour, Hunter Spreen, Eric Wells

M.V.P.

Gage Ridenour – Utility

Managers/Trainers

Ryan Ballard, Megan Beck, Kaylyn DeCock, Lucas Manwiller, Lexi Medberry, Wellington VanHouton, Emma Weis

Coaches & Trainers

Head Coach

Aaron Wiley (3)

Assistant Coaches

Brian Barquist, Kevin Freking, Joe Girsch, Steve Lampe, Phil Schaefer, Mark Spranger

Trainers

Paul Flynn, Eric Knudson, Craig Wainwright

2010 BETTENDORF BULLDOGS

Mississippi Athletic Conference Champions

Class 4A Semifinalists

9-0 / 12-1 Record



Remember when: 30 years ago in **1980**?...

Bettendorf qualifies for first-ever Class 4A playoffs, advances to State Championship game



In 1980, the #1-ranked Bettendorf Bulldogs sliced through the Mississippi Eight conference en route a 9-0 undefeated regular season finish—the first one in school history since 1966! Furthermore, for the first time *ever* in school history, the Bulldogs qualified for the Class 4A playoffs where in the 1st Round game they faced the reigning state champion, Dubuque Hempstead. At the end of regulation the score was 14-14 and in Overtime—only the sixth playoff game regardless of class ever to go an extra period—**defensive back Wayne Perkins** blocked a Mustang field goal attempt and Bettendorf then scored a touchdown to win, 20-14. In the Semifinals against Cedar Rapids Washington (which took place at Kinnick Stadium), the Bulldogs soundly won, 35-12, to advance to the 4A title game against the #2-ranked and 11-0 Newton Cardinals.

The title game—only the second one since 1972 that matched two unbeaten teams—witnessed the Bulldogs uncharacteristically commit several turnovers which allowed Cardinal running back Trey Jackson to show why he was one of the state's best athletes as he led Newton to a 28-14 victory and their only 4A title. Six (6) players were named All-State and included 1st Team selections **Tom Roberts (E)**, **Hap Peterson (NG)**, Perkins (DB) as well as 2nd Team picks **Jeff Stelk (QB)**, **Brian Pantzlaff (DE)**, and **Tom Ackerson (DT)**. As well, it's noteworthy to mention that the 1980 squad began the modern-day ascension of the Bulldogs as a premier 4A football program in the State.

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443 wins

157 losses

9 ties

CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

1981 – 1987 – 1988 – 1991 – 1992 – 2004 – 2007

U.P.I. MYTHICAL STATE CHAMPIONS

1960

RUNNERS-UP

1980 – 2000 – 2002

SEMIFINALISTS

1989 – 1994 – 1998 – 1999 – 2001 – 2006 – 2010

QUARTERFINALISTS

1993 – 2003 – 2008

1st ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

1983 – 1986 – 1995 – 1996 – 2005 – 2009

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS

Illowa, Little 6, Mississippi Valley, Mississippi Eight, or Mississippi Athletic

1957, '58, '59, 1960, '66, '68, 1974, '78, 1980, '81, '87, '88, '89, 1992, '93, '98, 2001, '03, '04, '07, '08, '10

DESPERATELY SEEKING....

Team photos: [1965](#)

Team photo / State Championship plaque: [2004](#)

DVD STATE CHAMPIONSHIP ARCHIVES COMPLETE!

All of the following State Championship games Bettendorf has ever played are now archived on DVD and include the following years:

[1980 – 1981 – 1987 – 1988 – 1991 – 1992 – 2000 – 20002 - 2004 – 2007](#)