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Bulldog Domination Continues

Bettendorf falls just short of collecting school's 8th Class 4A state championship



BETTENDORF MAKES 11th TITLE GAME APPEARANCE SINCE 1980 EN ROUTE TO 12-2 RECORD AND 4A RUNNER-UP

Winning isn't easy—if it was, football programs like the Bettendorf Bulldogs would be a dime a dozen and we all know they aren't. The success and foundation of Bulldog Football has always been the result of hard work, dedication, and discipline... not to mention great coaching as well as unprecedented support from parents, school, and the community. Simply put, there is nothing like BETT FOOTBALL.

The 2011 Bulldogs raced to a 2-0 start with combined victories over Davenport West and North totaling 98-6 before suffering a 14-5 loss to rival Assumption. However, rather than folding their tent and going home because a perfect season could no longer be achieved, the Bulldogs instead rattled off 10-straight wins by outscoring their opponents 386-86 to reach the 4A championship game for the 11th time in school history. Although the Bulldogs dropped a heart-breaker, 17-14, to West Des Moines Valley, one thing was made clear in the title game: Bettendorf is certainly a Beast from the East.

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

A total of 21 Bettendorf players earned All-MAC honors including every starter from a defensive unit that only allowed a state-best 9.5 points per game. The Bulldogs were led by **middle linebacker Nate Shaw** who tallied 148 tackles this past season for a career total of 389 which is notable because it happens to be 45 more career tackles than former Bettendorf and current NFL **linebacker Pat Angerer '05** collected.

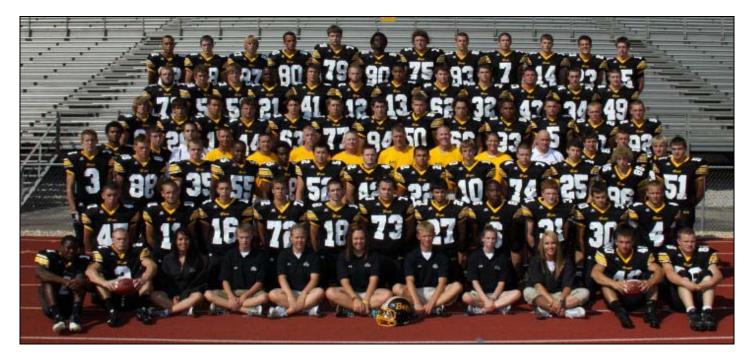
Shaw also was named as a co-captain on *Quad City Times* All-Metro squad which also placed 13 other Bulldogs to their 1st, 2nd, or Honorable Mention squads. As well, **Head Coach Aaron Wiley** earned "All-Quad City Coach of the Year" honors by the *Times*. Finally, 5 players were named to either the *Des Moines Register* or *Iowa Newspaper Association* All-State squads and include 1st Team selections Shaw, **DT Justin VanHoutan**, **DE DeAdrian King** while **OT J.P. Flynn** was named 2nd Team and **DT Devon Spreen** earned 3rd team honors.

AARON WILEY'S PLACE IN BULLDOG HISTORY

Historically speaking, in 60 seasons of Bettendorf Football there have only been six (6) head coaches and all have led the Bulldogs for a minimum of 4 seasons. Current head coach Aaron Wiley just completed his fourth campaign and ranks #1 overall in that time span with a 43-6 record; he is followed by **Randy Scott** (41-8), **Merritt Parsons** (26-9), **Ray Oles** (24-12), **Merv Habenicht** (21-15), and **Wayne Grady** (10-23-2). Now, to be fair, the first three men to helm Bettendorf's program—Oles, Parsons, and Grady—coached in non-playoff eras and thus weren't able to benefit from extra games. However, all of those great coaches—especially Scott and Habenicht who combined won 7 Class 4A state championships—clearly demonstrates Wiley's coaching and leadership abilities... as well as the fact that Bettendorf Football is journey, not a destination.

2011 SEASON

M.A.C. Co-Champion — State Runner-up — 12-2 Record



ROW 1: Malique Hudson, Blake Younkin, Brianna Durkin, Bryce Leonard, Megan Beck, Lexi Medberry, Ryan Ballard, Emma Weis, Brianna Hardy, Branden Colen, Logan Kakert. ROW 2: Armando Amiri, Connor Roberts, Justin Hill, Dan McCutcheon, Andrew Fitzgerald, Taylor Robbins, Max McDaniel, Trey Lee, Josh Voelliger, Alec Bridges, Jordan Gagne. ROW 3: Colton Cobb, Brad Kellums, Anthony Speer, Brent Cribbs, Bryson Owens-Johnson, Andy Lam, Jason Nutt, Alex Hernandez, Brandon Labath, Tom Stahle, Josh Gellerman, Timothy Smith, Stephen Cramond. ROW 4: Shawn Rasmussen, Alex Von Gries, Craig Wainwright (Trainer), Phil Schaefer, (Coach) Joe Girsch (Coach), Brad Cook (Coach) Aaron Wiley (Head Coach), Mark Spranger (Coach), Kevin Freking (Coach), Ryan Powers (Coach), Eric Knutson (Trainer), Jon Oehler, Karson Westercamp, Austin Woods. ROW 5: Anthony Lewellyn, John Brueggen, Cam Thompson, Keaton Jurevitz, Zach Tansey, Ben Krause, Lucas Harksen, Sam Kuznetsov, Drew Snyder, Savion Coleman, Danny Walters, Tyler Younkin, Blake Crutcher. ROW 6: Lucas Jay, Zach Burroughs, Bryan Levsen, David Cribbs, Nate Shaw, Danny Sullivan, Michael Hickman, Nick Malchodi, Devon Spreen, Justin VanHouton, Shayne Boles, Joe McGovern. ROW 7: Jordan Bonner-Lowery, Colbey Vance, Mike Jones, Devon Clarke, Jacob Hayes, DeAdrian King, JP Flynn, Austin Bries, Nick Hughes, Kris Klabunde, Tom Dunlavy, Nick Heimendinger.

Game Scores/Results

Regular Season

Week #1: (W) Bettendorf 55, Davenport West 6
Week #2: (W) Bettendorf 43, Davenport North 0
Week #3: (L) Bettendorf 5, Davenport Assumption 14
Week #4: (W) Bettendorf 28, Pleasant Valley 10
Week #5: (W) Bettendorf 28, North Scott 3
Week #6: (W) Bettendorf 58, Burlington 13
Week #7: (W) Bettendorf 34, Davenport Central 7

Week #8: (W) Bettendorf 44, Clinton 6 Week #9: (W) Bettendorf 44, Muscatine 6

1st Round: (W) Bettendorf 38, Davenport Central 14 2nd Round: (W) Bettendorf 35, Pleasant Valley 14 Quarterfinals: (W) Bettendorf 45, lowa City West 13 Semifinals: (W) Bettendorf 35, Cedar Falls 7

4A Championship: (L) Bettendorf 14, WDM Valley 17

Mississippi Athletic Conference

Team Standings

Bettendorf... 8-1 / 12-2

North Scott... 8-1 / 9-2

Davenport Assumption... 7-2 / 7-3

Pleasant Valley... 7-2 / 7-3

Muscatine... 5-4 / 5-5

Davenport Central.... 4-5 / 4-6

Clinton... 3-6 / 3-7 Burlington... 2-7 / 2-7 Davenport North... 1-8 / 1-8

Davenport West... 0-9 / 0-9

All-Conference Players

:: Offense ::

1st Team: J.P. Flynn - Lineman

2nd Team: Jacob Hayes - Lineman 2nd Team: Austin Bries - Tight End 2nd Team: Jon Brueggen - Kicker

3rd Team: Bryan Levsen - Lineman
3rd Team: Blake Younkin – Running Back
3rd Team: Shane Boles – Running Back
3rd Team: Malique Hudson - Wide Receiver

Honorable Mention: Andy Lam - Lineman Honorable Mention: Taylor Robbins - Lineman Honorable Mention: Nick Hughes – Wide Receiver

All-Conference Players

:: Defense ::

1st Team: Justin VanHoutan - Lineman 1st Team: DeAdrian King - Lineman 1st Team: Devon Spreen - Lineman 1st Team: Nate Shaw - Linebacker 1st Team: Keaton Jurevitz - Linebacker

1st Team: Tom Dunlavy - Back

2nd Team: Tyler Younkin - Back

3rd Team: Savion Coleman - Lineman3rd Team: Danny Walters - Linebacker3rd Team: Daniel Sullivan - Back

All-Quad City Metro Players :: Offense [or] Defense ::

1st Team: J.P. Flynn - Offensive Lineman 1st Team: Devon Spreen - Defensive Lineman 1st Team: Justin VanHoutan - Defensive Lineman

1st Team: Nate Shaw - Linebacker 1st Team: Keaton Jurevitz - Linebacker 1st Team: Tom Dunlavy – Defensive Back

2nd Team: Malique Hudson - Wide Receiver2nd Team: DeAdrian King - Defensive Lineman2nd Team: Daniel Sullivan - Defensive Back

Honorable Mention: Jacob Hayes - Offensive Lineman Honorable Mention: Nick Hughes - Wide Receiver Honorable Mention: Austin Bries - Tight End Honorable Mention: Blake Younkin - Running Back Honorable Mention: Jon Brueggaen - Kicker

Defensive Co-Captain: Nate Shaw - Linebacker

Coach of the Year: Aaron Wiley

All-State Players

Justin VanHoutan - Defensive Lineman

1st Team - Des Moines Register & Iowa Newspaper Association

Nate Shaw - Linebacker

1st Team - Des Moines Register & Iowa Newspaper Association

DeAdrian King - Defensive End

1st Team - Iowa Newspaper Association

J.P. Flynn - Offensive Lineman

2nd Team - Iowa Newspaper Association

Devon Spreen - Defensive Lineman

3rd Team - Iowa Newspaper Association

Captains, M.V.P., Managers

Captains

J.P. Flynn, Keaton Jurevitz, Andy Lam, Nate Shaw, Justin VanHoutan, Blake Younkin

M.V.P.

Nate Shaw

Managers/Trainers

Ryan Ballard, Megan Beck, Brianna Durkin, Brianna Hardy, Bryce Leonard, Lexi Medberry, Emma Weis

Coaches & Trainers

Head Coach

Aaron Wiley (4)

Assistant Coaches

Brad Cook, Kevin Freking, Joe Girsch, Steve Lampe, Ryan Powers, Phil Schaefer, Mark Spranger

Trainers

Eric Knudson, Craig Wainwright

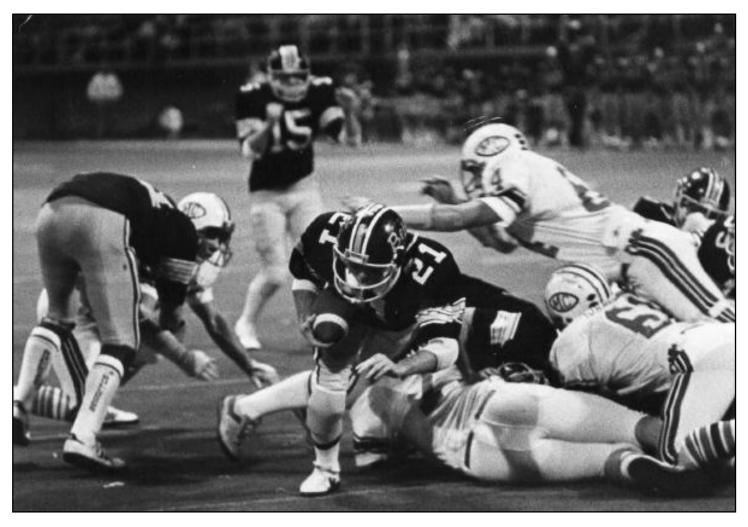
Miscellaneous Information

- Bulldogs won 23rd conference title in school history
- Bettendorf made its 11th title game appearance and collected the school's 4th runner-up trophy
- The defense allowed an Iowa 4A best 9.5 points per game
- 12-2 record marked only the second time since 1987-88 the Bulldog's won 12+ games in back-to-back seasons
- Head Coach Aaron Wiley named All-Quad City Metro "Coach of the Year"
- Kevin Freking, a coach the past 21 seasons, was named as the Class 4A "Assistant Coach of the Year" by the IFCA



Remember when: 30 years ago in 1981?...

Bettendorf wins first-ever Class 4A state championship with 20-3 win over Mason City



So, what did the 1981 squad do for an encore to the '80 season which witnessed the #1-ranked Bettendorf go 11-1 and finish as the 4A Runner-up? Well, besides again going 11-1, they also won the school's first 4A state championship since the inception of the Iowa high school football playoffs in 1972! First and foremost, the strength of the '81 team can largely be credited to the Bulldogs' defense—which still holds the record of only allowing 63 total points in a season—and exemplified by such wins as 3-0 over Burlington, 13-7 versus Central, and a 27-19 Semifinal victory over Cedar Rapids Washington. The offense wasn't too shabby, either, and particularly came alive later in the season as it scored more points in the last five games (118) than it did in the first seven (84). Overall, while Bettendorf's first-ever state championship squad won because they played together as a true team, they were led by a multitude of All-State individuals in **linebacker Bob Picchiotti**, **defensive end Brett Kuebler**, **tight end Mark Spranger**, and **offensive guard Jeff Bakeris**. The Bulldogs also brought home the 4A title because of guys like **quarterback Mark Walker**, **running back Randy Washam**, **offensive tackle Brian McCracken**, **defensive tackle Jim Kisner**, and **defensive backs Sean Duffy** and **Tom Horak**. In the end, the '81 squad started the Bettendorf trend of collecting 4A trophies that has led to the Bulldogs winning more 4A state championships than any other school in Iowa.



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CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

1981 - 1987 - 1988 - 1991 - 1992 - 2004 - 2007

U.P.I. MYTHICAL STATE CHAMPIONS

1960

RUNNERS-UP

1980 - 2000 - 2002 - 2011

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, '11

DESPERATLELY SEEKING....

Team photos... 1965

Various individuals photos of... All-State, Team M.V.P., & Shrine Bowl

Information regarding... former Bulldogs who played collegiately

Team photo / State Championship plaque... 2004