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A Tale Of Two Seasons

2012 Bulldogs experience both highs and lows while qualifying for playoffs 15th consecutive time



The 2012 Bettendorf Bulldog season can be summed in two words which also happened to be the team motto this year: "Unfinished Business." The Dawgs raced out to a 3-0 start as they outscored their opponents 111-42. However, the Bulldogs then suffered back-to-back losses to both Pleasant Valley and Muscatine—two teams that have only a total of 10 all-time combined victories against Bettendorf—before winning three more games in four outings (a 7-6 loss to Assumption was the only setback). In the 1st Round Playoff game against North Scott—a team they defeated 36-28 to open up the '12 campaign—Bettendorf jumped out to a 26-7 halftime lead before stumbling and eventually losing 35-26. For sure, that loss will serve as motivation for the 2013 Bulldogs who certainly *will* be back... with a vengeance.

IN MEMORY



MERV "COACH" HABENICHT

February 13, 1935 – May 16, 2012

*"We all die. The goal isn't to live forever.
The goal is to create something that will."*

Chuck Palahniuk

Former Bettendorf head coach Mervin Habenicht passed following a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis surrounded by his adoring family on May 16th of this year. Born in Fort Dodge to Harold and Mae (Dickerson) Habenicht, he was a played football for the for the Fort Dodge Dodgers; in the yearbook his senior year of high school his quotation was, "Football is my middle name." He was united in marriage to Evelyn Halligan on December 4, 1953. They have shared over 58 years of marriage together.

Merv proudly served our country in the Army from 1953 until 1955 where his service included playing football to entertain the troops. After returning from the service, he enrolled at the former Ft. Dodge Junior College where he played guard on the offensive line weighing a mere 195 lbs. His team went undefeated that year, the first time in school history. He was then recruited to continue his collegiate career at Iowa State Teacher's College (now Northern Iowa).

After graduating from Iowa State Teacher's College, Coach Habenicht was hired at Bettendorf High School to teach World History, and serve as an assistant football coach. During his forty years at Bettendorf, he also taught Drivers Education and coached wrestling. In 1971, he became the head football coach and started the dynasty that has become Bettendorf High School Football. During his tenure, Coach Habenicht compiled a record of 228-70-1 while winning 5 state championships and 10 conference titles. Additionally, his 15 playoffs squads compiled a record of 30-10 and two of them were nationally ranked by USA Today. Three of his teams made school history by going undefeated (12-0 in 1987 and 13-0 in 1988 and 1992).

Among the numerous honors and awards he has earned, Coach Habenicht was inducted into the Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 1988 and was the runner-up for the Quad City Football "Coach of the Century" in 2000. He also was the M.A.C. "Coach of the Year" in 1989 and 1998 as well as the Des Moines Register "Coach of the Year" in 1988. Coach Habenicht also coached in the Iowa Shrine Bowl All-Star game for the South Squad as an assistant in 1981 and was the head coach in 1999. After he "retired" from teaching and coaching at Bettendorf High School in 2000, he coached football at Davenport Assumption, United Township, Davenport North and for the Quad City Steamwheelers, while also presenting at coaching clinics.

Habenicht will be missed but both his legacy and the lessons he taught will live forever.

2012 SEASON

Mississippi Athletic 4th Place — 1st Round Playoffs — 6-4 Record



ROW 1: (Managers) Brianna Hardy, Micaela Finney, Blake Bodenschatz, Emon Collazo, Aaron Newman, Matthew Flaherty, Melissa Welsh, Jessica Cobb, Megan Beck, Bryce Leonard, Emma Weis, Brianna Durkin. ROW 2: Alec Bridges, John McLaughlin, Bryson Owens-Johnson, Timmy Smity, Dalton Dunn, Reid Behrens, Mark Wells, Kolton Schlicting, Philip Kranovich, Bubba Hernandez. ROW 3: Jacob Hovey, Taylor Robbins, Jake Baxter, Michael Belanger, Sam Ambrose, Gabriel Rees, Gabe Rigby, Kyle Conklin, Stephen Soko, Malique Hudson, Connor Roberts, Armando Amiri. ROW 4: Trevon Lee, Blake Crutcher, Grant Spranger, Trainer Eric Knudson, Coach Brad Cook, Coach Phil Schaefer, Head Coach Aaron Wiley, Coach Joe Girsch, Coach Mark Spranger, Coach Kevin Freking, Coach Craig Wainwright, Nick Looman, Max McDonald. ROW 5: Ian Burkland, Coddy Spencer, Andy Heimendinger, Zach Moffitt, Charlie Cox, Tyler Dunlavy, Matt Albert, Raymond Weis, Josh Voeliger, Andrew Fitzgerald, Austin Broyles, Alex VonGries, Kyle Smith. ROW 6: Zach Tansey, Carter Collins, Joe McGovern, Michael Lintz, Matt Penrose, Nick Heimendinger, Savion Coleman, Tristan O'Brien, Cyle Cox, John Oenier, Karson Westerkamp. ROW 7: Cassin Wolfe, Cam Khoury, Taekwon Goodlet, Kris Klabunde, Taekwon Jefferson, Wade Webster, Jake Hayes, Jordan Bonner, Michael Jones, Nathan Belcher, Nick Malchodi, Joe Lowery.

Game Scores/Results

Regular Season

Week #1: (W) Bettendorf 36, North Scott 28
Week #2: (W) Bettendorf 35, Davenport Central 14
Week #3: (W) Bettendorf 40, Davenport West 0
Week #4: (L) Bettendorf 0, Pleasant Valley 38
Week #5: (L) Bettendorf 21, Muscatine 35
Week #6: (W) Bettendorf 54, Davenport North 7
Week #7: (W) Bettendorf 37, Burlington 0
Week #8: (L) Bettendorf 6, Davenport Assumption 7
Week #9: (W) Bettendorf 30, Clinton 3
1st Round: (L) Bettendorf 26, North Scott 35

Mississippi Athletic Conference Team Standings

Pleasant Valley... 9-0 / 11-1
Davenport Assumption... 7-2 / 7-3
Muscatine... 7-2 / 7-3
Bettendorf... 6-3 / 6-4
North Scott... 6-3 / 7-4
Davenport Central... 4-5 / 4-6
Burlington... 3-6 / 3-6
Clinton... 2-7 / 2-7
Davenport West... 1-8 / 1-8
Davenport North... 0-9 / 0-9

All-Conference Players

:: Offense ::

1st Team: Alex Hernandez - Running Back

2nd Team: Jacob Hayes - Lineman

2nd Team: Taylor Robbins - Lineman

3rd Team: Raekwon Jefferson - Lineman

3rd Team: Kris Klabunde - Tight End

3rd Team: Nick Heimendinger - Wide Receiver

Honorable Mention: Kyle Smith - Lineman

Honorable Mention: Malique Hudson - Wide Receiver

All-Conference Players

:: Defense ::

1st Team: Savion Coleman - Lineman

2nd Team: Blake Crutcher - Lineman

2nd Team: Sam Ambrose - Linebacker

3rd Team: Matt Albert - Lineman

3rd Team: Tristan O'Brien - Back

Honorable Mention: Joe McGovern - Lineman

Honorable Mention: Cassin Wolfe - Linebacker

Honorable Mention: David Smith - Linebacker

Honorable Mention: Jordan Bonner-Lowrey - Back

Honorable Mention: Malique Hudson - Back

Honorable Mention: Mark Wells - Back

All-Quad City Metro Players

:: Offense [or] Defense ::

1st Team: Savion Coleman - Defensive Line

2nd Team: Jacob Hayes - Offensive Line

2nd Team: Alex (Bubba) Hernandez - Running Back

2nd Team: Sam Ambrose, Linebacker

Honorable Mention: Raekwon Jefferson - Offensive Line

Honorable Mention: Taylor Robbins - Offensive Line

Honorable Mention: Blake Crutcher - Defensive Line

All-State Players

Savion Coleman - Defensive Tackle

2nd Team - Des Moines Register & Iowa Newspaper Association

Alex (Bubba) Hernandez – Running Back

3rd Team - Iowa Newspaper Association

Captains, M.V.P., Managers

Captains

Savion Coleman, Jacob Hayes, Nick Heimendinger, Bubba Hernandez, Malique Hudson, Joe McGovern

M.V.P.

Alex Hernandez - Running Back

Managers/Trainers

Megan Beck, Blake Bodenschatz, Emon Collazo, Brianna Durkin, Micaela Finney, Matt Flaherty, Brianna Hardy, Bryce Leonard, Aaron Newman, Emma Weis.

Coaches & Trainers

Head Coach

Aaron Wiley (5)

Assistant Coaches

Brad Cook, Kevin Freking, Joe Girsch, Phil Schaefer, Mark Spranger

Trainers

Eric Knudson, Craig Wainwright

Miscellaneous Information

- For the 15th consecutive season, Bettendorf qualified for the Class 4A playoffs
- Since 1977, Bettendorf has only lost 4 games in six (6) different seasons (1977, 1986, 1990, 1997, 1997, 2012)

Category	Player	Stats 1	Stats 2
Passing	Cyle Cox Nick Heimendinger	99 comp. / 181 att. for 1,254 yards 3 comp. / 4 att. for 35 yards	11 TDs, 7 INTs
Rushing	Alex Hernandez Malique Hudson Gabe Rees Cyle Cox Bryson Owens-Johnson John McLaughlin	196 carries for 1,370 yards 60 carries for 322 yards 34 carries for 212 yards 40 carries for 136 yards 19 carries for 109 yards 6 carries for 78 yards	18 TDs; 7.0 avg. 2 TDs; 5.4 avg. 2 TDs; 6.2 avg. 1 TD; 3.4 avg. 2 TDs; 5.7 avg. 1 TD; 13.0 avg.
Receiving	Malique Hudson Nick Heimendinger Kris Klabunde Jordan Bonner-Lowrey Bryson Owens-Johnson Alex Hernandez	27 rec. for 428 yards 27 rec. for 299 yards 16 rec. for 249 yards 8 rec. for 107 yards 11 rec. for 88 yards 6 rec. for 58 yards	5 TDs; 15.9 avg. 4 TDs; 11.1 avg. 1 TD; 15.6 avg. 13.4 avg. 8.0 avg. 9.7 avg.
Punting	Cyle Cox	26 punts for 910 yards	35.0 avg.; Long: 63
XP	Charlie Cox Josh Voelliger Reid Behrens	20/27 XP 4/5 XP 2/2 XP	74.1% 80% 100%
FG	Charlie Cox Reid Behrens	2/5 FG 1/1 FG	40%; Long: 33 100%; Long: 25
Kickoff Returns	Malique Hudson Alex Hernandez Kyle Conklin	7 returns for 234 yards, 1 TD 7 returns for 181 yards 3 returns for 22 yards	33.4 avg.; Long: 90 25.9 avg. 7.3 avg.
Kickoffs	Charlie Cox Josh Voelliger	35 for 1,773 yards 11 for 495 yards	5 touchbacks
Punt Returns	Malique Hudson	9 for 86 yards, 1 TD	9.6 avg.; Long: 43
Tackles	Sam Ambrose Blake Crutcher Savion Coleman Cassin Wolfe Matt Albert Joe McGovern Zack Moffitt David Smith Jordan Bonner-Lowrey Tristan O'Brien	74 total (46 solo, 28 assists) 62 total (31 solo, 31 assists) 61 total (29 solo, 32 assists) 46 total (30 solo, 16 assists) 45 total (29 solo, 16 assists) 44 total (29 solo, 15 assists) 35 total (14 solo, 29 assists) 35 total (26 solo, 9 assists) 34 total (26 solo, 8 assists) 31 total (23 solo, 8 assists)	1 TFL 2 TFL, 3 QB sacks 7 TFL, 6 QB sacks 2 TFL 4 TFL, 8 QB sacks 3 TFL, 7 QB sacks 1 TFL 1 TFL
Interceptions	Michael Lintz Tristan O'Brien Malique Hudson Max McDaniel	3 for 7 yards 2 for 23 yards 1 for 10 yards 1 for 20 yards	2.3 avg. 11.5 avg. 10.0 avg. 20.0 avg.
Fumble Recoveries	Sam Ambrose Jordan Bonner-Lowrey Savion Coleman	1 for 0 yards 1 for 10 yards 1 for 0 yards	

Remember when: 20 years ago in **1992**?...

Bettendorf wins *second* set of back-to-back 4A state championships with 41-0 whipping of West Des Moines Valley

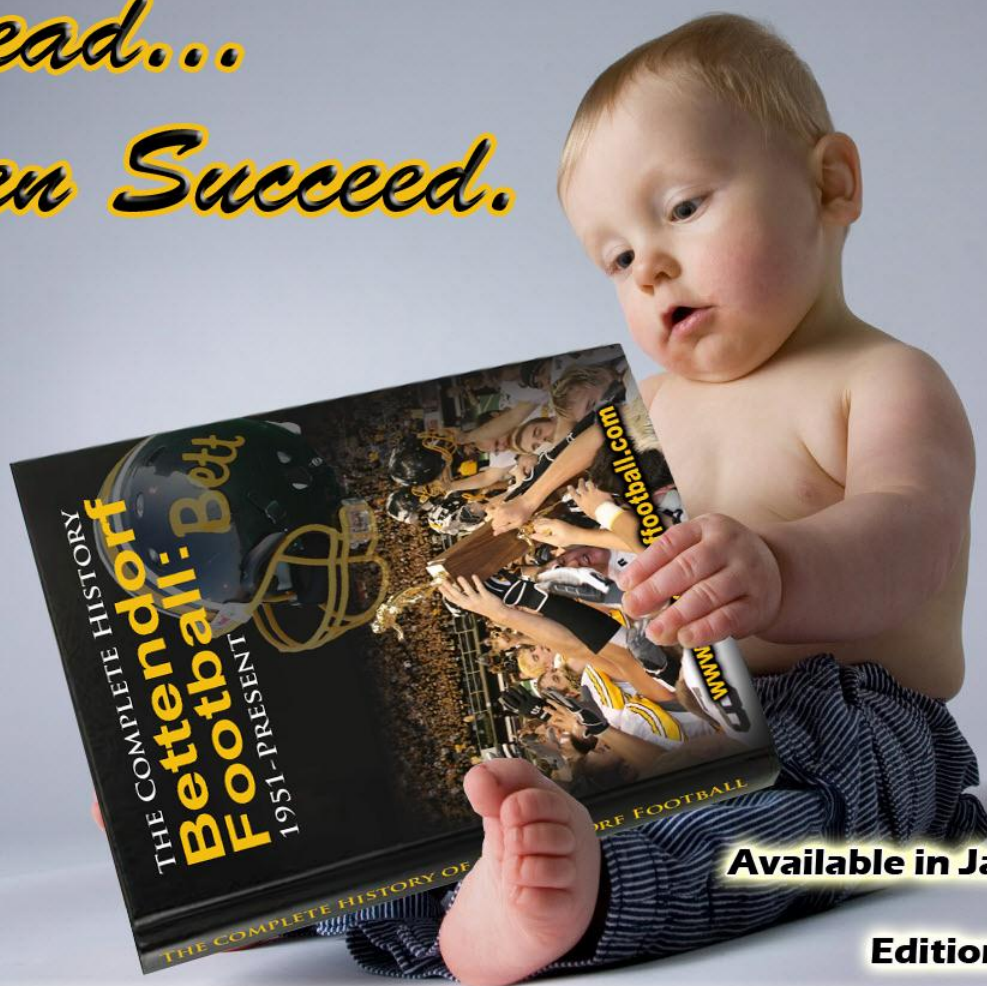


In 1992, Bettendorf had a wealth of returning starters, including **running back Tavian Banks**, and soundly beat every opponent as they raced through the regular season to a 9-0 record. Entering the 4A playoffs as the #1-ranked team and owner of 16-straight victories, Bettendorf was first tested by Davenport Assumption in the 1st Round but prevailed 28-18. The next trial in the Quarterfinal match was against the Iowa City High Little Hawks—a rising force in Class 4A—who were led by speedy running back Tim Dwight who was only a junior. Bettendorf initially was stunned by the Little Hawks who took an early 14-0 lead, however, the Bulldogs battled back by scoring twenty-four straight points and eventually won, 31-28, to meet Cedar Rapids Jefferson in the Semifinal Round. A 14-0 triumph against the J-Hawks advanced the 12-0 Bulldogs to the state championship game where they met the West Des Moines Valley Tigers who also boasted an impressive 12-0 record.

However, the Tigers were no match for the Bulldogs and in a then-historical 41-0 smashing, Bettendorf not only won their fifth and *second* pair of back-to-back Class 4A state championships, but they also recorded their 20th consecutive win. Banks, a *Parade* All-American running back, ran for 250 yards and 4 touchdowns in the game to end his senior year with a total of 2,394 yards and 42 touchdowns; the tailback owed much credit to his offensive line consisting of **guard Brent Kock**, **center Chris Miller**, **end Shane McCallister**, and **All-State tackle Corey Ryan**. The defense also had its share of great players in the likes of **end Chris Lensing** and **linebacker Eric Hoch**—both of whom earned 1st Team All-State honors—as well as **linebacker Mike Sage** who was 2nd Team All-State selection.

After the 1992 title, it seemed as if winning state championships was now “routine” for the Bulldogs—after all, they had won 4 of the last 6 titles! However, as Fate would have it, Bettendorf wouldn’t play for another state championship until 2000 and it wouldn’t be until twelve years later in 2004 that they would bring home the school’s sixth title.

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

Information regarding... **former Bulldogs who played collegiately**

Season action game photos... **2011, 2012**

Team photo / State Championship plaque... **2004=**

THE HOMECOMING BUTTON PROJECT

A new archiving project has started with the archiving of Homecoming buttons! Please scan and send images of your Homecoming buttons to: webmaster@bettendorfffootball.com

So far, the following years have been archived: 1982, '85, '87, '88, '89!



Bettendorf Bulldogs Football — 1951-2011

461 wins

163 losses

9 ties

CLASS 4A STATE CHAMPIONS

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

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1993 – 2003 – 2008

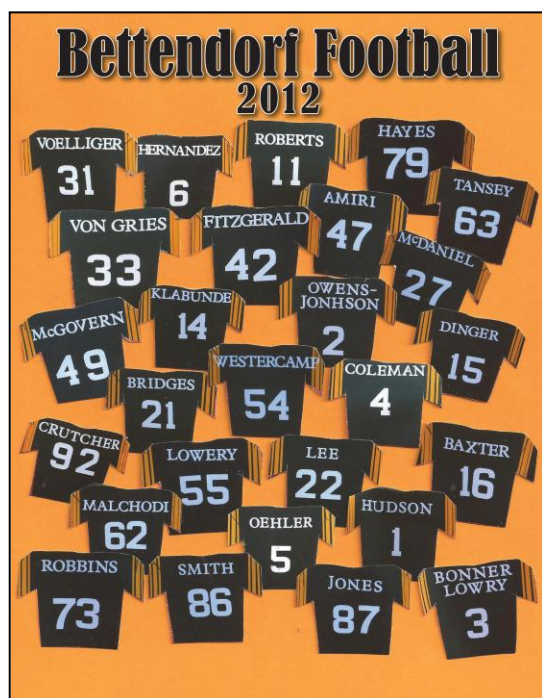
1st ROUND OF PLAYOFFS

1983 – 1986 – 1995 – 1996 – 2005 – 2009 – 2012

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



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