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MILT GAUDET



A LEGACY OF JESUIT EXCELLENCE

Tonight, Jesuit New Orleans travels to Jesuit Dallas. Its a matchup that resonates with one local family. Few names in Jesuit athletics carry the weight and respect of Milt Gaudet. Over the course of decades, Gaudet shaped young men through the games of football and baseball, leaving an indelible mark on Jesuit High School of New Orleans and Jesuit Dallas. His legacy is defined not only by championships, but also by the culture of discipline, character, and competitiveness he instilled in every program he touched.

Building a Foundation in New Orleans

Gaudet first made his impact at Jesuit High School in New Orleans, where his deep knowledge of both football and baseball, combined with his ability to inspire, quickly set him apart. Players remember him as a coach who demanded precision, but always with the goal of building better men. His dual-sport leadership was rare even in that era, a testament to both his versatility and his passion for molding student athletes year-round.

Jesuit Dallas: A Dynasty in the Making

In the late 1950's, Gaudet moved to Jesuit Dallas, where his football program quickly became the benchmark for excellence in the state of Texas. From 1958 to 1960, his Rangers captured three consecutive state championships, cementing themselves as one of the greatest dynasties in Texas high school football history.

The streak nearly extended to four. In 1961, Gaudet's team again advanced to the state championship game, only to fall in heartbreaking fashion, 7-6. That one-point defeat underscored the razor-thin margins of championship football, but it did nothing to diminish the remarkable run his teams had achieved. For four straight years, Jesuit Dallas stood on the state's biggest stage, a testament to Gaudet's coaching brilliance and his players' unyielding belief in one another. In 2000, he was inducted into the Jesuit Dallas Hall of Fame.

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Beyond the Wins

What made Gaudet special went far beyond the scoreboard. His players frequently described him as a mentor who demanded accountability but cared deeply for everyone. Practices were grueling, but they were designed to sharpen not just athletic skill, but also discipline, teamwork, and resilience—qualities that would serve his athletes long after they left the field.

His baseball teams, too, carried the same fingerprints of excellence: fundamentals, strategy, and a relentless competitive edge. Whether on the diamond or the gridiron, Gaudet's programs were known for their toughness and attention to detail. At Jesuit New Orleans, he won a legion title on the diamond.



**Pictured: Jesuit New Orleans
Head Coach Milt Gaudet
with players**

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A Family Legacy

Milt Gaudet's story is not only about his own achievements, but also about the legacy his family built at Jesuit and beyond. He and his wife Carmen raised four sons—Milton “Rooky”, Jimmy, Billy, and Timmy—all of whom attended Jesuit of New Orleans. Carmen, a legend in her own right, taught for almost 50 years. Her pride was the Dominican dance team, which she founded in 1964 and directed for 37 years. Her and Milt had two granddaughters that danced for the “Debs”. Kristen (Timmy) and Adrienne (Billy). Jeanne (Billy), played soccer at Dominican. Carmen was also head Majorette at LSU. Granddaughter Simone (Billy) currently cheers for Brother Martin.

Jimmy and Billy both went on to play baseball at Tulane, with Jimmy reaching the pinnacle by making it to the major leagues as a member of the Kansas City Royals. Jimmy also ran a baseball camp in Macon, GA, which was one of the biggest camps for a long time.

The next generation carried the torch into the 2000s, beginning with Rooky's children. Brett Gaudet was an All-State wide receiver in 2000, a dynamic playmaker who statistically led much of the Metro area while starring in Jesuit's offense. Rooky's other sons also made their mark: Eric suited up for the Blue Jays, while Kyle became a standout defensive lineman at Archbishop Shaw.

Billy's son, Gerard, followed in the family footsteps as a kicker for Jesuit, graduating in 2006 while his other son, Jaques was state championship winner on the soccer field for the Blue Jays. Meanwhile, Timmy's two sons, Ryan and Sean, both excelled as Blue Jay kickers before continuing on to LSU, where each won a national championship - Ryan in 2003 under Nick Saban and Sean in 2007 under Les Miles. Gerard, Jaques (as mentioned), Ryan and Sean all starred on the soccer field as well for the Blue Jays. Jimmy, the former major leaguer, also saw his son Joby continued the baseball tradition, continuing his baseball career, playing at Millsaps College. Daughter Allison starred on the softball field.

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And now, the Gaudet tradition carries into a new generation. Kyle's son, Phillip, is an 8th grader on the John Curtis football team, representing the family's next chapter in Louisiana high school football.

Across four generations, the Gaudet name has been synonymous with Jesuit athletics and New Orleans sports as a whole. From the sidelines where Milt coached, to the playing fields where his sons, grandsons, and now great-grandsons shine, the family's story is not just about victories and championships, but about a deep bond to competition, tradition, and the values that he instilled.

A Lasting Impact

Milt Gaudet's influence extended far beyond the championships at Jesuit Dallas. Generations of players from both Jesuit New Orleans and Jesuit Dallas point to him as a formative figure in their lives. For them, he was not simply a coach, but a teacher, a motivator, and a man who modeled what it meant to lead with integrity. His legacy is measured not only in trophies but in the enduring respect and admiration he earned from his athletes, colleagues, and family. The Gaudet name continues to echo on football fields and baseball diamonds across Louisiana and beyond, carried proudly by his sons, grandsons, and now great-grandchildren.

Today, as young Phillip Gaudet takes the field for John Curtis, he represents more than just the future of his family—he represents the continuation of a tradition built on hard work, discipline, and faith. If history is any guide, he will not be the last Gaudet to leave his mark.

For Jesuit, for Dallas, for New Orleans, and for the countless young men he shaped, Milt Gaudet's impact is permanent. His story is not just about victories or players who wore blue and white—it is about a legacy of excellence that endures, reminding us all that while games are temporary, the lessons of a great coach last a lifetime. In all, he help shape "Men for Others".

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Jimmy Gaudet
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Billy Gaudet
Tulane Baseball



Kyle Gaudet
Shaw Football



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LSU Football



Ryan and Brett Gaudet
Jesuit Foot



Brett Gaudet
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