

GOSHEN GRIDIRON NEWS

Goshen Football Alumni

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FROM THE SIDELINE

GHS Head Coach, Tom Wogomon



To The Goshen Gridiron Club:

It is a true honor to become your new head football coach. I have coached football for 30 years. After the 2020 season, I decided it was time to step down from the position of Head Coach at Northridge High School. It was important that I spent some time away from the game I love. My family and I have greatly enjoyed this past year with a calendar free from football. However, as much as I have enjoyed my time away from the game, I have come to realize that I am still a high school football coach.

Goshen is a special place for me. I have incredible memories of the school from where I graduated. I am passionate to see Goshen Football be a relevant program in the Northern Lakes

Conference as well as the IHSAA Tournament. Moving forward from day one our tenets will be simple and straight forward. The fundamental goal and purpose for all coaches, and players, will focus on "Being a Man of Character." The Characteristics are divided into two categories: Personal and Team. Below is our foundation in detail.

I am honored, proud, and excited to be back at Goshen. It is time to get started.

Coach Wogomon



GOSHEN FOOTBALL: BEING A MAN OF CHARACTER

Personal characteristics.

- Be thankful for what you have (perspectives).
- Keep a positive outlook on life (enjoy it).
- Find a passion.
- Be faithful in whatever you commit to do.
- Treat people as you want to be treated.
- Be humble.
- Take responsibility for yourself.

Team characteristics.

- Believe in the system being taught.
- Trust in your teammates.
- Give of yourself for the sake of the team (become unselfish).
- Get better each and every day.
- Sell the system to others.

These two areas of character will be our focus each and every day. This is our foundation. If we are committed to the standards above, we will build an incredible environment. In turn success on the football field will take care of itself. These personal characteristics that we strive for are not temporary. They are not something that we focus on just during the football season; rather these characteristics guide our lives and in turn direct and shape our future. The methods of how we choose to guide our lives define us as individuals.

**If you choose to be a part of this team, you choose to make these areas a priority in your life.
The basic rule for this team is simple: Choose to be a man of character.**

JFL REVIEW & PREVIEW

Our 2021 Goshen JFL season wrapped up on October 9th. We were back at Pringle Park this year and had a terrific season. We honored John Dechant and Fred Ratcliff, who we lost earlier this year, by wearing their initials on the back of our helmets. They both were greatly missed this season.

This season we had around 80 kids out which allowed us to have 4 teams. Like we have done in the past, we all run the same plays which helps us to implement a large group practice throughout the season to help prepare our young RedHawks for Junior High football.

Thank you to our Gridiron Club for your continued support. Next year I anticipate fielding 6 teams, which will require us to have more coaches and referees. If you are able to volunteer your time to help pour into our young RedHawks we would love to have you! Thank you again for all of your support!

Go RedHawks!!

Matt Heflin

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A MESSAGE FROM KYLE PARK

Thank you to the Gridiron Club for your support over the last eight years leading the Redskins/RedHawks. I truly enjoyed my time leading the program and got to fulfill a life goal. There is nothing like leading your alma mater. I have great pride and respect for the program and I can't thank the Gridiron Club board and members enough for the support these last eight years. I wish nothing but the best for the program going forward.

Kyle Park
Business Teacher
Goshen High School

GRIDIRON HONORS: KENT YODER, BILL DOBA, 1970 REDSKINS

Kent Yoder will be the 2022 recipient of the Keith & Janet Swihart Memorial Service Award presented at the annual golf outing - 29 years chain gang and still doing it... Coached at GMS and in the JFL for 25 years before stopping in 2016.

In addition, the Gridiron Club will honor the 1970 Redskins and Coach Bill Doba for his football legacy and continued support of the Gridiron Club and Goshen Football.

1970 GOSHEN FOOTBALL REDSKINS

HEAD COACH: Bill Doba

RECORD: 8-2 (at that time it was the best GHS season since an 8-1 under Coach Don Yoder in 1959).

ASSISTANT COACHES: Max Bolinger, Jim Hughes, and Ken Mirer. Art Reinhard was the trainer.

GAME RESULTS:

Sept. 4 - Concord, home, won 30-16
Sept. 11 - New Prairie, home, won 24-8
Sept. 18 - Wawasee, home, won 35-16
Sept. 25 - at DeKalb, won 40-0
Oct. 2 - at Fort Wayne North, won 22-6

Oct. 9 - at No. 1 Elkhart, lost 8-26
Oct. 16 - Culver Military, home, lost 26-30
Oct. 23 - Mishawaka, home, won 24-20
Oct. 30 - South Bend Clay, home, won 52-0
Nov. 6 - at Penn, won 41-8

AMONG REDSKIN PLAYERS IN 1970:

Bruce Barker
Bruce Boughner
Cliff Boyer
Mike Clason
Frank DeVeau
Jim Fretz
Keith Frick
Robin Hanson

Steve Harris
Dave Hess
Wes Higginbotham
Bob Hoke
Wayne Jennette
Tim Kosnoff
John Luke
Mike Miller

Steve Minnich
Dave Myers
Lyle Pestow
Bob Sheline
Jim Snyder
Dick Whirlledge
Ted Young

If anyone has contact with any of these former players, please invite them to contact the Gridiron Club and be a part of the celebration at this year's golf outing.



GRIDIRON CLUB OFFERS TWO \$1,500 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Gridiron board has approved awarding three \$1500.00 one time scholarships annually to college or trade school bound GHS senior football players. Based on timing and doing our due diligence to proper research of endowment programs, this year the club will offer two \$1500 one time scholarships to qualifying seniors through the GHS Dollars For Scholars program.

PLEASE REMIT YOUR GRIDIRON DUES

If you did not pay your dues at the golf outing, please include the information below when you send in your \$25 dues for 2022.

NAME _____ Year Graduated _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

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