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**How long have you been at your current school**

- 17 years total at Mediapolis. Assistant Coach: 2004-2006 Head Coach 2007-present:

**What was your coaching path to your current school**

- I attended Wartburg College. During my time there I was a player for two years and a student assistant coach for two years. Upon graduating, I took a job at Mediapolis and have never left!

**What is an earliest memory that helps us understand how you fell in love with football?**

- My earliest football memory involves Iowa Football. I loved Nick Bell...I think because his shoulder pads were so big. When I was in elementary school, my uncle, Todd Borrison was a JV coach at Camanche. He let me be a ball boy for the JV and Varsity games. It was there that I fell in love with Friday Night Football.

**Which coach had the greatest impact on you growing up?**

- Mark Metzger at Camanche and Rick Willis at Wartburg College. Both Coach Metzger and Coach Willis cared for their players on a personal level. They made and maintained relationships. My two years as a student assistant at Wartburg opened my eyes to the level of details that are needed to be successful. All of the coaches that I worked with (Coach Willis, Coach Eric Koehler, Coach Matt Mitchell, Coach Jerry Albert, and Coach Tim Morrison) were never afraid to think outside the box. We were constantly trying to find ways to put our best guys in a position to be successful.

**If you could pick one aspect of your coaching career that you are the most proud of, what would it be?**

- Since day 1, our goal has been to make football at Mediapolis a big deal. I think we have done that. We have also heard back from countless players over the years and the one constant theme has been that they enjoyed playing football at Mediapolis AND it had a positive impact on their lives after graduating. That means a lot to me and my staff.

**What is one aspect of the 2020 season that went really well for you?**

- This was the youngest team that we have ever fielded at Mediapolis. At times this season we started 2 freshman and 6 sophomores. I was so proud of the growth that we made as a football team this season. Each and every day the kids came to practice ready to improve. When looking back on film, it was crazy to see where we started and where we ended up. In addition, I was very proud of how we handled all the weird things that 2020 threw at us. Our kids just kept grinding and not worrying about things that were not in their control.

**Which coaches are on speed dial for help and why**

- My assistants (Darren Steffener, Dave Pierson, Jeff Martin, Rob Rhum, Shawn Timmerman)...they do a great job of finding all sorts of ways to help our kids be successful
- Kevin Tippet (North Scott), Brian Albert, Paul Patterson (Norwalk), Jerod Burns (BGM), Jeremy Christiansen (Fremont-Mills)...we all coached together in the 2012 Shrine Game. All of them know so much about how to run a successful football program.
- Matt Wheeler (Wartburg College) and Jon Kyte (Monticello)...guys I know from Wartburg that have all sorts of great ideas.

- Todd Parsons (Wapello), Shawn Striegel (Mt. Pleasant), Jared Jensen (SK) are guys that we have coached against for years. They understand SE Iowa well and are great ambassadors for the sport.