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How long have you been at your current school? 20 years (12 years as Head Coach/ 8 years as Assistant Coach)

What was your coaching path to your current school? Coach 1 year at Deerfield High School (Deerfield IL), then right to Waterloo West the following year.

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

In Chicago where I grew up there was no middle school football. I was in 7th grade and my friends and I played for the local park district. I realized then that I had a love for football and taught me how to be competitive.

Which coach had the greatest impact on you growing up? My high school baseball coach, Robert Schablaske. He is no longer here with us, but he always encouraged me with everything. I was the first in my family to go to college and he encouraged me and helped me through the process. Coach Schablaske always checked in on me even after high school, and he was always someone I could talk to when things were hard.

If you could pick one aspect of your coaching career that you are the most proud of, what would it be? Being able to see my son go through the program. Watching him grow from a young boy to a man in the process. For us to be able to separate Coach Moore on the field-to dad off the field.

What is one aspect of the 2020 season that went really well for you? The players and coaches never giving up throughout the season. They played for each other and always came with a positive attitude regardless of the outcome from the previous Friday night. The senior's leadership really helped in impacting the team's cohesiveness.

Which coaches are on speed dial for help and why? Coach Aundra Meeks at Dowling and my high school teammate and current Head Coach Harold Blackman at Oak Lawn, Illinois. Both coaches are not only great coaches, but are also considered good friends. They both are very good listeners and have helped me make some important decisions in my coaching career.