



Blaine High School Baseball Q&A with Coach Tony Boos

Where did you grow up? Coon Rapids

What was your baseball path? I played all through my childhood, and switched to softball as an adult.

How do you motivate players? Players are motivated to do their best when a true family is created out of the team. I believe that we perform our best when we are working for others rather than ourselves, which makes it imperative to create a strong bond between all members of the team.

What motivates you? I am motivated by witnessing the growth of others through their hard work and commitment.

How would you describe your coaching style and philosophy? I serve my team, and I expect every member to follow that example. I treat players with respect and love, and my main concern is their development as young men. Sports are a vehicle for learning about life.

What do you expect out of your players? I expect my players to support one another, be dedicated to the team, and admit to their mistakes. I expect them to reflect on failures and come back ready to be better the next day.

What impresses you most? I am impressed most by selflessness, work ethic, and kindness.

What role does character play in how you think about Bengals baseball and player selection? Being a man of high-quality character is of utmost importance. Because of this, players should be students first. Solid character sets a player apart during player selection, and is more important than talent. It is more important to be a good teammate than a phenomenal athlete.

What's the most important lesson baseball taught you? One person can't win the game. If you miss the ball, be ready to swing again.

Favorite baseball player? Nick Punto

Favorite baseball movie? Field of Dreams

Favorite baseball rival? Andover

Favorite baseball field? The old Metrodome

Favorite baseball position? Third Base

