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How long have you been at your current school?  
14 Years

What was your coaching path to your current school:

Denison was my first job coming out of Northwestern College, I started as a volunteer assistant and worked to a coordinator position. After three years I moved to Glenwood where I was an assistant for two years before returning to Denison. After returning to Denison I again joined the staff as a volunteer for one season before having the opportunity to become head coach in 2010.

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

Growing up in rural south-central Minnesota as a coach's son I was able to be a ball boy and help record stats on Friday nights. Ever since then I have loved the game of football and the team aspects that this sport requires.

Which coach had the greatest impact on you growing up?

The coaching staff at Northwestern (Coaches Orv Otten, Kyle Achterhoff, Josh Bolluyt and Brad Zeutenhorst) had the greatest impact on my coaching style and helped install many of the qualities our staff works hard to install in our players today.

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

The relationships with current and former players. Seeing kids develop from middle school to high school athletes and then watching those young men move on and continue to grow and develop into productive members of their community is an extremely rewarding experience.

We are in the middle of clinic season, how do you approach an upcoming clinic?

With so many clinics transitioning to a virtual format the amount of information that is available to greater than ever, we are using the virtual format to really seek out the speakers and specific schemes that we feel will help our program continue to improve.

Which coaches are on speed dial for help and why?

Jerome Hoegh (West Sioux), Josh Bolluyt (Spirit Lake), Kurt Van Kley (Le Mars), Matt McCarty (Northwestern College), PJ Hedrington (Drake University), Cory Faust (Glenwood), Dave Wiebers (Former Head Coach at Denison). All these individuals are great people and coaches and offer honest feedback to any questions that I have.