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Lakota Stallion History

Vol #1

Sept. 2005 was the actual start of the Stallions. This was after years of my daughter Jamie, asking me to start a Christian football organization so my two grandsons would have an additional local choice of teams to play for.

Feb. 2016 the Stallions held their first registration on Allen Rd. Only two people attended, Trent Todd and son Bryce. Oh yea, two representatives (spies) from another local youth football organization stood outside in the damp cold all day to check out this new organization.

Trent became the first coach and Co-Founder and Bryce the first player. Trent asked Bryce why he wanted to play football and he said he liked the Bronco uniforms. What a great day. The Stallions were born without coaches, players, a place to practice, no league and nowhere to play games.

Trent and I had only the passion and dream to make this a success. None of which would not have happened without the drive, faith, and leadership of Trent, who would become my best friend. What an example. Every day after work, Trent would go to local playgrounds, apartments, schools, and churches and talk to young players and parents about this new "Christian Values Based" football organization called the Stallions.

We both talked to local businesses to get support and locations to hold future registrations. Kroger's, Walgreen's and Meijer's allowed us to use their locations on Saturday's for registrations.

The Butler County Youth Football league accepted the Stallions and Tri County Baptist Church allowed us to use their grounds to practice, which we used for 9 years. My daughter Jamie and son in law Todd graduated from Lakota with Bob Niederman. The Niederman Family were more than happy to support a Christian organization and they built a game field for us, which soon developed into two fields. The Niederman Farm created many memories for 7 years.

You really realize how fast time fly's by when former Blue Devil players, that I coached 39 years ago, now come back to help coach the Stallions 5th and 6th grade teams. I coached both Tony Jennings and Joe Toepfer and they became the next two Stallion coaches. This duo then went on to coach the first Stallion team to win a playoff game. They were team mates for 12 years though Youth and high school football. Both have a true love for the game as neither had a son playing for the Stallions at the time. Joe also volunteered to be the field manager and grass cutter at the Niederman Farm.

Both Tony and Joe along with Trent and myself drove to Indianapolis for a 2 day seminar with SportsLeader, which began the Stallion 9 year, and counting , relationship with SportsLeader .

My son in law Todd Minniear soon joined the coaching ranks as his sons, my grandsons, Max and Ben both played. As families registered we soon had fathers who wanted to coach and we were able to gather 6-7 coaches per team.

The number of players grew to about 70 and that was not enough.

How were we going to attract more families and players? At the first meeting of those parents who wanted to help, someone suggested to offer no cost scholarships for registration and equipment to any family who did not have the finances to play. How could we do that? Answer was God will lead us and oh how he did. The first season, 2006, we fielded 3 teams, K-1-2 combined, 3rd and 4th combined, and 5th and 6th combined. The Butler County league was organized with six teams per community. To meet this rule each of our teams had to play 2 games each Saturday.

The first year we had Cheerleading.

Vol#2 will go back to the real beginning in 1950.