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HIGH SCHOOLS FOOTBALL

Tri-Village, Oakwood name new coaches

Ex-Alter, Stebbins assistants chosen for top positions.

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Jason Schondelmyer will oversee Tri-Village's effort to begin a football program.

Upstart Tri-Village and Oakwood named high school head football coaches Tuesday.

Tri-Village picked Jason Schondelmyer to oversee the birth of its program, and Oakwood announced Butch Snider will lead the Lumberjacks, pending board of education approval.

Schondelmyer most recently was an offensive line coach during Alter's run to the Division IV

state championship game this past season. He previously was the head coach at Twin Valley South, Versailles and Arcanum.

In addition to that area high school experience, he was an assistant coach at the University of Dayton for the 2012-14 seasons.

Snider was the defensive coordinator at Stebbins last season. Prior to that he was an assistant

NEW COACHES

TRI-VILLAGE: Jason Schondelmyer starts program.

OAKWOOD: Butch Snider succeeds Rick Robertson.

head coach and defensive coordinator for six seasons at Beavercreek under then-head coach Scott Clodfelter.

Located in New Madison, Tri-Village is a long-time Cross Country Conference member in every sport but football. A surge in the boys and girls basketball programs spiked community interest in starting a football pro-

gram the past couple of years.

That became a reality last month when Tri-Village superintendent and boys basketball coach Josh Sagester announced a middle school and JV program would be in place for the fall of 2015. Last Wednesday, Schondelmyer was named to oversee the program.

"What I like about it is you can take your middle school and our JV program this year from step one, from stance to start," Schondelmyer said. "Everything is going to be the first time they've ever done that. The opportunity to be the first head football coach in school histo-

ry is something that really piqued my interest."

Schondelmyer will leave the Twin Valley South school district for a job at Tri-Village. He'll meet with potential players today and the school will hold a meet-and-greet with the community at 7 p.m. Thursday.

Tri-Village will field middle school and JV teams in 2015-16 with the goal of playing a varsity season by the third year.

Oakwood Athletic Director Joy Manning announced Tuesday to Oakwood football parents that Snider had been chosen. He succeeds Rick Robertson, who resigned after four seasons.

Oakwood was 5-5 last season.

"Definitely, it's bitter-sweet for us," Stebbins coach Trace Smitherman said. "We're losing a heck of a coach and even a better person. It's a blessing for him and he's done the right things to get an opportunity to do what he's always wanted to do."

Oakwood also announced Ryan Connolly will switch from a boys soccer assistant to the girls varsity soccer coach, pending school board approval.

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