

Macon County Hires Football Coach: Meet Randall Smith

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Today it was announced that the search for a new head football coach at Macon County High School was over. Mrs. Margaret Oldham and the administration announced the hiring of Randall Smith.

Coach Smith will be replacing Mark Pemberton, who took the Head Coaching position at Brentwood High School for this upcoming season. Pemberton guided the Tigers to the playoffs both seasons he was the head coach at Macon County.

Coach Smith comes from Pebblebrook High School in Georgia. For the last three seasons he ran the program at the Region 4 AAAAA school and compiled a record of 14-16 in a tough region of Georgia high school football, located between Atlanta and Kennesaw Mountain. Prior to Pebblebrook, Coach Smith was the AD and Assistant Head Coach at Troup High School from 2007 to 2008 in LaGrange, Georgia and was an Assistant Coach at East Coweta High School from 1994 to 2006 in Sharpsburg, Georgia.

Coach Smith grew up in middle Tennessee. Raised in Cookeville, Coach Smith went to college at Tennessee Tech and played football under Don Wade. He and his wife, Donna, have three children, Brandi, Jacob, and Jarod. Jacob will be helping coach in the Tiger program this fall. Coach Smith and his wife both have family in the Putnam/Jackson County area. Coach Smith remarked, "We have been gone from this area for over 18 years. My wife and I wanted to come back home to a place where we are excited to be able to continue to raise our family. We are eager to be part of this community."

Coach Smith is going to go right to work. "Spring practice will be from April 30th to May 4th and will conclude with a scrimmage with Portland. We are only going to have only one scrimmage because we are going to work hard on all of us being on the same page." Coach Smith plans on

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running a wing T style of offense and an even front (40) style on defense. When meeting with the team for the first time he told them, “We are going to win football games by working harder than our opponents.”

“We look forward to working here in Macon County and we are excited to be here.” I hope everyone will help welcome Coach Smith and his family to Macon County.

We are ONE, we are TEAM, we are TIGERS.