

Coach Jack Rose

1992 - 1997 – Won 48, Lost 17, Tied 0

New coach

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Among the 12 finalists for the Massillon head football coaching job, only one owns a state championship.

The Massillon Board of Education is expected to hire him Friday.

Jack Rose is expected to gain unanimous approval of the Massillon Board of Education. If he does, he will become the 23rd head coach of the Tigers.



He will succeed Lee Owens, under whom he was defensive coordinator in 1991.

Jack Rose - Massillon Record

Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	
				Mass.	Opp.
1992	5	5	0	234	153
1993	10	2	0	504	133
1994	10	2	0	301	187
1995	7	3	0	238	180
1996	9	2	0	277	136
1997	7	3	0	291	130
Total	48	17	0	1845	919

Winning Percentage
0.738

A former wide receiver at Central Catholic High and Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Rose was head coach at St. Thomas Aquinas from 1980-85.

His 1984 Aquinas team went 12-0-1 and beat Columbus Hartley 23-0 in the state Division IV championship game at Ohio Stadium.

Rose's 1985 Aquinas team went 13-1, losing only to the Carlos Snow-led C.A.P.E. team 27-0 in the Division IV state finals.

Rose took over the Aquinas job after then-head coach Frank Sakal had to step down because his wife was ill.

Aquinas had been a playoff team under Sakal in the early '70s but was in a down mode when Rose took over. His first Aquinas team went 1-9. His subsequent teams posted records of 3-7, 7-3, 6-4, 12-0-1 and 13-1.

He left Aquinas after the 1985 season to become an assistant coach at Kent State University.

Former Massillon and Kent State head coach Leo Strang, who worked on the Technical Advisory Committee that reviewed Rose and other finalists, said the Tigers have picked a good man.

"Jack was very highly regarded up here," said Strang, who lives in Kent. "From everything I know, he did an excellent job with very limited material.

"When we (the committee) looked at Jack, his films and presentation were well organized. The big advantage he has is that he's familiar with Massillon's total system. He has the support of all the kids.

"I was talking to a sports writer from the Kent paper. He was asking me about the Massillon job. I guess he likes Jack, too. He told me, 'Why the hell don't they just get it over with and hire Jack Rose?'

Rose was hired at Kent State by Glen Mason. When Mason left Kent State to become head coach at Kansas in 1988, Rose worked the next two years at Kent State under Dick Crum.

Rose nearly came aboard the Massillon staff in 1990, when it appeared Crum's regime was in trouble. Out of loyalty to Crum, he stayed on at Kent. Then, when Crum was dismissed at Kent State after the '90 season, Rose was out of a job.

Owens brought him aboard as defensive coordinator in Massillon.

Using a synthesis of looks he learned at Aquinas, Kent State and a myriad of clinics, Rose installed a defense at Massillon whose trademark was stuffing the run.

The Tigers outgained opponents 4,074 yards to 1,161 on the ground in 1991. Many of the foes' yards were gained when games were long-since blowouts.

Rose sometimes conveys a laid-back image off the field but he quickly gained a reputation at Tiger practices as a fiery competitor who demands all-out effort and concentration.

Rose's confidence was reflected in a pre-season statement:

"There is no bargaining or compromise on the principles of defense. If you understand them, we will be the best defense in the state. We will only be as strong as our weakest link. Our defense will be built on the strong."

Who "made the cut" in the search for a Massillon head football coach?

Thirty-eight was the median age of the dozen finalists picked from an original field of 44. That means half the finalists were older than 38 (the oldest was 49, two others were 45) and half were younger (two 33 year olds were the youngest).

All 12 had head coaching experience – as few as four years and as many as 24.

The 12 held head coaching jobs at 27 different schools, all in Ohio. Seven are current head coaches at Division I Ohio high schools. The finalists' combined head coaching record is 654 wins, 372 losses, 9 ties.

The combined record at their most recent stops is 394-167-4.

Nine of the 12 have been in the playoffs, although only one – Rose won a state championship.

Rose also has the best career playoff record among the finalists, 6-1. Next best is 4-3. The combined playoff record is 13-17.

Among them, the 12 produced 41 seasons of 8-2 or better.

They totaled 14 nine win seasons, nine 10 win seasons, two 12-win campaigns and one 13-win year.

Most of the finalists had a banner year in their most recent seasons as head coaches. Their combined record was 102-77. Five had teams in the playoffs. Four finished with a least 10 wins, two others with nine, two others with eight.

One finalist had the tough luck of "being up for the Massillon job" coming of a 1-6 year. In his previous seven seasons, that coach had posted a 72-13 record.

This information was obtained on the condition names not be used.

Each finalist was promised confidentially at the time he applied.

It is known all three 1991 Massillon Assistants who have head coaching experience were among the final 12, and also among the final six considered for the job.

For what it's worth, four of the 12 finalist attended Bowling Green State University. Three attended Youngstown State University.

Head Football Coach and Athletic Director

1994

There is a unique affinity between Jack Rose and Stark County. Born and raised...here. Starred as an athlete and has excelled as a championship football coach and instructor... here. Married and the father of two special children...here. It's easy to see why Jack Rose has a devotion to Massillon Washington High School...and Stark County.

Rose enters his second year as head football coach and athletic director of Massillon Washington High School. Overall, Rose is in his eighth year as a head coach in Stark County with a record of 48-28-2. He is the 17th head coach in the storied history of Massillon High School.

Jack Rose, 46, attended Central Catholic High School. After a successful athletic career there, he attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he was all-conference three years in a row, and team captain his senior year.

He began his coaching career in 1971 as the wide receiver coach at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and remained in that position through the 1972 season. In 1973 he was named as offensive coordinator and coached the offensive and defensive backfield through the 1979 season, Coach Rose served as the interim head coach during the 1980 season and was officially named head coach for the 1981 season, following this official appointment Coach Rose posted a 3-7 record as a first year head coach.

The next year began a rebuilding process for the St. Thomas program and that did not take Coach Rose very long because as a second year coach he posted his first winning season with a 7-3 record. This same year St. Thomas placed third in region 13 computer rating. Coach Rose was rewarded for his leadership by being named Catholic Exponent Youngstown Diocese Coach of the Year. The 1983 season presented even a bigger challenge for the Knights because of the difficulty of the schedule. Coach Rose in his third year as head coach posted a 6-4 record and still qualified as a playoff team and became a regional finalist.

Jack realized every coach's dream in 1984 as he led St. Thomas to a 12-0-1 record and the division IV state championship. To Coach Rose's credit many accolades came his way due to the effort put forth in the 1984 season. He was named W.H.B.C, Stark County Coach of the Year, Stark County Coaches Association Coach of the Year, Canton Repository Coach of the Year and the Akron Beacon Journal and Alliance Review Coach of the Year, He was also selected as the nominee for the North-South All-Star Game staff from Region 7 of the Ohio High School Football Coaches Association.

Success breeds success and the 1985 season was nearly a carbon copy of the year before. Coach Rose led St. Thomas to a 13-1 record and was a state runner-up in

Division IV. Personal awards included Northeast Ohio Inland Coach of the Year, Akron Beacon Coach of the Year, and the Alliance Review Coach of the Year.

Division I college coaching was the next stop for Jack as Glen Mason, Head Coach of Kent State University, asked him to join his staff at Kent State. Jack remained at Kent even though he had an offer to go with Coach Mason to Kansas for the 1991 season. Next up was coaching for Coach Dick Crum who took over for Coach Mason.

In 1991 he returned to high school football as the defensive coordinator at Massillon Washington High School. Coach Rose's work ethic along with some talented football players played a major role in a 10-3 season and a Division I State semi-final finish.

Coach Rose plans to build on the tradition and success of the Massillon Tiger program, and to achieve a state championship. He believes in developing well-rounded young men by taking a sincere personal interest in every player on the team, treating each as an individual. Each player will be encouraged to be a credit to himself, his family, school, and community while demonstrating responsibility, maturity and sportsmanship. He enthusiastically accepts the challenge of coaching the Massillon Tigers, building on the past while molding the future to fit his philosophy and personality.

Support is essential to any successful program and he has assembled an extremely competent coaching staff. His fine family includes his wife Denise, twin sons Matthew (4), Christopher (4) and Andrew (1).

Age at Massillon Hiring: 44

High School Athlete: Canton Central Catholic

College Athletic: South West Oklahoma State

Assistant Coach: 1971 – St. Thomas Aquinas high school

Head Coach: 1981 – St Thomas Aquinas high school Div. IV State Champions

Assistant Coach Kent State University

Massillon Defense Coordinator: 1991

Massillon high school Head Coach: 1992 - 1997

GlenOak high school Head Coach: 1998 – 2006

Massillon Assistant Coach – 2007 - 2009