

Coach Tom Stacy **2005 - 2007 – Won 26, Lost 11, Tied 0**

Tigers ready to announce coach

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The Massillon Tigers' 25th head football coach will be officially named on Wednesday at a special Massillon Board of Education meeting at 9 a.m. at the district offices on Oak Ave. NE, but not before some lively debate on which of the two finalists should get the job.

It is believed former Tiger assistant and current Ashland University quarterbacks coach Tom Stacy edged out Wadsworth head coach Greg Dennison for the post.

Stacy and Dennison were the two finalists for the job, vacated with the resignation of Rick Shepas late last month. Both were interviewed by the board of education and Massillon Schools Superintendent Al Hennon in separate 90 minute sessions on Friday afternoon.



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Year	Won	Lost	Tied	Points	
				Mass.	Opp.
2005	13	2	0	488	204
2006	7	5	0	368	216
2007	6	4	0	320	191
Total	26	11	0	1176	611

Winning Percentage
70.3%

After the interview, the four board of education members who were present – board president Ron Pribich, Evan Hannon, Phil Jones and Gary Miller – and Hennon discussed the merits of Stacy and Dennison in executive session.

“Everybody kind of had their reservations but they were fairly supportive,” said Hannon. “We left it to the superintendent to make his recommendation. We gave him an idea of the direction we wanted to go and he took the ball from there.”

Asked if the board was unanimous in its preference, Hannon admitted that it was not and that Pribich was the dissenting member.

Pribich could not be reached on Monday.

Tiger nation should unite behind its New Coach

Joe Shaheen Commentary

By the time most of you read this, Tom Stacy will already have been officially anointed as the new coach of the Massillon Tigers.

The formal announcement was to take place at 9 this morning at a special Massillon Board of Education meeting. Superintendent Al Hennen will recommend the board present Stacy with a three year contract and that's when things could – but we hope won't – get interesting.

Word is one board member who favored Greg Dennison over Stacy will either cast a “no” vote or may not show up at all.

My guess is cooler heads will prevail and the entire board will unite to show its support for Stacy whose job will be tough enough without having to look over his shoulder.

Tigers tap Stacy Former Tiger assistant returns as head coach

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The names are familiar to anyone with even a passing knowledge of Massillon Tigers football.

Paul Brown, Chuck Mather, Leo Strang, Earle Bruce, Bob Commings.

Tom Stacy joined that exclusive fraternity when he was officially named the 25th head coach of the Massillon Tigers during a special Board of Education Meeting, Wednesday.

Stacy, a Tiger assistant under Lee Owens in the late 1980's was given a three-year contract in a unanimous 4-0 vote by the school board. Board member Vicki Becherucci was on vacation. “I'm thrilled, I'm excited. I'm honored,” Stacy said. “I can assure you of one thing, they selected a Tiger. I can assure you that right now.”

Stacy, who leaves his post as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Ashland University, succeeds Rick Shepas, who held the job for seven years, highlighted by one undefeated regular season and two regional championships.

The Shepas era also saw three 4-6 seasons, including the last two campaigns, and plenty of off-the-field controversy. His time at Massillon was marked by a growing rift in the community and in the Tigers support organizations, an issue Stacy addressed in his remarks to the Board of Education and a standing-room-only crowd in attendance.

“It’s not going to happen until this community – all of us – get behind this football program again.” Stacy said. “That’s what its going to be all about.

“We can talk about goals all we want. But we’ve got to come together as a community and tthat’s going to be a real important part of the progress that we make here.”

Stacy will not hold down the dual roles of head football coach and athletic director, as had been the case in recent coaching regimes.

Superintendent Al Hennon will recommend Assistant Athletic Director Jeff Thornberry for the latter job in the coming weeks. Instead, Stacy will be Dean of Students at Washington High School.

“It’s an assistant-principal-type situation,” Hennon explained. “That was Tom’s wishes, too. He has to be comfortable in what he is doing in his day job. But he will be totally responsible for the football program, totally responsible. Absolutely, I don’t think he would be here it that didn’t come across in our conversations.”

Stacy’s resume

Teaching experience

- 1991-1994 Occupation Work Adjustment Teacher, Shelby (Ohio) High School
- 1990-1991 Strength Training Director, Washington High School
- 1988-1989 High School Physical Education, Massillon Washington High School
- 1987 High School Physical Education Lancaster (Ohio) High School
- 1986 Assistant Athletic Director, Galion (Ohio) High School
- 1983-1986 High School Physical Education, Galion (Ohio) High School
- 1981-1982 Elementary Physical Education, Paulding (Ohio) Elementary

Coaching Experience

- 1981-1982 Offensive Coordinator, Paulding High School
- 1983-1986 Offensive Coordinator, Galion High School
- 1987 Assistant Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator Lancaster High School
- 1988-1990 Offensive Coordinator, Quarterback Coach, Washington High School
- 1991-1994 Head Football Coach, Quarterback Coach, Shelby High School
- 1995-2003 Quarterbacks and Kickers, University of Akron
- 2004 Offensive Coordinator, Quarterback Coach Ashland University
- 2005 Head Coach, Massillon Washington High School

Stacy’s 3-years at Massillon, 2005, 2006, 2007

- Overall Record 26-11
- Vs. McKinley 3-1
- Playoff Appearances 2
 - 2005 Lost in Div I State Championship game
 - 2006 Lost in Regional Semifinal game

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