



KINGSLEY HIGH SCHOOL STAG FOOTBALL



CONFERENCE CHAMPIONS 2020, 2019, 2005, 2002, 2000
MHSAA PLAYOFFS: 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2003, 2002, 2000, 1999
DISTRICT CHAMPIONS: 2000, 2005, 2018, 2019, 2021, 2023
REGIONAL CHAMPIONS: 2005, 2019, 2023

STATE CHAMPIONS: 2005, 2023

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Boyne City Administrative Team, Coach Suttle, and the Boyne City Rambler Football Program:

I simply wanted to take a moment and commend your football program on demonstrating what the true definition of class looks like in high school athletics. On Friday, Oct 20th, Kingsley and Boyne City competed on the field in an emotional, physical, and intense game, which ended with Kingsley winning in the final moments of the game. These are tough losses. If you have coached long enough, you have experienced these feelings. Shock. Disappointment. The feeling to go hide someplace and get away from people. The Boyne City school district should be very proud of their coaching staff, community, and in particular, players, for the way they conducted themselves both on the field during play, and off the field afterwards.

In today's world of showboating, trash talk, and sometimes foul play, this game was played with great respect and integrity. The Boyne players would knock the Kingsley players down and help them up. Unfortunately, what was once common sportsmanship 20 years ago, has since gone by the wayside. But on this evening, the Boyne City players played the game the way it was meant to be played. Physical, and with respect and class. Over time, the longer you coach, the more appreciation you have for these little things. I, myself, am an emotional coach. I love the game. I love competition. I love winning. And the Boyne City program reminded me again, what is really important in these competitive moments. Life lessons, friendships, the drive to be great, while all at the same time doing it all the right way.

In closing, I will end with a short story after the game. We always walk down to the field and back up after games. It was a big win, with the Boyne fans and players mingling afterwards in my path to the high school. I didn't want to walk through their fanbase, as I thought it was awkward. But I saw a few familiar faces and made my way, congratulating some of the coaches and players along the way. This is easy when you are the victorious one. I was met with incredible class, but two players in particular, #3 superstar running back/linebacker Ryan Spate and #14 Owen Hewitt stuck out as people which I am now in awe of off the field of play. Both were incredibly gracious. Congratulating us our win, the 2023 state championship, and wishing us the best of luck the rest of the way. Owen said, with a twinkle in his eye, "Well, we might get a chance to see you again", all in good humor and a laugh by both. You should be SO proud of these young men. I honestly cannot say that I, being 55 years of age, would not have handled myself with the class of these two teens, but as I've always said in this profession, life lessons can be learned on both sides. I was reminded by these two young men what it is to be a classy human being and leader. Thank you for the reminder Boyne! Best wishes on the rest of your season. Be proud.

Sincerely,

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