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# **New Prairie: Developing a Successful Offense**



# Honor & Privilege

**Treat Coaching as a Profession, a calling, and a privilege**  
**Coaching is not a Right**

**I am Thankful for this Opportunity**

**Any Questions?**  
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# Community Background

## Community / School

- **Two Communities – New Carlisle / Rolling Prairie**
  - Consolidate 1969
  - Football History
  - Popular Sports (Wrestling/CC)
  - What makes “our kids” special?
- **Challenges**
  - Consolidation
  - Facilities
  - Admin Support
  - And More



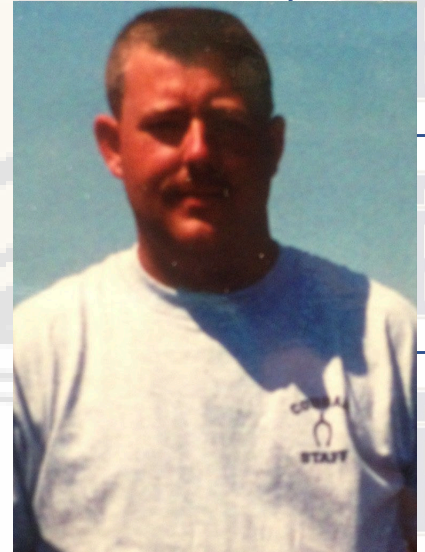
# Coaching Background

## Personal Background

- 1989 Graduate of New Prairie High School
- Hired in 2001 to coach freshman football
- Had the pleasure to coach both of my sons: Cody and Dustin
- 15 years as a member of the Indiana Wishbone Association
- Have Coached for 2 Hall of Fame Head Coaches

## What I have Learned

- Role of an Assistant Coach (Make HC job easier)
- What's Important Now (WIN)
- Players/Coaches Must Believe! (System)





# Players / Formations / Plays

- **Players**
  - Most important Factor
  - Player Types
  - How to use personnel
- **Formations**
  - Get best players on the field
  - Make the defense align to you
  - Personnel Groups
- **Plays**
  - Feed your best
  - Blocking doesn't change
  - Play calling

# Players

## Jimmies and Joes not Xs & Os

- Offense picks their two impact players first (QB,RB)
- Offense gets leftover linemen – We will develop them!
- Get your best athletes in your school (Basketball)
- Coaching Still Matters = Maximize player talent



# Players

## Player Types

- What type of players do you have? (Basketball/Wrestling)
  - Skill? (athletic)
  - Tweeners (not a linemen, not skill)
  - Linemen (Big, Strong, Tough)





# Players

## How to use Personnel

- Do what you can do with what you have
- Round hole – square peg
  - Spread vs Power vs Option
- Highlight/Rely on your most talented players

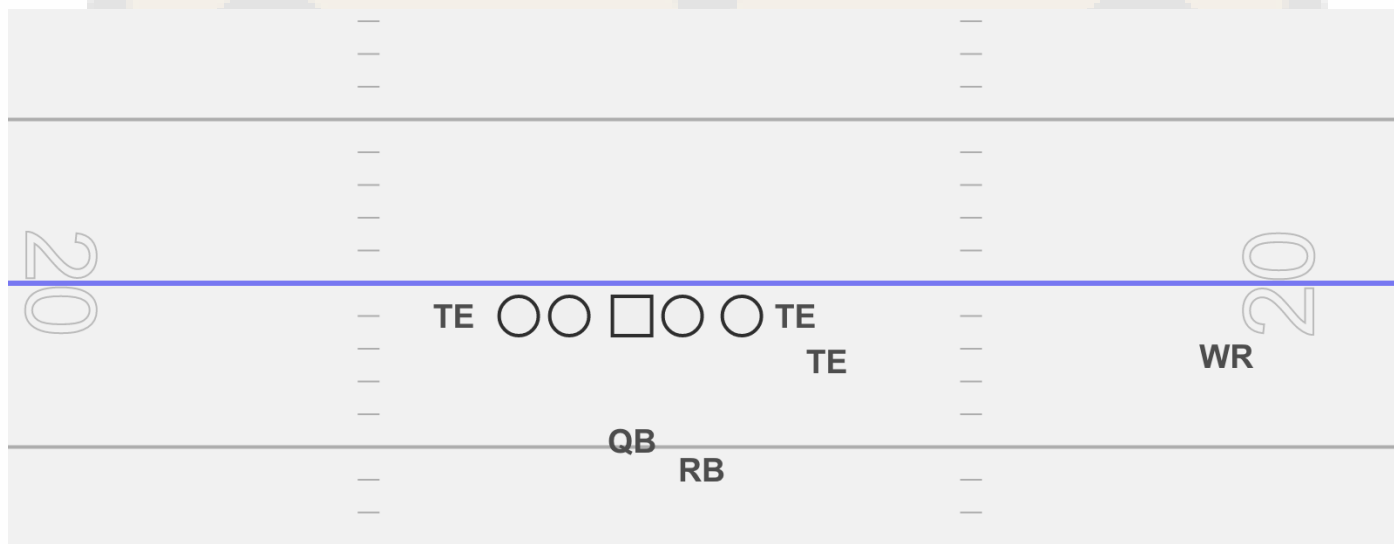




# Formations

## Get your best players on the field

- Personnel should dictate your formations (TEs, WRs, RBs)
- What types of players does/can your program develop?



# Formations

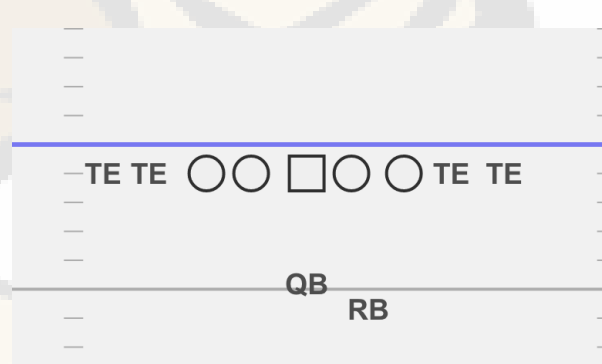
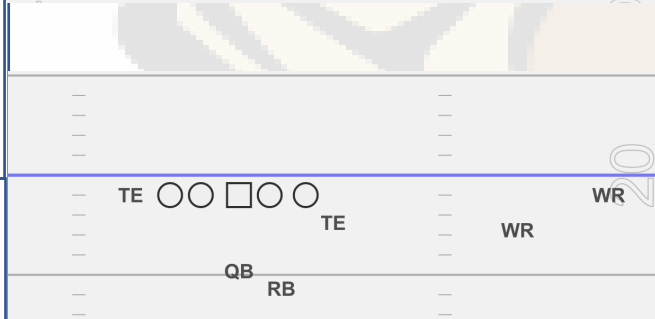
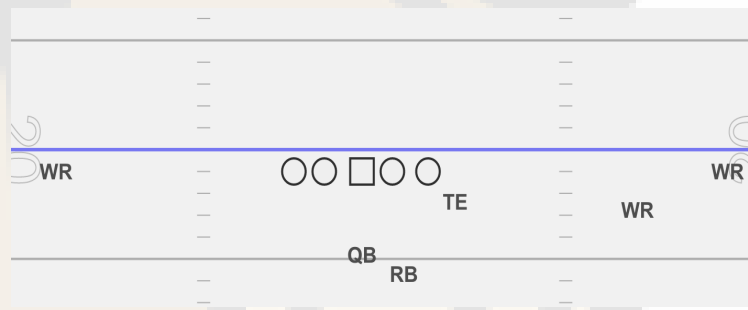
## Make the Defense align to you

- **Less Formations**
  - **Players = more confident on assignment vs everything**
  - **Teams can gameplan you easier**
  - **Run more plays out of fewer formations (constraint)**
- **More Formations**
  - **Stresses defense – harder to gameplan**
  - **More for kids to learn – may see new looks from defense**
  - **Run fewer plays out of more formations**
- **Outnumber defenses if at all possible**

# Formations

## Personnel Groupings

- Allows you to maximize specific skills of your players
- Examples: Deere, Chevy, Ford, CAT



# Plays

## Feed your best

- Pareto Principal: top 20% of guys lead to 80% of the results
- Put the ball in your best athlete's hands = best results



# Plays

## Blocking doesn't change

- OL is most difficult job on the field = make it easier
- Simplicity = Change formations and change backfield actions  
don't change blocking schemes
- "Just like" blocking schemes = Think less / Play Faster



# Plays

## Play Calling

- Situational Football
  - Drive Starters
  - Shot Plays
  - Short yardage
  - Constraint Plays – What are they giving you vs taking away?

