

The Coaches and Their Records

SINCE 1911, the first year of competition between the two local high schools, nineteen men have served as coaches at Rayen and South. The late Russell "Busty" Ashbaugh of South was the dean of them all. For a quarter of a century Ashbaugh tutored the Red and Blue, with one season, 1918, out for military service. His twenty-four years of coaching saw the amazing record of 146 victories, 58 losses and 24 tie games. However, Ashbaugh's record against Rayen was a losing one—nine wins, ten losses and three ties. Six of these losses came in the 1930s when South High football fortunes were at their lowest ebb and only one victory was recorded by South. Ashbaugh's record against Rayen in the 1920s, however, was a very imposing six wins, one loss and two tie games.

Johnny McAfee, twice a South coach ('39-'42, '47-'60), succeeding Ashbaugh in 1939, has a handsome over-all record of ninety-seven victories, forty-four losses and seven ties in sixteen years. His record against Rayen is even better—eleven wins, two losses and three tie games. While McAfee was in military service five years his replacements, Del Anderson and Al Beach, took good care of South's football fortunes. McAfee resigned his coaching berth at South on December 11, 1959. In his sixteen years at South, McAfee won or shared in five city-series titles. His 1957 team had a perfect season, with nine wins and no losses.

Among Rayen mentors since 1911, Harold Lansing served for eight years, a record that has now been matched by Ralph Robinette. His tenure is an over-all record of forty-four wins, thirty losses and four deadlocks. Lansing's

record against South is the best of any Rayen coach, defeating South five times with only one loss. There were no Rayen-South games the first two years of Lansing's regime, due to the round-robin system in effect then.

The best record by a Rayen coach was that of Rollie Bevan who during 1925-28 racked up the record of 28 wins, eight losses and four ties. His 1928 team was undefeated, with nine victories and one tie, the latter at the hands of South High. Bevan never could beat South; the best he could achieve was two tie games.

Harry "Punch" Gaskeen also had a good over-all record. He played his high-school football at Rayen and coached there during 1920-24. His record for these years is thirty-one wins, eleven losses and two ties. His 1923 team, one of the best in Orange and Black history, was the only Gaskeen-coached team to defeat South. This team was undefeated with nine wins. Gaskeen, however, bowed four times to Ashbaugh.

Joe Horn, who coached the Rayen Tigers eight years, 1937-45, had an over-all record of twenty-four victories; thirty-five defeats and fourteen tie games. Four of these deadlocks were against South High. Horn's teams defeated South once while losing three times.

Mike Koma, Rayen coach from 1945-52, masterminded three wins and four losses against archrival South, with an over-all record of twenty-five victories, thirty-five setbacks and three ties.

Ralph "Robby" Robinette, the present Rayen mentor, began his coaching career at Rayen in 1952. His record reads: forty-one wins, thirty-six losses, two ties. Against South High: two victories, six defeats, one tie game.

SOUTH HIGH COACHES

					<i>(against Rayen High)</i>		
		WON	LOST	TIED	<i>won</i>	<i>lost</i>	<i>tied</i>
John Corbett	1911-13	13	4	1	1	1	0
Perle Denman	1913-14	2	7	0	0	1	0
R. G. Ashbaugh	1914-18	25	9	0	1	3	0
Harmon Welch	1918-19	4	0	0	1	0	0
R. G. Ashbaugh	1919-39	121	49	24	8	7	3
John McAfee	1939-42	17	9	4	1	0	2
Del Anderson	1942-44	9	8	2	1	0	1
Al Beach	1944-46	14	5	0	1	1	0
Del Anderson	1946-47	2	7	0	0	1	0
John McAfee	1947-60	80	35	3	10	2	1
J. L. Friend	1960-	5	4	0	0	1	0
TOTAL		292	137	34	24	17	7

RAYEN HIGH COACHES

					<i>(against South High)</i>		
		WON	LOST	TIED	<i>won</i>	<i>lost</i>	<i>tied</i>
Hugh Smith	1911-14	14	12	1	2	1	0
Phil Edwards	1914-17	12	11	2	3	0	0
Lou Pickrel	1917-18	4	5	0	0	1	0
Elgie Tobin	1918-19	1	2	1	0	1	0
Horace Biggs	1919-20	2	6	0	0	1	0
Harry Gaskeen	1920-25	31	11	2	1	4	0
Roland Bevan	1925-29	28	8	4	0	2	2
Harold Lansing	1929-37	44	30	4	5	1	0
Joseph Horn	1937-45	24	35	14	1	3	4
Mike Koma	1945-52	25	35	3	3	4	0
Ralph Robinette	1952-	41	36	2	2	6	1
TOTAL		226	191	33	17	24	7

Series Scores

	SOUTH	RAYEN		SOUTH	RAYEN
1911	12	0	1937	0	3
1912	0	5	1938	0	0
1913	6	20	1939	6	6
1914	6	14	1940	0	0
1915	0	6	1941	7	6
1916	0	6	1942	0	0
1917	48	0	1943	13	6
1918	19	0	1944	13	6
1919	7	0	1945	7	14
1920	13	0	1946	6	24
1921	13	0	1947	6	0
1922	14	0	1948	19	0
1923	0	19	1949	30	19
1924	14	0	1950	0	19
1925	13	0	1951	13	0
1926	7	7	1952	39	19
1927	12	0	1953	26	7
1928	0	0	1954	13	27
1931	13	2	1955	7	0
1932	7	25	1956	14	0
1933	0	6	1957	25	6
1934	0	19	1958	14	14
1935	0	7	1959	12	0
1936	0	13	1960	12	36

TOTAL 486 361

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Rayen High won 17 games.

South High won 24 games.

There were 7 ties.