

Greg Reed – Head Coach 1976-1982



A native of Cedar Rapids, Greg Reed is a 1964 graduate of Regis High School where he played football and baseball. Reed played fullback and linebacker for Tom Good, a member of the Iowa Football Coaches Hall of Fame. While humble in describing his own accomplishments, the Cedar Rapids Gazette often referred to Reed's "brutal running" style and once described him as "a 195 pound spark plug...looked like a tumbler, hurdler, and tight rope walker all wrapped into one." Reed scored 10 touchdowns and averaged 5.3 yards per carry his senior season. Reed was voted Team Captain and Most Valuable Back by his teammates during his senior year, as well as being named First All-Archdiocesan Team and to the All-City team, in a time when only 12 players in the entire Cedar Rapids area were named to the team. He was also named Honorable Mention All-State.

After graduating from Regis, Reed received a scholarship to play football at the University of Northern Iowa under Coach Stan Sheriff. Reed played fullback on the Freshmen team (when Freshmen were not eligible to play varsity) and lettered during his sophomore year until a hip injury ended his playing career. Reed graduated from UNI with a B.A. in Business Education.

After his playing career ended, Reed began his teaching career as a student-teacher at Kennedy High School in 1970. Reed also became an assistant football coach under Jerry Mauren. Reed was the Head Sophomore Coach his first season, and then served as Defensive Coordinator of the varsity until Mauren resigned as Head Coach in 1975. At age 29, Reed succeeded Mauren as Kennedy's Head Coach beginning in 1976. Reed experienced early success, his 1977 squad was loaded with talent, including three 1st Team All-Staters. The team went 7-2, with both losses by a combined total of 8 points, the second loss in the final game of the season, costing Kennedy a shot of making the playoffs for the first time in school history, when only 8 teams qualified for the playoffs each year. His 1978 squad was equally as strong, going 5-4 but losing the 4 games by a total of 19 points. Reed resigned as Head Coach following the 1982 season to pursue a School Administrative career. His career record as Head Coach at Kennedy was 29-34.

Reed taught Business Education at Kennedy and also coached girls' softball and was an assistant boys' track coach. He received a Master's degree in Secondary School Administration from Truman State University in 1981, and later received his PhD in Educational Policy from the University of Iowa in 1991.

After leaving Kennedy, Reed served as Associate Principal at Cedar Rapids Jefferson High School. He returned to Kennedy and served as Principal from 1989-1996. He left Kennedy in 1996 to serve as Associate Superintendent of the Cedar Rapids Community School District from 1996-2002. After leaving the CRCSD, Reed served a Professor of Secondary Administration and Department Chair at UNI from 2002 until his retirement in 2014.

Reed continues to reside in the Cedar Rapids area. He recently celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary with his wife, Mary Kay. They have three children, sons Scott and Steve, and daughter, Stacy. Scott resides in Chatham, IL, Steve resides in the Cedar Rapids area, and Stacy resides in Cedar Falls. Reed also has 8 grandchildren.