

# John Rabideau (BSMS Head 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Football Coach) Interview

*Interview provided by Mike Hearn*

## **1. Where did you go to High School?**

“My High School years were spent at Greenfield High, a suburb of Milwaukee. I graduated there in 1976.”

## **2. Where did you go to college?**

“I went to college at University of Wisconsin at Whitewater.”

## **3. What sports did you play in High School and/or college?**

“In high school, I played football for 4 years, basketball 1 year, and ran track 4 years. In college, I played football briefly before an injury cut short any real playing time, but did run track (long jump) for 2 years.”

## **4. What other schools have you coached at?**

“I've coached football for 16 years in Belvidere, starting in the early 80's and then again starting in 1997 until the present. Again in the 80's I also coached high school track, both the boys and girls version for 7 years.”

## **5. What do you, as a coach, bring to your sport?**

I see coaching as an extension of my classroom. I try to teach as much as possible, giving my 7th graders a great opportunity to learn their sport and start their school athletic experience on a positive note. I believe in everyone playing at this early level and will work to accomplish that while at the same time staying competitive in games.”

## **6. What can the fans expect to see when they come and watch your team play?**

“A fan watching a game of mine should expect to see disciplined, hard working athletes competing to their maximum ability. If they do that, win or lose, they should be having fun and that's a good building experience for future teams.”

## **7. What will be the best part of your job as a head coach?**

“The best part of coaching 7th grade is watching the improvement over the course of the season. Many of my players are in an organized sport for the first time, or maybe in football for the first time. Watching them grow as individuals and as a team is a great feeling.”