

# Gregory returns after longest coaching hiatus of life

By Steven Slack



Coaching both varsity football and baseball for the Crimson Tide for over 30 years, Mike Gregory has never had more than a few months away from his teams.

"I started playing baseball when I was six years old," Gregory said. "Last year was the first time I didn't have baseball in my life in 56 years...I can't even describe it. You're just lost without it."

Gregory is the son of Wisconsin Football Coaches Association hall of famer Jack Gregory. Mike began as an assist to his father for 16 years on the football field, and Jack assisted his son on the baseball diamond. Jack passed in 2013.

"I wouldn't have traded those years for anything," Gregory previously told the Edgerton Reporter.

Gregory has seen major success as a coach in Edgerton. In 1989, he coached the Tide to a state semi-final then returned in 1990 to win it all.

Gregory has won three sectional titles since then but no other trips to the State Tournament. In 2018, the Crimson Tide gave Gregory his 400th career win.

The long-tenured coach played both football and baseball with Ripon College before beginning his teaching and coaching careers at Edgerton. Prior to retirement, he taught physical education.

Not one to really take a season off, Gregory can also be heard as an announcer for basketball during winter. Gregory is eager to get back onto the field but kept himself busy during the time away.

"We took up biking, and we got two new granddaughters," Gregory beamed. "We have a two-year-old and just had the second one a week ago. That's pretty cool."

# Track and Field head coach profile: Kurt Muchow

By Jack McLaughlin



For the last two decades, Kurt Muchow has walked the length of the Edgerton High School track, offering pointers on a runner's start or pole vaulter's form.

Now serving in his 5th year as head coach (he served in various other coaching roles at EHS for the 15 years before this), he's been a fixture this

long for a reason: he's a great coach and his students truly enjoy his leadership.

In 2019 (the 2020 season was canceled due to COVID-19) Muchow oversaw the men's and women's team take 6th and 2nd places at their conference meets, as well as over a dozen athletes move on sectional-level completion and even one to the division 2 state meet.

His teams also shattered a whopping six school records last season.

One of the reasons his tutelage is so effective comes from the fact that he has lived the student-athlete experience himself. An accomplished 4x100 meter relay and 100 meter dash runner as a student at Cuba City High School, he was also slated to compete collegiately at UW-Platteville before a pre-season injury functionally sidelined his competitive career.

And while success and accolades are what he strives for, Muchow says the best part of his job comes from one simple thing: watching his teaching take shape in Edgerton athletes.

"I enjoy seeing the kids' hard work pay off and how excited they get when they do well. We have a great group of assistant coaches that really care about the kids and helping them improve," he said.

With 2019 in the rear view mirror and 2020 a scratch, he's setting his sights toward a productive

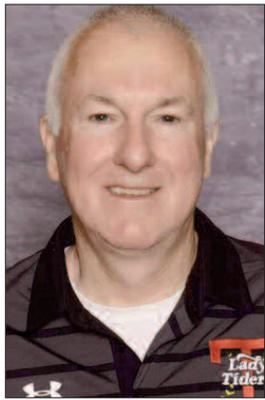
2021 season for both the boys and girls teams he heads. And he couldn't be more ready for the chance.

"It was really tough not having a season last year. I know how much the coaches and myself miss being around the athletes, and we're ready to get to work," he said.

# DeWar brings past success to the diamond

By Steven Slack

Tony DeWar has been at the helm of the varsity girls softball program for 15 years in Edgerton. DeWar is also a long-time assistant for varsity football.



DeWar coached the Crimson Tide to five consecutive conference championships from 2008 to 2012. That timespan also included two regional titles and two trips to the sectional finals. Both times, Monroe stopped the Tide just short of a trip to the State tournament.

"That group of athletes was fun to coach, as they had a lot of internal motivation to be successful and competed at a very high level," DeWar reflected.

Originally from Illinois, DeWar graduated from Yorkville High School in 1978 before continuing on to Eastern Illinois University. DeWar did not play any sports at the collegiate level but played five years of fastpitch baseball while in college.

DeWar has taught a variety of science classes at Edgerton High School. His courses have included Biology, Biotechnology, Environmental Science, Anatomy and Physiology and Principles of Aquaponics.

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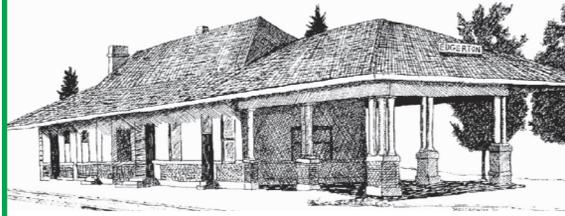
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