



## Shenendehowa High School

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### **BRIAN CLAWSON NAMED HEAD VARSITY FOOTBALL COACH AT SHENENDEHOWA**

On February 7, 2012, the Shenendehowa Board of Education unanimously approved the recommendation of Brian Clawson as its next football coach. Coach Clawson has an extensive background at both the intercollegiate and high school level. Upon graduating Ithaca College in 1997 where he lettered in football, Brian worked as an assistant coach at Princeton University, Ithaca College and Allegheny College. In 2001, Brian joined the Shenendehowa Central School District as a physical education teacher and football and track coach. Coach Clawson spent seven years at the junior varsity level, including six as the head coach from 2002 through 2007. In 2008, Brian joined the varsity coaching staff and was given the responsibility of working with quarterbacks, wide receivers and linebackers. The past two years, with Coach Clawson as an assistant, Shenendehowa has amassed an 18-4 record and two consecutive trips to the Class AA Section II Super Bowl. The 2011 team defeated Columbia (49-6) to win the Class AA Section II Championship and defeated North Rockland (16-13) to win the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Class AA Regional Championship. In addition to game responsibilities, Brian has been actively involved with helping student-athletes in the recruitment process and helping Shenendehowa players advance and participate at the intercollegiate level. Brian resides in Clifton Park with his wife Stephanie and their three sons, Jason, Jack and Connor.

#### **Dr. Oliver Robinson, Superintendent of Schools, Shenendehowa Central School District:**

*"Coach Brian Clawson, as an assistant on the collegiate level and here at Shenendehowa, has clearly demonstrated the type of leadership necessary to take the Shen Football program to the next level of play and accomplishment. Brian is a student of the game and a staunch advocate for keen execution. His patient demeanor with the student-athletes, coupled with his big picture appreciation of the entire program, not just the varsity team, makes him the type of coach that will help to realize success at all levels. Shen football has turned the page and will write a new chapter of continued success."*

#### **Chris Culnan, Director of Athletics and Physical Education, Shenendehowa Central School District:**

*"Brian presented a great vision for the entire Shenendehowa football program, from varsity student-athletes all the way down to connecting with our Junior Plainsmen program. His positive attitude and overall approach to developing quality student-athletes will continue to make Shenendehowa football a leader, not only within our community, but in the Capital District and across New York State. We are thrilled to have someone as qualified and passionate as Brian to lead our football program."*

**Brent Steuerwald, Shenendehowa Head Football Coach (1967-2011)**

*"I am very pleased to know that Brian Clawson will be succeeding me as the head coach of the Varsity Football program at Shenendehowa. He has been in our program at both the JV and Varsity levels for many years and is very knowledgeable of the workings of our program. He has the energy, the knowledge, and the commitment needed to carry on the tradition of success that we have come to expect at Shen. Brian has an excellent rapport with the players, parents, and community which will serve him well as he moves forward."*

**Ken O'Keefe, the former Offensive Coordinator at the University of Iowa and current Miami Dolphins Wide Receivers Coach, who was the head coach at Allegheny College where Brian Clawson was an assistant coach:**

*"I can't think of anyone more prepared than Brian Clawson to take over as the head coach of the Shenendehowa football program. With his experiences at the collegiate and high school level, he certainly has a demonstrated background as a great teacher and mentor of young men. Shenendehowa has made a great choice in selecting Brian."*