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## **Ellington Athletic Department Hires Brady Johnson as Head Football Coach**

Coach Johnson with his wealth of experience begins duties this Spring 2024

**ELLINGTON, CT** - The Athletic Department is pleased to announce the hiring of Brady Johnson who will be taking over as the Varsity Football Coach. Brady Johnson comes to Ellington from Coon Rapids, Iowa where he taught PE and Health, and served as the head strength and conditioning coach for the high school's athletics programming. He was also the assistant football, basketball, baseball, and track coach.

Coach Johnson holds a Bachelor's in Exercise Science/Kinesiology and K-12 Health and Physical Education Certification from Central College in Pella, Iowa. He will obtain his Master's Degree in School Leadership and Education from Dordt University in Sioux Center, Iowa this August.

Coach Johnson was a stand-out multi-sport athlete for all four years at Stanton High School. He played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track. In his high school career as a football player, Coach Johnson racked up over 2,000 career yards receiving, 20 touchdowns, and 181 receptions. He earned First Team All-State Selection and was a unanimous First Team All-District/Conference player. Coach Johnson continued his athletic career at Central College where he played football in the position of wide receiver and tight end for the university.



Coach Brady Johnson

An interview committee composed of parents, teachers, coaches, and student-athletes interviewed nine highly qualified candidates. Member of the interview committee, Donald Bartomioli, Health and PE teacher at Ellington High School stated, *"I was not only impressed with Brady's football knowledge, but his ability and determination to transform our students into well-rounded men and women, he values them as more than just football players."*

*"I want to thank Superintendent Scott Nicol and Athletic Director Anderson Rawlins for the trust and confidence in myself to build a culture of winning with integrity and high character. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for my family and me to be part of a great community like Ellington. The greatest win will be to develop these student-athletes to win in every aspect of their lives."*

**-Brady Johnson, Head Football Coach**

Student Athlete Aaron Ladr commented, *"Mr. Johnson showed a wealth of knowledge on both sides of the ball and an impressive background in nutrition and exercise science. Throughout the process, it was evident that Mr. Johnson would be the best fit to continue the Knight's culture of excellence in addition to developing well-rounded young men and women."*

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