

Todd: Ready for the challenge

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The Bear Facts

Better organization, greater challenges and more responsibility are just a few concepts St. Joe Athletic Director

Miller Todd

plans to stress with this staff and athletes.

“We are going to do what we’ve always done, but I want to get more organized,” Coach Todd said.

“I want every player to be more accountable; this helps the guys put the team first.”

Coach Todd was named athletic director and head football

coach in January after longtime Athletic Director Flip Godfrey resigned. Coach Todd also oversees the varsity baseball team.

Coach Todd has no time to waste to meet his goals.

While coaching the varsity baseball team and with spring football practice days away, Coach Todd must find time to lead the baseball team and also mold next year’s football squad into a playoff contender.

“I want to practice with a plan that when things come up in a game, it’s not a surprise,” Coach Todd said.

He began a strength training program last month and already is designing the football workouts for the summer.

Coach Todd plans to lighten his load and step down as head baseball coach after this year’s season. Coach Todd plans to interview potential candidates before choosing his successor.

Coach Todd joined the St. Joe community in 2006 as the assistant football coach-defensive coordinator. In that role, he helped garner back-to-back Region 6-2A division championships as well as four consecutive playoff appearances.

In 2011, Todd was awarded

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District 6-2-A Assistant Coach of the Year.

In 2008, he added head baseball coach to his responsibilities. In this role, he led the team to two consecutive playoff appearances.

Previous to his role at St. Joe, Coach Todd served as assistant football and baseball coach for Canton Academy.

"I'm glad the head coach position was filled by Coach Todd," said Jack Harkins, a junior wide receiver on the Bruin football team. "I'm excited for my last year as a senior. He has a lot to bring to the table."

Ever since his first job at Canton Academy, Coach Todd has

been learning and mastering the game of football.

"The more and more I coached, the more I felt comfortable coaching the game of football," Coach Todd said.

For the past few seasons, Coach Todd had the job of defensive coordinator for the Bruins — creating defensive schemes and strategies that made the St. Joe defense stand out.

"For me, there's nothing better than after a win to hear 'Notre Dame our Mother,'" Coach Todd said. "I love to look into the crowd and see all the fans in the stands and know I gave it my all."