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Bishop Ward Names New Head Football Coach



July 19, 2018 (Kansas City, Kan.) – The Bishop Ward High School Athletic Department announces that Mr. Eddie Minor will take over the Cyclone Football Team as Head Coach for the 2018-2019 year. Mr. Minor teaches Physical Education and Weight Training Classes at Bishop Ward. He also is the Head Track and Field Coach.

Coach Minor will be taking over the program from Mr. Kam Ridley, who led the Cyclones for the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 seasons and who also served as an assistant coach for four years under Coach Tim Dorian. Coach Ridley's administrative roles at Bishop Ward have expanded, as he is now serving as the Vice Principal/Dean of Students, along with several other leadership roles. Concurrently serving as an administrator and coach, he and his wife, Lauren, and son, Ryder, welcomed daughter, Tinley, to their family last spring. Coach Ridley said, "Football has always been a huge part of my life, and that will never change. It was one of the most difficult decisions I've ever had to make, to step down as Head Coach. My coaching staff, the boys, the Ward Family, and the Cyclone Tradition mean so much to me. However, at this time in my life, I need to concentrate on my education and career goals, and my family. I will not be on the sideline leading the team, but I will be at every game supporting the boys and will continue to be one of the Cyclones' biggest fans."



Born and raised in Kansas City, Kansas and a graduate of Shawnee Mission North High School, Coach Minor competed in football, baseball, track in high school. He was a football walk-on at the University of Kansas where he was a defensive back under coaches Gottfried and Valasente. He was a double major in Physical Education and Journalism. Coach Minor was a Head Football Coach at Washington High School, Leavenworth High School, Marysville High School and was the varsity offensive coordinator at St. Thomas Aquinas High School. Coach Minor has guided athletes to collegiate level competition on several levels.

Coach Minor said, "I am very humbled to be a part of the rich Bishop Ward Football Coaching Legacy, serving as an assistant with Coach Ridley and now as Head Coach. It is an honor to be associated with all the great players and coaches who have been members of this institution. To all of the Ward Football Alums: I want to promise you that we will do everything in our realm of possibilities to honor your legacy and to instill the rich Cyclone tradition in these young men today! 11 Helmets - 11 Hearts- 1 GOAL! GO CYCLONES!"



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Athletic Director, Mike Beaven, commented, "I would like to express my sincere gratitude to Coach Ridley for his years of service to the Football Team as both an assistant coach and head coach. The first one at the stadium for practice and the last one to leave at the end of the day, Coach Ridley's dedication to the team and the program was undeniable. Thankfully he will still remain as a strong leader in school and an avid Cyclone Fan." He continued, "Our department is looking forward to Coach Minor and his staff's leadership and all the opportunities that await them as we begin our first season in the Crossroads Conference. With his vast football experience as a player and coach, I strongly believe Coach Minor will give 110% to the team and program."

The Cyclone Football team begins their season at Summit Christian Academy at 7:00p.m. on August 31, 2018. The team's home opener is Friday, September 7, 2018 at Dorney Field against Van Horn High School. For the team's complete schedule, please visit www.crossroadsconference.org.

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