



Name: Mike Swieter  
School: Southeast Valley, Gowrie  
Years at School: 16 years

What was the path to your current school, coaching history?

Played at Hampton Dumont in High school  
College at William Penn  
3 years head Coach for Lakeland Raiders  
10 Years head coach Prairie Valley  
6 years head coach Southeast Valley

What is an early memory that helps us understand how you fell in love with football?

I was not a very good football player when I was young. I worked very hard as a kid and it paid off my final years in High School and then had the chance to play College football. I knew coaching football was for sure something I wanted to do for the rest of my life. I love working with kids and I love seeing what we can do each year with a new team.

Which coach had the greatest impact on you growing up?

Larry Molkested at Hampton Dumont. The award I got from him was the most improved. That meant more at that time than any other award I could have gotten. Showed me all that extra hard work paid off. He was the first coach I had that pushed us in the weight room. He had ways of getting the best out of each of us.

If you could pick one aspect of your coaching career that you are the most proud of, what would it be?

I had a football team in 2007 that went 2-7. The next year we played in 5 homecoming games because everyone picked us for their easy game. We won all 5 and made it to the state semi-final game that season.

What are you most excited about as the 2020 football season is approaching?

I'm really looking forward to getting back with my players. I'm also excited because for one season we will be playing in Class 1A instead of 2A.