

This fall I was blessed with the opportunity to lead my hometown football team as the Bruins interim head coach. Words can hardly describe the gratitude I feel for the last four months. It wasn't easy but like they say, little in life worth it ever is. The good Lord graced me with the most wonderful wife, children, and parents I could dream of that have all afforded me the opportunity. Parents trusted me with the young men that make up the Bartlesville High School football team and those young men rallied through adverse times to make their supporters and our wonderful community proud.

We live in a society judged by the here and now and ranked by the immediate outcome of a situation but, I don't look at it that way. I will never judge a group based upon their on field record, but rather by their hearts and what they do daily. These young men accepted something new, embraced one another, and trusted the right process. No matter the results of a beautiful fall Friday night, these guys exemplified what is best about Bartlesville: love, compassion, grit, and pride. And now they must do the same again, embrace change and attack every day with purpose. I've seen their heart and determination, and I know they will do great things. I hope that the coaching staff brought value to the 2017 season in the most important way, molding great men off the field. I may not be the guy that will take this program into the future, but I'm so happy and thankful for the chance to have led this group even if just for a short while.

So, I humbly say thank you Bartlesville for being an amazing community and trying to create an environment for our youth to thrive. My wife and I look forward to raising our children here and being active members in the community for the better. Thank you again Bartlesville, we are one of a kind.

Forever a Bruin,
Kyle Ppool