

COACHES!

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himself committing to Roosevelt and the team as he enjoys the environment surrounding him.

Players on the Roosevelt baseball team would like to see the following qualities in a new coach:

“Somebody that again will work you around, show up to the workouts, be there for the team, be stacked with the team.... just somebody that will be there and try his hardest to get us better” said Bennett.

A properly trained coach is more likely to receive job offers as they can apply both that experience and education factor to their coaching styles.

“I have been offered a few jobs at the high school and college level over the last few years and it is nice having some options. It shows you how much your hard work has paid off and it gives you a good look at what other programs look like” said Barnett.

The future of sports teams at Roosevelt has begun to change. All our sports teams have the same objective in mind, to win. Players have different needs in order to achieve these objectives.

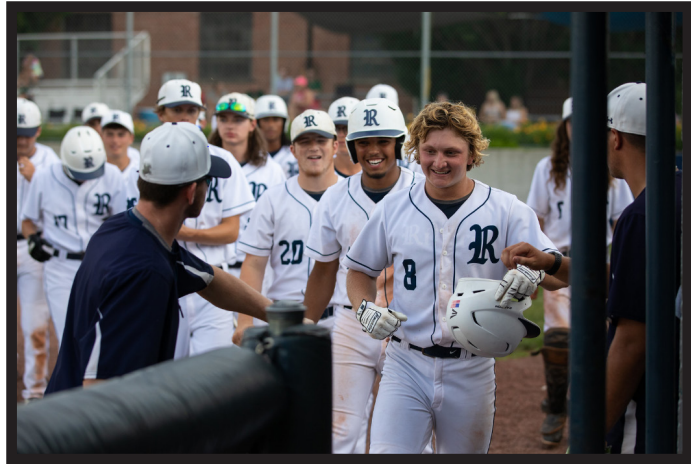
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“Commitment of the coach always influences the players positively or negatively.

Players will play harder for a coach that they see is committed and will struggle to commit to a coach that they do not see commitment from” said Barnett.

Barnett hopes the players will notice his efforts as a coach and that the team can do great things. He feels that will also come with hard work. Roosevelt’s baseball



Riders on three! The Roosevelt baseball team is shown walking back to the dug outs to their coaches. The coaches are ready to give their players a pep talk and prepare them for their next inning against the Hoover Huskies.

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team members also seem to feel that way.

“I think we have the talent to have great success. I mean everyone has been waiting for this year to come. I know all the kids in my class have, so I mean I think we’ll have great success, but I want to see somebody who can help lead us in the right direction” said Bennett.

CALLING ALL

New year, new coach, new team. Roosevelt's football, baseball, and other teams have been through the coach selection process multiple times within these last four years.

Jared Barnett is one of the newest additions to Roosevelt's coaching staff. The football team has seen a change in coaching staff within the past year. With that, the players are given the opportunity to start over and create a committed team. A new coach can have an impact on the turnout of the team.

"The new coach is a good coach and good person. He tells us what's good and what's bad on and off the field. He also shows us how to become men and be respectful" said senior football player Sharmarke Abdi.

Recently, the Roosevelt baseball team has been on the lookout for a new head coach. The team is looking for a leader, someone who supports and leads them towards success.

"Obviously it's been tough with multiple coaches going in and out, at least for me. Working year-round almost has become a family aspect" said senior baseball player Walker Bennett.

The baseball team seniors have had a new coach almost every year since they were freshman. New job opportunities or ties to other areas can drive coaches away from their current jobs.

"I have ties to Des Moines being friends that I met at Iowa State, my



On the move! Roosevelt coaches follow their players in the game against East on Friday, August 27th. The coaches must be able to follow and focus on each play in order to decide what the next move is.

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wife's family lives just a few hours north, my family is a drive away, but my wife and I want to build our lives and continue to raise our kids here in the Des Moines area, so we are here for the long ride" said head football coach Jared Barnett.

Student athletes look to their coaches for support on things like academics and their overall mental health.

"A successful coaching system is where the coaches never give up on the players no matter what the score or problem is. For example, in the summer we didn't have a lot of coaches, but some coaches never left and stayed. That shows dedication

and love for the team" said Abdi.

"In signing a coaching contract, you are signing up for the season, but coaching is a year-round job in that there is so much done outside of the season and the hours are a lot longer... but that is what we do because we love it and want to do everything we can for our team and program to be successful" said Barnett.

A coaching contract is a big responsibility for a person. They must be dedicated to their job, and willing to spend as much time as possible with their players, members, etc. Barnett sees