

2009 BIO FOR COACH COOK

Head Coach/Quarterbacks Coach

Coach Cook begins his second year at Kell as the Head Football Coach. He led Kell to an 8-2 regular season record which was the best in school history in 2008. Kell also made the state playoffs in 2008 for only the second time in school history. For these accomplishments, Coach Cook was recognized by the North Cobb Rotary Club as the Cobb County Football Coach of the Year for 2008.

Coach Cook was born in Marietta in 1972. He played football and basketball at Etowah High School in Woodstock, Georgia and graduated in 1990. He then graduated from the University of Georgia in 1995 with a degree in History. He was not able to get his fill of the great city of Athens the first time, so he returned and received a degree in Health and Physical Education in 1998. During this time, he coached wide receivers at Clarke Central High School in Athens, Georgia. That team earned the 1997 Region 8-AAAA Championship and reached the semifinals of the playoffs before being defeated by the eventual 1997 State Champion Parkview Panthers. Clarke Central ended the 1997 season ranked #5 in the state.

He also met his beautiful wife Courtney, of Winder, Georgia during his second tour at UGA. They have been married now for nine wonderful years and have two children. Chloe Mae is 6 and Cade Michael is 5. Courtney teaches Kindergarten at Mountain View Elementary in east Cobb County. She is a great mother, supportive wife and outstanding teacher.

Coach Cook spent three years at Cherokee High School teaching Special Education and Physical Education from 1998-2001. He coached the secondary for the first year and then became the Offensive Coordinator and Quarterbacks Coach. The Warriors averaged 28 points per game for those two seasons.

Coach Cook then moved to South Cobb High School for four years from 2001-2005 and taught Weight Training. During this time at South Cobb, Coach Cook received his Master's Degree in Administration in 2004. While at South Cobb, he served as the Assistant Head Coach, Offensive Coordinator and Head Strength and Conditioning Coach. In 2004, the Eagle offense averaged 31 points per game and quarterback Kenny McKinley, now a Denver Bronco, completed his career with over 6,800 total yards of offense and earned the Cobb County Offensive Player of the Year Award. The Eagles reached the playoffs twice in Coach Cook's time there. In the 2004 playoffs, the Eagles were outlasted 70-68 in a state record SEVEN overtimes by the then #5 state ranked Collins Hill High School.

Coach Cook then moved to Kell High School for one year. He coached the running backs at Kell and Jonathan Dwyer, the 2008 ACC Player of the Year, who rushed for over 1,800 yards and was named the Cobb County Player of the Year in 2005 as a junior. Coach Cook was the Offensive Coordinator and Assistant Head Coach for the 2005 Cobb County Coach of the Year Irv Sigler. The Kell Longhorns were able to reach the second round of the playoffs in the 2005 season. This was a remarkable accomplishment for a school that was only in its fourth year of existence.

Coach Cook then began his head coaching career in 2006 with the South Cobb Eagles and led them to a 7-4 record his first season as well as a trip to the state playoffs. That year's squad boasted the Cobb County Defensive Player of the Year as well as the Defensive Coordinator of the Year, Doug Orebaugh. Coach Cook spent two years as the head coach of the South Cobb Eagles before returning to Kell to become the 4th Head Coach for the Longhorns in 2008.

Coach Cook and his wife finished up their EDS degree in the summer of 2007. The Cook family is looking forward to building many great traditions at Kell High School and in the Kell community. Thanks to everyone for your support and commitment to Longhorn Football.