



Jeff Casey – Treynor Football Statistics



Jeff Casey, Treynor football coach spoke to the Optimists about Treynor Football historical statistics. Gary Guttau introduced him by sharing a few facts from the beginning.

Football in Treynor started in 1952. Wayne Burdick, shop teacher,

started the program because he felt it was needed. The first team went 7-1. Because local schools already had games scheduled, most games were played with Nebraska teams, such as Cedar Bluffs, Elk Horn, and Gretna.

Fields weren't like fields today. The field at Elk Horn was sandburs that had to be burned off. The field at Treynor was on the north side of the old baseball field; it was hard-pack and the players wore knee pads which has continued until the last couple years.

Burdick left at the end of that year and Gene Stewart was the next coach. Gene was working on a bridge west of Treynor and Gary said some football players drove there to see what he looked like.

Gary Guttau remembers 6-man football, and Jim Clausen stated the fields were 80 yards. Ward Chambers who graduated in 1963 stated he played on the last 8-man team, then it was 11.

Roy and Ray Maguire were on the first team with Ray being QB. Keith Husz got lots of tackles with bear hugs. Art Langdale was a speedster. Kenny Underwood was a center and a hard hitter. Gary Guttau, who graduated in 1955, stated he played center and got a concussion once and broke a player's leg. Jim Bottoms helped coach and pushed Gary hard.

Jeff Casey said when he was first hired in 2015, he was to do the stats for Steve Owen and he started to build a web site. A treasure

was found when he uncovered an old box of stats that were from Ken Winkler's era. He also will get a box from Randy Donahue's wife.

Jeff stated that 1972 was the first state playoffs. Before that, the Des Moines Register would determine and print the top teams. Jeff stated the playoffs expanded from 4 teams in each of the four classes to 32 teams total now.

Jeff stated that he thinks this past Friday night's state playoff game for Treynor was our 23rd appearance in 53 seasons. Only Harlan and St. Albert have had more appearances in our quadrant. Statewide, Treynor has the 17th most appearances for all classes. We have had two state championships. In addition, we have two other times we made the championship round. 1979 and 2003 were our first championship games. Casey stated that Treynor played Madrid in 2003 and that year Treynor's offensive line was bigger than all class schools there.

Gary Guttau stated the first person to play football in college was Larry Andersen, who went to Wartburg, then Marlyn Eitmann followed him there. A few years later Steve Chambers played at the University of South Dakota. His older brother Ward went out at the University of Missouri and his younger brother Jim played at the University of Hawaii. This led to a discussion of others who have played college ball. Todd Frain is the only Treynor football player who played for the NFL (after playing at the University of Nebraska).

Next week's Program:

**Update on Treynor's Tomorrow by
 Kelsey Stupfell & Michael Holton**

FAMOUS QUOTE

"It is only when we take chances that our lives improve. The initial and the most difficult risk we need to take is to become honest." Walter Anderson

Meeting Minutes

Bill Vorthmann called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present.

Guests today: Ward Chambers, Jeff Casey
The group recited the pledge and Jordan Campbell gave the prayer.

Jokes: Keith Denton, Steve Chambers

50/50: Jim Clausen

Attendance Award: Marsha Underwood

Birthdays/Anniversaries: We celebrated Bill Vorthmann's birthday which will be on Oct. 29. He gave a clue as to his age – "Sunset Strip".

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Glenrose Meier announced her daughter went to Hawaii for business with her fiancé and got married. She is very happy for them.
- Keith Denton bragged on his granddaughter, Lily making it to state in cross country.
- Judy Guttau bragged on Treynor beating West Sioux and the cross country team going to state.
- Gary Guttau contributed because of the Treynor football game and the good game that Peter Young had.
- Steve Irvin announced his granddaughter ran 13 flat and came in 3rd in her conference meet. He stated it was 1.8 miles instead of 2 miles.
- Jordan Campbell bragged on Jeff Casey's son, Ben's throws at the game being all right on the money!
- Keith Denton also stated he has completed a great book, The 5000 Year Leap, which tells how our Constitution is based on one book – the Bible
- **.Business:**



Bill Vorthmann presented a check for \$726.95 to Jeff Casey for Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Jeff

reported there are almost 50 kids attending. The money is used to help feed them at their meetings and for admission costs for some fun activities. He feels they have a great start this year.

- Dennis White reported that the Treynor Town Council approved having the Droppett trailer parked behind the building.
- Under new business, the group voted not to have a celebration dinner for the club's 40th anniversary. Judy Guttau suggested we could possibly have a special breakfast at a meeting before year end.
- It is time for members to sign up for selecting speakers for 2025.

Community Events this week (In Treynor):

- All of October – Community Cereal Drive (cereal and pop tarts), sponsor is Treynor Dance Team to benefit Treynor Food Pantry. Drop off at any school office.
- Fri., Nov 1 – Treynor Play-off FB game against Underwood at Treynor.
- Fri., Nov. 1 – First Friday Food Truck – haven't heard
- Sun., Nov. 3 – Bingo at Treynor Community Center at 6:30 PM, sponsored by the Treynor Legion.

Other Events Mentioned (Not in Treynor):

There being no further business, the pledge was stated and the meeting adjourned.

HUMOR

**Apparently, the clocks
go back in November.
I can't remember
where I bought mine
from .**

Turn your clocks back at 2 AM Sun., Nov. 3.

CALENDAR

Events:

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| Nov. 2 | Optimist Meeting 8 AM. Treynor Community Building |
| Nov. 9 | Silver Creek 4-H Club Can Kennel Sorting |

Birthdays:

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| Oct. 29 | Bill Vorthmann |
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Anniversaries:

Programs:

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| Nov | Jordan Campbell (first three) |
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| Dec | Jerry Hempel (last two) | Nov. 16 | Travis Hitchcock, Mills County |
| Speakers | Mick and Judy Guttau | | Emergency Management Agency |
| Nov. 2 | Michael Holton and Kelsey Stupfell | Nov. 23 | Director |
| | Update on Treynor's Tomorrow | Nov. 30 | Jeff Casey, 2024 Football Season |
| Nov. 9 | TBA | | TBA |

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