

# Coach Joey Downs

17 seasons as Bardstown Tiger Football Head Coach

Winning record of 154 wins and 59 losses (.723 winning percentage)

Eight 10 win seasons

Four undefeated regular seasons

Nine district championships

Six district runner ups

Four regional championships

Two regional runner ups

Three semi-state championships

Two semi-state championships ('92 and '93)

One KHSAA Class AA State Championship – 2001 (15-0 single season record)

Seven district coach of the year awards

Two Kentucky coach of the year awards (2001 Class AA and 2005 Class A)

Three-time Kentucky –Tennessee All Star game assistant coach

One time Kentucky –Tennessee All Star Game head coach

Two-time president of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association

Kentucky 5<sup>th</sup> Region Athletic Hall of Fame Inductee - 2012

# KENTUCKY HIGH SCHOOL COACHES ASSOCIATION



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Dear Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee

It is with great pleasure that I support Coach Joey Downs of Bardstown HS as one to be selected to the Dawahares/KHSAA Hall of Fame. Coach Downs' coaching record speaks volumes of what he has done on the playing field and will be hard to match by his peers in past and in the coming years.

As the Executive Director of the Kentucky HS Coaches Association, Coach Downs has served on the KHSCA board for over 8 years during his coaching tenure. He served as President twice and was instrumental in moving the KHSCA for national recognition and awards.

When the KHSCA was involved with the Kentucky/Tennessee All Star Joey was selected and elected to serve as assistant coach three times and was the head coach once. This honor was given to him by selection and election from his peers.

The KHSAA/Dawahares Hall of Fame has had many great high school football coaches inducted, rightfully so, but very few have had the success that Coach Downs has had on the field and the influence off the field while serving on the KHSCA board.

Yours in sports,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jimmie Reed". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jimmie Reed,  
KHSCA Executive Director/All Star Game Director

Dear Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame Selection Committee:

It is an honour to support Joey Downs of Bardstown High School as one to be selected to the Dawahares / KHSAA Hall of Fame. I worked for Coach Downs for eleven seasons at Bardstown High School. I admired his balance of competitive spirit and professionalism along with the love of his players.

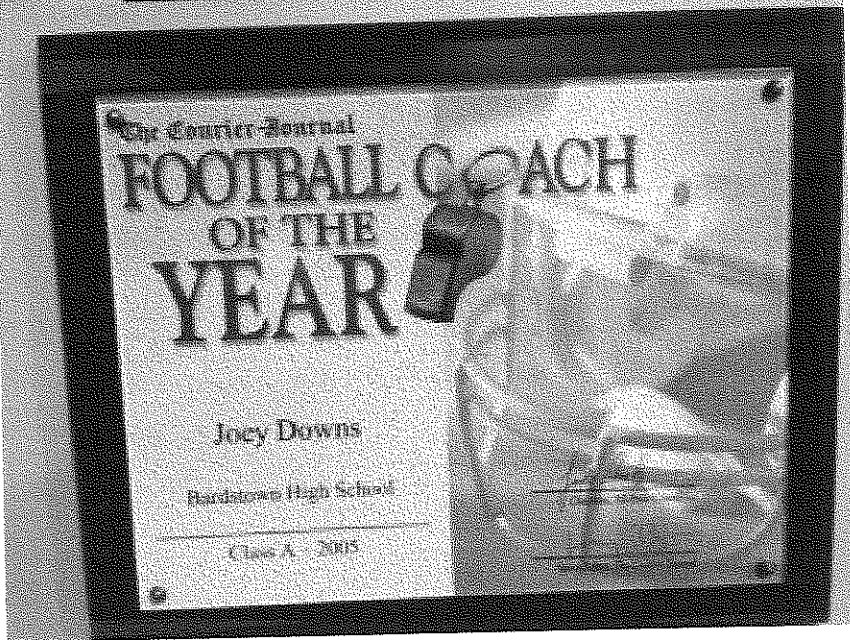
Coach Downs was named as the third eleven-man head football coach in 1990, succeeding the legendary Garnis Martin. Coach Downs quickly became an icon in the history of BHS athletics. In 17 seasons as the Tiger Head Football Coach, his teams amassed the following numbers: winning record of 154 wins and 59 losses (.723 winning percentage), eight 10-win seasons, four undefeated regular seasons, nine district championships, six district runner-ups, four regional championships, two regional runner-ups, three semi-state championships, 2 state champion runner-ups (1992 and 1993), one K.H.S.A.A. Class AA State Championship-2001 (15 and 0 Single Season Record), seven district coach of the year awards, and two Kentucky Coach of the Year awards (2001 Class AA and 2005 Class A).

Coach Downs served on three KY-TN All Star Games as an assistant coach and one Kentucky-Tennessee All Star Game as the head coach. (Kentucky 38 – Tennessee 24) He was a two-time President of the Kentucky High School Coaches Association and served eight years as one of the executive directors. Coach Downs is a deserving candidate for the induction of Dawahare/ KHSAA Hall of Fame. Bardstown High School is a school of great tradition and has produced other Hall of Famers such as Garnis Martin, Libby Burr and James Brewer. Coach Downs stands next to these Bardstown Greats.

Yours in Sport,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Clark", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David Clark



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**FOOTBALL COACH  
OF THE  
YEAR**

Joey Downs

Bardonia High School

Class AA - 2001





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