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Ashwaubenon Football Coaches To Be Inducted Into State Hall Of Fame

Ashwaubenon, WI – February 11, 2010 – The 31st enshrinement into the Wisconsin Football Coaches Association (WFCA) Hall of Fame will take place in Madison at the Marriott West on Saturday, March 27, 2010. High School coaches, college coaches, and players will be inducted. The Hall of Fame Banquet is open to the public. This year's inductees include former head/assistant football coach, Rich Bessert, and Jim Allen, current assistant coach, both from Ashwaubenon High School.

Rich Bessert, who passed away 2 months prior to starting his head coaching duties at Ashwaubenon HS in 2008, was an assistant coach with the Jaguars from 2002-2008 as well as 1979-90. He was the head coach at De Pere High School from 1993-97. During his 30-year high school coaching career, Bessert was a part of seven conference championship teams and helped lead De Pere HS to a state title in 1992 and Ashwaubenon HS to the title in 2005.

Jim Allen, an assistant coach for the Jaguars since 1990, has been a special teams and defensive/offensive line coach under former Ashwaubenon football coach, Ken Golomski and current head coach, Mark Jonas. The teams that he has been a part of have won eight conference championships, been involved in five WIAA State games, and won three WIAA State Championships.

These two hall of fame entrants bring the total to four Ashwaubenon High School football coaches who have been inducted into the WI Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame, in the last 6 years. They join former AHS coaches: Ken Golomksi and Ed Krmar.

The Banquet is open to the general public and tickets for the Hall of Fame banquet can be purchased from the Ashwaubenon High School Activities Office until Friday, February 26, 2010, or contact Dick Rundle, Executive Director of the WFCA, 5111 Arrowhead Drive, Monona, WI 53716. Cost of each ticket is \$45.

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