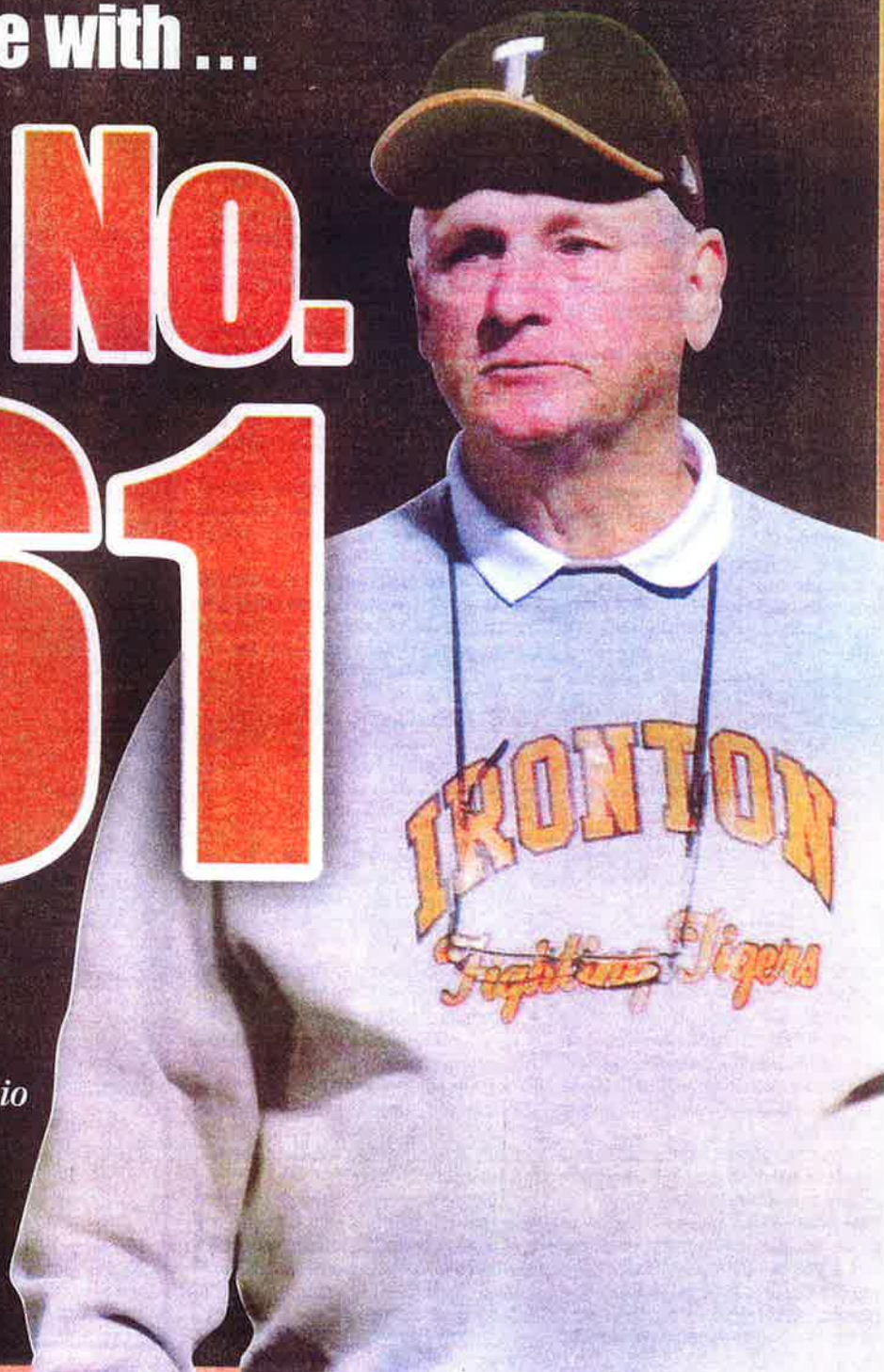


He stands alone with ...

Win No. 361

*Ironton Fighting Tigers Coach
Bob Lutz sets record for career
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A STORIED CAREER

Long-time Ironton football coach Bob Lutz has been part of many milestone games

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With 448 games in his coaching career, it is difficult to choose one game over another.

There are a lot of games the 40-year veteran football coach Bob Lutz can't remember but a lot that are very vivid.

One of the most vivid right now his victory No. 361, the one that made him the winningest coach in Ohio High School football history as he passed former Hamilton Catholic-Badin coach Terry Malone.

Lutz has compiled a 361-82-5 record that includes three years at Ironton St. Joseph where he was 20-8-1 and 37 years at Ironton that has produced a 341-74-4 record.

His teams have qualified for the playoffs 25 times with a 36-23 record, reached the state semifinals nine times and the state finals eight times with state championships in 1979 and 1989. His teams have also won four Associated Press poll championships.

He won 21 league championship including two Ohio Valley Conference titles, 12 SEOAL crowns and eight OKAC titles in as many seasons.

He has 14 league Coach of the Year awards, 11 district honors and was state Coach of the Year in 1993.

Lutz has just one losing season in 1996 and he did not coach in 2006 before returning in 2007. Ironton owns the state record for the longest unbeaten regular season streak of 64 from 1977 to 1984 and has posted unbeaten streaks of 34 and 44 in the SEOAL.

While some games obviously stand out such as the title games, Lutz didn't rate one game above another.

"The South Point game won (9-8) to win the league was pretty exciting. When I got to Ironton, winning the league for the first time at Jackson was pretty big," said Lutz.

"From there when you're playing for

championships and going far in the playoffs. For the first 15 years they had playoffs where you had to be pretty good or you didn't get in the playoffs. That wouldn't happen today."

One regular season game that drew a mention was Ironton's come-from-behind win at Ashland. Ironton scored three touchdowns in the final two minutes of the game to win 42-41.

"That was kind of fun. I can't pick one over another," said Lutz.

While the state championship games drew some notice, it was the 1999 state runner-up season that proved memorable.

"The '89 run was a good one. The '99 run was good where we came off of losing for a couple of years (3-7 and 5-5). As we played into the tournament, the old momentum came. Then we let it get away. That would have been one of the better years of what we have accomplished if we had pulled it off," said Lutz.

Here's a capsule look at some of Lutz's landmark games.

FIRST GAME SEPT. 5, 1969

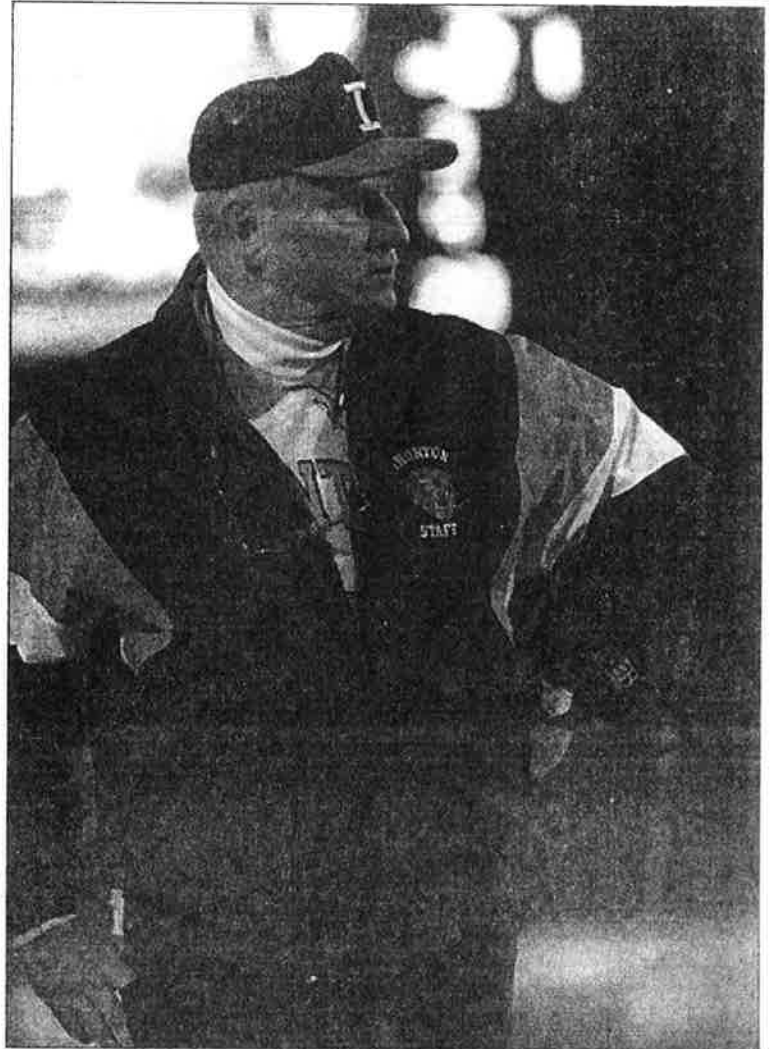
ST. JOSEPH AT MEIGS

POMEROY — Bob Lutz's coaching debut was not a success in terms of a win as Meigs turned a 14-6 halftime lead into a 28-14 win.

But the Flyers held their own against the eventual SEOAL champions.

Although Lutz's teams were always known for their power running T-formation, quarterback Andy Gagai was 19-of-38 for 190 yards passing in Lutz's first game. Tommy Dressel caught nine passes for 65 yards. Johnny Crance scored the first touchdown in the Lutz era on a 2-yard run.

"There's not a whole lot I do different now that I did (in that first game). They had a good team. I thought we played real well with them considering," said Lutz.



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Ironton Fighting Tigers head football coach Bob Lutz studies the field.

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Coach Lutz has served as a classic example in all facets of life. To his students, his athletes and in his religious beliefs.

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Ironton High School Football Coaches

Ironton Coaches' Records								
Coach	Years	Won	Lost	Tie	Pct.	Games	Years	
Bob Lutz	1972-2005 - 2007-Current	341	74	4	81.9	419	37	
Merrill Triplett	2006	6	5	-	54.5	11	1	
Charlton 'Shorty' Davies	1922-24, 27-31, 43-52	82	58	12	53.9	152	18	
Richard 'Dick' Gallagher	1933-1939	47	12	8	70.1	67	7	
Bob Bruney	1966-1971	29	29	2	48.3	60	6	
Charlie Kautz	1956-1960	26	19	1	56.5	46	5	
Marshall McCuen	1940-1942	15	9	1	60.0	25	3	
James J. 'Bear' Mains II	1953-1955	13	11	2	53.8	26	3	
James Patton	1964-1965	1	18	0	05.3	19	2	
Carl White	1961-1963	12	15	2	41.3	29	3	
Sonny Winters	1925-1926	8	8	1	50.0	17	2	
Hall	1920-1921	7	8	2	44.1	17	2	
Bill Brooks	1919	1	7	1	11.1	9	1	
Vic Maver	1932	0	8	1	00.0	9	1	
Nick McMahon Jr.	1917	4	2	1	64.3	7	1	
Alonzo F. Hixon	1916	7	1	0	87.5	8	1	
Charles F. Ross	1914-1915	3	4	4	45.5	11	2	
A.B. Cory	1912-1913	9	1	1	86.4	11	2	
J.Boyd Davis	1909-1911	6	15	0	28.6	21	3	
Emerson L. Marting	1907 - (?)	0	2	-	00.0	2	1 (?)	
NO COACH	1902, 1903, 1905, 1906, 1908	1	5	1	11.1	9	6	
Totals		603	307	44	66.26	954	104	

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LEFT: Bob Lutz coaching during a game at Bellaire during the 1995 season. Then Bellaire quarterback Jose Davis is now the Big Red head coach.

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