

4 UWO alumni coach in football championships

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The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh was well represented at the 2008 Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association (WIAA) State High School Football Championships Nov. 20-21 at Camp Randall Stadium in Madison, as three former Titans won state titles, and a fourth led his team to a second-place finish.

- In Division 2, Steve Jorgensen '85, saw his Kimberly squad defeat Verona, 28-14, for its second straight title and 28th consecutive win. Jorgensen and the Papermakers concluded a 14-0 campaign for the second consecutive year. In his five years at Kimberly, Jorgensen has posted a 46-11 record. He also directed Oshkosh North to a Division 1 state championship in 2000. Jorgensen earned All-WIAC first-team honors as a defensive end for the UW Oshkosh Titans in 1983.
- Waupaca captured the Division 3 state championship when John Koronkiewicz '76, and his Comets took down Reedsburg, 21-20, to cap a 14-0 season. Koronkiewicz previously had taken his squad to the state title in 2006. He owns a 206-70 record in his 33 seasons as Waupaca's head coach.
- Dennis Moon '77, kept the momentum going in Division 4, leading Wautoma to a 20-0 victory over Big Foot in the final. The win earned Wautoma its first state championship and finished off a 13-1 season. Moon has guided the Hornets to a 64-89 record in his 16 years at the helm.
- Tom Taraska '75, took his 13-0 Hartland Arrowhead squad to the Division 1 final, where it lost to Mequon Homestead by a score of 13-11. The loss snapped a 27-game winning streak for the Warhawks, which included a state title in 2007. Taraska, who owns a 27-year coaching record of 246-92 at Hartland Arrowhead, also guided the Warhawks to state championships in 1993, 1994 and 1996.

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