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CHICAGO BEARS 2023 COACH OF THE WEEK & HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR RECOGNITION - WEEK 1

Aug. 31 - The Chicago Bears have officially named head coach Terry Maxwell of Seneca Township High School in Seneca, Ill., as the Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week, and quarterback Ethan Plumb of St. Charles North High School in St. Charles, Ill., as the Chicago Bears High School All-Star for week 1.

These recognitions are part of the Coach of the Week and High School All-Stars award programs, which are brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy. In support of these initiatives, the Bears will make a \$2,000 donation to the Seneca football program and direct a \$500 donation to the youth football program of Plumb's choice



Terry Maxwell

On Aug. 25, Head Coach Terry Maxwell guided his team, the Seneca Fighting Irish (1-0), to a victorious season opener, securing a 27-21 home non-conference win against the powerhouse Wilmington Wildcats (0-1) on Friday night. This victory for the Fighting Irish signifies their first win against the Wildcats since 2001, effectively ending the Wildcats' 16-game winning streak against them. Coach Maxwell, a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University, has taken over the Seneca Fighting Irish football team after the departure of former coach Ted O'Boyle in Spring of 2021. Known for his commitment and leadership, Maxwell coaches football and track while also teaching biology. He oversees the school's Conservation in Action (CIA) club, guiding students in projects that include planting pollinator gardens and advocating for environmental awareness. The Fighting Irish are scheduled to play against the Lisle Lions (1-0) on Friday night, Sep. 1st.



Ethan Plumb

On Aug. 25, the junior quarterback, Ethan Plumb, led the St. Charles North Stars (1-0) to a tight 37-34 home non-conference victory against the Palatine Pirates (0-1) on Friday night. Despite trailing 34-30 with just over two minutes remaining, Plumb orchestrated a 69-yard drive that concluded with a 13-yard touchdown pass. Plumb's standout performance involved completing 34 of 45 passes for 332 yards and three touchdowns, along with 42 rushing yards and a rushing touchdown. According to a panel of sportswriters from Sports Illustrated (SI), St. Charles is currently [ranked 23rd overall](#) in the SBLive Illinois Power 25 high school football rankings heading into the season. The North Stars are set to face the Crete-Monee Warriors (0-1) on Friday night, Sept. 1st.

About "Coach of the Week" & "High School All-Star"

The Chicago Bears Coach of the Week program was launched in 1996 and High School All-Star program in 2011. The Coach of the Week program honors outstanding Illinois high school coaches who develop players' football skills and knowledge, character, leadership, discipline and teamwork abilities. The nomination criteria for the High School All-Star program includes on-field performance, community involvement and good sportsmanship. Exceptional high school coaches and players who go beyond expectations are nominated by a panel of local high school sports journalists. The winning candidates are chosen each week from Aug. 25th to Oct. 21st. Since the program's inception, the Bears have donated more than \$369,000 to Illinois high schools in support of their football programs. For more information, please visit ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football.

