

# CHICAGO BEARS ANNOUNCE HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL COACH OF THE WEEK AND ALL-STAR AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 4

The Chicago Bears have officially named Tim Heyse, head coach of Hoffman Estates High School in Hoffman Estates, as the Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week and Bradyn Little, quarterback of Quincy High School in Quincy, as the Chicago Bears High School All-Star for Week 4.

The Coach of the Week and High School All-Star awards, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy, recognize outstanding performances and leadership among high school coaches and players in Illinois. As part of the award programs, the Chicago Bears will make a \$2,000 donation to the Hoffman Estates football program and a \$500 donation to the youth football program of Little's choice.

## **Tim Heyse**

This past Friday night, Sept. 20, Head Coach Tim Heyse led the Hoffman Estates Hawks to a commanding 56-21 victory in an away matchup against the Vernon Hills Cougars from Vernon Hills. This win keeps the Hawks undefeated with a perfect 4-0 start to the season, their best since 2018. The Hawks have been dominant, jumping out to huge halftime leads in all four games, outscoring opponents 190-52 during that stretch. Heyse took over the Hawks program as head coach when he joined Hoffman Estates High School in 2017. Over the year he focuses on building a championship-level team by instilling a winning mindset in his players. His ability to motivate the team and foster a cohesive environment has led to impressive performances on the field. Additionally, he works tirelessly to help players explore college opportunities, particularly for those who are first-generation college students. He emphasizes to his team the importance of staying focused and humble, both in class and on the field. Meanwhile the Hawks are on top of their class 8A league, Heyse is keenly aware that tougher challenges lie ahead as they prepare to open Mid-Suburban West conference game against the undefeated Fremd Vikings from Palatine on Friday night, Sept. 27.



## **Bradyn Little**

This past Friday night, Sept. 20, senior quarterback Bradyn Little delivered a standout performance, leading the Quincy Blue Devils to a dominant 43-21 road victory over the Moline Maroons from Moline. The victory keeps the Blue Devils undefeated and in first place in the Western Big 6 Conference. During the game, Little had an exceptional first half, completing 16 of 21 passes for 322 yards and five touchdowns. He finished the game with 19 completions on 29 attempts, totaling 436 yards and six touchdowns, with no interceptions. Across their four games, the Blue Devils has outscored their opponent 173-53, making them a strong contender for the Class 7A state champion. Under the guidance of his father, Quincy head coach Rick, Little has been rewriting the school's record books over the past two seasons. His leadership and consistent excellence have made the Blue Devils the team to beat in the conference, instilling confidence in his teammates. According to a statewide panel of high school sportswriters and sportscasters, the Blue Devils are currently ranked seventh in the Class 7A league. The Blue Devils are set to host their conference rivals, the East Moline United Panthers from East Moline, on Friday night, Sept. 27.



## **About Boys High School Coach of the Week & High School All-Star**

The Chicago Bears High School Coach of the Week program was launched in 1996 and the High School All-Star program in 2011. The High School 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 for the 2024 IHSA football season. Since the program's inception, the Chicago Bears have donated more than \$391,500 to Illinois high schools in support of their football programs. For more information, please visit [ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football](https://ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football).

